



The Academy of Model Aeronautics' National Aeromodeling Heritage Program

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Purpose

The Heritage Program is the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) official list of historically significant aeromodeling organizations, businesses, and sites. Recognized organizations, businesses, and sites have historical significance to their community, state, or nation.

The aim of the program is to identify and memorialize these organizations, businesses, and sites and in the process collect, preserve and interpret documents and materials related to each entity.

Eligible Organizations and Businesses for consideration can include:

Aeromodeling Clubs
Manufacturers related to aeromodeling
Hobby Shops

Sites for consideration (site with a geographic location)

Flying Sites / Fields
Structures
Hobby Shops
Factories

* To nominate a site please submit a Historic Site Nominating form.

Who can nominate a site?

Private individuals or organizations can submit nominations.

How is a nomination made?

To nominate an organization or business, a completed National Aeromodeling Heritage Program nominating form along with supporting narratives, bibliographic documentation, photographs, and interview transcripts must be submitted to the AMA's National Model Aviation Museum.

To nominate a historic site, a completed National Aeromodeling Heritage Program Historic Site Nominating Form and supporting narratives, bibliographic documentation, photographs, and interview transcripts must be submitted to the AMA's National Model Aviation Museum.

* For recognition, an organization or business **does not** need to be associated with a historic site and a historic site **does not** need to be associated with a historic organization or business.

* A historic organization or business operating from a historic site is eligible to receive both a Heritage Award and a Site Award.

Criteria for historic organization or business nomination

Historical significance of organizations or businesses may be found in 5 categories recognized by the following Criteria.

- Organization or business is significant to the commercial development of aeromodeling.
- Organization or business is associated with event (s) significant to aeromodeling history.
- Organization or business is associated with significant scientific advances utilizing aeromodeling
- Organization or business is associated with early aeromodeling history 1900 – 1950
- Organization or business has achieved significance in aeromodeling within the last 50 years

Generally organizations or businesses **must be** 50 years of age or older to be considered. They must also be significant in relationship to major trends in aeromodeling history within their community, State, or nation.

Criteria for historic site nomination

Properties in the Historic Site Program must possess historic significance and integrity. Significance may be found in 9 categories of aeromodeling history.

- Property is associated with event (s) significant to aeromodeling history.
- Property is associated with significant / historic aeromodeling club (s) or individual (s)
- Property is associated with significant manufacturer / industry
- Property is associated with significant scientific advances utilizing aeromodeling
- Property is associated with early aeromodeling history 1900 – 1950
- Property has achieved significance in aeromodeling within the last 50 years
- Property has been the site of aeromodeling record (s)
- Property has been in continual use as an aeromodeling facility since its establishment
- Property represents a unique aeromodeling site with qualities not found elsewhere

A property must meet at least one of the criteria for listing. Integrity must also be evident through historic qualities including location and setting. Generally properties **must be** 50 years of age or older to be considered historic places. They must also be significant in relationship to major trends in aeromodeling history within their community, State, or nation.

Required sections on nominating forms

Historic Organization or Business Nomination

- Name of Organization or Business
- Location(s)
- Type of Organization or Business
- Statement of Significance
- General Organization and Business Data
- Biographical References
- Form Prepared By

Historic Site Nomination Form

- Name of property
- Location
- Property Details
- Statement of Significance
- Function or use
- Biographical References
- Geographic Data
- Structures Data
- Manufacturer Data
- Property Data
- Form Prepared By

Nomination Deadlines

Nominations must be submitted to the National Model Aviation Museum and postmarked no later than August 31.

Review Committee

The National Model Aviation Museum's Steering Committee will review each nomination and make a recommendation on its eligibility to the AMA's Executive Council for final approval.

Guidelines once selected

If the integrity of the organization, businesses or site changes once selected it is the responsibility of the nominating party or of the organization / business to notify the National Model Aviation Museum. For example:

- If an organization or business closes or disbands
- A historic flying site becomes a housing development.

A notation concerning the change will then be made on the Heritage Program's web page.

Benefits / Recognition

- Heritage Award Plaque (suitable for indoor display) for the organization or business
- Historic Site Plaque (suitable for outdoor display) for Historic Sites
- Article in *Model Aviation* magazine
- Organization, business, and/or site will be listed on the National Aeromodeling Heritage Program web page and its historical significance will be outlined.