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OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTIC
ASSOCIATION

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ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

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AMA members are provided with liability coverage (unless your membership card indicates that restricted coverage applies). A summary of AMA liability coverage appears on the back of this document.

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SAMPLE

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT LIABILITY PROTECTION -AMA's liability insurance coverage is in excess of any other insurance such as member's Homeowner's or insurance provided to the member by another modeling organization or club. This means the AMA insurance applies only if there is no other insurance available to you, or if the other insurance is insufficient to pay the full amount of a claim against you. This feature helps AMA control the cost of insurance for AMA members.

Claims for damage to property are subject to a \$250 deductible which is the member's responsibility.

AMA coverage applies anytime, anywhere - it is not limited to model flying at contests or on the club field. It even applies to flying at public demonstrations and air shows. Failure to comply with the safety code may endanger insurance coverage.

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REGULATION OF MODEL FLYING - It is essential that each of us conducts our model flying operations in a way that eliminates any conflict between models and full-scale aircraft. **The future of model flying is at stake.** AMA efforts have helped avoid such regulation. The simple message of all of this is: **To avoid regulation, avoid full-scale aircraft.**

When flying models in an area where nearby flight of full-scale aircraft

might be expected, models should not be operated unless the flier has someone else helping, for the sole purpose of watching for full-scale aircraft and supervising the flying as to prevent accident possibilities. In addition, **in such situations where models and full-scale aircraft are likely to use the same general airspace, and if you are expecting to fly a model higher than 400 feet**, it is strongly recommended that you first notify the nearest FAA airport control tower or air-route traffic control center.

THE AMA NATIONAL MODEL AIRCRAFT SAFETY CODE - If the Safety Code is observed, it is not necessary to be concerned with the difference between competition and fun flying. What can be flown, where, and how are important and are regulated by the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code. Particular attention needs to be given to avoid flying near or over groups of people.

PUBLICATION SERVICES - HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT: If a magazine is included with the membership, it begins with the first issue available for the year after a correct current application and payment are received. You will receive your first issue six to eight weeks after membership payment has been made. For renewed members whose payment for the new year is received by December 15, no interruption of monthly magazine delivery should be experienced.

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2009 Official Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code Effective January 1, 2006 GENERAL

1. A model aircraft shall be defined as a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It shall not exceed limitations established in this code and is intended to be used exclusively for recreational or competition activity.
2. The maximum takeoff weight of a model aircraft, including fuel, is 55 pounds, except for those flown under the AMA Experimental Aircraft Rules.
3. I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and/or dangerous manner.
4. I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows, or model demonstrations until it has been proven airworthy.
5. I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield the right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.
6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside

or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.

7. I will not operate model aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts (other than air), nor will I operate model aircraft with fuels containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.
8. I will not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode **or** burn, or **any device, which** propels a projectile of any kind. Exceptions include Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight. Rocket motors up to a G-series size may be used, provided they remain firmly attached to the model aircraft during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code; however, they may not be launched from model aircraft. Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Air Show Advisory Committee Document.
9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
10. I will not operate my model aircraft while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control my model aircraft.

11. Children under six (6) years old are only allowed on a flightline or in a flight area as a pilot or while under flight instruction.

12. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved and comply with comparable standards.

RADIO CONTROL

1. **All model flying shall be conducted in a manner to avoid over flight of unprotected people.**
2. I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground-range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
3. I will not fly my model aircraft in the presence of spectators until I become a proficient flier, unless I am assisted by an experienced pilot.
4. At all flying sites a **safety line or lines** must be established, in front of which all flying takes place. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the **safety line**. In the case of airshows **or** demonstrations a straight **safety line** must be established. An area away from the **safety line** must be maintained for spectators. Intentional flying behind the **safety line** is prohibited.
5. I will operate my model aircraft using only radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal