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Liability Insurance Protection Program For Paid Instructors (February 7, 2004)

AMA recognizes that the number of volunteer flight instructors is limited. We also realize that, generally, “club training nights” are limited to once or twice per week. While we believe that the traditional form of teaching a new modeler to fly as a benefit of joining a club is an important aspect of the Academy and our system of chartered clubs, we also appreciate the fact that there are times when a club’s training program may not fit into the schedule of some new modelers. Many of those new to model aviation have limited and specific times in which they can enjoy their new hobby. Some want to advance their skills more quickly or be trained at their convenience. They are willing to pay a reasonable fee for this.

To ease the burden on our volunteer instructors AMA sees a place for those that instruct for a fee. In fact, there are several, full-time, *commercial RC Flight Schools* operating very successfully in the United States, which are not insured by the AMA’s liability insurance company.

AMA has developed a program, outlined below, to provide “paid instructors” with liability insurance protection.

- 1. As a benefit of membership, AMA’s insurance protection will extend to those members who provide flight instruction for a fee on a casual basis.**
- 2. This coverage does not extend to any commercial operation or business pursuit.**
- 3. The coverage only applies when an AMA member is instructing another AMA member.**
- 4. The coverage only applies when the instruction is being provided at a recognized model flying facility or during an AMA chartered club's previously planned and advertised "official" event.**
- 5. Clubs reserve the right to either allow or disallow the use of their facilities to a paid flight instructor while providing instruction for a fee.**
- 6. Clubs reserve the right to charge a fee for the use of their facilities to a paid instructor member when instructing for a fee. All agreements pertaining to these fees will be a matter strictly between the club and instructor.**
- 7. AMA will provide, on the AMA Website in the Members Only section, a searchable database of all members who wish to be identified as flight instructors. This database will include both volunteer instructors and those that charge a fee. Inclusion in this database is on a voluntary basis. It is the instructor’s responsibility to insure that his or her name is listed and that the information in that listing is accurate. The database will include the instructor’s name, address, telephone number, email address, and club affiliation. There will be an indicator next to the names of those instructors that charge a fee.**
- 8. AMA assumes no responsibility and makes no assertions as to the competency of any instructor listed in this database.**