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Model aviation community donates \$100,000 to the Wounded Warrior Project

Through National Model Aviation Day celebrations around the country and the efforts of local modelers at approximately 200 AMA chartered clubs, the Academy of Model Aeronautics raised \$100,000 in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. A large check was presented to Warrior Speak representative Norbie Lara during the AMA Expo held in Ontario, California on January 10.

National Model Aviation Day was established to celebrate and promote model aviation. Nearly 200 AMA clubs from across the country hosted events and fundraisers and invited their communities to learn more about the growing hobby.

“We could not be more proud of what our clubs have accomplished,” said AMA President and AMA Foundation Board member Bob Brown. “Club members from across the country made it their responsibility to make their events successful, and in the end, we not only raised awareness for the hobby but can provide a substantial donation to a worthy organization.”

A number of AMA members have served in the military and now help provide programs for other veterans and active duty personnel at their local flying fields. For the second year, the AMA Foundation selected the Wounded Warrior Project as the charity to support as part of its national celebration because of the Wounded Warrior Project’s programming that focuses on re-introducing veterans to activities that improve their quality of life. The programs that the organization offers empower veterans and increase public awareness of and enlists support for injured service members.

Several organizations have helped the AMA Foundation in its efforts to celebrate National Model Aviation Day. Thank you to 2014 National Model Aviation Day major sponsors Hobby King and Ready Made RC, and *Fly RC Magazine*, a featured sponsor. The AMA Foundation would also like to thank the FAA for its support of the event.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has a long and successful history of advocating for model aviation pilots’ right to fly; encouraging science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)-based education related to model aviation principles; and encouraging competition that abides by the AMA’s safety guidelines. National Model Aviation Day celebrates these things and a hobby that has become a passion for more than 170,000 people across the country.

This year’s National Model Aviation Day will be celebrated August 15, 2015. For more information about National Model Aviation Day, visit nationalmodelaviationday.org, or contact Mande Mikulski, director of development for the AMA Foundation, at (765) 287-1256, extension 277, or mandeem@modelaircraft.org.

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