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AMA Government Relations

Your response needed-FAA Model Aircraft Rule

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has issued an action alert to its membership, partnering organizations, and aeromodeling media requesting immediate response to FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, released June 23. The purpose of the action alert is to notify the FAA through public comment that this rule significantly impacts the entire aeromodeling community and that this community is resolute and committed to protecting the hobby.

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LISTEN LIVE  Rich Hanson, AMA's director of public relations & government affairs, and AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson will be interviewed on RC Radio Network tonight at 8:30 PM EST. They will be discussing AMA's plan of action and how AMA members and aeromodeling partners can help protect model aviation.

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Last call for National Model Aviation Day T-shirts

Wednesday, July 2, is the deadline to purchase National Model Aviation Day T-shirts. Buy one for yourself, or order several for your club members to wear at your event. T-shirts are available for a \$10 donation and are available in men's sizes S-4XL. The T-shirts include the logos of our major sponsors, and are available without the date and without the Wounded Warrior Project inscription. Proceeds from the shirts will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. If possible, please order in bulk to cut down on shipping costs and increase the total donation

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AMA responds to recent NPS unmanned aircraft interim policy

In a recent press release, AMA responded to the announcement that National Park Service (NPS) Director Jonathan B. Jarvis signed a policy memorandum that directs park superintendents nationwide to prohibit launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS. In the press release, the AMA expresses its recognition of the difficult circumstance, but asks for the organization to reconsider the action. The AMA also thanks the NPS for the policy's provision that allows model aircraft activity occurring under existing special use permits to continue.

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AMA member Frank Noll receives Presidential Award

Congratulations to Frank Noll, who was given an AMA Presidential Award during the annual Extreme Flight Championship (XFC), held at AMA Headquarters in Muncie IN. "Frank has been a loyal supporter of the AMA and aeromodeling for more than 50 years." said AMA President Bob Brown. "Frank is an example of a person who has fully committed himself to the hobby through his service as an AVP [associate vice president] and his leadership in conducting XFC each year. We applaud his efforts." Full event coverage is now online.

[check it out >](#)

Leader Members lead AMA members

From within the Leader Member ranks come future associate vice presidents, district vice presidents, executive vice presidents, and AMA presidents. Leader Member is not merely a title- it is the future leadership of AMA. Learn more about what it takes to be a Leader Member and why this position is a vital component of the AMA governing structure.

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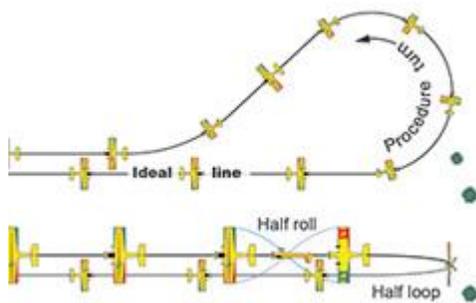
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103rd Robert J. Collier Trophy awarded

Congratulations to Northrop Grumman, the U.S. Navy, and the X-47B Industry Team- recipients of the 2013 Robert J. Collier Trophy. On May 29, the aviation community gathered at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport's Historic Hangar 7 to celebrate the presentation of what has been called the "greatest award in aviation and aerospace." The recipients were selected "for developing and demonstrating the first unmanned, autonomous air system operating from an aircraft carrier."

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Mastering the Immelmann

The problem with an ordinary turn is that it takes the airplane away from the ideal line that it was on before the turn. The pilot is then forced to make several adjustments after the turn to re-establish the preferred line coming back. As a consequence, the pilot has less time to think about what he or she wants to do next. The Immelmann is an aerobatic maneuver that allows you to do a 180° turnaround while maintaining the same line of flight coming back, albeit higher, and makes flying easier. Read Dave Scott's upcoming *Model Aviation* article to help you master the Immelmann.

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Survey-Huntsman World Senior Games

The [Huntsman World Senior Games](#) are typically held in St. George UT during the first two weeks of October. The games have become a renowned event for worldwide athletes who are older than 50. Scores of countries have participated in the Huntsman World Senior Games, where peace among nations is fostered through friendly competition. Event organizers are interested in including RC Aerobatics in the schedule. Please take a moment to complete a survey that will help determine if this event should be included.

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National Model Aviation Museum accepting donations

The National Model Aviation Museum is committed to building the best collection of model aviation-related artifacts in the world. This means that we are always on the lookout for items to be donated to the collection, but must be selective in what we accept to make sure that it not only adds to the integrity of the existing collection, but we also have the resources to properly care for it. The Acquisition Committee is the group responsible for reviewing offers of model airplanes and model helicopters. If you have a model aircraft that you feel should be in the museum, please complete the paperwork, take photographs, and send it in by the committee's next meeting, scheduled for July 30, 2014.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY UAS TEAM

AMA Youth Ambassador leads winning UAS team

The Seafarer Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems (AUVSI) held the Student Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Competition June 18-22, with North Carolina State University (NCSU) vaulting to the top of the list after taking second place last year. RJ Gritter was the team leader for NCSU. The school has participated in the competition for 12 years and team members "made a lot of little improvements," to last year's UAS that they built from scratch.

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2014 Nats apparel now on sale

The 2014 Outdoor Nats begins July 7 at AMA Headquarters in Muncie IN. Now is a great time to purchase your official 2014 Nats apparel in the Cloud 9 Museum Store or online. Pick up the perfect souvenir to commemorate this year's competition. Items start at \$5.

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