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## FAA interpretive rule update - AMA meets with FAA senior management

The AMA would like to thank each of our members who has taken the time to respond to the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, released June 23. This action alert was issued to the entire AMA membership, partnering organizations, and aeromodeling media requesting immediate response to the interpretation. The goal 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. After the action alert was sent, members of the AMA leadership team met with the FAA senior management team to discuss our disappointment and requests for modification to the interpretation. Additional information about the requested FAA response will be released through email tomorrow. We ask that you check your spam settings to ensure you are receiving emails from the AMA, and that you share the email with anyone who may have interest in this matter.

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## National Model Aviation Day proclaimed in several states

State proclamations naming August 16 as Model Aviation Day have been received in the following states: Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania. Thank you to everyone who made this possible, and thank you to the clubs and club members that have submitted applications and are awaiting approval. Depending on the rules in your state, there may still be time to apply for a proclamation if one has not been received. [Information is available on the National Model Aviation Day website](#). Please [contact us](#) if you have already submitted an application for your state. More than 150 clubs have now registered for National Model Aviation Day. The deadline to register is August 1. Sign up now to help the AMA Foundation and clubs across the country promote our hobby and support a great charity.

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## Production Conference

## Checkout the Aerial Cinematography Production Conference

If you are interested in aerial cinematography and want to evolve your knowledge and skills make sure to check out the Aerial Cinematography Production Conference in Burbank CA. The conference will showcase several talented and accomplished cinematographers, provide behind the scenes information on acquiring content, and Lucien Miller will be on hand to educate and entertain everyone with his impressive knowledge of multi-rotors and technology. AMA Members can purchase tickets online at a discounted price using discount code AMA72614 (The code is case sensitive).

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## Build your own thermal hunter

RC sailplanes have changed during the past 45 years. Now there is carbon fiber, vacuum-bagged fiberglass wings, ailerons, spoilers, flaps, crow settings, and highly efficient airframe designs. Dick Sarpolus shares his balsa design titled the Thermix 13. The aircraft is designed to be easy to build and fly while paying respect to the sailplanes that influenced its design. Read his entire build article and order plans.

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## Is 72 MHz legal?

The AMA has received several calls and emails from members asking if it is still legal to fly 72 MHz. The answer is yes! In fact, a large portion of AMA members still fly on 72 MHz. Many have chosen this platform because they can easily find used equipment at swap meets and at online auction sites. Many of these radios are full-featured sets with plenty of programming and model capability. More information is available on the AMA blogs and a full article regarding questions about 72 MHz can be found in the September issue of *Model Aviation*.

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## Nats hats

Have a favorite hat that you wear when flying? Share it with us! Post your best hat pictures on the National Model Aviation Museum's Facebook wall or the AMA's Twitter using #NatsHats. Then follow along every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as the museum shares some of the more (unique) headgear worn by modelers of yesteryear.

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## FAI Junior World Championships Free Flight Model Aircraft Team selected

The FAI Junior World Championships for Free Flight Model Aircraft will be held from July 28 through August 3, in Salonta, Romania. Competing for the US this year will be Garrett Tremayne, Logan Tetrick, Alex Stalick, Sevak Malkhasyan, Jace Pivonka, Troy Davis, Taron Malkhasyan, and Colby Fedor. George Batiuk of San Luis Obispo, CA will serve as the team manager for the group.

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## Download free plans for the Lockheed T-33

If you are interested in trying scratch-building and if you'd like a model of a jet fighter, you might start your scratch-building with a Lockheed T-33. In the next issue of *Park Pilot* magazine, readers will have access to a complete build article and plans for this EDF jet project. Enjoy jet fighter flying fun for not too much effort and cost.

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## AMA club makes an impact

The Wings for Kids program has grown in popularity since its creation 13 years ago. The [River City Radio Controllers](#) raised more than \$20,000 in 2013 alone and more than \$170,000 total. The donations come from individuals, businesses, and various other entities. The proceeds go to the Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. Congratulations to the members of this club on a job well done. If your club has a similar story, please [share it with us](#). If your club is recognized in a local newspaper, on radio station, or on television, it may be eligible for a [Club Recognition and Reward Grant](#).

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## 2014 Nats apparel now on sale

The 2014 Outdoor Nats have begun 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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