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AMA Government Relations

[Interpretation comments are due by September 23, 2014.](#)

AMA files Petition for Review of FAA's Interpretive Rule

On August 22, the AMA filed a Petition for Review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, challenging the FAA's Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, published in the Federal Register on June 25, 2014. The AMA believes that the FAA's Interpretive Rule is contrary to the text and intent of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, violating Congress' specific prohibition on any new rules or regulations regarding model aircraft that are operated pursuant to a community-based organization's standards. The proposed regulation could pose an immediate and direct hardship on model aviation.

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National Model Aviation Day in the news

Thank you to each club that has already sent the AMA National Model Aviation Day stories. We have begun posting them to the event's website. Many National Model Aviation Day gatherings have also been featured in the local media. This is the best possible promotion of the aeromodeling hobby, and one of the reasons why the special day was created. The Cherokee R/C Flyers of Morristown, TN, is a great example of a club that was featured in a publication. The group not only raised \$451 for the Wounded Warrior Project, but welcomed people to the field who had never been there, and even enrolled two new members! We would like to hear from all of our clubs and see photos from your events. To submit photos, email the NMAD team. Donations must be submitted by October 1. So far, more than \$41,000 has been

received and mailed to the Wounded Warrior Project!

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AMA's 2015 renewal period begins September 15. Help the AMA and save money by recruiting three new members. To qualify, each person you recruit must be a new or former member, and must enroll for an Open or Senior membership. Potential members cannot be current AMA members or have been members during the past five years. To qualify, the new member must include your name and AMA number on his or her enrollment form. Membership credit will be applied to the next AMA membership year.

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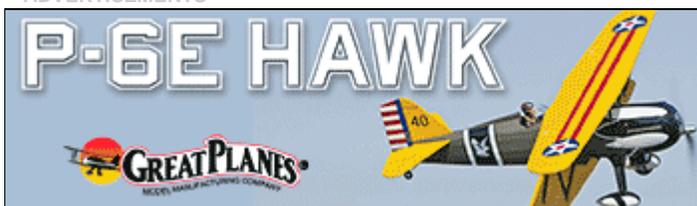


AMA directors take one FROM the team

On August 22, AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson and AMA Staff Director Joyce Hager accepted the ALS Association Ice Bucket Challenge. AMA staff members donated \$5 for the chance to dump a bucket of ice water on their heads. The team raised \$195 which will be donated to the ALS Association.

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Free Plans for Mike Hausner's Coyote E

New builders may find the covering process intimidating, but this foam model uses simplistic construction techniques. Patterned after the full-scale RANS Coyote Ultralight, the Coyote E has sufficient strength for normal flight loads and even mild aerobatics. Read the step-by-step build article and download free plans. This article will also be featured in the October issue of *Model Aviation*.

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TEAM USA 2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

US F3F team heads to Slovak Republic

The 2014 F3F team will be competing in the FAI World Championship for Slope Soaring Gliders in Donovaly, Slovakia (Slovak Republic), September 7-14. F3F is a timed event for sailplanes launched from a slope to provide sufficient lift and predictable winds. Good luck to US team members Warren Day, Steve Situm, and Tim Traver.

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