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AMA to host live Q&A regarding recent drone legislation

AMA will air a live broadcast on Tuesday, November 25 at 1 PM EST to provide an update on the upcoming small UAS rule, FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, and the sUAS/drone issue. Information regarding the [NTSB ruling on the Pirker Case](#) as well as new information regarding [AMA's petition for review of the Interpretive Rule](#) has been posted on the AMA blogs. We ask that you submit any questions you have regarding these issues to AskAMA@modelaircraft.org.

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2015 AMA officer election results are in

Thank you to the thousands of AMA members who took the time to vote for those running in the AMA district and the executive vice president elections. The results have been published on the AMA blog and posted on the AMA website. Congratulations to Gary Fitch, Mark Radcliff, Jay Marsh, Tim Jesky, and Charles "Chuck" Bower for being elected to represent the AMA.

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AMA response to increased drone sightings

In a response to the recently published *Associated Press* article reporting that drone sightings are becoming more common, AMA's director of government and regulatory affairs weighed in on the situation in a recent AMA blog post. The article mentioned that, "The government is getting near-daily reports-and sometimes two or three a day-of drones flying near airplanes and helicopters or close to airports ..." In his response, AMA's Rich Hanson commented that sightings are up, but points out that the increase in sightings does not necessarily signify that its use poses an imminent threat to life or property. Read the full response and learn more about the AMA's stance on the situation.

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Earn National Model Aviation Day stickers for your club

The 2014 National Model Aviation Day celebration was a success. To date, more than \$90,000 has been raised by participating AMA clubs. To help AMA make next year's celebration even better, club members who participated can provide feedback via a survey. Each person who completes the survey will receive 10 National Model Aviation Day stickers. Up to 10 people per club can take the survey to earn stickers for club members (maximum of 100 stickers per club). The deadline to complete the survey has been extended to November 21, 2014. Next year's National Model Aviation Day celebration will be held August 15, 2015.

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2015 Outdoor Nats schedule announced

The outdoor portion of the 2015 Nats events will be held at AMA's International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN, July 6 through August 6. The 2015 schedule has been determined and [posted online](#). If you have participated in the Nats within the last two years, you will receive an entry form in February. For more information, or to obtain an entry form, visit www.modelaircraft.org/nats or call (800) 435-9262.

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Meet the team: F3B team chosen for the 2015 World Championships

The team selection finals for the F3B Soaring team were held at the Riverside Radio Control Club in Perris, CA, October 24-26, 2014. Six rounds were flown during the event in which 15 pilots entered. Congratulations to Kyle Paulson, Mike Lachowski, Darrell Zaballos, Dillon Graves (junior), and Tom Kiesling (alternate). Each will represent the United States during the 2015 World Championships for RC Thermal Soaring taking place in Deelen, Netherlands, in July 2015.

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Model Aviation online exclusive: The CL of the paved racetrack

Tether cars were first built almost as soon as model airplane engines were invented. And much like model airplanes, tether cars have evolved as technology improved. Tether car world-record-holder racer Walt Wilson discusses the history of tether cars in an online feature on www.ModelAviation.com. He also shares his return to the oldest tether car racetrack in the world, 60 years after he earned his world record.

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AMA club assists with UAS demonstrations during Big Iron Farm Show

AMA club Valley R/C Flyers club of Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN, was asked by the AMA to provide a contest director and volunteers to run the flying and safety aspects of the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) demonstrations at the Big Iron Farm Show, held in September 2014, in West Fargo, ND. The club obliged, and did a great job of working with the show's managers to provide the safest possible UAS demonstrations. Then-Valley RC Flyers President Ron Landman provided a recap of the event and recognized those who helped make it a success, including AMA member Dick Vos, who served as contest director.

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