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Congressional Awareness Campaign on FAA regulations gets attention



After more than 85,000 letters to Congress expressing concern regarding FAA's intent to regulate model aviation, our message has been heard in the nation's capital. Members of Congress have responded with dozens of letters of support and many congressional leaders have pledged to advocate for the hobby. As of this writing, Congress is considering measures to exempt model aviation from onerous and unnecessary restrictions. Although it is too early to tell how this will play out, we can certainly say that our Congressional Awareness campaign was highly successful in bringing these issues to the attention of our elected officials. As the awareness campaign draws to a close, we are suspending additional letter writing efforts; however, now is not the time to let our guard down. The aeromodeling community is urged to remain vigilant and regularly check www.modelaircraft.org/gov for updates and another call to action if needed. Click below to read more..

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Primary insurance approved for key AMA volunteer positions

The AMA's Executive Council has approved primary liability insurance coverage for AMA volunteers who perform duties that include, but are not limited to, ensuring member compliance in operating model aircraft within the AMA Safety Code. Read about this new membership benefit initiative, led by District I VP Andy Argenio, by clicking the link below.

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Join AMA to celebrate 75 years of aeromodeling leadership, 85 years of Nats!!

The Academy was born during the Golden Age of Aviation in 1936. Seventy-five years later the hobby and sport have changed considerably. What has remained is that AMA continues its leadership role helping the aeromodeling community in dozens of ways. Join the RC, FF and CL community in celebrating this remarkable achievement, as well as the 85th Nats, during a celebration at the International Aeromodeling Center and Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, July 14-17. Click the link below and learn more.



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Hot heli pilot to instruct up-and-coming young pilots at Camp AMA

AMA will host its first Camp AMA All-Stars June 6-9, for AMA Youth Members ages 13 to 18. Registration will be open to the first 20 qualified participants. This is an advanced program - we're looking for the 10 best helicopter and 10 best airplane pilots who want to learn from top-flight instructors. Find out more about this opportunity below and check out a new video by helicopter instructor and accomplished competitor, Nick Maxwell.



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Youth scholarship application deadline April 30

The AMA sets aside up to \$40,000 each year to support the Charles H. Grant Scholarship program for youth who have been members for three years or more and are headed to college. Since the program's inception almost \$800,000 has been given to deserving youth. Deadline looms! Get more information and the application by clicking the link below.

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School-based clubs growing and TAG grants flow



The AMA has received many responses to its call for schools to charter a Model Aviation School Club (MASC). Click [here](#) to learn more about how your community and club can partner on this increasingly popular program. The AMA Education Department has announced its 2011 recipients for TAG: Take-off And Grow grants. Awards of \$1000 each went to 19 AMA clubs for their dedication to share our hobby with youth and beginners. Click the link below to read more about the winners and how you can start a TAG program with your club.

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Get the Inside(r) scoop

More than 10,000 AMA club officers and members subscribe to The AMA Insider - why not you? The Insider is broken into five areas covering information for presidents, clubs, safety coordinators, Leader Members and the general membership. In its March issue, safety columnist Jim Tiller, District IX AVP, discusses safety beginning with the first flight in his article "Ready to Solo?" Click the link below to read it - and sign up! Yet another great membership benefit.

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Competition pilot and flight school founder shares insights on instruction

Sport Aviator, AMA's online e-zine for beginning pilots and instructors, offers expert advice from Dave Scott in an article called "Professional Advice on Becoming a More Effective Instructor." Dave has taught thousands to fly RC in as little as 5-10 days. Check out Dave and Sport Aviator.

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Do good, get noticed, get money!

The AMA's Club Reward & Recognition program provides cash to clubs that stage a charity-affiliated event and get publicized. Here's one happy club member, Bruce Leach, Frontier Flyers Fremont NE: "Today I received an AMA award in the amount of \$300. I can't tell you how much this will help our club this coming season. This check will help us purchase a new lawn mower. It is our way to give back to the community, and introduce people to the hobby in a beautiful setting. Again I would like to thank you and the AMA for helping us grow into something we all can be proud of!" Click the link below to learn more about this program.

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