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AMA promotes community-based programming to manage small UAS

In a recent letter to the FAA, AMA and the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International encouraged the agency to expedite the rulemaking process for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operations in the National Airspace System. The letter also requests that the FAA allow the limited use of small UAS for commercial purposes before the final rulemaking is completed. In the letter, AMA President Bob Brown offers AMA's help in the process. "The Academy stands ready to lend its expertise and to assist the FAA in developing a safety structure that will enable and allow all small UAS to operate safely and responsibly in the national airspace."

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US senior team takes first place in F1D World Championships

Congratulations to Team USA, winners of the Langley Cup trophy at the FAI World Championship for Free Flight Indoor Model Aircraft, held in Romania. Senior US competitors Y.K. Lee and Brett Sanborn took first and second place, Junior US competitor Evan Guyett took first place individually, and the Junior US team captured third place. All of our pilots did a great job!

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Members go above and beyond in Toledo

The new AMA Foundation was promoted in Toledo during the Weak Signals' annual Toledo Expo, April 4-6. Our goal was to raise \$2,500, and we are excited to announce that we surpassed the goal - raising \$3,600! Thank you to everyone who purchased an item during the Toledo Weak Signal's annual Saturday night auction, or stopped by the foundation booth to learn more about how the new organization will assist the Academy in enhancing, preserving, and protecting model aviation. See more from the largest and longest-running RC model expo in North America online.

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Model flying featured during Sony Open

AMA Youth Ambassadors Nick Maxwell and RJ Gritter took to the court to showcase model aviation during the Sony Open Tennis men's finals in Miami FL. Both pilots developed flying routines for the world-famous match, which welcomed the best in tennis. Thank you to Chamber Fitness, Arthur Palermo Jr. CPA, the crew at Perfect View, our pilots, and Dean Palermo, for making the air show a success!

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AMA celebrates National Preservation Week

Caring for your favorite modeling treasures takes time and know-how. Learn tips and information from museum professionals during National Preservation Week, April 27 to May 3. Museums and libraries all over the country will be hosting speakers and events focusing on caring for objects. The National Model Aviation Museum, in particular, will be posting a blog feature on how to wrap and store large models, as well as providing other resources.

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Learn what it takes to represent your favorite brand

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a sponsored pilot for your favorite brand of model aircraft or accessory? Rachelle Haughn interviewed several company representatives to learn what they look for in the search for team pilots. Get a sneak peek of the article now, and read the full article in the May 2014 *Model Aviation*, mailing to members beginning April 24.

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Museum spring hours begin

Are you ready for your annual trip to the International Aeromodeling Center, or planning to visit for the first time? Make sure to check out our new National Model Aviation Museum spring hours before making the trip!

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New caps on sale now

Be one of the first to add this stylish AMA cap to your collection. Made of 100% cotton twill, the cap has a structured six-panel, mid crown with a Velcro back closure for a comfortable fit. This navy cap has red eyelets and button with white piping around the red sandwich visor. The front of the cap features a multicolor AMA embroidered logo with a red and white USA embroidered accent on the left corner of the visor. Get yours while they are on sale, marked down to \$11.99.

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