

# AMA TODAY

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## AMA launches UAS4STEM program

AMA has launched a new program to encourage teamwork, competition, and success through a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)-based education platform. The new UAS4STEM program will provide student teams of four to eight people with training, insurance, licensing, and equipment to compete in search-and-rescue challenges. Kits for the program will be available in the fall of 2015.

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## National Model Aviation Day a success

Thank you to each of the 225 clubs that registered and participated in our National Model Aviation Day celebration. If your club raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project, we ask that you make all checks out to that charity and send the money to the AMA Foundation, 5161 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie, IN 47302. A donation submission form can be found on the [club resources page on the event website](#). We will continue to update you on the total contribution, and will be sharing individual event stories on [www.nationalmodelaviationday.org](http://www.nationalmodelaviationday.org) and our [event Facebook page](#).

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## US F3A team wins gold

Congratulations to the 2015 F3A US team for taking the gold at the Radio Control Aerobatics World Championship in Dübendorf, Switzerland. Junior team member Joseph Szczur also finished with an individual gold medal.

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## NASA Scale Classic

In a few weeks, RC and Control Line pilots will gather in Lexington, KY, for the annual National Association of Scale Aeromodelers (NASA) competition. In the new issue of Model Aviation, Stan Alexander showcases highlights from last year's Scale event, which was held in October at the Academy of Model Aeronautics' International Aeromodeling Center.

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## AMA continues to encourage safety

In a recent piece in the Times of San Diego, the AMA was mentioned for its continued efforts to promote safe aircraft operations. AMA President Bob Brown recently sent a letter to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta and US Forest Service Chief Thomas Tidwell, sharing AMA's efforts to encourage its members in the West to spread the word about safety. "While our members already know not to fly in and around wildfires, we've asked them to help spread the message more broadly," Bob wrote. AMA members "know to check for temporary flight restrictions, such as those put in place around wildfires, and to stay well clear of any manned aircraft," said Bob.

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## Final announcement for NAA awards

The nomination period for this year's National Aeronautic Association (NAA) awards will close on Monday, August 31, for the following awards: the Wesley L. McDonald Distinguished Statesman of Aviation Award, the Frank G. Brewer Trophy, and the Public Benefit Flying Awards. The honors will be presented at this year's NAA Fall Awards Dinner. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Berry at (703) 416-4888, ext. 104, or email [awards-events@naa.aero](mailto:awards-events@naa.aero)

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## Looking for a new hat?

If you are looking for a new hat to wear to the flying field, check out this addition! The cap features a breathe-easy poly-mesh fabric, an embroidered stripe, and a fabric-covered Velcro closure. The hat is available in royal/white with a white AMA Bringing Modelers Together logo. This cap matches our [golf shirt #8030](#). Regular price for the cap is \$12.99, and it is now on sale for \$10.99.

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