

# AMA TODAY

Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



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## AMA members permitted to fly above 400 feet

There has been confusion among our members as to whether operations above 400 feet are permitted by the FAA. AMA has remained steadfast that operations above 400 feet are permitted, *if conducted within our safety program* requiring the pilot to be an AMA member, to avoid and not interfere with manned aircraft, and to keep the model within visual line of sight of the pilot/observer. In a recent letter to the AMA, the FAA recognized AMA's role as a community-based organization and acknowledged our safety guidelines, including allowing flight above 400 feet.

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## IRCHA fun starts this week at the IAC

More than 1,000 pilots will gather at AMA's International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) for The IRCHA Jamboree this week, starting August 3. This annual event will attract RC helicopter enthusiasts from around the world, including pilots, vendors and spectators. Registered pilots may fly their helicopters, participate in seminars, or compete in a multitude of exciting exhibition events including drag racing, pylon racing, night flying competition, or a freestyle 3D competition. Visit the IRCHA website to learn more.

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## AMA partners with ESTECO Academy

AMA is pleased to announce that it has partnered with ESTECO to offer AMA members free ESTECO Academy memberships. ESTECO will sponsor AMA members and offer free academic modeFRONTIER licenses for students and Ph.D. researchers. ESTECO develops software for multidisciplinary optimization. Its flagship product, modeFRONTIER, is used worldwide in many industries to integrate simulation processes, conduct trade-off studies, and find optimal designs. This is another great partnership that will help AMA, through AMA Flight School, provide education through model aviation.

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## National Model Aviation Day is 10 days away

National Model Aviation day is right around the corner on Saturday, August 13, 2016! To date, 115 clubs have registered to participate and thousands of people are planning to attend an event to celebrate the hobby. Registered clubs will soon receive event stickers and, if purchased, club merchandise. We encourage you to promote your events and help us share the activities by using #ModelAviationDay in all of your posts. To learn more about National Model Aviation Day promotions, visit the [club resources area of the National Model Aviation Day website](#). Thank you to our Platinum sponsors, [Ready Made RC](#), [Horizon Hobby](#), [HobbyKing](#), and [Hobbico](#), for assisting us with our efforts to promote the hobby and encourage the public to discover flight.

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## AOPA spotlights model flying at EAA's AirVenture

AMA's efforts to promote model aviation were well received during this year's EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI. Several AMA staff members, volunteers, and Executive Council members spent the week welcoming pilots, instructing new pilots, and promoting the hobby. Pioneer Airport's grass strip, in front of the EAA AirVenture Museum, was the designated area where RC models and drones shared the sky. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) included information about the integration of sUAS at AirVenture in recent story featured in AOPA Online.

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## One month left to see Bill Chaffee's Boeing P-12B at the National Model Aviation Museum

Bill Chaffee's Boeing P-12B will remain on display at the AMA's National Model Aviation Museum through Labor Day 2016. This model is on exhibit thanks to a loan from Ellen Earle-Chaffee, Henry Chaffee, and Clark Chaffee. If you cannot visit the museum, be sure to check out the National Model Aviation blog to read more about this prize-winning airplane, which was the talk of the 1930 Airplane Model League of America (AMLA) Airplane Model Contest.

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## Park Pilot review-Hacker-Model Extra 330SC

*Park Pilot* magazine's flight video shows how this EPP foam model packs big aerobatic performance into a lightweight model. At less than \$85, this aerobat is light on your wallet too!

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## Last chance for 2016 Nats memorabilia at sale prices

The 2016 Outdoor Nats have wrapped up at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, IN. Now is your last chance to purchase your official 2016 Nats apparel and memorabilia in the Cloud 9 Museum Store or online. We have limited quantities-get yours while they last!

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