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**AMA TODAY**  
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### It's time to celebrate!

National Model Aviation day is right around the corner! Thousands are planning to attend an event to celebrate the hobby. We encourage you to promote your events and help us share the day's activity by using #ModelAviationDay in all your posts. To learn more about promotions, [visit the club resources area of the National Model Aviation Day website](#). Thank you again to this year's Platinum Sponsors, [Hobby King](#) and [ReadyMadeRC](#).

The team at AMA HQ celebrated National Model Aviation Day early with its event: Aviation Adventure Day. More than 500 people attended the gathering, which included model rocket building and launching, kite building and flying, glider building and flying, buddy-box flying, Young Eagles full-scale airplane rides courtesy of local [EAA chapter 226](#), and much more. Thank you to the International Radio Controlled Helicopter Association (IRCHA) for taking part in the event and bringing helicopter fun to the celebration!

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## Generations of Flight campaign is a finalist for a PR News Platinum Award

We're excited to announce that [Generations of Flight](#) is a finalist for a [PR News Platinum Award](#) in the website marketing category! The Platinum Award is a public relations industry competition that celebrates the ingenuity and leadership behind the most outstanding communication initiatives. AMA is honored to be included as a finalist.

We want to thank all AMA members who have submitted stories and made Generations of Flight possible. We appreciate you! If you haven't already, we encourage you to visit our website, read the stories, and submit your photos at [www.generationsofflight.com](http://www.generationsofflight.com).

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### AMA Foundation Jet Rally is less than three weeks away!

Our team is excited to host its first event, the AMA Foundation for the Future Jet Rally, August 24-27, in Ottumwa, IA. Some of the greatest model pilots in the country will be in attendance for four days of open flying and all the entertainment provided by the city as part of 2017's Fly Iowa event being held in Ottumwa.

Here are some things you can expect!

- Four days of open flying on a 100 x 3,500-foot runway.
- Two huge full-scale air shows.
- Four bands onstage for your entertainment throughout the weekend.
- Friday night barbecue.
- Saturday night steak dinner.
- Sam Wright as emcee.
- New: Marvin Mauricio Alvarez will be the flightline air boss.
- Much, much more!

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## Searching for the holy grail of charging setups

After a lot of research, and a lot of experience, the clouds parted, the sun shone through, the angels sang, and there it was: Greg Gimlick's holy grail of charger setups! Think inside the box and follow Greg's path to enlightenment!

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## Looking back at the 1967 Nats

AMA is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Nats held at Naval Air Station in Los Alamitos, CA, by sharing some of the information and pictures held in the archives from the event at the National Model Aviation Museum.

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## AMA offers grants that help you continue to enjoy the hobby

AMA has developed several programs to help its members and clubs through grants. These grants are awarded annually and are intended to assist members and clubs to continue flying when problems arise or changes are necessary to build programs or continue to fly at a nearby location.

The Flying Site Assistance Grants are for clubs looking to update, start, or improve flying sites. The Club Disaster Relief Grant program assists clubs with damage caused by a natural disaster. Each grant, funded with the help of the AMA Foundation's Club Support Fund, requires an application and data about the club and the reasons the grant would be helpful. AMA grants are another tool available from AMA to help our members enjoy the hobby.

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## There's still time to get 2017 Nats gear

Summer is in full force and the 2017 Nats have come to an end at the AMA Headquarters. You still have time to show your support and pick up the perfect souvenir to commemorate the competition. Purchase your official 2017 Nats apparel from the Cloud 9 Museum Store or online now.



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