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## Can I use my model aircraft to do aerial photography?

AMA's leader on Government and Regulatory Affairs, Rich Hanson, answers the popular question about domestic aerial photography. Rich shares information about what the AMA policies regarding this issue are and provides valuable information about privacy and safety. For more information about this and other government relations questions please visit the AMA blogs.

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## Election results are in

AMA President Bob Brown has officially announced the election results for the 2012 District Vice President elections. Congratulations to each new vice president, and thank you to Charlie Bauer and Jim Rice for their hard work and dedication while serving on the Executive Council.

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## 2012 AMA Carl and Beth Goldberg Vital People Awards announced

Many clubs have one. Those really fortunate clubs might have more than one. What are they? The members who go above and beyond to support model aviation, our clubs, and our members. This year's winners have now been announced. Do you know someone who goes the extra mile in your club? Consider nominating him or her for an [AMA Carl and Beth Goldberg Vital People Award in 2013](#).

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## Club charter status expires March 31, 2013

Club charter renewal information will be mailed in January 2013. This mailing will be sent to all designated club contacts. If your club had a recent change in officers, please make sure this information is relayed to the Safety and Member Benefits department as soon as possible to ensure the renewal mailing is sent to the correct individual. For more information email the team at [clubs@modelaircraft.org](mailto:clubs@modelaircraft.org).

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## Leading by example, making an impact

"I gave a large amount because I wanted to, nothing more nothing less," says Chairman of the Leader Member Development Committee, Rusty Kennedy, who recently showed just how much one person can make a difference. In one short week, Rusty visited two clubs to speak with the members about how they could help the clubs affected by Hurricane Sandy. The reward for his actions: more than \$1,950 in donations towards the [Disaster Relief Fund](#), a grant program established by the AMA to provide assistance to clubs affected by disaster.

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## SQuiRT visits all 48 continental states

Pilot number 365, Dan Sims, has now flown SQiRT, the battery-powered Radio Control (RC) airplane, designated as a park flyer, in the 48th continental state. He flew the model after receiving it with a record 23,824 miles already placed on it from other pilots across the country. Model Aviation's Editor-In-Chief, Jay Smith, was one of the pilots who had the honor of flying the model. He was the 357th person to fly it on September 17, 2012 at the AMA IAC in Muncie, Indiana. Congratulations to everyone who has helped achieve this goal and promote model aviation throughout the country.

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## For every hero, there's a brick

Many love the story, more admire the man, John C. Cone, who flew his Control Line Sterling P-51 powered by a Fox 36X, atop the USS Bradley (DE-1041) in 1968. Many of the crew helped with the venture, while others served as spectators as his model became the first Control Line model to fly over the deck of a destroyer-class ship. Daryl McCloskey wanted to honor John in a special way, and has done so by purchasing a brick for him in the AMA Walk of Fame. Read more about this historical flight and how you can honor a special hero in your life by reading the AMA blogs.

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## Patron donations pay off

Recently, the National Model Aviation Museum held its first family-centered event with a landing party to celebrate the return of the 1/40-scale test models of the Shuttle Carrier Aircraft and Space Shuttle from their trip to Los Angeles aboard NASA's full-scale Shuttle Carrier Aircraft. The event was a great success, with more than 100 people in attendance. This event, and others to come, is made possible because of continued support from the many museum patrons who support the museum each year. This year, the numbers have grown, increasing 18 percent from 2011. Thank you to all patrons for your continued support.

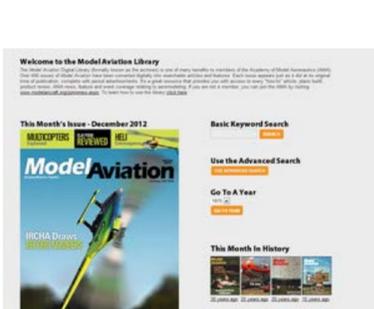
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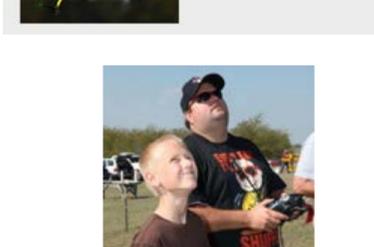
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## 2012 Texas Wings fun-fly benefits Big Brothers and Big Sisters

High winds did not hamper the 2012 Texas Wings fun fly, which benefits Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Texas. This year's event was held on October 21, 2012 and brought in \$1,226 to benefit the organization.

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## Over 4,000 attend Warbirds Over Delaware

"Best day ever! This is epic!" shouted a young spectator on the fourth day of the Warbirds Over Delaware event. Read more about the 21st annual five-day event hosted by the Delaware R/C Club.

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## The perfect gift, a click away

If you are looking for the perfect gift this holiday season, by checking out the 2012 AMA Product Guide. The guide features several different types of items, and includes a special "staff's picks" area, where the Model Aviation staff share some of their favorite items. As you view the guide, [check out the heavy 100% brushed-cotton twill, two-tone navy and red cap. It is now marked down from \\$12.99 to \\$10.99 for a limited time.](#)

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