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AMA and OBAP sign agreement

AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson and other AMA team leaders met with Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) leaders Capt. Karl Minter and Capt. Albert Glenn on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, IN to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the two partnering organizations. "This agreement is one that will only improve the relationship AMA has built with OBAP and provide more opportunities for those interested in pursuing aviation education," Dave said.

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AMA responds to task force's recommendations

In AMA's [official response](#) to the recommendations released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's task force on small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) registration, AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson reiterates AMA's opinion that these recommendations, as written, would make the registration process an unnecessary and unjustified burden on its 185,000 members, who have operated harmoniously within the aviation community for decades and who provide their personal contact information when joining the AMA. As federal regulations await approval, the AMA is committed to fighting for and upholding the tradition of model aviation for future generations.

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AMA welcomes MultiGP as an official FPV Racing SIG

AMA has officially welcomed its newest Special Interest Group (SIG), MultiGP, also known as Multirotor Grand Prix, to represent the First-Person View (FPV) racing community. FPV racing has exploded in popularity in the last few years. Many AMA members have embraced this type of racing and several new model aviation pilots have joined the community because of their interest in FPV. "The AMA is proud to work with MultiGP. FPV racing is a fun and exciting type of model flying activity and one that can enhance our community and the hobby," said Bob Brown, president of AMA. Becoming an official SIG of the AMA will cement the relationship between the two organizations and provide members with the best experience when they decide to start flying models or progress in FPV flying.

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Society of Aerial Cinematography Conference

It's back, and bigger and better than before. If you're interested in aerial cinematography and want to develop your knowledge and skills, check out the Aerial Cinematography Symposium and Toy Drive, which will be held Sunday, December 13, in Burbank, CA. You do not have to be involved with, or even own, multirotors to get something out of this conference, which is hosted by the Society of Aerial Cinematography. The discussions cover many aspects of production and post-production, and offer something of value to nearly everyone. Tickets are \$20 for the day, or \$10 if you assist the organization with its Toys for Tots toy drive by bringing an unwrapped gift valued at \$10 or more.

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AMA program deadlines approach

The new year is right around the corner and so are several of our program deadlines. All [AMA scholarships](#), [Take off And Grow \(TAG\)](#), and [Youth Leadership Award](#) applications and nominations must be received by February 1, 2016. Each year, the AMA awards several students and clubs with funds to help propel model aviation and the next generation of aviation leaders.

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Today is #GivingTuesday

Today the AMA Foundation is participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. Black Friday and Cyber Monday are days to receive great deals, and #GivingTuesday is the a day to pay it forward by supporting a nonprofit organization of your choice. We hope that you will consider the AMA Foundation when giving this year. Remember, donations must be received by December 31 in order to receive credit on your 2015 tax return.

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AMA Expo Guest Speaker Series announced

The 2016 AMA Expo Guest Speaker Series has been announced with a great lineup of notable AMA members and industry spokesmen. Purchase your tickets online to take advantage of special advance ticket prices. Don't delay-AMA Expo is only 37 days away!

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Don't miss AMA Air "Episode 3"

The third installment and the December airing of *AMA Air* is now available on air.modelaircraft.org. This month's show features an update on the USDOT/FAA sUAS task force, AMA Expo 2016, and a visit to look at some priceless aviation artifacts housed at Purdue University.

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