

# AMA TODAY

Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



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## AMA Expo West advance ticket sales end December 30

Mark your calendar! AMA Expo West is January 6-8, 2017. Advance tickets are only on sale until December 30, 2016. Advance ticket purchases are for will call only—no exceptions. This year's show will feature hundreds of exhibitors, as well as ongoing events including Drone Camp, commercial UAS training, public safety training, and an impressive speaker series that includes Red Jensen, a sUAS chief pilot at NASA, David and Sarah Oneal from That Drone Show, the University of Southern California Aerodesign Team, and Chris Wolfe, aka The RC Geek. Also, author Julian Guthrie and SpaceShipOne structural engineer, Dan Kreigh, will discuss Julian's new book, How to Make a Spaceship, and the making of SpaceShipOne.

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## AMA partners with Fly Robotics to offer public safety UAS training

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Education department, in conjunction with Fly Robotics, has released a new UAS 4 Public Safety course. This hands-on training course will provide public safety officers the knowledge needed to safely and effectively use UAS technology in their daily jobs. This is another program developed by the AMA and its partners, designed to build AMA's reputation as a leader in UAS safety standards and instruction. Courses will be held in several cities across the country starting in February 2017. A free public safety course will also be offered at AMA Expo West in January.

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## AMA government relations team- Proactively advocating for our hobby

A number of states, communities, and parks have been introducing and passing legislation banning model aviation or placing unnecessary regulations on our hobby. In an effort to remedy this situation, the AMA has been active in shaping local legislation to promote aeromodeling. In addition to directly advocating against problematic legislation, AMA is taking a more proactive strategy toward building better relationships with local legislators, parks departments, local governing agencies, and other associations across the country to resolve problems before legislation is even drafted. Take a look at our proactive efforts in the fourth quarter of 2016.

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## AMA Foundation sweepstakes winners selected

Congratulations to Kevin Conners of West Brook CT, winner of this year's Foundation for the Future, California Dream Flight Sweepstakes! Kevin will soon fly to California for an all-expense-paid trip, and a flight of a lifetime in Lady Alice, a P-51 Mustang. We also want to congratulate Wayne Chalfant of Everest KS, the second prize winner. He is now the proud owner of a Graupner MZ-24 transmitter and accessories, all donated by The Bott Group at Merrill Lynch. Thank you to everyone who entered, and a special thank-you to those who donated to the AMA Foundation with their entries.



## The National Model Aviation Museum appreciates you!

Countless stories were shared with AMA's National Model Aviation Museum this year. Some of the stories came through donations of pictures and scrapbooks. Some came through books and magazines. Some came written formally as part of the AMA's History Project, and some less formally through social media and conversations. Other stories came in the form of artifacts donated to the museum's collection. We appreciate all of them. To share our thanks, please watch this video offering an overview of the three-dimensional artifacts added to the museum this year.

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## Deadlines approach

AMA offers several grants and scholarships to assist our clubs and individuals. AMA's Education department would like to remind clubs that [AMA's Take off And Grow \(TAG\) applications](#) are due February 1, 2017. [All scholarships applications for students](#) are also due February 1. Remember, AMA offers a scholarship to our adult members returning to college and several scholarships for high school seniors.



## Get the latest from AMA's webcast, AMA Air!

Get the definitive answer on what you need know about NOTAMs and TFRs from AMA Government & Regulatory Affairs Representative Tyler Dobbs. Plus, an introduction to your AMA president-elect, a recap of the MultiGP championships held this year at AMA Headquarters, and a hint at what's to come next year! Finally, we introduce you to the newest aeromodeling trade show hitting the East Coast (hint: it's AMA Expo East!).

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## Future & Active Pilot Advisors (FAPA) offer free Future Pilot Forums

Aspiring pilots of all ages are invited to FAPA's free Future Pilot Forums. The forums offer future professional pilots a free educational day about pathways to professional pilot careers. The events will be held across the country and include a complementary showing of the inspirational documentary Living in the Age of Airplanes. Interested parties can attend in person or can register to view portions of the forum via on-demand video. School counselors and teachers are also encouraged to attend to learn about talking with students about professional pilot careers.

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## Old Rhinebeck Jamboree celebrates 50 years

Seen by some as a one-time fad event, the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome hosted its 50th anniversary Jamboree in 2016. Revisit the event's early years, read about the 2016 Jamboree, and view photos!

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## Support the AMA Foundation with a year-end gift

We are getting closer every day to raising our \$200,000 goal to help support AMA programs. It's not too late to make your year-end, tax-deductible donations. Donations should be received by December 30 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time to ensure your donations are earmarked for 2016. You can also support the AMA Foundation at no cost to you by shopping on Amazon. [Simply visit smile.amazon.com](#), and select the Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation as your charity of choice when shopping. There's no extra cost to you, and it supports the organization established to support model flying. It's a win-win!

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## The holidays are here-find deals on AMA gear

The year is winding down and the holiday season has arrived. Check out our 2016 Holiday Savings category in the AMA Museum Store for great deals, with new items added throughout the month of December.

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