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# AMA TODAY

THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## FAA regulations - Blue skies or storms ahead?

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the FAA is going to issue restrictions on model aircraft through a proposed rule this summer. AMA has been very hard at work advocating on your behalf. It's time for all who love model aviation to learn about this serious issue. Go to the AMA's Government Relations web pages below for background information and share it with your friends. You can always submit your questions and concerns to the AMA advocacy team at [amagov@modelaircraft.org](mailto:amagov@modelaircraft.org).



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## AMA to celebrate 75 years all year!

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has been the focal point for all things in model aircraft since 1936. Born out of the Golden Age of Aviation, AMA continues to grow and evolve as a multifaceted, highly valuable support program for aeromodelers nationwide. With a "diamond anniversary," it's time to celebrate! The link below will take you to the anniversary website, where you can learn about all kinds of opportunities for you to join in the celebration.

[\[ check it out \]](#)

## Expo 2011 hit on all cylinders

The AMA's annual exposition in Ontario CA, held January 7-9 this year, followed last year's record-breaking success with stage presentations, seminars and a full house of exhibitors for more than 5,000 attendees. You'll find those informative expert presentations posted on AMA TV in the weeks ahead and a trove of photos on the AMA Flickr account by clicking the link below.



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## Deadlines ahead for scholarships, flying site grants

Does your club have big plans for improving your flying site this year? Your club could qualify for up to \$5000! Check out the AMA's Flying Site Improvement Grant program [here](#). The deadline for these applications is March 15, with winners announced by May 1. Know a high school senior who has been an AMA member for the last three years? He or she may be eligible for a college scholarship from AMA through the Charles H. Grant Scholarship Program. AMA has awarded almost \$800,000 in scholarships since the 1970s. Click the link below to learn more about how your young aeromodeler could get a boost toward that college degree.

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## Helping youth "get the bug"

Civil Air Patrol leader Maj. Gen. Ann Courter signed a memorandum of agreement with AMA President Dave Mathewson at EXPO 2011, on January 8. Both organizations will be exploring ways for the CAP Cadets and AMA youth to benefit from mutually accessible programs. Click [here](#) to view a terrific video of the Civil Air Patrol and the signing of the memorandum. AMA is also taking model aviation to primary education. Go [here](#) to learn more about MASC: Model Aviation School Clubs.

## AMA TV



**Chris "Lucky" Carnes**  
AMA member and inspirational flier

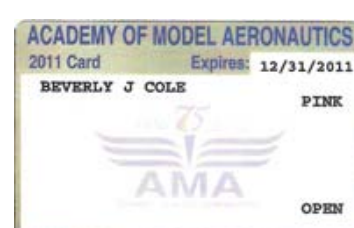


[Check out all the members who have taken advantage of the Sign 3 Fly Free program](#)



## "PINK": It's her choice for AMA member ID

"Having 'PINK' as my custom AMA member ID was a no-brainer," said Beverly "Bev" Cole, president of the Markham Park Pilots Association, an AMA club in Ft. Lauderdale. Click [here](#) to read more about this model pilot who flies pink models and brings a feminine flair to her club's flying field. And click on the "Share Your Story" button at right to join Bev by adding your story. Check out the link below to learn more about AMA's alphanumeric program to customize your membership card just the way you like it.



An Eight Digit Custom AMA Member ID is \$50.

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## AMA seeks Executive Director

The Academy is seeking qualified applicants for its top staff position through the end of February. A successful candidate will have experience in leading a multifaceted, national membership organization. Click the following link to learn more about this opportunity. [www.modelaircraft.org/news/seekinged.aspx](http://www.modelaircraft.org/news/seekinged.aspx)

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