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DOT/FAA Announce proposed rule for sUAS

Sunday, February 15 - The Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and FAA Administrator Michael Huerta announced FAA's long-awaited proposed regulation for the operation of commercial small unmanned aircraft in the national airspace. "The new rules would not apply to model aircraft. However, model aircraft operators must continue to satisfy all of the criteria specified in Sec. 336 of Public Law 112-95 (Special Rule for Model Aircraft), including the stipulation that they be operated only for hobby or recreational purposes."

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AMA updates requirements for RC aircraft at full-scale air shows

Throughout the years, many AMA member clubs have performed at full-scale air shows. To assist the FAA with guidelines for model aircraft operations at these shows, the AMA Executive Council established a policy in July 2013. Policy changes were recently approved during the AMA Executive Council Meeting in January of this year.

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New video from Know Before You Fly press conference



As excitement for the [Know Before You Fly Campaign](#) grows, its number of supporters has increased as well. In January, both the Consumer Electronics Association and Experimental Aircraft Association became proponents of the campaign because of its focus on educating prospective users about the safe and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). The campaign was promoted through a press conference at the Consumer Electronics Show in January. A video from the press conference has been added to the AMA blogs.

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National Model Aviation Day sponsorship opportunities available!

Planning for the 2015 National Model Aviation Day celebration continues. Businesses within the industry interested in promoting model aviation, the aviation community, and in raising money to support the Wounded Warrior Project may help by sponsoring the event. Thank you to [Ready Made RC](#) and [HobbyKing](#), our first Platinum Sponsors. Two Platinum Sponsor opportunities are still available, and we are looking for Gold Sponsors as well. Each sponsorship comes with advertising opportunities and the chance to nationally promote the hobby.

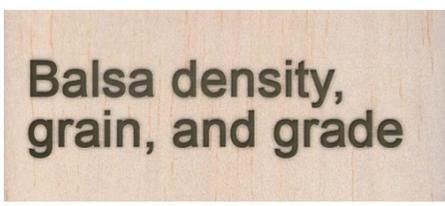
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Indoor FF Nats/NFFS USIC has a new location!

The 2015 Indoor Free Flight Nats competition will be held June 8-12, 2015, in the historic City Auditorium, a multipurpose indoor venue in Colorado Springs, CO. Entry forms are now available online, along with event details.

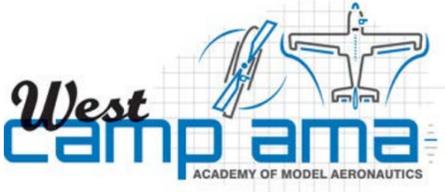
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Balsa density, grain, and grade

Don't assume that all balsas are created equal. Before tackling your next balsa project, spend a few moments learning about balsa's different densities, grades, and grains. This will help you determine the best applications for the different balsa types.

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Few spots remaining for Camp AMA west!

You have the opportunity to improve your flying skills and learn from accomplished pilots, Nick Maxwell and Andrew Jesky, at AMA's newest learning experience: Camp AMA West. The adults-only camp will be held December 2-6, 2015, in Las Vegas. Sign up today for four days of flying and an experience you won't forget.

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New AMA polo on sale

Grab our newest polo, available in burgundy, starting at \$16 for a limited time. This ultrasoft performance polo has a silver embroidered Bringing Modelers Together AMA logo. It is 65% polyester and 35% cotton. This is the perfect polo to wear to the flying field or to your next club meeting because it is fade resistant and wrinkle free. Get it now before the price goes up to \$20.99 in March.

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