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FAA reps speak to members about coming restrictions

At the 12th annual AMA EXPO last week in Ontario CA, representatives from the FAA answered members' questions during an open forum the afternoon of January 7. The packed convention center room wasn't large enough to accommodate the overflow of members who are rightly concerned about the federal government's pending regulations regarding model aviation.

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AMA EXPO 2012 a smash hit

More than 5,000 model aviation enthusiasts descended on the annual AMA EXPO January 6-8 at the Ontario California Convention Center. The latest in model aircraft technology was on display from more than 100 exhibitors, manufacturers, and distributors. Presentations by several aeromodeling and full-scale aviators spiced up a full weekend of activity. Click the link below to see photos from AMA's annual exposition.

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AMA and the Civil Air Patrol - learn more!

The recent collaboration between the Academy and the cadets of the Civil Air Patrol is moving right along. Learn more about this program by visiting the link below to read a recent e-newsletter by CAP. For additional information, contact the [AMA Education Department](#).

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FAA/AMA FORUM AMA EXPO 2012



Check out an online preview of an upcoming *Model Aviation* article

Model Engine Collectors Association's (MECA) president, Bill Mohrbacher, provides a history of US-built model aircraft engines. Names such as Fox, Brown, Ohlsson, and Cox are just a few of the pioneers whose contributions and technological developments paved the way for the modern aircraft engine.



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Not everything has a place in the museum



One of the hardest things the National Model Aviation Museum staff have to do is to determine which aeromodeling artifact deserves a place in its growing collection. For those who have loved their airplane, rotorcraft or radio system, it can be disheartening to discover that the museum already has one, or that it doesn't quite reflect the museum's acquisition objectives, overseen by a committee of volunteers. Although the museum staff would love to accept everything, due to limited space and resources, it simply can't handle multiple duplicates of objects, or those outside of its collections scope. Go to "read more" below to learn more about this process and which aircraft are particularly sought after. [Also, check out the museum's new winter hours.](#)

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It is time to renew your Leader Club status!

Every year, the AMA requires that Leader Clubs renew their leader member status in order to confirm continued participation, and for bronze- and silver- level clubs the opportunity to upgrade their level of qualification. [Please complete the Leader Club Currency Report here](#) by March 1. Leader Club pins for new club members, or replacement pins for those lost, may be purchased at this time for \$3 each. If you have any questions call (765) 287-1256 ext. 272 or email programs@modelaircraft.org. To learn more about the Leader Club program visit the link below.

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