

AMA TODAY

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Members required to register with FAA

AMA members are now required by regulation to register their aircraft with the FAA to avoid federal enforcement and potential penalties. All Radio Control modelers must register aircraft weighing greater than 0.55 pounds online no later than February 19, 2016. The registration fee is \$5. However, FAA is offering free registration when registering on or before midnight EST on January 21. Online registration can be accomplished on the FAA webpage at, RegisterMyUAS.faa.gov. Several AMA staff members and AMA leaders have been working with legal counsel and the FAA to find a solution for our members on the registration rule. To date, FAA has agreed in principle to several proposed initiatives that will help ease this process for our members in the future. Visit modelaircraft.org/gov to learn more.

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2016 AMA Expo was another great show

AMA would like to thank everyone who attended or participated in this year's AMA Expo, held January 8-10 at the Ontario Convention Center, in Ontario, California. Not only did the event bring many within the hobby together to learn more about the latest and greatest products available, but attendees heard presentations by several notable speakers and enjoyed some excellent presentations. If you were unable to attend, we invite you to visit the AMA Expo website to view video footage of the presentations, special interviews, and more.

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AMA clubs present \$92,000 to Wounded Warrior Project

Through National Model Aviation Day celebrations across the country, and the efforts of modelers of approximately 235 AMA chartered clubs, the Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation raised \$92,000 in support of Wounded Warrior Project. The check was presented to Warrior Speak representative Kevin Shaeffer on January 9, at AMA Expo. Thank you to Joe Estes from Ready Made RC for joining us for the check presentation and to our other Platinum Sponsors, HobbyKing, Horizon Hobby, and Hobbyico for the support.

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New agreement signed with EAA

AMA and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) have signed a memorandum of understanding that expands the organizations' joint efforts to bring the possibilities of flight to more people. The agreement, signed January 9 during AMA Expo, builds on the original memorandum of understanding that the two aviation associations signed in 2010. These organizations have worked together to help people discover flying activities and to introduce aviation to the public.

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AMA member enjoys a flight of a lifetime

Congratulations to Chris Mayer, the winner of this year's Foundation for the Future Sweepstakes, California Dream Flight. Chris won a trip to AMA Expo, where he flew in Lady Alice, a full-scale P-51 Mustang. Read more about Chris, his experience, and the rewarding trip on the AMA Foundation website.

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Rescheduled: Model Aviation MA Construction Series Podcast

Model Aviation's live podcast with "MA Construction Series" author Paul Kohlman is being rescheduled. We will post the new date and time at www.ModelAviation.com as soon as it is available, and will be accepting questions via an online chat during the podcast.



Highlights from the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout now online

Model Aviation writer Mike Hurley recapped the 2015 Tucson Aerobatic Shootout in the February 2015 edition of the magazine. The Tucson Aerobatic Shootout is one of the most prestigious model flying competitions that brings pilots from around the world together to compete for more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes. Congratulations to Andrew Jesky for taking home first place.

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AMA ID labels available in the AMA online store

AMA encourages all members to include pilot information on model aircraft. For many years, an ID label has been available for this purpose. If you are looking to add contact information to your models, consider purchasing one of these labels. This fuel-proof, adhesive-backed label has space on the bottom for your name and address. A clear plastic flap protects the label. Adding one of these stickers on or in your model complies with the AMA Safety Code requirements for identification and will help recover the model if it is lost. Each pack includes 10 labels.

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Don't miss the NW Model Hobby Expo

If you live in the Pacific Northwest, we encourage you to attend this year's NW Model Hobby Expo. The show runs January 29-31, 2016, at the Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA. Each year, hobby enthusiasts visit the show for great deals, to learn more about new products, and to catch up with friends. Many also fly at the indoor gathering. The show is known as the biggest hobby swap west of the Mississippi.

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AMA program deadlines approach

Several AMA program deadlines are approaching. All AMA Scholarships, [Take off And Grow \(TAG\)](http://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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