

AMA TODAY

Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



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AMA in USA Today: Leave model airplane hobbyists alone

In a recent Op-Ed, the Academy of Model Aeronautics asks the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to listen to Congress and leave model flying alone. In the column, AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson discusses the newly proposed rules from the FAA, specifically the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.

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Model Aviation special series: "LiPo Battery Basics"

There are two items everyone entering electric flight has to deal with: batteries and connectors. On the surface, it's simple, but it causes more confusion and questions than practically anything except motor designations. The Model Aviation team has developed a video for the electric newbie who wants to understand and make the right choices for his or her requirements.

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LiPo Battery Basics

Understanding the technology and its safe use

RC model and sUAS flying encouraged at EAA AirVenture

If you're eager to see some of the fun of RC aircraft flight, a new small Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/drone/model aircraft area will allow spectators to watch these aircraft in action at Oshkosh, WI. Pilots can also fly their own models in a new location added by EAA. This is in addition to the highly anticipated indoor drone cage at AirVenture Aviation Gateway Park, located northwest of the control tower.

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AMA to attend FLYSAFE Chicago

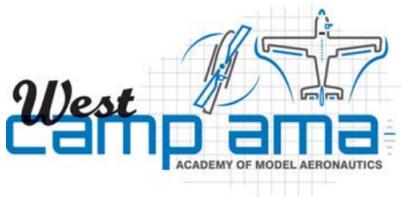
AMA will join dozens of UAS pilots attending FLYSAFE Chicago later this month to introduce them to AMA and the work it has done for model aviation. FLYSAFE is a three-day rigorous training course for the safe and effective operation of low-range unmanned aerial vehicles and systems.

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Reminders for AMA Leader Members and supporters

Rusty Kennedy, who serves as AMA's chairman of the Leader Member Development Committee, wants to remind AMA Leader Members and supporters about upcoming elections and events, and encourage everyone to participate in National Model Aviation Day.

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Check out Camp AMA West

Ready to improve your flying skills and learn from the best? Then make sure to check out Camp AMA West. This adults-only educational experience will take place in Las Vegas, December 2-6, 2015. Visit www.amafightschool.org/campamawest to learn more.

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Ten Most Popular Plans

Has *Model Aviation's* construction series given you the itch to tackle a plans build? Check out our 10 most popular plans featured in more than 30 years of *Model Aviation* issues. The top 10 is a good mix of aerobatic aircraft, warbirds, seacraft, sailplanes, scale, and one airplane that falls into a category of its own.

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USA F3B team prepares for World Championship

The USA F3B Team has been hard at work practicing for the upcoming World Championship in the Netherlands. The F3B community recently hosted a contest in Cal Valley, CA, to challenge the team and provide the group with some extra practice. You can support the team and its members (Kyle Paulson, Mike Lachowski, Darrell Zaballos, Reto Fiolka, team manager Glauco Lago, Dillon Graves, and David Olson) by [visiting the team website](#) to check out the available merchandise, and get updates as the group travels to Deelen Air Base, located in Arnhem, Netherlands, to compete.

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Popular windsock is now on sale

Made in the US, our most popular yellow windsock with the AMA wings logo measures 8 inches x 24 inches and includes an attached 18-inch aluminum mounting post. For a limited time, it's on sale for \$34.99.

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