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## AMA and FAA stage open forum at Joe Nall

The AMA's Government Relations team, headed by Rich Hanson, continues to press our case for exemption from FAA federal regulations. If you are one of the tens of thousands of aeromodelers who are anxious about government intervention in our hobby and sport, be sure to regularly visit the AMA's government relations area of our website. Click below to learn about the latest news, including recent coverage by the *Wall Street Journal* and the Smithsonian's *Air & Space* magazine. And check out the AMA/FAA open forum conducted at the Joe Nall Fly-In by clicking on AMA TV at right.

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## Just 26 days to the Big Event - are you coming?

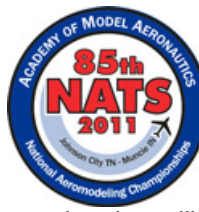
The AMA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be a four-day, fun-fly extravaganza packed full of fun. Including flying activities, workshops, a semi-formal gala, pool party, NASA exhibit, a half-scale Hughes H1 racer in flight, and much, much more, including a free, commemorative pilot hat. If you've never been to the International Aeromodeling Center(IAC) and National Model Aviation Museum this is your chance to see all that the IAC has to offer aeromodelers on its 1,100-acre campus, and fly with friends and members from all over the country. For a full calendar of IAC events this season, [go here](#). Click the link below to see the full schedule of events for AMA's diamond anniversary.



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## 85<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Nats ready to take off, Indoor Nats results posted

No, you don't have to qualify at the IAC to compete in the National Aeromodeling Championships that kickoff June 25 and go through August 11 at the IAC. You just need to register. It's open to all comers, and it creates memories that will last a lifetime. Check out the schedule and how to register by clicking the link below. Join nearly a thousand pilots in 13 different disciplines competing and having fun with all manner of model planes and helicopters. And follow the competition daily through *NatsNews*. Click [here](#) for complete coverage of the preceding day's events and see the Indoor Nats results, and go [here](#) to subscribe to this online newsletter.



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## Flying sites are valuable real estate; AMA flying site grants announced

The 2011 AMA flying site grants have been awarded. Your dues help support this valuable program that has proven to be a significant helping hand to many clubs in the quest to improve their flying sites. Click below to learn this year's winners and how your club may apply for one next year.

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## Flying site disaster relief grants - another membership value!

The Hernando Area Modelers in Spring Hill, Florida, had a mess on their hands. Severe storms this year, not uncommon throughout the country, did substantial damage to the club's field and support facilities. Things are back to near-normal for this club, thanks in part to a disaster relief grant from AMA. Click below to learn how this program can be there for you when you need it most.

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## Aeromodeling Legend Maynard Hill, 1926-2011

According to many, if aeromodeling had a Mount Rushmore, Maynard Hill would certainly be a candidate. Maynard passed away this week and leaves behind an incredible legacy that you can read in his autobiography preserved in the AMA History Program by clicking the link below. [Click here to read his wonderful article, "Two Sunsets and Still Flying."](#)

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## The first Camp AMA - was this week - see photos

The inaugural Camp AMA, an advanced school for youth aeromodelers, finished this week at the International Aeromodeling Center. [Go here](#) to learn about this new program and below to access the AMA Flickr account for photos.

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## Congratulations to this year's XFC winners!

PLANE 1<sup>st</sup> place: Seth Arnold; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Donatas Pauzuolis; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Gabriel Altuz; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Manuel Santos. HELICOPTER 1<sup>st</sup> place: Jamie Robinson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nick Maxwell; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Kyle Dahl; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Bobby Watts. Check out our huge XFC Flickr set by clicking below.

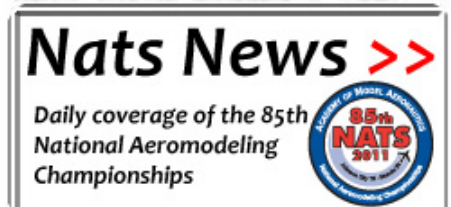
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