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Congressional Awareness Campaign launched; All urged to write their federal representatives



The FAA is poised to propose regulations on model aviation this summer. By law, the FAA is not allowed to reveal the details of its pending ruling until its release. What we *do* know is that restrictions are indeed coming. At this point the best way to influence federal agency decision-making is through Congress. All who support model aviation are urged to visit modelaircraft.org/gov to learn about the issue and to participate in a very quick and easy letter-writing campaign. Just a few clicks and you'll add your letter to the more than 75,000 others already sent! You can always submit your

questions and concerns to the AMA advocacy team at amagov@modelaircraft.org.

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Know a youth member with promise?

AMA will host its first *Camp AMA All-Stars* June 6-9, for AMA Youth Members ages 13 to 18. Registration will be open to the first 20 qualified participants. This is an advanced program - we're looking for the 10 best helicopter and 10 best airplane pilots who want to learn from top-flight instructors. Click [here](#) to download the registration form. If you have any questions, please call the AMA Education Department at (765) 287-1256, ext. 515 or 516.



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National Electric Fly-In is all about quiet fun in all shapes and sizes

AMA is hosting the third-annual National Electric Fly-In in Muncie, June 10-12, with more than 100 pilots expected to come from across the Midwest and the nation for the festive atmosphere at the International Aeromodeling Center. It's only \$15 to register, and for \$25 you get the T-shirt - plus free camping, free charging station, free admission to the National Model Aviation Museum and lots of freebies! This event is sponsored by Castle Creations. Click the link below to learn more.



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AMA's "Diamond Anniversary" - 75 years of fun, sport and education!

There is a lot going on this July at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, and everyone is invited to celebrate the Nats, a celebration of AMA's 75-year legacy, July 14-17. See Joe Bock's half-scale H-1 and meet our National Ambassador Robert "Hoot" Gibson of the Astronaut Hall of Fame and five-time Space Shuttle pilot and commander. Click the link below to learn more!



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Clubs working with kids

On February 12 the Albuquerque Soaring Association participated in the Zoom to Engineering fair at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History. Approximately 400 people came to the event to visit the museum and visit the many participants from the Albuquerque area. [Read the rest of AVP Mark Johnston's report.](#)

The Tri-County R/C Club of Dunnellon, Florida, has a great gallery of photos taken during a youth Civil Air Patrol presentation last April. Check out the gallery by clicking below.

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Flying site assistance is a click away

The AMA website has enhanced its flying site section, and the latest addition is a video tutorial by our national Flying Site Assistance Coordinator, Tony Stillman. Click the link below to catch that video, as well as an updated video on our EPA/Superfund flying site program. Tony, as always, is also a few clicks away. Contact him at fsac@modelaircraft.org.

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Safety & Member Benefits Updates

Charter time! Get your club paperwork in soon

Club renewal season is in full swing. AMA has received the policy numbers so it can now issue and print insurance certificates for various flying site owners. Please remember that we mail the original and a copy for your files to the club contact, and it's your responsibility to forward the proof of insurance to the flying site owner. Two important additional reminders: make sure you sign the 2011 Officers Sheet and include payment by check or credit card. Get your ducks in a row and go flying!

Do you know insurance?

The AMA Insurance Committee is searching for a volunteer to become a part of our group. Our mission is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Council on matters related to AMA insurance. We meet four times a year; three by conference call and a fourth in person, usually coinciding with a major aeromodeling event. Click below to find out more.

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2011 AMA EXPO Speaker
AMA Member Katie Bosman



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