

# AMA TODAY

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## Academy of Model Aeronautics Expresses Concern Over "Drone" Incident at JFK

### A new challenge faces model aviation

The efforts of the AMA's Government Relation Team has been focused on safety in the airspace and the FAA's effort to regulate the operation of small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS). Through a collaborative effort, the AMA has ensured the FAA of its priority of safety throughout the organization, with the implementation of AMA guidelines for recreational model aviation. Today new challenges-centered on the public's reasonable expectation of privacy and the use of UAS to infringe on that expectation-face recreational model aviation. This new focus on civil liberties and privacy issues relating to the use of domestic unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the US will continue to be monitored by the AMA.

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## Celebrate the first annual National Model Aviation Day

To celebrate the storied history of model aviation, AMA chartered clubs are encouraged to take part in the first annual National Model Aviation Day on August 17, 2013. National Model Aviation Day will be a great opportunity to introduce model aviation to your friends and families. For this inaugural year, we're asking that clubs who host an event do so in support of the [Wounded Warrior Project](#). Wounded Warrior's mission is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured members of the US Military and to provide programs and services to help support our country's injured heroes. More detail will soon be released on the AMA website, in *Model Aviation* magazine, and in future issues of AMA Today.

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## AMA officer nominations are due by June 21

Nominations for the offices of AMA president and vice presidents in Districts I, V, and IX are due at the Headquarters of the Academy of Model Aeronautics June 21, 2013. Any AMA Open Member may submit a nomination. Vice president nominees must be Leader Members of the Academy and must reside in the district they wish to represent. AMA president nominees must also be Leader Members of the AMA and must previously have served as a member of the Executive Council, as an associate vice president, or as a Contest Board member for at least one year.

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## Inaugural Irwin Cup Regatta on Lake AMA scheduled

Make plans now to attend the Inaugural Irwin Cup Regatta model powerboat race on Lake AMA, in Muncie IN, hosted by the Muncie Racing Club on July 13 and 14. The race will include an all-day open water on Friday, July 12, for practice and testing. The drivers' meeting will be held in the hot pits at 8:30 a.m., with heat racing starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Four rounds of heat racing will be run, with an awards presentation to follow the last round. The Irwin Cup will be presented to the driver with the highest points accumulated in two classes. [Sign-up forms are available now.](#)

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## Tell us about your club's history

The AMA History Program was developed to preserve the history of model aviation by collecting biographies of modelers and histories of model aviation-related organizations. To encourage our clubs to provide club histories, a flyer was included in this year's charter club renewal mailings, sent out early this year. By providing this information you will be helping us to document the real history of aeromodeling. Information about this program is available online, along with the 30 club history stories that have already been collected. For those clubs that have not renewed, please do so prior to the expiration date, March 31, to avoid any interruption in your charter status or flying site insurance coverage

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## Become a Model Aviation Mentor

AMA members love model aviation, and most can think back to the first time a group of modelers or an individual shared the love of flying with them. As Frank Geisler writes in his piece on [www.modelaviation.com](#), finding someone to teach the skills necessary to fly is not always easy. Frank offers a solution with his Model Aviation Mentors program. The idea is simple and it uses an online map program that is available to everyone. Mentoring offers pilots a chance to work one on one with the person they work with, and offers newcomers a place to go to find someone to introduce them to a local field, club, and hobby that they might one day love as much as we do.

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## Become a Museum Patron and receive 20% off your plans purchase

Now through August 31, 2013, new National Model Aviation Museum Patrons will receive a 20% off coupon for an entire purchase from the [AMA Plans Service](#). Roughly 18,000 aircraft plans are now on sale. New patrons will also receive regular Museum Patron benefits including the museum's exclusive quarterly newsletter, *Cloud 9*, free admission to the National Model Aviation Museum, and 10% off purchases in the [museum store](#).

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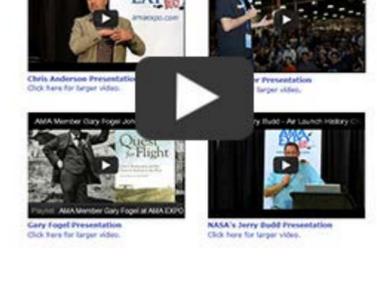
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## Basil and Dorothy Cooper Memorial Scholarship announced

The Basil and Dorothy Cooper Memorial Scholarship, established in 2012, will be granted to a current college student pursuing an engineering or technical degree while enrolled at an accredited four-year institution in 2013. Scholarship founder, Basil Cooper Jr., has established this \$500 scholarship in memory of his parents, Dorothy and Basil Cooper Sr. This scholarship is the first one offered by the AMA to undergraduates.

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## 2013 AMA Expo guest speaker videos now available online

If you missed the 2013 AMA Expo held in Ontario CA, in January, you can now view videos of each of the featured guest speakers. This year's guest speaker list included Olympic Champion Bruce Jenner; Chris Anderson, who left as editor of *Wired* magazine to lead a UAV company; Jerry Budd of NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center; aviation historian and author, Gary Fogel.

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## 2013 FAI teams announced

The teams that will represent the United States in this year's FAI competitions have been announced for the 2013 season. Each team was selected late last year at team trial events based on different criteria set for each specialization.

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## Calling all engineers

The American Engineering Association (AEA) Inc. is a nonprofit corporation that was established to support the profession of engineering and the engineers working in the field. The corporation is seeking new members to help in its quest to enhance the engineering profession and US engineering capabilities. To learn more about the organization, read the organization's official publication, the *American Engineer*, now available online.

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## Mastering the landing approach

It has long been said that the key to a good landing is a good approach to the runway, in other words, one that requires few corrections. Dave Scott shares lessons in proactive flying versus reactive flying.

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## Most memorable aviation records of 2012

Every year the National Aeronautic Association serves as the official record keeper for United States aviation attempts. This requires the organization to track dozens of world and national record attempts, including those certified in the US, and the world records ratified with the FAI. At the end of each year, under the direction of the Contest and Records Department, records certified for that year are reviewed and a list of the "most memorable" is created. These records and record setters will be honored at NAA's Spring Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA on March 12, 2013.

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## Legend AMA caps on sale

Visit the online AMA store today to view new pieces available for the 2013 flying season. There are several new products, including these 100% cotton brushed twill caps. These modern caps, have cut-and-sew contrast color inserts on top of the visor with a self-fabric, small white AMA embroidered logos, and end-on-end Velcro closures in back. Purchase yours today for only \$9 in royal blue, red, or black.

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