

## A great summer of flying takes off at IAC!

Another terrific season for model aviation pilots and spectators is ahead for this summer around the country, and especially at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie IN, next to AMA's Headquarters and the National Model Aviation Museum. Got the bug? Then put these events on your calendar for the coming months.



### Celebrating 75 years of model aviation, July 14-17 . . .

Flying this summer has a special luster to it - it's the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Born in the Golden Age of Aviation, AMA is still going strong and it's time to celebrate. You are invited to join pilots and

enthusiasts from across the country July 14-17 at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN for several days of flying and camaraderie. [Click here to see the schedule of events.](#) You are also invited to attend the Diamond Anniversary Gala, July 15, at the Muncie Horizon Convention Center, an evening of good food, live music and a look back and forward to all that gives AMA its renowned stature. Go [here](#) for Gala details.

### ...and 85 years of National Aeromodeling Championships - The Nats!

Even older than AMA is the spirit of model aircraft competition. Ten years before AMA was organized there were national-level competitions. The National Aeromodeling Championships - forever known as "The Nats" - will be held once again at the IAC in Muncie, June 25 - August 11. For five-plus weeks, competitions in a full array of disciplines will be open to all who register and to all who are fascinated with the best performances in model aviation. Nats Director Ron Morgan, in his 51<sup>st</sup> year in this capacity, and his 20+ Contest Directors should be commended for giving so much for this to happen. [Click here to learn more.](#)



### Extreme Flight Championships take it to the max

Want to say, "WOW!" Want to see model airplanes and helicopters do things you never thought possible given the laws of gravity and physics? It happens at the Extreme Flight Championships (XFC), June

3-5, at the IAC. Contest Director Frank Noll, Jr. has pilots coming from seven countries and Puerto Rico. The four-minute freestyle flights rock to music and feature "gadgets" not normally seen in routine flying. It's all about choreography and precision by some of the best pilots anywhere. [Make plans now to attend, click here!](#)

### National Electric Fly-In - come to Muncie, plug it in, join 100+ pilots

For the second year, AMA is sponsoring the National Electric Fly-In, June 10-12 at the IAC. Open to all who want to register for \$15 per pilot at this all-electric recreational fly-in. Free camping, free battery charging stations, special hotel rates, raffles, and free admission to the National Model Aviation Museum - which will share in proceeds from the admission donation, along with the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF) of Muncie. [Get plugged in to this affordable, fun flying opportunity by clicking here.](#)



### F3A World Championship brings 35 national teams to compete at IAC

Yet another fantastic opportunity to see the world's best aeromodeling pilots compete will be at the July 23-August 1 F3A World Championship at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie. This year features 35 national teams from around the globe competing in RC Pattern flying. As a program of the Fédération Aéronautique Nationale, the World Championship is affiliated with the International Olympic Committee. For much of the country the IAC is within a day's drive. This is yet another premier event to put on your calendar for this summer. Check out the link below and plan on it!

[ [check it out](#) ]

## Dave Mathewson named AMA Executive Director

At its April meeting, the Executive Council accepted the resignation of its president, Dave Mathewson, in his fourth year of service at the helm, so that he could accept the vacant position of executive director, effective April 15. Mark Smith, Executive Vice President, will assume the duties of the president until a special election this fall. Click the link below to read the PDF announcement.

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## Keep tabs on AMA advocacy working for you



The recent Congressional Awareness Campaign produced more than 90,000 letters to members of Congress from members and aeromodeling enthusiasts throughout America. Congress got the message. Model aviation has done very well policing itself for generations and doesn't need federal agency oversight, but vigilance is still required. The FAA is poised to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking later this summer, in which specifics on these potential regulations will be issued. Be informed and be ready to act again if necessary. Please go to the Government Relations section of AMA's website for up-to-date running commentary by our representative Rich Hanson by clicking the link below.

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## AMA Flying site grants can really help

After helping family and friends clean up after tornadoes, Hot Springs RC Club President Larry Holcolm is now focused making good use of a \$4,000 flying site grant his Arkansas club received this spring and an upcoming Gold Leader Club celebration. The site was a former landfill. It's a good example of collaborating successfully with local officials and community relations. [Go here to visit the club website](#) and below to learn more about the Flying Site Grant program. It can really help in the area that matters most: your flying facility.

[ [check it out](#) ]

## TAG your community youth

The AMA's Take off And Grow (TAG) program provides valuable support to clubs that work with kids in their communities. Click the link below to learn more about this program. In the meantime, consider the good stuff the Brauer's Aviators club is doing with its recent TAG grant of \$1,000 from AMA in their Tonawanda NY community. Go [here](#) to read about what they are doing to promote the hobby to our latest generation of aeromodelers.

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## Last call for Camp AMA

The registration deadline for Camp AMA has been extended to May 15. AMA's inaugural offering is for youth aeromodelers who want to learn from the best and fly like the best. Open to the first 20 qualified applicants. Check out the link below to learn more.

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