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## National Model Aviation Day to support DAV

AMA's Executive Council has voted to select a different national charity for this year's celebration of National Model Aviation Day. We are happy to announce that we will be supporting the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). We encourage you to visit [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) to learn more about this group. Registered clubs will have access to an updated and improved club resources area with tools to make your event a success. The main goal of National Model Aviation Day 2016 is to celebrate the hobby and to reach out to your communities. If your club would like to support a charity other than DAV, we ask that you simply let our team know on the registration form. Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors [Hobbico](#), [Horizon Hobby](#), and [Ready Made RC](#) for helping us promote the event.

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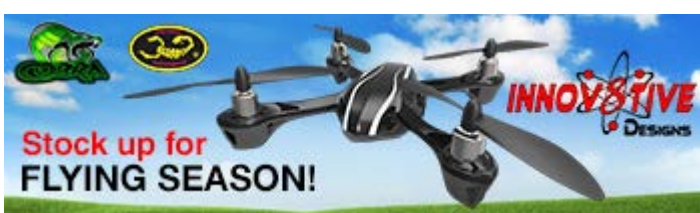


## 26 clubs awarded Flying Site Development Improvement Grants

This year 26 clubs were awarded Flying Site Development Improvement Grants totaling \$23,000! Winners are selected based on need and other criteria. Congratulations to each of the clubs who earned a portion of this year's grand total. Check out the winners of this year's grants and learn more about how to apply for a 2017 grant. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.

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## Joe Nall starts this week

Every year, Joe Nall Week, held in Woodruff, SC, hosts some of the world's best RC pilots in the country. You don't want to miss these spectacular displays of piloting skills and equipment! Combine all of this with the Triple Tree Aerodrome's great meals, great friends, and unmatched fun-and Joe Nall Week 2016 promises to be the best ever.

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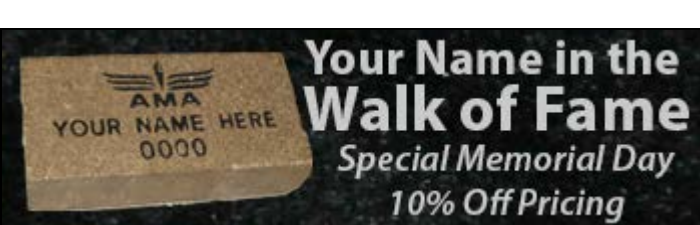


## Special Rule for Model Aircraft looks favorable in the House

AMA staff members continue to work daily on the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, which is up for renewal this year. Our Government Relations team has put together a new blog post to update you on our current standings with both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. While at times frustrating, progress can be slow when working with Congress. We appreciate your patience, readiness to assist, and support as we move through this important process.

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## Club officer pins have arrived

They are here! We have received the 2016 club officer lapel pins from the manufacturer and we will start mailing them this week. Please allow 10 to 14 business days for the pins to arrive. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to aeromodeling.

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## UAS4STEM Takes Flight

What happens when you take 17 teams of students, a Quadzilla, and a dummy, and put them all together in Hollywood, MD? Fun! See AMA's newest exciting competition, UAS4STEM, in action in the digital edition of *Model Aviation*.

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## AMA announces new RC Helicopter-Freestyle Team Selection program

The AMA is pleased to announce the creation of a new FAI Team Selection Program for F3N - RC Helicopters Freestyle. The first team selection event will be held in conjunction with the helicopter portion of the 90th AMA Nats, taking place August 1-4, 2016, at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN.

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## Warbird Pylon Racing

In anticipation of the 2016 Nats, Don Stegall introduces readers to the fast-paced sport of Warbird Pylon Racing. If you have a semiscale warbird ARF, you might already have everything you need!

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## International Drone Day is May 7

International Drone Day 2016 takes place Saturday, May 7. This follows the success of the first International Drone Day in 2015, which more than 40,000 people in 150 countries celebrated. Hundreds of teams throughout the world will hold events to educate those outside of the drone community about the many positive ways in which drones can be used to better society. The mantra of those taking part is "Drones are Good!" To find an event near you, visit [www.internationaldroneday.com](http://www.internationaldroneday.com).

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## AMA flags on sale for a limited time

Update your flying field this year with a new AMA flag. Produced in the US, these eye-catching flags are made of high-quality UV-treated fabric, with lock-stitch construction, and have two brass grommets. The flags measure 3 x 5 feet, and have an AMA logo. They are available in navy with a white AMA logo, or white with a navy AMA logo. The flags are on sale this May for \$64.99.

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