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## Deadline for casting ballots November 12

The Academy's annual election period began September 15 and continues to November 12. Ballots for applicable district and national elections need to be postmarked by November 12. At stake are District Vice President positions in Districts 3, 7, and 11, as well as Executive Vice President and President. All are for three-year terms. To see the slates please check on the link below.

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## Renew your membership now to keep your benefits intact

The 2012 AMA membership renewal period has begun. Click the link below to renew your membership for 2012 to keep your insurance current and to keep your magazines coming. Those are just two of the many benefits you receive by being an AMA member. Click the link below to renew your membership.

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## UPDATE: FAA to release proposed aeromodeling regulations in February



According to the latest information from the Federal Aviation Administration, it will release its "notice of proposed rulemaking," or NPRM, in February 2012. It was formerly to be released in December but was pushed back by the federal agency. All aeromodelers and friends of our hobby and sport are urged to re-focus on this potentially restricting act by the government agency, become thoroughly informed about topic, and be ready to respond to an AMA-led letter-writing campaign as soon as it comes out. Citizens are given 90 days to respond to any proposed regulation and the AMA is counting on you as it did last spring when we flooded Congress with 90,000+ letters of protest. Click the link below to learn more!

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## Member Dan Landis and NASA DROID Coming to Expo

AMA member Dan Landis will be a guest speaker at Expo. Dan competes in F3A precision aerobatics and performs flying demos when he is not piloting UAVs for the military. Dan has been on the cover of many RC magazines and has also written numerous articles for 3D Flyer, RC Sport Flyer and Model Aviation. See the NASA DROID and its command vehicle and learn how Dryden Flight Research Center uses the DROID or Dryden Remotely Operated Integrated Drone for flight research, pilot training and the INSPIRE student internship program. Advance tickets to the Expo are on sale now at great discount.



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## The perfect holiday gifts? Think the AMA Store and a Walk of Fame brick!

Shirts, hats, pullovers and gizmos of all sorts are just a click away when you visit the AMA Store online. [Click here to see some of the many offerings that would be perfect for the aeromodelers you know.](#) Heck, maybe even treat yourself! [The online catalog can also be downloaded here as a PDF.](#)

For a timeless tribute to an aeromodeler, a club or a supporting organization, put a commemorative brick in your holiday gift mix. The AMA's Walk of Fame beckons. Click the link below to order one today.

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## Yet another aviation youth organization partners with AMA



During the last AMA Executive Council meeting, October 29, representatives from Youth Aviation Adventure signed a memorandum of agreement with AMA to mutually beneficial programming to attract youth to each organization. Pictured here is YAA Chairman Steve Wathen signing that agreement with AMA Executive Vice President Mark Smith. [Click here to read that MOU](#) and click the link below to learn more about the YAA's many youth squadrons across the country.

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## Help kids get the bug



This winter, when you have a moment to plan for the 2012 flying season, consider the benefits of working with the AMA's Take-Off-and-Grow program, or TAG. The Academy may be able help you with advice and financial assistance to conduct this youth-outreach event. [Go here to learn about TAG.](#)

Does your club know of a promising youngster or two that could really blossom in aeromodeling with some expert training? Your club could consider sponsoring one or more youth to attend AMA's second annual Camp AMA conducted next summer at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie. Put some air under the wings of the kids in your area! Click the link below to learn more about the camp

[ [check it out](#) ]

## Calling all Leader Members, current and potential

The AMA's Leader Member program has a few new wrinkles that you'll want to explore. Leader Member Coordinator Rusty Kennedy and his committee have added two new classifications that emphasis active service to clubs and members. Check out the newly revised Web pages and blog for Leader Members by clicking the link below. Leader Members lead. For Open members willing and able this is an important program to ensure the ongoing health of our clubs and viability of our hobby.

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## Mrs. Walt Good visits the National Model Aviation Museum



The National Model Aviation Museum staff was honored by a visit this week from Joyce Good, the widow of "The Father of Modern Radio-controlled Aircraft" Dr. Walt Good. Accompanied by her daughter, Ginnie, and son-in-law, John, Mrs. Good was on her way back to Warner, New Hampshire. A reproduction of Good's pioneering RC airplane, "The Big Guff," hangs in the NMAM (the original is in the Smithsonian). Mrs. Good and museum Collections Manager Maria VanVreede are pictured here in front of the museum. Click the link below to read a PDF of Dr. Good's biography in the AMA's History Program.

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## Magazine preview: Upcoming Model Aviation feature

Check out this preview feature from *Model Aviation*. Mastering Straight Lines and Course Adjustments - BETTER CONTROL WITH LESS INPUT by Dave Scott.

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## AMA helps yet another club with a flying site disaster grant

The South Shore R/C Club in Massachusetts just received an AMA disaster grant for \$500 to help with damages done during Hurricane Irene this summer. The wind removed several sections of their pavilion roof and sides, separated several structural posts from the foundation, and fractured numerous roof and post beams which necessitated a rebuild of the structure. For more information on this valuable benefit to clubs and members check out the link below .

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