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With member feedback, AMA issues new guidelines for FPV

After months of study and consultation with various stakeholder groups, AMA's leadership team has developed new guidelines for first-person view (FPV) and advanced flight systems, or autonomous flight for model aircraft that operate within AMA's safety code.

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Hurricane Sandy visit your club? AMA disaster relief available; donations urgently needed

The Academy's [Disaster Relief program](#) is available to clubs that have incurred damage to their facilities because of natural calamities. The recent superstorm affected nearly one third of the country. Learn more about this valuable club benefit and apply if appropriate. And consider helping your fellow beleaguered aeromodelers by donating to the Disaster Relief fund. It is greatly needed and appreciated.

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Your Opinion Matters!
"Model Aviation digital outlets"

Take this very brief survey on your experience with *Model Aviation's* digital outlets. You will be entered into a drawing to win a free AMA membership!

Previous survey results are in

If you were one of the respondents to last month's blog reader survey, we thank you for taking the time to answer the questions and provide feedback. Results are in and a winner has been chosen to receive a free AMA membership. Congratulations to Wayne J. Verba of Aguanda CA. Take this month's survey for another chance to win.

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AMA working with FAA's UAS Integration Office

The Academy's Government Relations team, headed by Rich Hanson, met with the new leader of the FAA's UAS Integration office last month in an effort for both groups to find common ground and a path forward with complying with the directives of the "Special Rule for Model Aircraft" as passed by Congress in February. It is a positive step, but much lies ahead in our quest to protect your flying privileges. Check out our recent advocacy efforts in the Government Relations blog.

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Stand out on the field with an alphanumeric number today

When renewing your membership this year consider paying an additional onetime fee of \$50 for your own custom alphanumeric number. Alpha numeric combinations are limited to a maximum of eight characters. This includes all upper case letters of the alphabet, numbers 0 through 9, and symbols - + & / only. Less than one percent of AMA members have an alphanumeric number. Get yours today and stand out from the rest.

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Walk of Fame special for November

Honor the veteran in your life with a brick on the AMA Walk of Fame - \$100, \$500, or \$1000 each. During the month of November, receive 10% off any brick purchase or buy a \$1,000 8 x 8 granite brick and receive a smaller 4 x 8 paver brick for free. You can now purchase bricks online through the [Support AMA page](#).

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Renew now; don't let your benefits lapse

AMA membership campaign for the 2013 season is now underway. Don't let your member benefits and magazine subscription lapse; renew today. Consider bringing along a friend or three. Sign up three new members and you receive a free year's membership for yourself. Click on the button above to renew - it's fast, safe, and easy!

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Model Aviation preview: Build a model Scale helicopter

Bob Fiorenze shares tips on building a Scale helicopter. Read the step-by-step process supplemented with over 30 photos as Bob builds a Gropner Bell 230.

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District V event a 90-pilot success

The District V Airfest was held October 26-28 in Statesboro, Georgia. The Ogeechee Aeromasters won the district contest to conduct the event at Posser Field. More than 90 pilots registered to fly at the event, which featured demonstrations by Verne Horne, Matt Botos, and Mac Hodges.

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Take Flight for Kids rocks San Jose

The biggest, most fun, hands-on science, arts, do-it-yourself, Free festival in Northern California, "Take Flight for Kids" was held Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Reid Hillview Airport in San Jose. Through the event, kids are encouraged to learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

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District III Holiday Electric Fly scheduled for December

The third annual Holiday Electric Fly 2012 will be held at the SPIRE Institute December 7-9 in Ohio. Roughly 300 registered pilots and more than 1,000 airplanes are expected for the show. Several fun events are scheduled for the three-day event including Combat, Pylon, ultralight carrier landing, 3-D comp, and musical airplanes. Santa is expected on Saturday at 1:00 pm.

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Popular fleece jacket now on sale

This winter stay warm and stylish in this extraordinary fleece jacket. The jacket has two front zip pockets and one zip pocket on the left arm. This jacket is great for both male and female modelers, and is marked down \$6 in November. S-1X \$41.99, 2X \$44.99, 3X \$47.99 and 4X \$50.99. Check out this and other new AMA jackets in this year's [product guide](#).

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