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AMA has launched the first video in a series called "Flying Drones Safely" featuring AMA members. The first video features AMA ambassador and astronaut Robert "Hoot" Gibson. Other videos in the series to follow feature airline captain Brad Lang, helicopter pilot and comedian Jeff Dunham, and full-scale aerobatic pilot Sean D. Tucker. Please share this first video featuring Hoot Gibson on your club website, Facebook and other social media.

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Member update: U.S. Department of Transportation's UAS registration task force

AMA is limited in how much it can divulge about the recent meetings of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) registration task force because of the rules established for participation. In a recent email, however, it provided members with a brief update on the proceedings. During the task force meetings, AMA strongly argued for its members to be exempt from federal registration, as Congress intended with the Special Rule for Model Aircraft in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The task force's detailed recommendations to the FAA are scheduled to become public on Friday, November 20. AMA intends to make its views explicit in these final recommendations and will continue to advocate for its members to be exempt from registration if the final recommendations state otherwise. After this information is made public, AMA will be able to more openly and publicly address the registration proposal. In the meantime, AMA encourages its members to submit comments on the FAA's registration proposal through the www.regulations.gov portal. Although comments were due by November 6, the docket remains open and the U.S. Department of Transportation has indicated that it will consider all comments received.

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AMA to launch new e-newsletter, Ground Control

AMA will launch its first edition of Ground Control during the first week in December. This new electronic newsletter is geared to provide important and specific information to club officers, contest directors, Leader Members, and Associate Vice Presidents. Members who don't currently hold any of these positions, but who are interested in the information provided, will have the option to subscribe. For more information, watch for AMA blog posts and check your email inbox!

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The History of Torrey Pines

Several modelers know about the beauty of the famous Torrey Pines Gliderport in San Diego, but they might not realize that the site has an illustrious history. AMA Fellow and aviation historian, Dr. Gary Fogel, stopped by AMA Headquarters and talked about Torrey Pines Gliderport-one of the world's most famous flying sites. Watch a video of the interview, which was featured in *AMA Air*.

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Bay Area Drone Film Festival encourages safe operations with video contest

The Bay Area Drone Film Festival is teaming with the Know Before You Fly education campaign to welcome a new category to this year's competition. Festival organizers invite drone enthusiasts and videographers to produce short, creative videos that promote the safe and responsible use of unmanned aircraft systems.

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AMA Walk of Fame bricks now 10 percent off

In honor of Veterans Day AMA is offering a 10% discount special for AMA Walk of Fame brick purchases. You do not have to be a veteran to take advantage of the special, but we do encourage you to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone who has impacted your life. With the holidays around the corner, these commemorative bricks make great gifts!

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Military Heritage Chapter of the League of WWI Aviation offer modelers assistance

With the centennial of World War I upon us, there might be a greater interest from AMA members in building and flying biplanes. Most builders strive for the best replication of an aircraft's original markings and colors. Members of the Military Heritage Chapter of the League of WWI Aviation Historians are resources for builders looking to perfect WW I aircraft from all nations and all aircraft that participated in the Great War.

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Properly storing disposing of LiPos

Too often, we are eager to charge our LiPos batteries in preparation for a flight, but we neglect to properly discharge or store them. There is much confusion as to how to do this properly, but we share tips to simplify the process.

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Horizon Hobby extends B-17 model sale to benefit AMA Foundation

Thanks to our friends at Horizon Hobby for offering a special AMA member price on its beautiful ultra-micro B-17G Flying Fortress. **Through November 22, 2015 it can be yours for only \$69.99.** That's a savings of \$30 off the regular price of \$99.99. With every B-17G purchased, Horizon Hobby will make a generous donation of \$10 to the AMA Foundation to help fund programs. **Use promo code AMAB76344 when ordering.** Hurry supplies are limited!

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Bolivar Sport Flyers rally around one of their own

On October 10, 2015, the Bolivar Sport Flyers in Missouri, held a fundraiser to help the family of Adam Quennoz, a club officer and founding member. Several surrounding clubs joined the Missouri-based fliers at the event, raising \$2,500. Adam was involved in a motorcycle accident where he sustained a traumatic brain injury. He is currently making progress in a long recovery process at a rehabilitation facility in Atlanta. Click the link to learn more about the event and how to donate.

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AMA trailer hitch covers on sale

Show your pride in AMA and add some character to your truck or SUV with an AMA trailer hitch cover. Made of hard, black plastic, the trailer hitch cover features the AMA logo imprinted with an epoxy dome covering to help keep the logo looking new for years. The covers are designed for a standard 2-inch trailer hitch receiver and are made in the US. Regularly priced at \$24.99, they are on sale this month for \$21.99.

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