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Renew your membership, vote for your leaders

AMA open member bill and ballot should have been delivered. If you have not received yours, please contact us at memberships@modelaircraft.org to ensure that you renew your membership and have the necessary documents to vote in this year's election if there is one in your district. Many of our members are now [renewing online](#), which is the easiest way to renew.

Please visit www.modelaircraft.org to learn more about renewing online, to learn about the current members running for VP positions and to learn about special options for AMA members including alphanumeric AMA numbers. [Click here for candidate statements.](#)



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AMA's government relations blog tracks UAS expansion

By clicking the link below you will be in touch with national and global issues arising almost daily in the overlapping worlds of model aviation and sUAS. Here a few of the recent posts: "Timetable established for six UAS test sites," "Congress issues reports and forms UAS caucus," "National security lawyers go rogue with 'Drone Smackdown,'" and "Constitutionality of Aerial Surveillance." Get up to speed. Understand what authorities are saying about the rapidly expanding world of unmanned aviation and how it impacts aeromodelling.

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

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Huntsville member gives AMA \$13,000 for scholarships in parents' memory

Huntsville, Alabama and Rocket City RC Club member Basil Cooper Jr. recently contributed \$13,000 to the AMA Scholarship Fund to help AMA youth members go to college for technical pursuits such as engineering, Cooper's profession, and to commemorate his parents who helped him long ago with model aviation. To learn more about Basil's career and his love of model aviation, please read about him on the Support AMA Blog.

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2012 scholarship winners announced

Congratulations to Brian Pacelli, CT, Luke Baldwin, FL, Mathew Little, TX, and Gordon Sabin, WA, winners of this year's AMA scholarships. Winners were chosen by the AMA Scholarship Committee which looked closely at the student's school related-activities and grades, flying experience, accomplishments, community service, and other related achievements. We are proud of this year's winners and encourage all AMA youth members graduating next year to apply for the 2013 scholarships.

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A wife's perspective on her husband, the aeromodeler

The Washington Post magazine recently published a humorous and insightful article about a husband's love of model aviation as seen through the eyes of his spouse. For some, aeromodelling is more than a passion - it's a lifestyle. Some understand it, some don't, but we're sure most of you will enjoy this fine piece of writing.

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Nats 2012 - Model Aviation Preview

The Nats is the world's largest model airplane gathering, comprising more than 1,000 competitors and a largely volunteer workforce of several hundred. This year's highlights included the first female competitor in International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) competition, Dub Jet's 50th Nats, and longtime Nats Manager Ron Morgan and his wife, Jane, announcing their retirement from the event. Get a sneak peak of the event coverage featured in the November issue of *Model Aviation* magazine.

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Good news for clubs participating in the Introductory Pilot Program

The Introductory Pilot Program is a great opportunity for clubs to introduce non-AMA members to the fun of aeromodelling. Club-designated instructors can teach the interested novices the ins and outs of aeromodelling hands-on for a period of 60 consecutive days. The AMA has discontinued the \$5 annual registration fee for instructors starting with the 2013 membership year. Instructors must still be designated by clubs; however, they will keep that status until AMA Headquarters is otherwise notified.

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Kentucky hosts Bluegrass World Cup for Control Line

The 2012 Bluegrass World Cup in Bowling Green, Kentucky is rapidly approaching. This FAI-sanctioned World Cup event, October 19-21, which will be held under the current FAI sporting code and regulations, is the first-ever American World Cup F2A (Speed) and F2C (Team Race) competition. The Southern Kentucky Model Aero Club (SKYMAC) is proud to be the organizer of this event. Online registration is available at www.bluegrassworldcup.com, and general questions can be addressed to bluegrassworldcup@gmail.com.

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Give the gift of flight, sponsor a kid for Camp AMA

The Academy is now accepting sponsorships from clubs or members who are interested in sending kids to Camp AMA 2013. Clubs can choose to send a local youth to camp, or provide the funds to send a preselected pilot who would like to come but cannot because of financial restrictions. Each of the sponsorships will give young pilots a chance to learn more about the hobby they love with campers their own age. Clubs sponsoring a camper's tuition for Camp AMA will receive the discounted tuition price of \$650. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the education team: education@modelaircraft.org.

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Fall special

Dress to impress and be warm at this fall's fly-ins with this soft-washed long-sleeve, preshrunk 100% warm ringspun cotton T-shirt. It is perfect for the upcoming cool days when a short sleeve T-shirt just isn't enough! Special price of \$12.99 up to 1X; 2X \$14.99.

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