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Membership Renewal and Election Ballots Coming

Beginning September 15, the AMA will be accepting membership renewals for the 2012 year. Current members are encouraged to [click here](#) to re-up by going online today. Also, members will be receiving national and district election information and ballots. Click the link below to see the slate for president, executive vice president, and vice presidents for Districts III, VII and XI. Your voice, your vote is critical to AMA's future.

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Hoot Gibson to Fly at District VIII Rice Memorial Fly-In

The highlight of a Texas September 30 - October 2 model aviation fly-in will be the attendance of five-time Space Shuttle Captain and Commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, Kingsbury TX. Gibson, the Academy of Model Aeronautics' national ambassador and lifetime member, will help the club celebrate the AMA's 75th anniversary at the fly-in, open to the public, which will attract modelers and pilots from all over the country. Click the link below to learn more.

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Disaster at your Flying Field?

AMA has your back when it comes to assistance with natural disasters that befall your flying site. A Louisiana club's field was inundated when the Mississippi River had to be discharged via a nearby spillway because of record spring rains in May. The Spillway R/C Club received \$500 from the AMA to help rebuild and equip its site. This is just one of the clubs AMA has helped this year. Floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes - we've pretty much seen it all in America in 2011. Learn more about this AMA club benefit by clicking the link below.

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AMA Flying Sites now on iPhone App

RC Flight Source will launch its new iPhone app this Friday with a special free trial offer ending this Sunday at midnight EST. Developed and powered by 2 Brothers Hobby, RC Flight Source will feature flight news, reviews, workshops, parts locator, and only AMA flying field locations that are club-approved to promote. AMA flying field locations will now be available anywhere to the 100 million iPhone users via a mobile link to the AMA website. Also, users will be able to link to AMA membership benefits and be able to join or renew. After Sunday, the app price is \$2.99 USD. Click the link below to learn more.

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District X ramps up its online presence

District X Vice President Lawrence Tougas invites all AMA members to visit its revamped website. "Our website keeps members informed about district events," says Lawrence. "I also use it as an expansion of the monthly *Model Aviation* column. The website is a natural place for additional information. Think of it as super-sizing the District column." He also urges members to visit the website's blog, including expanded August and September columns, information about the upcoming Helicopter Scale Masters, a great idea to add membership to your club, and to find out about a wonderful woman who is doing a lot to promote modeling to youth. Click on the link below. The blog is at the top of the page.

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IRCHA's Half-Mile Flight Line

Actually, according to organizer Dave Millner, the 2011 IRCHA Jamboree flightline at the AMA's International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie August 10-15 was 3,815 feet long. The IRCHA Jamboree in its 20th year, attracted 912 pilots from 28 countries. It is likely the world's largest model aviation fly-in. For the second year the Jamboree offered a serious challenge for helicopter pilots, "The One Competition." Seven pilots were given seven minutes each to perform and win a \$7000 cash prize. "The One" this year was Kyle Dahl of California. More than \$20,000 was raised over the past two years at the Jamboree for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Click the link below to see a nice video by Jamboree sponsor Mikado on this year's event.

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RDRC's Fly-for-Tots Aims for Record this Year

What is believe to be the AMA's most lucrative charity fly-in, Fly for Tots in the Raleigh-Durham area, will be September 16-18. Last year the event, sponsored by the Raleigh Durham RC club, hauled in \$27,500 for Victory Junction, an organization that help's children with chronic medical conditions in memory of NASCAR's Adam Petty. This year's goal is \$30,000. Attending and presenting will be AMA's Tom Huff, the modeler and aviator in charge of the Naval Test Wing Atlantic. Click the link below to learn more.



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Sneak Previews: October Model Aviation Article and ModelAviation.com Features

Go to www.modelaviation.com for all sorts of informative and interactive features. Read current and archived features, submit stories of your own, be a part of the "editorial board" with a voice on cover art, among many other offerings. And if you have questions about what it takes to be a model helicopter pilot, click the link below for a sneak preview of an October *Model Aviation* feature on the basics of RC rotorcraft. [Read the PDF here.](#)



Announcing CAP's Model Aircraft and Remote Control Flying Program

The Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Aerospace Education (AE) Model Airplane and Remote Control flying program (MARC) is now available for your review. It promotes aviation as an educational tool and focuses on providing model aviation related educational opportunities and hands-on experiences for CAP cadets, seniors and teacher members. The aircraft include anything that is Free Flight, such as hand- or catapult-launched gliders as well as any powered aircraft (rubber band, electric, or gas) and radio control (RC) flight. For more information about how to obtain your copy of the program, click the link below

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Warbirds, Dawn Patrol Fill Skies at IAC

The Indiana Warbird Campaign and Hoosier Patrol provided classic, scale thrills and artistry during an IAC event over Labor Day weekend at the AMA's Muncie campus. With temperatures flirting with 100 degrees, the action was as hot as the weather. More than \$1100 was raised in donations for the Muncie Fire Department's Charities. Click the link below to see photos from this event.

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