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US teams shine at world championships

Congratulations to the many individuals and teams that have placed at this year's FAI world championships. The following teams placed first at their respected competitions: The F3D team at the RC Pylon competition at the Deelen Air Force Base, the Netherlands; the F3A team at the RC Aerobatics competition at the Midvaal Raceway, Henley-on-Klip, South Africa; and the F1B team at the Outdoor Free Flight competition in Moncontour, France. All US team and individual results are available online.

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National Model Aviation Day a success

Congratulations to the 176 clubs that participated in the inaugural National Model Aviation Day on August 17. The event was successful, with four state proclamations, thousands of attendees across the nation, and thousands of dollars collected for the Wounded Warrior Project. A detailed photo archive has been created that displays photos submitted to us by clubs across the country. A final tally of the funds raised will be released at a later date along with information on the details of next year's event.

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2014 AMA membership renewal begins September 15

Current AMA members should be receiving their annual membership dues invoice and a slate of AMA officers up for election by the first of October. Remember, you can renew your membership online. This saves the Academy processing time and money. Don't let your benefits lapse; renew today!

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Wings Across America adventure comes to an end

SQuiRT, the battery- powered model plane that started its voyage through all 48 of the contiguous United States will soon be donated to the National Model Aviation Museum to mark the completion of its adventure. The trainer airplane began the journey more than 5 years ago and has been flown by 811 pilots throughout the country. Thank you to everyone who took part in this historical event.

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Modeler feedback requested for science hobby survey

North Carolina State University is seeking assistance from modelers throughout the country to take a National Science Foundation- sponsored survey that will investigate the characteristics and educational experiences of people who are active in science hobbies. Your information will remain anonymous and those who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Target gift card.

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DCRCC host introduction to UAS technology

On August 14, 2013, the District of Columbia Radio Control Club (DCRCC) hosted a visit to its spectacular flying site near Boyds MD by AMA President Bob Brown, Jamie Lessard from the FAA UAS Integration Office, and representatives from Intelligent UAS, distributors of DJI UAS products. DCRCC members provided a hands-on demonstration of RC flight and an introduction to UAS technology. Fantastic weather and the club's generous hospitality ensured that the evening and the demonstration were successful.

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Introduce model aviation with the MASC program

The AMA Model Aviation Student Clubs (MASC) is a chartered club program for schools. It gives schools the opportunity to start their own model aviation clubs. Starting a MASC is free and it gives students a chance to gather and share their love of aviation. Schools that sign up for a MASC program will receive free student memberships, club banners, club charters, and full access to AMA insurance benefits. Schools that participate in the MASC program offer their students the opportunity to be eligible for the many annual scholarships available through the AMA.

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MA sneak preview: 3-D printing for aeromodeling

The 3-D printer is the newest tool in the workshop. The first time watching a 3-D object being printed can be awe inspiring. 3-D printing brings forth memories of the "Star Trek" episodes where the computer is asked to replicate an object and a few seconds later, the object materializes. It is hard to not be excited when you realize we are not far from the reality of that scenario. The entire article will be featured in the October issue of *Model Aviation* plus access digital exclusive photos and extra content.

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Winter hours begin at National Model Aviation Museum

The new winter hours at the National Model Aviation Museum will start Monday, September 30. The hours will be Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum and Cloud 9 museum store will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

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UAV Challenge Outback Rescue on Facebook

The UAV Challenge Outback Rescue 2013-2014 is now active on Facebook. Visit its new page to learn about the nonprofit's mission and ideas for UAVs. This organization is leading the way in using unmanned aircraft for search and rescue and to harness the ingenuity and passion of aeromodelers, university students, and high-school students to develop original, cost-effective solutions to airborne search and rescue.

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Cast your vote

The Bank of England recently announced that celebrated writer Jane Austen will be the new face of Britain's £10 notes. Now is your chance to place your vote on which woman should be placed on a US bill in *Parade* magazine's online poll. One of the choices is aviator Amelia Earhart. Vote now to see whom the majority chooses.

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Inspire laughter on the flying field

Wear this humorous, eye- catching T-shirt to your flying field or your next club gathering. It is made of 100% cotton with a tag-free neck label for ultimate comfort. These T-shirts are available in the large "Society of Aircraft Demolishers" logo on the back with the AMA logo on the front in black. The shirts are available in S - 4X for the special price of \$9.99.

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