

# AMA TODAY

Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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## California governor vetoes SB 142

A bill intended to restrict drone pilots in California has been vetoed by Gov. Jerry Brown. In a media release published on September 10, AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson publically thanked the nearly 3,000 AMA members in California who wrote to the governor and urged him to veto the bill.

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## AMA refutes FAA's near miss claims

In response to FAA's August 12 release of "[Pilot Reports of Close Calls with Drones Soar in 2015](#)," AMA has evaluated the alluded sightings and believes that the FAA could have done a better job of presenting their data in a more factually accurate manner. On Monday, September 14, AMA published its full analysis of FAA's report, which was included in a story in [USA Today](#) and [Vice News](#) the same day. While AMA works closely with the FAA, and considers the agency as a partner in promoting model aircraft and consumer drone safety, AMA's leadership felt the report only served, at best, to paint a cloudy and less than accurate picture and raises concerns that simply may not be realistic.

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## Academy of Model Aeronautics achieves 50,000 Youth member milestone

Model flying continues to grow in popularity as a hobby, educational tool, and aviation platform. With the help of several partners and its amplified work with school groups, AMA has achieved a milestone of 50,000 Youth members. AMA's youth program is free for those under 19 and includes insurance coverage, a monthly e-newsletter, scholarship opportunities, and access to model flying information and education.

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## AMA seeks new education specialist

Love model flying? Would you like to work for the world's largest model aviation organization at the International Aeromodeling Center? The Academy of Model Aeronautics is looking for a dynamic, creative, and engaging individual who is interested in developing programs to inspire education through model aviation! This full-time position includes great benefits and a fast-paced, fun work environment. If interested in joining the AMA team, contact AMA's Human Resources department via email at [hr@modelaircraft.org](mailto:hr@modelaircraft.org).

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## AMA bill and ballot to hit mailboxes starting September 23

AMA's annual bill and ballot mailing has begun. If you reside in AMA Districts II, IV, VI, VIII, or X we ask that you select the candidate you would like to see as your district representative. Ballots must be postmarked by November 6. Thank you for supporting the AMA's continued work with your membership renewal, your votes, and your generous donations!

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## Build a home for your multirotor

For \$13 and some free time, you can have a custom-built carrying case for your multirotor. *Model Aviation* contributor Jerry Smith walks you through the building process in this digital-exclusive how-to construction article.

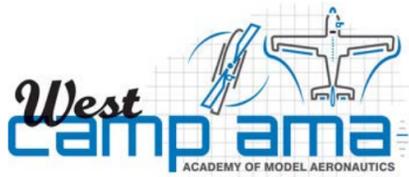
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## Advance tickets for AMA Expo now on sale

Start planning your trip now to AMA Expo, which takes place January 8-10, 2016, in Ontario, CA. Individual and group advance tickets are now available at reduced rates. Check out [amaexpo.com](http://amaexpo.com) for updates, information about our guest speakers, and more.

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## Camp AMA West spots are filling up

Ready to improve your flying skills and learn from the best? Then make sure to check out Camp AMA West. This adults-only educational experience will take place in Las Vegas, December 2-6, 2015.

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## Park Pilot subscription includes free Park Pilot Digital

We continue to receive positive feedback on the new look of *Park Pilot* and the availability of the digital version! Subscribe today you receive the Fall issue, available in October. If you enjoy flying small electric model aircraft, *Park Pilot* is the magazine for you! There is no other magazine on the market that focuses primarily on aircraft, helicopters, and multirotors that can be flown at most small fields, and in many cases, indoors. Every subscriber gets access to the digital edition and the online archive of past *Park Pilot* issues!

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