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Model flying clubs to celebrate the hobby and raise money for veterans

Muncie, IN— Nearly 200 model aviation clubs across the country are registered to participate in the Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation's third annual National Model Aviation Day celebration, set for August 15. The event aims to celebrate model flying and to raise money for charity. Most clubs will be raising money to support the Wounded Warrior Project.

National Model Aviation Day was established in 2013 to celebrate the history, hobby, and sport of model aviation. Registered clubs have been asked to conduct a public event with a focus on model aviation education, camaraderie, and community support.

The Wounded Warrior Project was selected to receive the proceeds from the fundraisers because the AMA received many positive responses from clubs that felt honored to help this charity. A number of military veterans are AMA members.

Wounded Warrior Project was established to honor and empower our wounded veterans and military heroes. It increases public awareness of and enlists support for injured service members. It also provides unique programs and services to meet the veterans' needs. This year's goal is to surpass last year's total contribution of \$100,000.

Several organizations have assisted the AMA Foundation in its efforts to celebrate National Model Aviation Day. We want to recognize National Model Aviation Day platinum sponsors Hobbico, HobbyKing, Horizon Hobby, and Ready Made RC, and this year's gold-level sponsors, Tower Hobbies, Hostetler's Plans, Volaré Products, and RC Groups.com/FlyingGiants.com. The AMA Foundation would also like to thank the FAA for its support of the event and all of the sponsors helping fund the clubs' celebrations.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has a long and successful history of advocating for model aviation pilots' right to fly, encouraging STEM-based education related to model aviation principles, and encouraging competition that abides by the AMA's safety guidelines. National Model Aviation Day will celebrate these things, and a hobby that has become a passion for thousands of people across the country.

Club celebrations will include many different activities such as fun-flies, buddy-box flying, community picnics, air shows, auctions, motorcycle rallies, and more. A complete list of participating clubs and descriptions of the activities each has planned can be found at <http://nationalmodelaviationday.org/find-an-event/>.

For more information about National Model Aviation Day, visit <http://nationalmodelaviationday.org> or contact Mandee Mikulski, director of development for the AMA Foundation, at (765) 287-1256, ext. 277, or via email at mandeem@modelaircraft.org.