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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

**NASA SPACE SHUTTLE COMMANDER ROBERT “HOOT” GIBSON TO SPEAK AT
AMA EXPO EAST IN SECAUCUS, NJ FEBRUARY 24 – 26**

*Weekend event includes Home School Day and opportunities to learn about, fly
and buy model aircraft and drones*

MUNCIE, Ind. – Five time NASA space shuttle commander and AMA Life Member Robert “Hoot” Gibson will share his aviation story at the upcoming [AMA Expo East](#), presented by Ready Made RC, at the Meadowlands Convention Center in Secaucus, New Jersey February 24 – 26. The three-day event is hosted by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

The Expo will include [Home School Day](#), Friday, February 24, where students in the area can experience model aircraft and drones first-hand. Students will have a chance to meet astronaut Robert “Hoot” Gibson, experience RC flight simulators, try model and drone flying, watch RC boat demos, and more. Kids will also be able to take home model airplane and rocket building-kits. Information about STEM and after-school programs will also be available at the event.

Other speakers at the AMA Expo East include:

- David and Sarah Oneal, *That Drone Show: A showing of the new documentary “The Drone Invasion,”* followed by a discussion
- The Huff Family: Multiple generations of AMA members share their aviation journey
- Sal Calvagna: RC Giants and Model Aviation Magazine writer, with special guest Nikolai Sikorsky

The full schedule for the AMA expo is available [online](#). The presenting sponsor of the Expo is Ready Made RC. Other sponsors include Nationwide Insurance, Castle Creations, Estes Rockets, International Radio Controlled Helicopter Association and Brownie’s Pro & Sport Hobbies. Children age 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. Additional ticket details and pricing can be found [here](#).

What: AMA Expo East

When: Friday, February 24, 2017 11am – 5pm
Saturday, February 25, 2017 10am – 5pm
Sunday, February 26, 2017 10am – 4pm

Where: Meadowlands Exposition Center
355 Plaza Drive
Secaucus, NJ 07094

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*The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936 serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 200,000 modelers in more than 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft and drones for recreation and educational purposes.
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