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**AMA OFFERS DRONE EDUCATION FOR NEW PILOTS, SPEAKER SERIES AT EXPO WEST IN ONTARIO, CA JANUARY 5 – 7**

**MUNCIE, Ind.** – The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will host the 20th annual [AMA Expo West](#), presented by ReadyMadeRC.com, at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California January 5 - 7. As many in southern California will have received model aircraft and drones as holiday gifts, the three-day event will give newcomers of all ages the opportunity to learn about flying safely and responsibly.

The event will also include nearly [a hundred exhibitors](#), as well as a featured speaker series, including:

- **Mason Hutchinson**, AMA Member: “Building a Flying Football Field, an Insider’s Scoop on StratoLaunch”
- **Al Bowers**, Chief Scientist at the NASA Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center: “Latest Developments of the Prandtl Wing”
- **Steffi Valkov**, Flight Operations Engineer, ASA Armstrong Flight Research Center (AFRC) UAS in the NAS Integrated Test and Evaluation Team: “NASA Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration in the National Airspace System (NAS) Project”

The full schedule for the AMA expo is available [here](#). Sponsors of AMA Expo West include Ready Made RC, Northwest RC, Enterprise Hobby, Align and Estes Rockets. Ticket details and pricing can be found [here](#).

Free admittance to the Expo is offered for kids 12 and under, uniformed Girl and Boy Scout, active military personnel and Navy Sea Cadets.

**What:** AMA Expo West

**When:** Friday, January 5, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday, January 6, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sunday, January 7, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:** Ontario Convention Center  
2000 E. Convention Center Way  
Ontario, California 91764

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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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