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Expo West, The Biggest Show in Model Aviation Is This Weekend

As a leader in sUAS safety and education, AMA has something to offer everyone at AMA Expo West, presented by ReadyMadeRC.com. The event will be held in Ontario, California, January 6-8, 2017, and will feature an array of presentations. New this year, AMA will host a UAS 4 Public safety course for first responders and public safety officials that includes Part 107 Preparatory Training. Also this year, youth will learn about new technology with a special guest from Drone Camp, who will host a Try-N-Fly hands-on workshops for those ages 7 to 19. More than 100 vendors will be displaying the latest and greatest products in sUAS technologies. If you're unable to make it to the West Coast for this year's event, AMA Expo East is right around the corner. It will be held February 24-26 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, NJ.

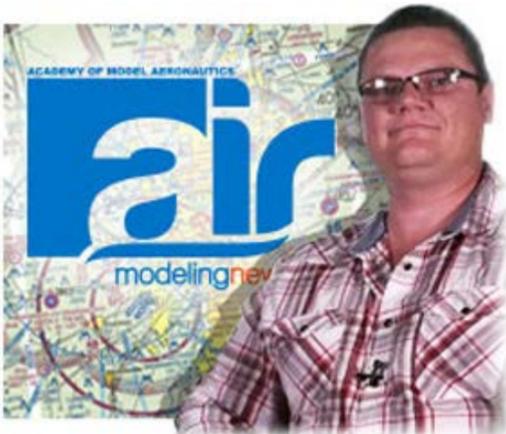
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What you need to know about NOTAMs and TFRs

NOTAMs and TFRs are important, but sometimes misunderstood, notifications about flight conditions and areas where we shouldn't be flying. AMA Government Affairs and Public Relations representative Tyler Dobbs talks about what you should know regarding NOTAMs and TFRs, and why there has been a recent increase in the frequency of these important notices.

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2017 dates and locations set

Dates have been set for [Camp AMA](#) and each of the [UAS4STEM](#) regional competitions in 2017. Andrew Jesky, Nick Maxwell, and RJ Gritter will return to the International Aeromodeling Center, June 11-17, 2017, to serve as instructors for this popular aeromodeling camp. Regional UAS4STEM contest locations for 2017 are Washington, D.C.; Lakeland, FL; San Diego; Detroit; New York; Dallas; Seattle; Minneapolis MN; and St. Louis. The dates are being finalized, but will be announced soon for the second year of competition.

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Meet AMA President Rich Hanson and get updates on his work

In the January edition of AMA Air, we speak with AMA's new president, Rich Hanson, about a variety of topics ranging from his start in aeromodeling to his goals for our organization. Rich will be posting information, photos, and videos relating to his activities as AMA president on his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AMAPrez. Hear what Rich has to say and "like" his page for updates!

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Anxiety, fun, a nightmare, and a fairytale

Tim Lampe's experience at his first race "with the big dogs" didn't go exactly as planned. At one point, Tim wrote, "The one thing I hoped-needed-to avoid had just happened." A word of caution for the faint of heart: This one's a nail-biter all the way to the ending-but what an ending it is!

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Available in stone/navy or heather gray/black, this 6-ounce 100% ringspun cotton pique golf shirt features topstitching throughout, horn-style buttons, side seams with one-color tipping, a flat-knit collar and cuffs with three buttons, and a printed AMA logo. Please specify color and size when ordering. **Sale price starting at \$12.99.**

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