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AMA pilot receives prestigious Andrei Tupolev Aeromodelling Medal

Muncie, IN—The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is proud to announce that Carl Dodge of Richmond Heights, OH, has been awarded the Andrei Tupolev Aeromodelling Medal by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). Carl is the first American pilot to win the award, and the first AMA member to be recognized with this medal.

The Andrei Tupolev Aeromodelling Medal was established in 1989. It may be awarded annually on recommendation by the FAI Aeromodelling Commission to any aeromodeler who in the same year won the FAI World Championship and the National Aeromodeling Championships (Nats) in the same class of models. It is donated annually by the NAC of Russia. Not more than one medal may be awarded each year. The FAI is the international body for all air sport international championships, competitions, and record-keeping.

Carl was nominated for the award after winning the 2014 FAI World Championship for Control Line Model Aircraft held in Wloclawek, Poland, in August of 2014, and the 88th Nats for F2A Control Line Speed in Muncie, IN, in July 2014.

Carl was named the winner of the medal during the FAI Commission Internationale Aeromodelling (CIAM) Plenary Meeting, held in Lusaunne, Switzerland, on April 24, 2015.

The AMA would like to congratulate Carl on this great achievement.

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About AMA

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 175,000 modelers in 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 for recreation and educational purposes.