

# AMA TODAY

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## AMA Reacts to UAS Registration Rule

Following the announcement of the FAA's registration requirements for UAS, AMA released an official statement. In this statement, AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson is open about AMA's reaction to the registration rule. "AMA is disappointed with the new rule for UAS registration. As a member of the task force that helped develop recommendations for this rule, AMA argued that registration makes sense at some level and for UAS flyers operating outside the guidance of a community-based organization or flying for commercial purposes. Unfortunately, the new rule is counter to Congress' intent in the Special Rule for Model Aircraft and makes the registration process an unnecessary burden for our more than 185,000 members who have been operating safely for decades."

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## Flite Test coming to AMAEXPO 2016!



## Register now for the Family Make-n-Take with Flite Test at AMA Expo

Visit, ask questions, and build models with the Flite Test crew! Registration is now open and space is limited, so start planning your trip now to AMA Expo, which takes place January 8-10, 2016, in Ontario, California. [Individual and group advance tickets are available at reduced rates.](#) Check out [amaexpo.com](http://amaexpo.com) for updates, information about our guest speakers, and more.

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## AMA Foundation sweepstakes winner announced

Congratulations to Christopher Mayer winner of the AMA Foundation California Dream Flight, Foundation for the Future Sweepstakes! Christopher has won a ride in Lady Alice, a P-51 Mustang, during AMA Expo in Ontario, California. The winning package includes airfare for two to Ontario, admission to the three-day show, lodging, a food and fuel stipend, a rental car, and the ride of a lifetime. Congratulations to Gerry Hinshaw who was selected as the winner of FAA 333 exemption support services from Rotor F/X. Thank you to the thousands who entered, and thank you to everyone who made a donation to the AMA Foundation.

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## New e-newsletter designed for AMA leaders

The first edition of Ground Control was sent on December 4, 2015, to club officers, contest directors, Leader Members, and Associate Vice Presidents. This new communication tool is designed to provide valuable information that will help AMA leaders interact with members and clubs across the country. Anyone can subscribe for free.

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## Digital rules proposal form now available

The AMA competition team has recently developed a digital version of the "Competition Rules Proposal Form." The new form features a fillable PDF document that is designed to be downloaded at [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org). The old form was redesigned to simplify the competition rules proposal process.

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## Free plans to build your own park-ready Buffalo

In your next issue of *Model Aviation*, download free plans to build a semi-profile foam park flyer. The Brewster F2A Buffalo was an American fighter designed and built by the Brewster Aeronautical Corp. It was one of the first monoplane fighters with an arrestor hook and actually won a competition against Grumman's F4F Wildcat in 1939 to become the Navy's first monoplane fighter.

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## New Competition Regulations booklet available to members

The Competition department has redesigned the "Competition Regulations." This makeover resulted in a full-size booklet that can be printed in color using your home computer printer. The font sizes have been increased to make the booklet easier to read. Each booklet features a timeline of amendments at the front of the document to help the reader see changes and where they are located. Another feature is the inclusion of an index page to help quickly locate specific sections of the regulations.

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## Reminder: AMA program deadlines approach

The new year is right around the corner, and so are several of our program deadlines. All AMA scholarships, Take Off And Grow (TAG), and Youth Leadership Award applications and nominations must be received by February 1, 2016. Each year, the AMA awards several students and clubs with funds to help propel model aviation and the next generation of aviation leaders.

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Throughout December, all AMA T-shirts will be up to 25% off! Update your wardrobe by taking advantage of this generous offer! With so many styles to choose from, you are sure to find something perfect for yourself and everyone else on your list. Don't forget to browse the online store for more great savings this month!

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