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AMA President Bob Brown to membership: We stand for education, not regulation

In response to President Barack Obama's call for more regulation following the January 26 incident in which a multirotor landed on the White House lawn, AMA President Bob Brown has released a statement. "We understand the potential for bad people using any good technology for bad things. We do not support the use of the technology outside of AMA guidelines. We do believe, however, that flown within the envelope of AMA's safety programming, this new technology is as safe, or safer, than any other modeling discipline in which our members participate." Read Bob's full message to AMA members and AMA's stance on the current situation.

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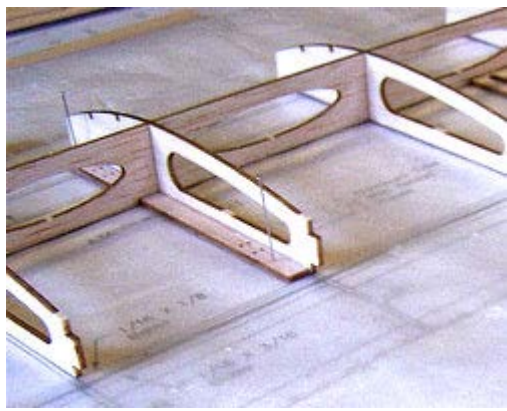
Registration for National Model Aviation Day begins

The third annual National Model Aviation Day is scheduled for August 15, 2015. Your club can now register to take part in the celebration! Register today to receive regular updates on the event, be included on our event map, and to receive access to online tips and tricks to develop your gathering. This event, celebrated across the nation, continues to grow, and we want every AMA club to be part of the fun. Information about T-shirts and extra National Model Aviation Day items will soon be available.

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AMA Plans Service now offering Bill Northrop plans

Through partnership with the family of Bill Northrop, AMA Plans Service now offers plans that were available from Bill Northrop Plans Service. The plans are at AMA Headquarters and can be scanned and printed as needed. Call AMA at (800) 435-9262, extension 507, to order. A catalog is also available at www.modelaircraft.org/shop/plans.

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View AMA Expo speaker series videos online

Several videos from AMA Expo 2015 have been added to [AMA's Youtube page](#). Thank you to Nationwide Insurance for sponsoring the AMA Expo Speaker Series, which included presentations from notable persons in the model aviation field.

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Bing Autoplan now on display

The National Model Aviation Museum is excited to announce that the compressed air-powered model has been returned to the museum following its restoration, and was placed on display January 20. The model is the oldest original aircraft in the collection, and was manufactured by the Bing Toy Company in Germany, in roughly 1914.

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Camp AMA scholarship deadlines approaching

If you know of a youth age 13-19 who is interested in attending the country's most exciting model aviation camp, we may have a scholarship opportunity for him or her. Act quickly because the deadlines for most Camp AMA scholarships are right around the corner. Do you want to support this year's Camp AMA? [Purchase a \\$25 sponsor sheet and be entered to win a RTF Aeroworks YAK-55m!](#) 3drcforums.com will donate \$20 from each purchase to Camp AMA.

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2015 events schedule now online

The schedule for 2015 events held at the International Aeromodeling Center, located in Muncie, IN, has been posted online. Visit the AMA website to view and print the calendar. Start planning your trip today!

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Model Aviation feature: Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest

Competition in model aviation started nearly as soon as we could successfully fly. That desire to compete is alive today as evidenced by Top Gun, the AMA Nats, and other competitions. However, many AMA members prefer to fly their creations in an easygoing atmosphere in which there is no competition. This accounts for the popularity of the Giant Scale Warbird and Classic Alliance fly-ins. Although the events take place in Michigan, Ontario, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois, the biggest and best-attended one is the Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest in Fond du Lac, WI. Read about one of the fastest growing warbird events.

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New AMA polo on sale

Grab our newest polo, available in burgundy, starting at \$16 for a limited time. This ultrasoft performance polo has a silver embroidered Bringing Modelers Together AMA logo. It is 65% polyester and 35% cotton. This is the perfect polo to wear to the flying field or to your next club meeting because it is fade resistant and wrinkle free. Get it now before the price goes up to \$20.99 in March.

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