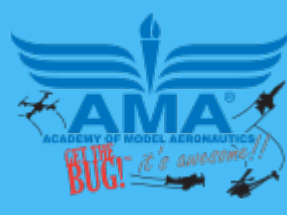


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Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



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## FAA announces new small unmanned aircraft rules.

The FAA announced new rules that will go into effect August 29. We are pleased to share that this rule maintains an exemption for recreational model aircraft operators and codifies parts of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft. In fact, the rule affirms Congress' intent that the FAA not promulgate any regulations on modelers who satisfy all of the criteria in the Special Rule.

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## AMA launches AMA Day Camp program

AMA has launched a new video series that provides instruction on how to host a model aviation day camp. AMA Flight School provides video instruction on conducting numerous model aviation activities that can be utilized during summer events or in the classroom. Each tutorial provides step-by-step directions on how to complete and teach the activity to a group of children.

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## Reminder to pilots: Wildland Fire Advisory Notice

As many of you are aware, wildfire season has started across the western United States. Wildfires are very dangerous, even from the air, and we wanted to remind everyone to avoid flying anywhere near these fires or firefighting operations. We ask you also help spread the word and educate newcomers to the hobby.

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## AMA Volunteers Needed For EAA AirVenture

Are you going to AirVenture or do you live close and have always wanted to attend? AMA needs volunteers to help promote model aviation at various AMA booth and activity locations during AirVenture July 25-31 in Oshkosh, WI. Minimum requirement is five hours for one day. Must be knowledgeable with RC flight simulators. Admission and AMA shirt provided. [Email us](#) to sign up or for more information.

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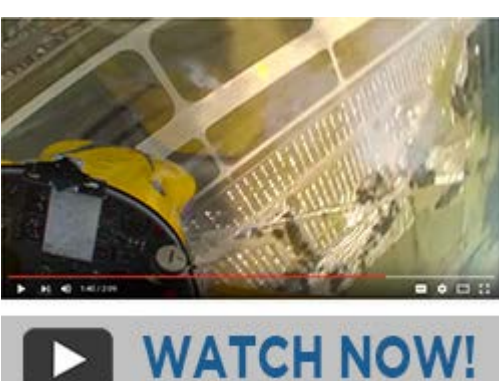
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## NatsNews: Keep up with the world's largest aeromodeling competition

Read daily coverage of the world's largest aeromodeling competition in our free newsletter, *NatsNews!* The 90th AMA Nats started with Control Line and RC Scale competition June 24-26 and will resume July 5 with near daily contests from almost all disciplines of aeromodeling. Read past issues at [www.modelaircraft.org/natsnews](http://www.modelaircraft.org/natsnews) and subscribe today so you don't miss a single issue!

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## Matt Chapman encourages model flying

AMA member and airline and aerobatic pilot pilot Matt Chapman was featured in the [July edition](#) of EAA's *Sport Aviation* magazine. In the article, Matt details the connection between model aviation and his career in full-scale aviation. An accompanying video details his encouragement of pursuing model aviation as a stepping stone into full-scale applications.

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## AMA Member Scott Huff will be flying DC-3 to EAA AirVenture

AMA and EAA Member Scott Huff is a First Officer on the Pan American Airways DC-3 Clipper Tabitha May. He will be piloting the 71 year old DC-3 from Manassas, VA to its first appearance at EAA AirVenture July 25 - 31. Learn more about Scott's love of model aviation and flying this historic aircraft.

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## Learn more about this year's scholarship winners

Earlier this year, 10 students from across the country were awarded with scholarships from the AMA totaling \$48,000. You can learn more about each of the students and their plans for the future by visiting the AMA Foundation website.

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## Video Preview: Extreme Flight Legacy Aviation Turbo Duster

Watch a video of the 65-inch sport flier, Extreme Legacy Aviation Turbo Duster. *Model Aviation* digital subscribers can watch this video in the digital edition while they read the review. Print subscribers can check it out at [www.ModelAviation.com/extreme-flight-turbo-duster](http://www.ModelAviation.com/extreme-flight-turbo-duster).

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## Celebrate model flying on National Model Aviation Day

With less than 6 weeks to go until this year's celebration of National Model Aviation Day, we wanted to remind clubs that there is still time to register and there is still time to find a participating club near you. This is an exciting year for the AMA. We are celebrating 80 years of fun and safe flying. Thank you to our Platinum sponsors, [Ready Made RC](#), [Horizon Hobby](#), [HobbyKing](#), and [Hobbico](#), for assisting us with our efforts to promote the hobby and encourage the public to discover flight.

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## 2016 Nats apparel now on sale

The 2016 Outdoor Nats have begun at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, IN. Now is a great time to purchase your official 2016 Naps apparel and memorabilia in the Cloud 9 Museum Store or online. Pick up the perfect souvenir to commemorate this year's 90th competition. Items start at \$2.99.

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