March 2013

Academy of Model Aeronautics Expresses

A new challenge faces model aviation

The efforts of the AMA Government Relation Team has been focused on safety in the airspace and the FAA's effort to ensure the FAA of its priority of safety throughout the organization, with the implementation of AMA guidelines for recreational model aviation. Today new challenges—centered on the public's reasonable expectation of privacy and the AMA's interest in reducing the hassle of permit applications—pose new questions about the airspace and how we must fly. The AMA is working to find a solution that ensures safety and fairness for all modelers. To learn more about this initiative and share your input, please visit http://view.exacttarget.com/...712777c&l=fe99167274630c7c74&s=fe2a177675670079721373&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe1c17717c60037e7c1378&r=0.

AMA officer nominations are due by June 21

Nominations for the AMA office positions are due by June 21. With the AAA, we are the leading advocate for the recreational model aviation community. The AMA board of directors is responsible for setting the organization's strategic direction, determining policy, and ensuring that the FAA understands the unique needs of our community. As a member of the AMA, you are an owner and an investor in the future of our organization. Your vote is an investment in the future of model aviation. To learn more about the offices and the candidates, please visit our website and participate in the AMA officer nominations.

Inaugural Irons Cup Regatta on Lake AMA scheduled

Once August 2011, the 2012 Irons Cup Regatta will provide an exciting opportunity for experienced modelers to participate in a competitive event featuring the world's greatest water model boat sailors. The event will take place on Lake AMA, near the AMA Headquarters in La Verne, California. The Irons Cup Regatta is a four-round event that features 30 clubs from across the United States and a range of model sailboat classes. The event is open to all model boat enthusiasts, regardless of experience level.

Tell us about your club's history

The AMA History Program was developed to preserve the history of model aviation by collecting biographies of modelers and histories of model aviation-related organizations. To encourage our clubs to provide club histories, a flyer was included in this year's charter club renewal mailings, sent out early this year. By providing this information, you will be helping us to document the real history of aeromodeling. Information about this program is available online at http://www.modelaviation.com/history.

Basil and Dorothy Cooper Memorial Scholarship announced

The Basil and Dorothy Cooper Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to modelers who demonstrate a strong commitment to model aviation and a dedication to the principles of the Cooper family. The scholarship is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are majoring in engineering or a related field and who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The scholarship is awarded in honor of Basil and Dorothy Cooper, who were long-time members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and who made significant contributions to the growth and development of model aviation.

2013 AMA Expo guest speaker videos now available online

Calling all engineers

Mastering the landing approach

A new online tool is designed to help pilots from all walks of life improve their landing skills. The tool provides step-by-step instructions, video demonstrations, and interactive exercises to help pilots master the landing approach. The tool is available online at http://www.modelaviation.com/landing.

Most memorable aviation records of 2012

Every year the National Aeronautic Association serves as the official record keeper for United States aviation records and the world records ratified with the FAI. At the end of each year, under the direction of the Contest and Records Committee, the world and national records are ratified and published. The records and record setters will be honored at NAA's Spring Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington VA on March 12, 2013.

Legend AMA caps on sale

For the fifth consecutive year, the AMA is selling a limited-edition cap to support exclusive events. This year's cap features an embroidered logo and end-on-end Velcro closures in back. These modern caps are available in black or red, with a 100% cotton brushed twill material. These caps are limited edition and will be sold exclusively through the AMA's online store. To learn more about the cap or to purchase it, please visit our website at http://www.modelaviation.com/caps.

AMA members love model aviation, and most can think back to the first time they were introduced to the excitement of model aviation. Often, the inspiration comes from a parent or a relative who showed them the wonders of model aviation. For Frank Geisler, the inspiration came from his grandfather, an engineer who built model aircraft. The idea is simple and it uses an online map program that is available to everyone. Frank offers a solution with his Model Aviation Mentors program. The idea is to find someone to teach the skills necessary to fly model aircraft. As Frank Geisler writes in his piece on www.modelaviation.com, "The young modeler learns as he goes, from his parents and the literature are ample, but finding someone to teach the skills necessary to fly is not always easy. It is the idea of the Model Aviation Mentors program to offer a means of providing a mentor who can guide the young modeler from the first flight to the first competition and beyond. The mentor will first have to go through the training process and then be matched with a young modeler. The mentor will be matched with a young modeler who lives in their area, and the mentor will be expected to take the young modeler under their wing and help them to become a better modeler."