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33 clubs awarded Flying Site Development Improvement Grants

This year 33 clubs were awarded Flying Site Development Improvement Grants totaling \$30,000! Winners are selected based on need and other criteria. Congratulations to each of the clubs who earned a portion of this year's grand total. Check out the winners of this year's grants and learn more about how to apply for a 2016 grant. Deadline is March 1, 2016.

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AMA's official response sUAS NPRM is now online

Thank you to the thousands of model aviation pilots who took the time to comment on the FAA's proposed regulations for sUAS. The AMA believes that the FAA must address and adjudicate the more than 33,000 comments to its interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft and resolve the issues and concerns presented before moving forward in finalizing the sUAS rule. The comments submitted by AMA are now online.

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State of Indiana recognizes model aviation

The state of Indiana has officially declared August 15, 2015, as Model Aviation Day. The AMA Foundation will host a Family Fest and aviation-themed motorcycle rally at AMA Headquarters, in Muncie, Indiana, in celebration of National Model Aviation Day. Information and a template for applying for a state proclamation can be found on the club resources page at www.nationalmodelaviationday.org.

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AMA member Brad Lang to fly P-51C in Arsenal of Democracy Flyover

The largest number of World War II aircraft ever assembled to fly together since the war ended will take to air Friday, May 8 in the Arsenal of Democracy Victory Capital Flyover. Nearly 70 aircraft including bombers, fighters, trainers and recon aircraft from flying museums across the country will fly over our nation's capital to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

The warbirds will be organized in 15 historically sequenced formations representing the war's major battles from Pearl Harbor to the final air assault on Japan. Piloting the P-51C Mustang Tuskegee Airmen will be AMA member and Delta Airlines Captain Brad Lang.

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RutanRC Kickstarter campaign passes \$77,000

With 447 backers so far, the RutanRC Kickstarter campaign continues to move toward its goal of \$220,000 to fund the project. Pledge \$169 or more to be rewarded with your own Bind-and-Fly SpaceShipOne and bonus White Knight glider. There are multiple pledge levels for any budget. Help fund the final development and manufacturing of these radical, revolutionary RutanRC models. The campaign runs for 21 more days. Don't miss out on your chance to own these historic remote control models.

RutanRC partners are Dan Kreigh, an engineer with Scaled Composites and Lifetime AMA member, and Jeff Corsiglia, who leads research and development for AirHogs. AMA Hall of Fame member Burt Rutan will serve as advisor on design and as a source for inspiration.

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Youth Leadership Award winner

The AMA proudly recognizes Hunter Jones as the 2015 national Youth Leadership Award winner. Hunter is a junior in high school. He is on the honor roll and plays varsity soccer. He has successfully started a Model Aviation Student Club (MASC) in his school and worked with the school board to open up the gym for his RC club to be able to fly there. He is a member of the Flying Aces of Aurora in Aurora OH. The AMA would like to congratulate all of the Youth members who were nominated for this year's award.

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Multicopters take the commercial media industry by storm

We take you to one of the biggest media shows in the world, the National Association of Broadcasters Show 2015. Approximately 100,000 participants from more than 150 countries gathered to learn about the latest trends in the media industry. The hot topic for this year's show was multicopters. Read more and watch video highlights.

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USA F3B Team prepares for world competition

AMA wants to wish the 2015 USA F3B Team the best of luck in preparation for the world RC Soaring championship in Arnhem, Netherlands, July 26 to August 2, 2015. The team was selected on October 26, 2014, after a three-day competition at Perris Field in California. To help with associated costs, the team is selling raffle tickets and apparel. Visit the USA F3B Team's website to learn more about the competitors and how you can help them as they prepare to represent the US.

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Store Survey Update: Thanks again to all of you who participated in our AMA Store survey. Your help is greatly appreciated!

AMA crown cap on sale

Protect yourself from the sun this flying season with this safe, durable, yet breathable safari crown hat. The cap has UV 45+ rating, and is made of 70% cotton/30% nylon fabric with a DuPont stain-resistant featuring a mesh ventilation, water, and oil spills. The wide-brim hat features a mesh ventilation insert in the top of the crown with a green under-visor to reduce glare. The cap has an adjustable chinstrap and an interior Velcro closure pocket. The sand-colored cap is available in two sizes: large (60 cm, 7 1/2-inches) and XL (62 cm, 7 3/4-inches). Please specify size when ordering. Regular price \$19.99, on sale this month for \$15.99.

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