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Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome recognized as historic landmark

The Academy of Model Aeronautics recognizes the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome during Jamboree

Rhinebeck NY—Representatives of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) attended the 50th Anniversary Rhinebeck Jamboree, held September 9-11, 2016, to help celebrate its success and recognize the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome as a National Aeromodeling Historic Landmark.

With support from the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome and the AMA, the Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society hosted the inaugural Jamboree in 1967—the first such event dedicated exclusively to World War I models. The annual gathering has grown throughout the years, attracting thousands of modelers from around the world to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. The Mid-Hudson Radio Control Society continues to host the Jamboree, one of the longest-running World War I events.

During this year's Jamboree, AMA District II Vice President Eric Williams presented two plaques recognizing the site as a National Aeromodeling Historic Landmark to the president of the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Michael DiGiacomio.

Established by the AMA Executive Council in 2003, the Heritage Program is an official list of organizations, businesses, and sites significant in the history of aeromodeling. Nominations for the Heritage Program are submitted to the AMA's National Model Aviation Museum. The museum's steering committee reviews each nomination and makes a recommendation about its eligibility to the AMA Executive Council for final approval.

For more about the Heritage Program, visit
www.modelaircraft.org/museum/heritage_program.aspx



(L-R): Warren Battsen, Mid-Hudson RC Society,
Eric Williams, and Michael DiGiacomio.

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, is devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 190,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the US and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreational and educational purposes. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.