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Welcome to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the world’s largest model aviation organization in the world!

This member guide provides you with a quick reference to the many exclusive benefits, services and opportunities available to you as a member. Whether you’re just getting started in model aviation or you’ve been flying for years, the benefits, support and resources the AMA provides will help make your membership a rewarding experience.

We encourage you to make the most of your membership by taking advantage of everything the AMA has to offer from educational resources and publications to affinity programs.

For more than 80 years, the AMA has been serving the model aviation community and enthusiasts just like you. We are so glad to have you with us!

Welcome to the AMA community,

Membership Services
Model Aviation Magazine and Model Aviation Digital
Each monthly issue is filled with aeromodeling feature stories, product reviews, “how-to” articles, AMA news, member profiles and special features. As an AMA member, you can choose to have the printed magazine, the digital version or both.

Peace of Mind Flying
Sometimes accidents can happen. Rest assured you’re covered with $2.5 million liability umbrella insurance, $25,000 in medical coverage and $1,000 in fire and theft coverage.

Get Connected and Stay Informed With Member Communications
AMA is a community of members who share the passion of model flying. AMA provides you with member communication resources to give you the latest news, information, regulatory updates and become connected with other members. Be sure to provide us with your email address.

AMA Air
You’ll enjoy watching this informative online webcast presenting model flying news and feature stories from the AMA community. AMA Air is produced twice a month at AIR.MODELAIRCRAFT.ORG.

AMA Website and Members-Only Features
AMA’s website is your all access to everything AMA. From news, blogs, club locator, education, services, important AMA forms and documents to shopping, it’s all there for you.
You Get All This and More With Your AMA Membership

Websites and Social Media

Social Media Connects You to the AMA Community
Visit us and join members in the conversation and photo sharing on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. Check out Flickr and our YouTube channel for more photos and exciting videos.

AMA Today E-newsletter
Twice a month you’ll receive AMA Today e-newsletter packed with the latest news and enjoyable features.

Government Advocacy
Protecting your freedom to fly model aircraft is the foundation of our government advocacy efforts. We work with local, state and federal officials so our voice is heard and acted upon.

Education and AMAFlightSchool.org
AMA’s premier website is devoted to model flying educational and training programs, activities and resources for you, clubs, schools and organizations.

Affinity and Marketing Partnerships
Enjoy savings and discounts from our partners Nationwide Insurance, Enterprise and National Car Rental. EAA offers AMA members discount tickets to EAA AirVenture, and periodically RC manufacturers offer special AMA member-only discounts on products. Many members have saved enough through these programs that they have paid for their AMA membership and more.

When it came time to get insurance for my 16-year-old son, we were able to save hundreds of dollars on our group policy just for being AMA members. Sure made up for our dues over the years on top of all the enjoyable weekends flying we have had.

- AMA MEMBER

(800) 435-9262 membership@modelaircraft.org
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Enjoy the fun and camaraderie with other enthusiasts like yourself who love model aviation by joining an AMA chartered club. With nearly 2,400 clubs throughout the country, there’s one near you. Just search the AMA club locator to find clubs in your area. WWW.MODELAIRCRAFT.ORG/CLUBS

AMA Chartered Clubs
AMA chartered clubs receive a host of benefits including club and officers insurance coverage. Plus, the property owner of the club’s flying site can receive primary liability insurance, if requested. Consider starting an AMA chartered club. All you need are five AMA members and we’ll help you get started.

Flying Site Assistance and Competition
Without flying sites, we can’t enjoy our hobby. Flying Site Assistance helps clubs with advice, support and plans to address any opportunity or issue from flying site design to guidance on local laws. We’ll help you sanction your local events and competitions. International and world competitions are handled by this department as well.

Leader Clubs
Your club can become a Leader Club by demonstrating and achieving certain standards of community service and activity. Clubs qualify for different levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold, based on performance.

Leader Members
Individuals are awarded the Leader Member title, the highest level of AMA membership, by meeting specific levels of participation, conduct and contributions.

Become an Introductory Pilot Instructor
Share your flying experience by helping new people to learn to fly. Through the Intro Pilot program, club instructors can reach out to non-AMA members and teach them to fly for a period of 60 consecutive days. It’s a great way to get new people excited about model flying and become AMA and club members.
Whatever You Fly. Wherever You Fly. AMA Has You Covered
Flying models is a safe activity, but sometimes accidents can happen involving people or property. Enjoy peace of mind flying knowing you’re covered with liability, medical, fire and theft insurance. This insurance is an outstanding member benefit that would cost you $1,000 or more to purchase on your own. And you’re covered for whatever type of model aircraft you fly and whether you choose to fly at an AMA club field, park, backyard or wherever. Just fly for recreational fun and operate within the AMA National Model Aviation Safety Code.

Member Insurance Benefit
$2.5 Million Liability Umbrella
$25,000 Medical Coverage
$1,000 Fire and Theft Coverage

If You Purchased It
$400 or more a year
$600 or more a year
$30 or more a year

AMA members can now buy low cost commercial drone insurance. Get a quote at AMADRONEINSURANCE.COM

Flying Site and Disaster Relief Grants
If your club is planning to make flying site improvements, consider applying for a Flying Site Development Improvement Grant. Each grant is based on the total cost of the project up to 10% with a maximum $3,000. Application deadline is March 1. Sometimes an act of nature or other events can damage your flying site. AMA can provide a $500 grant to help get your flying site and runway repaired for flying again.

Club Recognition and Reward
If your club receives positive media coverage about involvement the local community, AMA wants to know about it. We’ll recognize your club with a cash award and on the AMA Foundation website.

AMA is at another level with AMA Air. I receive the newsletters, important email updates, the thick magazine and now AMA Air on top of national support and insurance. Awesome and keep up the good work!

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We invite you to visit AMAFLIGHTSCHOOL.ORG to learn about our educational and training programs, activities and resources for you, clubs, educators, schools and organizations. The following is a partial list. Your answer to, “How do I?” is AMAFLIGHTSCHOOL.ORG.

AeroLab
This STEM curriculum provides middle school and ninth-grade teachers a fun, engaging and hands-on course to teach conceptual physics and physical science using model aviation. Funding provided by ARCONIC.

Club Support Packages
Free education materials and activities provided in support of AMA club outreach and events.

Camp AMA
Learn all about model flying from champion instructors. Camp AMA for youth is held at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana.

AMA Day Camp
Host a model aviation day camp for youth or adults with our complete, step-by-step tutorial and instructional videos.

MASC
Model Aviation Student Club is a program to create school clubs and comes with a model aviation teaching curriculum.

UMASC
University Model Aviation Student Club is a membership program for college and university students.

The AMA Alpha: Easy setup and lasting durability
This portable EPS foam and stick balsa aircraft is quickly and easily assembled thanks to its simple clip-together technology. No cutting is required!

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UAS4STEM Drone Challenge
Students explore the sUAS (drone) phenomenon through teamwork, competition and success while incorporating all aspects of STEM.

TAG – Take off And Grow
TAG grants are available to clubs to introduce model aviation to your local community.

sUAS Training
sUAS training courses are offered through an education partnership with Fly Robotics. Each provide valuable information relating to small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), as well as a preview of the layout and functionality of other Fly Robotics courses.

Public Safety Training
This hands-on training course provides public safety officers with the knowledge needed to use sUAS technology safely and effectively in their daily jobs.

Commercial Operator Training
This online training course provides commercial sUAS pilots the knowledge needed to pass the FAA’s required Remote Pilot-sUAS certification standards test.
Protecting your freedom to fly model aircraft is the foundation of our government advocacy efforts. We work with legislators at the local, state and federal levels and engage with the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation so your voice will be heard and acted upon. In addition, we work with the FCC, EPA and Department of Homeland Security.

AMA is committed to education for newcomers and the safe operation of model aircraft. Because of our work representing this mission on Capitol Hill, Congress has recognized the efficacy of community-based organizations (CBOs) and our National Model Aviation Safety Program in legislation. The FAA supports our standing as a CBO, and the Safety Code to be an authorized means of operating recreational, unmanned aircraft in the national airspace.

Our hobby has faced many challenges throughout the years as we address an increase in government intervention and proposed regulations. Your membership helps support AMA’s government advocacy work including AMA’s legal team and lobbying effort. We know that the entire modeling community benefits when we speak with one voice.

Stay informed about AMA’s government advocacy efforts by visiting MODEL AIRCRAFT.ORG/GOV

Working with the FAA and Congress, AMA has shown some REAL FORTITUDE! The membership fee has been well worth every penny. I have a feeling that without the AMA we would have all gotten steam rolled into oblivion. It’s ESSENTIAL that AMA membership continues to grow. In numbers we have strength to protect what we have always loved to do – and that is FLY!

- AMA MEMBER

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The AMA Foundation helps fund the ongoing development of model flying through education, promotion and community-based programming that dues alone are not able to support.

AMA Foundation Endowment
The endowment provides a long-term and stable funding source for AMA’s benevolent programs.

Scholarship Fund
Every year, up to $40,000 is awarded to deserving students. Since 1970, $1 million has been awarded to more than 300 AMA youth members pursuing higher education.

Education Fund
Supports development of programming and model aviation activities for youth, AMA clubs, schools and higher education with a focus on STEM-related curricula.

Club Support Fund
AMA’s Flying Site Assistance Grant provides matching funds to improve a club’s flying site. Every year, $30,000 in matching grants is awarded to clubs. Learn more at MODEL AIRCRAFT.ORG/CLUBS.

National Site Development Fund
This fund supports the annual cost to help maintain and make upgrades to the 1,100-acre International Flying Site, with the goal of making it the premier location in the world to fly model aircraft.

Become a National Model Aviation Museum Patron
Contribution levels begin with becoming a Museum Patron for $25 to $1,000 for a Lifetime Patron supporter.

How You Can Donate.
All donations of $10 or more will receive recognition in Model Aviation magazine, AMA Foundation website, The Torch e-newsletter and a donor icon on his or her AMA membership card. Visit the AMA Foundation website to learn about other ways to donate.
The National Model Aviation Museum
will take you on a journey through aeromodeling history beginning in the late 1700s to present day. Dedicated to collecting and preserving significant pieces of aeromodeling history, the collection features more than 10,000 artifacts including model airplanes, radio systems, engines, building tools and equipment, and memorabilia such as trophies, patches, stickers and clothing.

The museum is located on the grounds of the AMA International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. As an AMA member, you receive free admission to the museum. Unable to visit the museum? Go online and take a virtual tour.

Model Aviation Library and Archives
The Lee Renaud Memorial Library, located in the museum, contains more than 4,500 books, magazines, newsletters, and journal titles totaling 37,000 issues related to model aviation, full-scale aviation and aviation history. The archives contain both records of the AMA and manuscript collections donated by individuals, clubs and companies.

AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame
The AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame honors men and women who have made significant contributions to aeromodeling. Contributions can be in volunteer or administrative activities, product development, competition performance, or a variety or combination of activities.

AMA History Project
The AMA History Project is an ongoing initiative to assemble and store biographies of aeromodelers, club histories, companies, organizations, flying events and special interest groups. Visit the museum website to view the AMA History Project or learn how to make a submission.

To learn more about the National Model Aviation Museum, or to contact the staff, visit

NATIONALMODELAVIATIONMUSEUM.ORG
It’s fun to wear AMA’s branded clothing at your flying field. AMA’s retail and online store has a great collection of clothing, hats, bags, collectibles, DVDs, books and products for your flying field. AMA’s branded merchandise makes great gifts, too. Visit: MODEL AIRCRAFT.ORG/SHOPAMA

AMA Plans Can Help You Build Something Unique
AMA Model Aviation Plans Service has more than 19,000 plans available for purchase. This includes 10,000 plans from the collection of AMA Hall of Fame member John Pond. We can help you find the right plans to build your favorite aircraft or maybe something unique. Our plans are also perfect for collecting. Plan reduction or enlargement service is available. Visit our Model Aviation plans list and catalog at MODEL AIRCRAFT.ORG/PLANS

Custom Products for Every Occasion
AMA’s Custom Products can provide you with sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats and almost anything else that can be printed with your club or event name. Awards are our specialty with custom plaques and trophies printed with your club or event logo.

Graphic design services are also available. We’ll take your idea and make it a reality. Visit: MODEL AIRCRAFT.ORG/PRODUCTS
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National Model Aviation Day is AMA Foundation’s annual celebration of model aviation. AMA chartered clubs host events across the United States celebrating the hobby and raising money for charities. NATIONALMODELAVIATIONDAY.ORG

AMA’s National Aeromodeling Championships. Modelers from around the country compete in various events to win the title of national champion. MODELAIRCRAFT.ORG/NATS