

# AMA TODAY

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## RutanRC Launches Kickstarter Campaign with Special for AMA Members

World-renowned aviation engineer Burt Rutan's innovative aircraft designs will soon be available as RC models. RutanRC has launched a Kickstarter Campaign and wanted AMA members to be the first to know about it. RutanRC is offering AMA members an exclusive early bird pledge price of \$149 for the first RC model SpaceShipOne and glider White Knight. This offer is for the first 300 pledges. When the first 300 pledges have been made, the price will become \$169.

The wingspan of White Knight is an impressive 6 feet. SpaceShipOne is Bind-N-Fly with delivery date in November 2015.

All AMA members who pledge \$149 or more to the Kickstarter Campaign can win one of five balsa wood airplanes that traveled aboard SpaceShipOne. These airplanes traveled at a speed of Mach 3.1 at an altitude of 337,000 feet, easily making them the fastest- and highest-flying model airplanes in history. Each comes with a certificate of authenticity signed by Burt Rutan. Burt wanted these entry level models to symbolize that starting modeling in your youth can lead to greatness-even space. When you pledge \$149 or more, just email RutanRC at [AMA@RutanRC.com](mailto:AMA@RutanRC.com) to be entered in the drawing.

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.

Learn more about the RutanRC's Kickstarter campaign and other exciting pledge levels.

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## AMA FLIGHT SCHOOL FEATURED STORY



### Lithium battery safety Powered by AMA Flight School

When you have "how do I" questions related to model flying, the best place to turn is [www.amaflightschool.org](http://www.amaflightschool.org). Because of battery safety changes recently implemented, AMA's education team has developed a page to teach you about lithium batteries that includes information on using, storing, and shipping.

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## Final reminder-submit your NPRM comments by April 24

On February 23, 2015, the FAA published its proposed regulations for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). AMA encourages everyone to submit comments using the template we have created. We strongly encourage you to edit and personalize the message before submitting it. Unless extended, the deadline for submitting comments is 11:59 p.m., on Friday, April 24, 2015.

[comment now >](#)



## 2015 Toledo Show recap

Tornado warnings and power outages didn't stop the action at the 2015 Weak Signals Toledo Show: R/C Model Expo! Revisit some of our favorite moments, watch highlights of the event, see some awesome aircraft, and learn about the latest and greatest aeromodeling products featured at the show.

[watch now >](#)



## NatsNews reporters wanted

Are you attending the Outdoor Nats this year? Do you want to immerse yourself in the action while having the opportunity to make between \$50 and \$100 per day? Consider joining the NatsNews staff as an event reporter! Open positions available include Control Line Carrier (July 14-16), RC Airplane (July 25-August 1), and RC Helicopter (August 3-6). If you are interested or would like more information, please email [natsnews@modelaircraft.org](mailto:natsnews@modelaircraft.org).

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## Don't miss the International Hand Launch Glider Festival

The 22nd International Hand Launch Glider Festival will once again be held at the Poway Flight Center, just north of San Diego. Along with exciting competition, the event also features an auction. Proceeds from the auction will be used to support the US F3K Team, which will head to Croatia later this year. You will likely get auction items at a deep discount, while adding money to the donation that the Torrey Pines Gulls gives to the US F3K team every year.

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## LARKS club raises \$10,000 for charity

The Lexington Aircraft Radio Control Society (LARKS) recently held its fourth annual Spring Fling Fly at the Sod Farm benefit for cancer patients. The fly-in included a large raffle and was a huge success, with 126 registered pilots-an increase from last year.

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## Museum seeks information on earliest advertised kit or published plan of a scale model

For an upcoming exhibit on the history of Peanut Scale, the National Aviation Museum is seeking the first flying scale model with a wingspan of 13 inches or less. Research to date has shown that the honor goes to a kit line sold by the National Model Aircraft & Supply Co. in 1931. If you have any knowledge or memories of a kit or plans that would meet current Peanut Scale regulations but was published before 1931, please email [museum@modelaircraft.org](mailto:museum@modelaircraft.org).

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## Has your club registered for National Model Aviation Day?

This year's National Model Aviation Day planning is in full swing. Thank you to [Ready Made RC LLC](#), [HobbyKing](#), [Hobbico](#), and [Horizon Hobby](#) for supporting the celebration of model aviation as Platinum Sponsors, and Gold Sponsors [Wendell Hostetler Plans](#), [Volaré Products](#), and [RCGroups.com/FlyingGiants.com](#). Starting May 1, the AMA Foundation will offer registered clubs National Model Aviation Day banners for only \$15. Don't forget, [National Model Aviation Day T-shirts are now for sale starting at only \\$10](#). Orders are due by June 1, to ensure your club is listed on the participating clubs ad that will be included in the August issue of *Model Aviation*.

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## Everyone's favorite polo now on sale

Looking for a polo that you can wear to nearly any event? We have you covered! The Polo Sportsweat golf shirt features a knit body with twin-edge stripe trim and a three-button placket. The sleeves and armholes are generously cut for ease of movement and comfort. Buy yours now in navy, red, or white. Better yet, get all three! Each color is available in small, up to 3X for only \$29.99 for a limited time.

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