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## Final reminder: Register for National Model Aviation Day

We are 7 clubs short of our goal of 200 clubs registering to participate in this year's National Model Aviation Day celebration. Please make sure that your club is registered via [nationalmodelaviationday.org](http://nationalmodelaviationday.org) to ensure that your event is included on the event map that we will continue to promote throughout the month. In a recent [email to Leader Members](#), Rusty Kennedy, Leader Member program coordinator, addressed the question, "why register?" In short, it's all about pride and a sense of accomplishment for you and your club. Registering shows AMA that clubs and members support the celebration and encourage the camaraderie it inspires. Plus, the event attracts positive media attention to model flying, which is a plus for everyone. If your club is not participating, find a club near you and join it in the celebration of model aviation.

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## National Model Aviation Museum showcases new summer exhibits

The National Model Aviation Museum has completed the installation of several new exhibits-with new artifacts and hands-on platforms for museum visitors to enjoy. Many of the new pieces are on loan and will only be on display throughout the summer months. If you are in the area, we encourage you to stop in and see the new items on display. Regular updates about the museum's growing collection can also be viewed on the [National Model Aviation Museum's blog](#).

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## Reminder from the FAA: Wildfires and drones don't mix

Responding to recent incidents in which unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as drones, interfered with manned aircraft involved in wildland firefighting operations, the FAA is supporting the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service in their simple message to drone operators: If you fly, we can't. The release also mentions the FAA's partnership with AMA and other Know Before You Fly supporters working to educate the public about safe UAS operations.

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## 2015 Nats wraps up

The AMA would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Nats at AMA Headquarters. Our staff enjoyed having members on-site, and it was another tremendous year of competition. Visit the Nats homepage for scores and to read back issues of [NatsNews](#).

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## US F3A team heads to Switzerland

Good luck to the 2015 F3A US team as it heads to Dübendorf, Switzerland, to compete in the Radio Control Aerobatics World Championship, August 6-16. Team members Brett Wickizer, Andrew Jesky, Jason Shulman, Joseph Szczur (Junior) and Mark Atwood (team manager) have been working hard and are ready to compete.

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## LiPos and TSA

Want to take your aircraft and LiPos with you when you travel on a commercial airliner? Watch a video as we walk you through all of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) security procedures so you can pack and travel safely through airport security. Learn proper packing procedures, safety tips, and understand security protocol. Then read the entire article in the August 2015 issue of *Model Aviation*.

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## F3K Junior Dillon Graves wins gold!

Team USA's Dillon Graves is the 2015 F3K Junior World Champion. The USA Junior Team captured the team Bronze medal with some great finishes by first-time world competitors. Congratulations on a job well done!

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## Member spotlight: Using passion to overcome obstacles

Our members have some of the greatest stories, and Tom Hintz, publisher of [flyingrc.net](http://flyingrc.net) out of Concord, NC, is no exception. Like many model pilots, Tom "got the bug" while flying with his dad as a kid. He later worked at a hobby shop, taught others how to fly, and has continued to enjoy the hobby throughout his life. Tom was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease at a young age and wanted to continue to enjoy the hobby he loved and use it to help him fight the disease. The tasks he has assigned himself for the upkeep of [flyingrc.net](http://flyingrc.net) have been a huge component of continuing to push and exercise his mind-one of the keys to fighting Alzheimer's. Said Tom, "It is the combination of intense concentration and high levels of enjoyment that make RC flying the most effective therapy I can find."

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