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## AMA invites the world to Discover Flight

Help the AMA celebrate our journey as an organization and community by visiting [www.discoverflight.org](http://www.discoverflight.org). This new promotional website includes an inspiring video that showcases the passion of model flying and aviation exploration. AMA encourages all of its members to share this campaign with your friends, family, and colleagues. Our goal is to promote the hobby and show the connection between model flying, family, friendships, education, fun, and the world of aviation. When sharing the video and website, remember to use the hashtag #DiscoverFlight.

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## Horizon Hobby offers exclusive savings on B-17 model

Thanks to our friends at Horizon Hobby for offering a special AMA member price on its beautiful ultra-micro B-17G Flying Fortress. Through October 31, 2015 it can be yours for only \$69.99. That's a savings of \$30 off the regular price of \$99.99. With every B-17G purchased, Horizon Hobby will make a generous donation of \$10 to the [AMA Foundation](#) to help fund education programs. Use promo code **AMAB76344** when ordering. Hurry supplies are limited!

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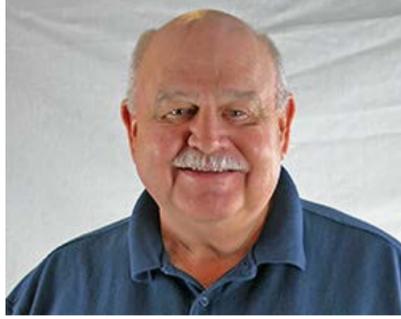


## AMA's Response to the U.S. DOT announcement

The DOT is looking at the full spectrum of sUAS that would be subject to registration, and AMA agrees that registration may be appropriate at some level; however, before the process can be established, AMA believes that a threshold must be identified that will determine which platforms, what aircraft with what capabilities, will require registration and which will not. AMA does not and will not support any proposal that calls for the registration of any sUAS that fall below an established threshold and is resolute in its position that all forms of traditional model aircraft must remain exempt from the registration process.

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## AMA's Rich Hanson awarded Paul Tissandier Diploma from FAI

AMA's Government and Regulatory Affairs Director, Rich Hanson was recently awarded Paul Tissandier Diploma from Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). The Paul Tissandier Diploma was established by the FAI in 1952 and is awarded to those who have served the cause of Aviation and Sporting Aviation, by their work, initiative, and devotion or in other ways. Rich was named for his significant impact on model aviation through his efforts to ensure that model aviation integrates with the National Airspace System (NAS). His work to protect model aviation and AMA members from over regulation by the FAA is considered to be one of the most significant achievements in AMA's history.

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## California governor vetoes bills regulating hobbyist drone flight

Recently, California Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a number of bills that would have increased penalties for flying drones over wildfires, grade schools, and prisons in the state. One of the most notable drone bills that got vetoed would have increased the penalties for flying drones over wildfires in California. In his veto message, Gov. Brown explained his reasoning for vetoing the bills: Each of these bills creates a new crime-usually by finding a novel way to characterize and criminalize conduct that is already proscribed. This multiplication and particularization of criminal behavior creates increasing complexity without commensurate benefit.

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## AMA member and aviation legend Burt Rutan Honored with 2015 Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy

Burt Rutan has been selected as the recipient of the 2015 Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy. Established by NAA in 1948 to honor the memory of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the trophy is awarded annually to a living American for "...significant public service of enduring value to aviation in the United States." Rutan is a world-renown aerospace engineer noted for his originality in designing light, strong, and energy-efficient aircraft. Rutan is also a proud member and supporter of AMA.

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## AUVSI invites AMA members to participate in photo contest

Have a great photo you've taken with an unmanned aircraft? Send it in to Unmanned Systems magazine, published monthly by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, and it could be published as a Viewfinder feature photo of the month. Contact Danielle Lucey, editor, at [dlucey@auvsi.org](mailto:dlucey@auvsi.org). All photos must be high resolution and must have been taken during legal unmanned system operations.

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## Introduce your local schools to UAS4STEM

Earlier this year the AMA Education Department released their new UAS4STEM program. This program is designed to encourage students to learn about the sUAS (drone) phenomenon, teamwork, competition, and success through STEM Education through Unmanned! Each team will receive all the tools they need to build and fly, as well as a full online curriculum and an online video series designed to get the teams flying successfully without having an experience mentor available. All students will also become AMA members if not already.

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## Free plans for the Cessna Skymaster 337F

Build this 23" wingspan electric Free Flight "push-pull" model fashioned after the Cessna 337F Skymaster with two continental 10-360 GB-210 hp piston engines. Read the build article and download free plans.

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## Fall savings are here

Fall is here and the holiday season is fast approaching. This month's special sale item is perfect for visiting the flying field, attending a club meeting, or a family gathering. These well-made, versatile shirts are offered at the lowest pricing of the year, starting at \$12.99. Get yours today and start your holiday savings now. Men's shirts are available in tan or gray (sizes S-4X), [and women's shirts are available in light slate blue \(sizes S- 2X\).](#)

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