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Foundation for the Future California Dream Flight Sweepstakes is back!

Help support the AMA Foundation and be entered to win an exciting trip to AMA West to ride in Lady Alice, a P-51 Mustang, through the California Dream Flight Foundation for the Future Sweepstakes. The sweepstakes is open now through December 9, 2016, and anyone who is at least 18 years old can enter. The prize package includes airfare for two to Ontario, CA, for the three-day expo, lodging, a food and fuel stipend, a rental car, and the ride of a lifetime. A second person will be selected to win a Graupner MZ-24 12-channel transmitter with accessories. Everyone can enter up to one time per week.

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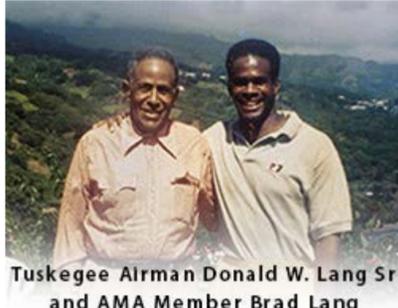
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Tuskegee Airman Donald W. Lang Sr and AMA Member Brad Lang

AMA member, and full-scale pilot, Brad Lang featured in *Air and Space Magazine*

Model aviation pilot and advocate of the AMA, Brad Lang, has been a great friend to model aeronautics. He fell in love with flight at a young age, and pursued model flying with his father before following his dreams of flying full-scale aircraft. In a recent *Air & Space Magazine* article, he discusses his passion for flight, his experience with aeromodels, tells stories of his father's experience as a Tuskegee Airman, and the past struggles of African-Americans in aviation.

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NAA President and AMA board member steps down

Jonathan Gaffney has served as the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) president and CEO for more than nine years. He took over the 111-year-old organization when it was struggling financially and turned it around. His plan to redirect the organization included major budget cuts and changes. Because of his many years of service, the organization is back on track. NAA is now in a position where it can continue to certify aviation records and administer awards, including the Robert J. Collier Trophy. Jonathan has served on the AMA's Executive Council as a representative of NAA. We wish him all the best.

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AMA remembers former District XI VP Bruce Nelson

It is with deep regret that the AMA announces that longtime member Bruce Nelson has passed away. Bruce served as an Associate Vice President for the AMA's District XI for 21 years and was vice president in the district for several years starting in 2000. He began modeling in 1952, and became a member of the Barons Model Club in Spokane, WA, in 1970, where he served as president many times throughout the years.

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AMA Flight School feature: How Do I Become An Intro Pilot Instructor?

Are you a club member wanting to introduce your hobby to a non-AMA member? The Introductory Pilot Program was created to allow club members the opportunity to invite someone who might have an interest in aeromodeling to a club flying site. A non-AMA member can fly under the direct supervision of a club-designated Introductory Pilot Instructor, and receive AMA's liability insurance for 60 days.

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National Model Aviation Museum invites you to #AskClaire

To build on its virtual presence for those unable to visit the National Model Aviation Museum, staff members continue to come up with creative ways to answer questions and educate the public on all that it has to offer. One of the most successful programs, #AskClaire, a Facebook Live recording, will stream its second episode live on October 7. More episodes will be shown live on the first Friday of the month.

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2016 AMA Scholarship winner Caleb Gomez, awarded \$4500



AMA scholarships applications are now being accepted for 2017

Applications are now being accepted for 2017 AMA scholarships. Approximately \$40,000 in endowments and scholarships is available to be awarded on the basis of AMA modeling activities, scholastic achievement, and citizenship. If you are a graduating high school senior and have been an AMA Youth member for at least three years, you might qualify for the scholarship program or know someone who does. Thank you to the many donors who have contributed to the AMA Foundation scholarship funds and the families of those who have started memorial scholarships to help AMA surpass \$1 million in total awarded funds.

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