

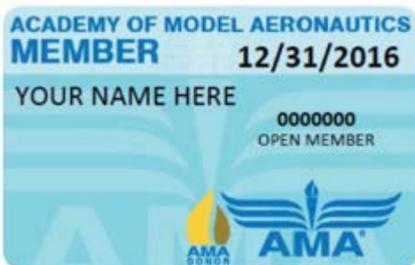
AMA TODAY

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AMA membership special expires September 14

September 14 is the final day to take advantage of our special membership rate. Renew today to lock in at your current dues rate of \$58 for Open or \$48 for Senior members. Save even more by selecting a two-year membership at \$113 or \$93. The rate increase to \$75 and \$65 begins September 15.

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Learn about AMA's latest public relations efforts

AMA continues to seek assistance from its members to promote safe and responsible flying, and its efforts to protect model flying from onerous governmental regulations. Your support has helped us increase our work related to these issues, including regular interaction with the media. We have created a report to share a summary of the exposure we have had in the past few months in print and broadcast media.

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AMA testifies in California about safety

Rich Hanson, AMA government and regulatory affairs director, joined fire, law enforcement, and emergency management personnel, NASA, the media, and DJI to testify about the proper use of sUAS's in California. The Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management and the Senate Judiciary Committee met on August 18. Watch video excerpts of comments made by Rich and DJI officials during the session.

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Charging your LiPos

The saying "with great power comes great responsibility" would be a fitting description when describing LiPo batteries. Understanding the basics of this battery technology and having a working understanding of your charger will go a long way. In the September issue of *Model Aviation*, we demystify the various charging methods and rates. Read excerpts from the article and watch a video.

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Your vote counts-vote for your AMA district vice president

AMA's annual bill and ballot mailing is this month. It is time to elect vice presidents in districts two, four, six, eight, and ten. If you receive the piece with your renewal notice, please make sure to vote and return your ballot to select your district representative. Ballots must be postmarked by November 6. Members' votes decide who will lead the AMA as it continues to represent the aeromodeling community. Thank you for supporting the AMA's continued work with your membership renewal, your votes, and your generous donations!

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The adventure begins for the RC SCA and Space Shuttle test models

The 1/40-scale RC Shuttle Carrier Aircraft and Space Shuttle test models are on their way to Space Center Houston to be a part of their Independence Plaza exhibit, opening January 23, 2016. The models are on loan to Space Center Houston from the National Model Aviation Museum for the next several years.

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National Model Aviation Day update

Congratulations to the model aviation community for hosting hundreds of events throughout the country to promote the hobby! We have received donations from 40 clubs, totaling over \$30,000 for various charities. As a reminder, please send your donations to the AMA Foundation as soon as possible. All donations to Wounded Warrior Project should be made out to that group and sent to AMA Headquarters. If your club selected another charity, please let us know so that we can record our total contribution. Check out the website and our event [Facebook page](#) for more information.

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Favorite polo shirt now on sale

It's so popular that we put it back on sale! If you are looking for a polo shirt that you can wear to nearly any event, we have you covered! The Proline Sportswear 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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