Purpose
The Heritage Program’s historic site component is the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) official list of sites significant in aeromodeling history. Recognized sites have significance in history to their community, State, or Nation.

The programs aim is to identify and memorialize these sites and in the process collect, preserve and interpret documents and materials related to each approved site.

Sites for consideration
Flying Sites / Fields
Structures
  • Hobby Shops
  • Factories
Historic Locations

Who can nominate a site?
Private individuals or organizations can submit nominations for historic landmarks.

How is a nomination made? *
To nominate a historic site, a completed Historic Landmark Nominating Form along with supporting narratives, bibliographic documentation, photographs, and interview transcripts must be submitted to the AMA’s National Model Aviation Museum.

* For recognition, a historic site does not need to be associated with an organization.

Criteria for nomination
Applications for recognition of Historically Significant Sites must meet one or more of the 8 following criteria:

• Property is the continues operating location of an exceptionally significant / historic aeromodeling club(s)
• Property is the location of an exceptionally significant manufacturer / industry
• Property is the location of exceptionally significant scientific advances utilizing aeromodeling
• Property is the location of exceptionally significant early aeromodeling history 1900 – 1965
• Property has achieved exceptional significance in aeromodeling within the last 50 years
• Property has been the site of exceptionally significant aeromodeling record(s)
• Property represents a unique and exceptionally significant aeromodeling site with qualities not found elsewhere
• Property is directly associated with event(s) exceptionally significant to aeromodeling history
1) Of the criteria submitted, photographs, publications, news reports, film, video tape, documents, or other similar documentation is required as evidence of the site’s significance.

2) Except in rare and unusual circumstances, sites must be 50 years of age or older to be considered. They must also be exceptionally significant when elevated in relationship to major trends, advances, technologies, or contributions to aeromodeling history within their community, State, or nation.

Required sections on nominating form
- Name of property
- Location
- Property
- Function or use
- Statement of Significance
- Biographical References
- Geographic Data
- Structures Data
- Manufacturer Data
- Property Data
- Form Prepared by

Nomination Deadlines
Nominations must be submitted to the National Model Aviation Museum and postmarked no later than August 31.

Review Committee
The National Model Aviation Museum’s Steering Committee will review each nomination and make a recommendation on its eligibility to the AMA’s Executive Council for final approval.

Guidelines once selected
If the integrity of the site changes once selected it is the responsibility of the nominating party or of the organization / business to notify the National Model Aviation Museum. For example:
- A historic flying site becomes a housing development.

A notation concerning the change will then be made on the Heritage Program’s web page.

Benefits / Recognition
- Historic Site Plaque (suitable for outdoor display) for Historic Sites
- Article in magazine
- Organization, business, and/or site will be listed on the National Aeromodeling Heritage Program web page and its historical significance will be outlined.