Purpose
The Heritage Program is the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) official list of historically significant aeromodeling organizations, businesses, and sites. Recognized organizations, businesses, and sites have historical significance to their community, state, or nation.

The aim of the program is to identify and memorialize these organizations, businesses, and sites and in the process collect, preserve and interpret documents and materials related to each entity.

Eligible Organizations and Businesses for consideration can include:
Aeromodeling Clubs
Manufacturers related to aeromodeling
Hobby Shops

Who can nominate an organization or business?
Private individuals or organizations can submit nominations.

How is a nomination made? *
To nominate an organization or business, a completed National Aeromodeling Heritage Program 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, an organization or business does not need to be associated with a historic site.

Criteria for historic organization or business nomination
Applications for recognition of Historical Significant Organizations or Businesses must meet one or more of the 5 following criteria:

• Organization or business is exceptionally significant to the commercial development of aeromodeling.
• Organization or business is associated with event(s) exceptionally significant to aeromodeling history.
• Organization or business is associated with exceptionally significant scientific advances utilizing aeromodeling
• Organization or business is associated with exceptionally notable early aeromodeling history 1900 – 1965
• Organization or business has achieved exceptional significance in aeromodeling within the last 50 years

1) Of the criteria submitted, photographs, publications, news reports, film, video tape, documents, or other similar documentation is required as evidence of the organization or businesses 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 forms
- Name of Organization or Business
- Location(s)
- Type of Organization or Business
- Statement of Significance
- General Organization and Business Data
- Biographical References
- 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 organization, businesses 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:
- If an organization or business closes or disbands

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

Benefits / Recognition
- Heritage Award Plaque (suitable for indoor display) for the organization or business
- Article in Model Aviation magazine
- Organization, business, and/or site will be listed on the National Aeromodeling Heritage Program web page and its historical significance will be outlined.