

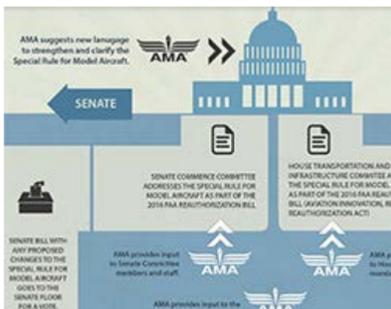
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Continued progress made with Special Rule for Model Aircraft

The AMA began its work to pass the Special Rule for Model Aircraft years before it became law in 2012. Countless negotiations, revisions, and eventually mobilizing our members to write Congress resulted in this special rule becoming law. Today, we continue our work to strengthen and protect the Special Rule for Model Aircraft. We are early in this process. Initial drafts will receive numerous revisions and amendments, just as we experienced with the original special rule. In an effort to help visualize the process, AMA had developed a graphic to demonstrate the legislative process and AMA's ongoing efforts.

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Club charter renewals are due March 31

March 31 is right around the corner, which means now is the time to renew your club charter for the 2016 flying season. Please submit your renewal forms as soon as possible so that we can take the necessary steps to update your club's charter and, if applicable, issue a certificate of insurance for your flying site owner. If your club has disbanded, we would appreciate if you could [send us a short note](#) to add to our files.

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Horizon Hobby supports AMA Foundation with quadcopter sales

Horizon Hobby is offering AMA members a special price of \$49.99 to purchase a Nano QX 3D BNF quadcopter. That's a savings of \$10 off the regular price of \$59.99. With every quadcopter purchased, Horizon Hobby will make a donation of \$5 to the AMA Foundation. Use promo code **AMA2840V**. Hurry supplies limited!

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AMA Foundation to host multicollection sale at Toledo Show

Join us for a special AMA Foundation sale during the Toledo Show: R/C Model Expo, April 1-3, in Toledo, Ohio. We will be set up upstairs in room 207 at the SeaGate Centre, near the swap shop area. Thank you to the families of Carl Goldberg, Don Tichenor, Joseph Elgin, and Edward C. Sweeney Jr. of Colorado for donating the collections to make this sale possible.

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AMA now accepting nominations for AMA president or vice president in Districts I, V, or IX

Nominations for the office of AMA president and vice presidents in Districts I, V, and IX are due at AMA Headquarters by June 19, 2016. Any AMA Adult member may submit a nomination. To be eligible to discharge the duties of AMA vice president, a nominee must be a Leader Member of the AMA and must reside in the district. To be eligible to discharge the duties of AMA president, a nominee must be a Leader Member of the AMA and must previously have served as a member of the Executive Council, as an Associate Vice President, or as a Contest Board member for at least one year.

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Don't miss Drones on the Horizon, hosted by Horizon Hobby

Drones on the Horizon is a one-day event you don't want to miss. Try out the coolest Horizon Hobby RC cars, boats, airplanes, and multirotors, or watch from the edge of your seat as the hottest new racing sport that's shocking the world with intense action, FPV Drone Racing, takes place. The event will be held Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando FL, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Registration is open for the 2016 Indoor and Outdoor Nats

Celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Nats by registering to compete. When you complete your application this year, invite someone who hasn't experienced the Nats. Give him or her an application and say, "Bring it," to the greatest celebration of aeromodeling!

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Model Aviation brings you an exclusive review

The April edition of *Model Aviation* includes an exclusive review of the FlightLineRC P-38L, written by Jon Barnes. In a short time, Motion RC has become a one-stop shop for pilots who love warbirds and EDF-powered jets. The company's announcement in early 2016 about the Motion RC-exclusive new FlightLineRC brand of models has put warbird enthusiasts on high alert, and for good reason. The centerpiece of the new FlightLineRC trio is undeniably the 1,600mm wingspan electric-powered, EPO mass-produced foam P-38 Lightning. The P-38L is currently the largest mass-produced foam P-38 in the world! It is a model that many Fork-Tailed Devil aficionados have clamored for. Read the full product review early by clicking the link below.

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Cal State University students seek assistance with UAS poll

Students enrolled in California State University course Introduction to Remotely-Piloted Systems along with members of the Aerial and Aquatic Robotic Research (AARR) Group at the school have developed a poll to help them better understand the potential uses and attitudes toward UAVs. The poll will help the students understand how the public views law enforcement using UAVs or drones, educational uses, movie studio uses, and other applications of the technology.

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Save the date: Annual Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner is June 9



Congratulations to the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Dawn program team for being named as the 2015 recipient of the Robert J. Collier Trophy. The group was selected by the National Aeronautic Association in recognition of its extraordinary achievements of orbiting and exploring protoplanet Vesta and dwarf planet Ceres, and advancing the nation's technological capabilities in pioneering new frontiers in space travel. For more information, contact awards-events@naa.aero

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AMA trailer hitch covers now on sale

Show your pride in AMA, and add some personality to your truck or SUV with an AMA trailer hitch cover. Made of black plastic, the trailer hitch cover features the AMA logo imprinted with an epoxy dome covering to keep the logo looking new for years. The cover is designed for a standard 2-inch trailer hitch receiver. Get yours for a limited time for only \$19.99.

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