

# AMA TODAY

Academy of Model Aeronautics Newsletter



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## AMA ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS AMA PRESIDENT 2017 AMA ELECTION RESULTS

1. Richard Hanson 2. Lawrence Tougas 3. Eric Williams

### Rich Hanson elected as the next AMA President

AMA would like to thank each candidate who participated in this year's election. We appreciate your efforts and your willingness to support the Academy. Congratulations to each of the selected candidates. Beginning January 1, 2017, Rich Hanson, former District XI vice president and current government and regulatory affairs team member, will serve as AMA President. "I am extremely proud to have been elected to serve as president of the AMA, and I would like to thank all that supported me through the campaign and everyone who participated in the election process. I would also like to commend and thank all of the candidates for their commitment to the AMA and their willingness to serve. It is my great honor to serve the members of this great organization and I look forward to working with the other members of the Executive Council and our dedicated headquarters staff, in upholding our aeromodeling traditions while moving the Academy forward." Election results are now available online. Thank you to each member who took the time to vote!

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### #GivingTuesday: We stand for you- Please help us take a seat

This year, AMA is participating in #GivingTuesday on November 29 to help us hit our 2016 goal of raising \$200,000 for the AMA Foundation. Nine departments at AMA Headquarters will each take one-hour shifts for a total nine straight hours of standing. Help us take a seat by donating to the foundation. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 on November 29—that's approximately \$278 per hour. After each team hits its goal, team members can take a seat or be left standing for the entire hour. We will be posting live on our social media pages and engaging our members all day. This is your chance to meet AMA staff members and give back. Join in the fun and make a tax-deductible donation!

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### FAI leaders visit AMA

Prior to the fourth-quarter Executive Council meeting that was held at AMA Headquarters on November 12, AMA welcomed FAI President Frits Brink, FAI Secretary General Susanne Schödel and FAI Aeromodelling Commission President Antonis Papadopoulos, who visited the AMA to exchange information about FAI's and AMA's current projects and their futures. Attendees discussed the future of the hobby, worldwide competition within the hobby, and communication between all air sport organizations. AMA thanks our visitors for making the trip to Muncie, and looks forward to future collaboration.

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THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS  
**AMA EXPO EAST 2017**  
February 24, 25, 26  
Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, New Jersey  
SHOP DEALS, FAA PANEL, SWAP SHOP

### Make plans now to attend AMA Expo East in February 2017

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in cooperation with the Westchester Radio Aero Modelers (WRAM) announced it will continue the long-standing tradition of hosting an annual East Coast hobby trade show, which will be held February 24-26, 2017, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

For 48 years, the AMA chartered WRAM Club produced and managed the 'WRAM Show'. It has been one of the longest-running shows of its kind in the model aviation industry. "Since we are not holding a show in 2017, we are pleased that AMA has stepped in to continue with a show for model aviation enthusiasts from Maine to Virginia," club officers stated.

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### Academy of Model Aeronautics nominated for local ATHENA award

Earlier this month, AMA received notice that the organization was one of several nominated to receive an ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award through Women in Business Unlimited. Several AMA staff members attended this year's ATHENA Awards Program to represent the AMA. The ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award recognizes local businesses or organizations that create an organizational culture that encourages women employees to achieve their full leadership potential, and gives back to the larger community of women and girls by providing and/or supporting leadership development opportunities and initiatives. Although the Academy did not win, it was an honor to be nominated and to be among several deserving candidates.

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### Help us choose the next theme issue!

Each year *Model Aviation* produces a number of theme issues. We're asking you to help us choose the topic for the July 2017 issue! Make a choice from the available options, or write in your own suggestions:

Act now - the deadline for submissions is January 15, 2017!

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### Las Vegas Soaring Club hosts model aviation day for youngsters

Eighteen students and many parents from the Olive Tree Homeschool group attended and completed an "Introduction to Model Aviation" and "The Basics of Flight" class at the Las Vegas Soaring Club field on Friday, November 4. Club members Robert Slauson and Barry Mattison conducted the class which included an airplane build and competition, classroom-style discussion with practical demonstrations, and ended with hot dogs and several demonstration flights. This was an intelligent group of youngsters who not only knew some of the terminology and principles of flight, but were able to apply them in a real setting using model airplanes.

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### AMA Walk of Fame bricks now 10 percent off

In honor of Veterans Day AMA is offering a 10% discount special for AMA Walk of Fame brick purchases. You do not have to be a veteran to take advantage of the special, but we do encourage you to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone who has impacted your life. With the holidays around the corner, these commemorative bricks make great gifts!

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