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AMA appointed to an FAA high-level advisory committee/team

The FAA recently formed a high-level advisory committee/team to provide advice on key model aviation issues and to help identify challenges and prioritize improvements. We are excited to share that AMA has been invited to be a part of this newly formed team. The inaugural meeting will be held on September 16 in Washington D.C.

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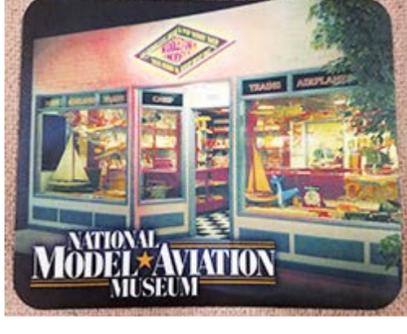
This year's MultiGP Drone Racing Nats, presented by Team BlackSheep, were held during Labor Day weekend at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN. This record-breaking event concluded the MultiGP Regional Series, which included more than 1,000 pilots in 50 chapters across 30 states and seven regions. Congratulations to Shaun 'Nyt fury' Taylor, who has earned the title of MultiGP Drone Racing Champion. MultiGP, an AMA Special Interest Group, is a premier drone racing league that hosts frequent competitive gatherings and casual events within its network of more than 375 MultiGP Chapters and 10,000 pilots worldwide.

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Quad Squad wins AMA's first UAS4STEM national competition

On Saturday, August 20, middle and high school students from across the US competed in the UAS4STEM program's national competition at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN. The student teams built their own multirotors and competed in various flying challenges for the national title. Congratulations to the 2016 UAS4STEM Search and Rescue Challenge's first-place-winning team-Quad Squad from Shoreview, MN. AMA also congratulates PTC Droners of Georgia on its second-place finish, and third-place winner St. Mary's CAP Squadron-O89 of Maryland.

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AMA members may continue flying FPV

For those flying first-person view (FPV), we understand that a recent Forbes article has made the issue of regulatory compliance even more confusing. We are advising AMA members that flying FPV with a spotter under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft remains acceptable as long as you continue to fly according to the [AMA Safety Code](#) and [AMA's safety guidelines for FPV operations in Document 550](#).

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Parrot Disco FPV pre-release preview

Get a sneak peek at a pre-release of this new flying wing from Parrot. You won't be able to get your hands on one until later this month, but its sleek looks and capability for 45-minute powered flights might be enough to get you to place your preorder today! *Model Aviation* digital edition subscribers saw this article included in their September issue on September 6.

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Full scale pilots enjoy RC

Several Experimental Aircraft Association staffers spent the afternoon immersed in RC models at Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest, an annual event held at Wellnitz Field near Fond du Lac, WI. Wellnitz Field features a putting-green-smooth grass runway that's 1,320 feet long and 280 feet wide, and is the home of the event's hosts, the Fond du Lac Aeromodelers Association, an AMA chartered club. This was the 10th annual Warbirds and Classics show, an event that's grown into a four-day affair featuring nearly 400 aircraft, 150 pilots, and as many as 3,000 spectators.

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Wolverine Skyhawks celebrate National Model Aviation Day with free Labor Day show

The Wolverine Skyhawks Model Club in Cedar Springs, MI hosted a free show on Labor Day at its field, located at 13540 West Street in Cedar Springs. The show was open to the public, and held in celebration of National Model Aviation Day. The event included fun, food, and fellowship. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Finish the Mission Veteran Relief Fund.

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