



AMA Education Committee member awarded one of the nation's top aerospace education awards

Dr. Jeff Montgomery, a dedicated advocate for aerospace and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education, has been awarded the 2017 Dr. Mervin K. Strickler Jr. Aerospace Education Leadership Award. The National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) established the award in 1995 to recognize individuals or organizations sharing Mervin's commitment and lifelong contributions to aerospace education.

Jeff is the deputy director of aerospace education for the Civil Air Patrol and a member of the AMA Education Committee. The partnership between the Civil Air Patrol and AMA has provided thousands of cadets the opportunity to experience flight through RC model aircraft. As the recipient of the 2017 award, Jeff represents the best in aerospace education innovation and leadership. AMA is fortunate and proud to have such a great individual and friend serving on its committee.

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National Model Aviation Museum enlarges drone collection

The National Model Aviation Museum has added several artifacts to its drone collection. Scot Refsland of the Drone Sports Association organized and planned the first US National Drone Racing Championships in 2015. The event brought together more than 120 pilots to compete by flying multirotors via First-Person View. He has [donated several items from the competition](#) to add to the museum's growing collection of drone artifacts.

Also new to the collection is the [Draganflyer I, donated by Daniel "Super Dan" Fetterly](#). This multirotor has a great history. It was sold through Probatics of Texas and used for research purposes. Dan commented that it was a handful during flight—a statement evidenced by the many spots of glue, balsa supports, and replaced parts on the aircraft.

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2017 National Youth Leadership Award Winner Announced

Congratulations to Casey Buggeln on being named as the 2017 recipient of the National Youth Leadership Award. The award was created to recognize the accomplishments of our Youth members. Casey received a sponsorship to Camp AMA and a plaque that will be displayed at the National Model Aviation Museum in Muncie, IN.

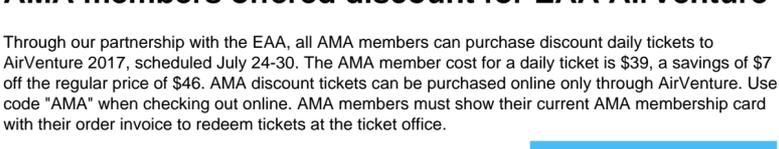
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Red Stick RC Club celebrates grand opening with help of AMA grant

The Red Stick RC Club in Baton Rouge, LA, a recipient of an AMA Flying Site Assistance Grant, recently celebrated the grand opening of its new flying site! In this episode of *AMA Air*, AMA Flying Site Assistance Coordinator Tony Stillman talks about the process of obtaining a new flying site and how AMA can help other clubs.

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AMA members offered discount for EAA AirVenture

Through our partnership with the EAA, all AMA members can purchase discount daily tickets to AirVenture 2017, scheduled July 24-30. The AMA member cost for a daily ticket is \$39, a savings of \$7 off the regular price of \$46. AMA discount tickets can be purchased online only through AirVenture. Use code "AMA" when checking out online. AMA members must show their current AMA membership card with their order invoice to redeem tickets at the ticket office.

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NREF features AMA in Xponential gallery

Thanks to the National Robotics Education Foundation (NREF) for including AMA in its picture gallery from Xponential 2017! The national conference was held MAY 8-11 by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUUSI) in the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas.

The event took place in the largest exhibit hall ever dedicated to unmanned systems and robotics (more than 370,000 square feet). It featured over 650 robotics organizations, companies, research institutions, universities, consultants, nonprofits, and more from the US and countries worldwide!

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AMA club to celebrate 90th anniversary of transatlantic flight

The Fox Valley Aero Club is sponsoring its 4th Windy City Warbirds and Classics RC Air Show, June 22-25, in St. Charles, IL, by having its lens focused on the past. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Spirit of St. Louis' transatlantic flight from New York to Paris. A custom Giant Scale RC model airplane the Spirit of St. Louis will take to the sky during the nighttime air show. In addition to the Spirit of St. Louis, the Windy City Warbirds and Classics RC Air Show will feature scale World War I biplanes and turbine scale jets. This is an event you don't want to miss! Read coverage from last year's event on [modelaviation.com](#).

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Buy, fly, repeat at the AMA Foundation swap meet

Spread the word! The AMA Foundation is hosting a swap meet to clear out RC Resale inventory June 16 and 17 at the Nats Headquarters building at the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) in Muncie IN. Several individuals have generously donated airplanes, engines, kits, parts, and many other treasures to help support its mission.

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NatsNews reporters needed

Are you attending the 2017 Outdoor Nats? Do you want to immerse yourself in the action while having the opportunity to make between \$50 and \$100 per day? Consider joining the *NatsNews* staff as an event reporter!

The job includes daily reporting of the event as well as creating an opening report for the first day of competition and a closing report to run the day after all competition concludes. Stories are lighthearted and casual with a focus on the people and the fun.

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2017 Nats memorabilia available

The 2017 Outdoor Nats officially kicks off at the end of June at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, IN. Now is the perfect time to purchase your official 2017 Nats apparel from the Cloud 9 Museum Store or online. Pick the perfect souvenir to commemorate the competition.

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