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## AIRR Act passes Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

We have good news to share. On Thursday, February 11, 2016, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives passed the Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, which preserves and strengthens the Special Rule for Model Aircraft. The AIRR Act is a strong bill that we are proud to support, but Congress isn't done with it yet. The House of Representatives still needs to vote on the AIRR Act and the Senate still must work on its own version of the bill. AMA has been actively advocating for our members' interests on Capitol Hill, and we will continue working with Congress on additional changes that could further protect our hobby.

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## A look back at 2016 E-Fest hosted by Hobbico

The 10th anniversary E-Fest, hosted by Hobbico, was held February 6-7 at the University of Illinois Armory. Featured at the show was Matt Chapman, full-scale air show pilot, and Bobby Watts, RC and UAV expert. Check out all of the pictures online in our Flickr album.

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## AMA is hiring!

With a growing membership, more programs, and a continued focus on expanding the model flying hobby, AMA is in need of new talented employees to help the organization with its mission. We are currently hiring the following positions: Multirotor Associate Editor, Development Communications Coordinator, Museum Educator, and a Government Relations Assistant. The organization offers top-notch benefits, including our health plan, 403(b), and educational assistance.

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## Help us celebrate Guillow's 90th anniversary

A name synonymous with stick-and-tissue model aircraft for generations, the Paul K. Guillow company, in Wakefield, MA, is celebrating 90 years in business in 2016. The company was originally founded by Paul Guillow in 1926 as NuCraft Toys. Guillow's is still on Salem Street in Wakefield. The factory complex has gradually expanded, but today continues to use many of its original Depression-era tools. The recent upgrade of a laser cutter has brought Guillow's kits into the 21st century. Now the balsa parts are accurate and true-fitting, making the kits easier to build. Help us celebrate the anniversary by sending a picture of your favorite kit, you building one of the kits, or a picture that showcases your appreciation of the brand.

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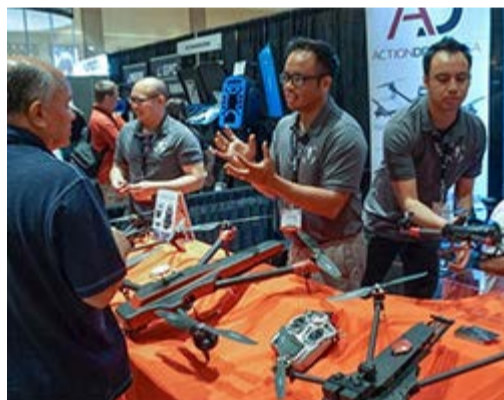
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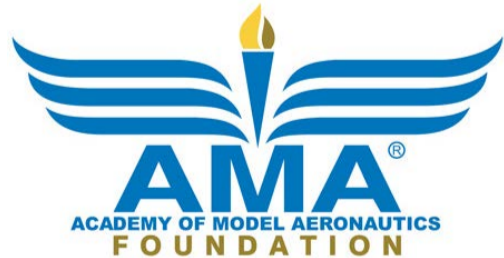
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The US F3J Team is headed to Vipava, Slovenia, July 30 through August 6 to represent the US at the 2016 FAI F3J World Championship for Model Gliders. This talented group of Soaring pilots includes senior pilots Daryl Perkins, Jeff DuVal, and Jim Schoon, and junior pilots, Dillon Graves, Dominic Lewis, and Stoil Avramov. This February, at F3J in the Desert, they had their first opportunity to work together as a team and distinguished themselves, with the senior team members taking first, second, and fourth place. Please [visit the team website](#) for ideas for how you or your club can support the team. You will also be able to follow the team's progress on its [Facebook page](#).

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## AMA Foundation to host multi-collection 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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## SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo offers AMA member discount

Don't miss the 42nd annual SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In & Expo April 5 - 10, 2016! This six-day aviation extravaganza hosts more than 500 aviation exhibitors, sponsors, and advertisers. AMA members can purchase discount tickets using promotional code AMA473. You may be required to show proof of your membership. We ask that you do not share this code with nonmembers, because it is another great benefit of belonging to AMA.

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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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