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Members encouraged to comment on FAA's sUAS NPRM

On February 23, 2015, the FAA published its proposed regulations for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). AMA has created a suggested template for comments, which we strongly encourage you to edit and personalize. Unless extended, the deadline for submitting comments is 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015. Click below to use our template to comment.

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National Model Aviation Day T-shirts now on sale

Preorder your National Model Aviation Day T-shirt to show your support for the third annual National Model Aviation Day. This year's shirts feature the National Model Aviation Day logo, and the phrase "beautiful spacious skies for amber waves of planes." The shirts are available without the date, and without this year's charity, the Wounded Warrior Project, and can be purchased in sizes S-4XL. If your club is interested in purchasing shirts with your club's logo, they are available for an additional \$10 each. Thank you to our newest Platinum Sponsor, [Hobbico](#), for supporting National Model Aviation Day along with [Ready Made RC](#) and [HobbyKing](#). Platinum Sponsors' names will be included on the back of the shirts. Only one Platinum Sponsorship is still available. See our [National Model Aviation Day sponsorship page](#) to learn more.

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Early Spring Leader Member update

AMA Leader Member Program Coordinator Rusty Kennedy has an update for AMA Leader Members to the AMA blogs. Rusty provides advice for Leader Members as the 2015 flying season begins. In the post he reminds Leader Members to review the *2015 AMA Membership Manual* and to update your email addresses with AMA to ensure that you receive AMA communications and updates.

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Learn more about the scaled aircraft lab at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center

Check out this video that uncovers the workings, tools, and rationale of the aircraft lab at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center on Edwards Air Force Base. Watch commercial off-the-shelf aircraft, one-of-a-kind designs, powered aircraft, and gliders takeoff, fly, and land. AMA's Jerry Budd and the chief pilot and designer of the lab, Red Jenson, explain how and why the researchers do what they do. Red is an AMA Life Member and Jet Turbine waiver holder and has been a stage speaker at the AMA Expo. [View the video of the presentation at AMA Expo 2015](#) flight testing the towed air glider launch concept using a subscale research model.

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It's time to dust off those wings, tweak your engines, and stock up on extra propellers because the Nats are coming! The annual event starts with Indoor Free Flight in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 8-12, 2015, at the historic City Auditorium. Keep up with the latest exciting action by subscribing to *NatsNews*! Receive notifications when the daily newsletter, filled with reports, photos, and scores, is posted. It's as simple as visiting www.modelaircraft.org/natsnews and clicking on "Subscribe" to sign up. All you need is an email address.

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The origins of competitive Hand-Launch Soaring

Learn more about the growing enthusiasm behind Soaring, including event coverage of the 2014 International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF). From IHLGF's beginnings in 1992, we showcase this new world of micro-meteorology and model aviation. Watch footage of Slope Soaring at Torrey Pines with *Model Aviation* Editor-in-Chief Jay Smith.

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2015 F3D Team asks for support to attend the July world competition

On October 9, 2014, several dedicated Pylon racers tried out for the F3D US Team. The top three, Randy Bridge, Gino Del Ponte, and Gary Freeman Jr., and alternate Ray Brown, were selected to represent the US during this one-day competition. The team will compete in the Czech Republic July 7-11, 2015, and it is asking for support. Information about individual and corporate donations can be found on the team website.

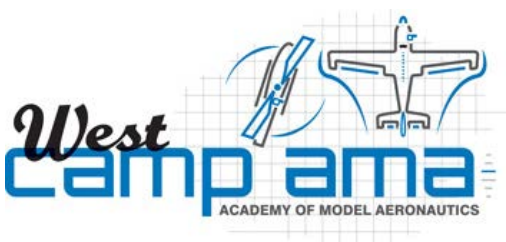
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You have the opportunity to improve your flying skills and learn from accomplished pilots, Nick Maxwell and Andrew Jesky, at AMA's newest learning experience: Camp AMA West. The adults-only camp will be held December 2-6, 2015, in Las Vegas. Sign up today for four days of flying and an experience you won't forget.

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AMA polo shirt spring sale

Spring is right around the corner, and a new flying season will soon be in full swing. Whether you're going to a club meeting, flying event, or playing a few holes of golf, an AMA polo shirt is a great way to kick-start your year. Choose from stone/navy or heather gray/black. The shirts are made from high-quality cotton and include the official AMA logo. This fantastic sale price starts at \$14.99!

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