

# AMA TODAY

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## AMA Hits \$1 Million Scholarship Milestone

The AMA is happy to announce that this year's \$48,000 in scholarships awarded to 10 high school graduates from across the nation has helped bring the total of AMA scholarships that have been given to college-bound aeromodelers to \$1 million. The scholarships are created through funds donated by model aviation organizations and individuals, AMA members, and a portion of AMA member dues.

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## New sUAS Website Now Available for Hobbyists

AMA has launched a website built for new pilots interested in sUAS. The website was created to provide safe operation information, flying site location information, material about FAA registration, and share stories and tips for those entering the hobby.

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## \$1,000 AMA Retail Enrollment Program awarded

Congratulations to Drone Camps RC based in Rodanthe, NC-the retailer selected as this year's winner of the AMA Retail Enrollment Program. AMA randomly selects one retailer participating in its Retail Enrollment Program each year to receive \$1,000. The drawing takes place December 31. Do you own a hobby shop that is not in the [AMA Retail Enrollment Program](#)? It's easy to join, and you get money for signing up new AMA members!

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## AMA Walk of Fame bricks now on sale

Throughout the month of May, all bricks are reduced 10% in celebration of Memorial Day. Get your name in the Walk of Fame, honor someone you know in the hobby, or purchase a brick in memory of a loved one who enjoyed the hobby.

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## International Drone Day a great success

More than 150 events were held on May 7 as part of the second annual International Drone Day. The celebratory day was started to educate those outside of the drone community about the many positive ways in which drones can be used to better society. The mantra for the day was "Drones are Good!" AMA staff members attended the event, which received a lot of positive media attention. To learn more visit [www.internationaldroneday.com](http://www.internationaldroneday.com).

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## FAI World Air Games photo book and video now online

The FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 was the biggest multi air sports competition ever organized. From December 1-12, 2015, 951 athletes from 52 countries competed for the sought-after title of FAI World Air Games Champion. Eleven sports and 40 disciplines were in the competition, including model flying. A photo book and video have been released online to showcase some of the exciting activities that took place during the games.

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## Free plans: Build the DGA-3 Pete

The DGA-3 Pete was an underdog racer that overcame tough odds and launched an aspiring air racer's career in the 1930s. Paul Kohlman provides free plans and tells you how he built the sleek racer, recycling some old gear the process.

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## AMA club develops student flight-training manual

The Tuscarora R/C Aircraft Flying Club of Barnesville, PA, has developed a new student flight-training manual for those interested in model aviation and in becoming a member of the club. The purpose of the instruction manual is to provide students with the tools they need to help them learn how to fly and to give them information about how to stay safe in the sky.

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## Electric flight enthusiasts mark your calendars

The AMA's National Electric Fly-In (NEFI) will be held June 10-12 at AMA Headquarters in Muncie IN. This event will feature model aircraft of all shapes and sizes including micro airplanes, aerobatic aircraft, and large helicopters. A foam-wing Combat contest and Pylon Racing are scheduled, and flight simulators will be available for kids of all ages to try.

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## AMA flags on sale for a limited time

Update your flying field this year with a new AMA flag. Produced in the US, these eye-catching flags are made of high-quality UVV-treated fabric, with lock-stitch construction and have two brass grommets. The flags measure 3 x 5 feet, and have an AMA logo. They are available in navy with a white AMA logo, or white with a navy AMA logo. The flags are on sale this May for \$64.99.

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