



## 2017 Take off And Grow (TAG) grant winners announced

Congratulations to each of the clubs that were awarded a 2017 Take off And Grow (TAG) grant! The TAG grant program was introduced to encourage our members and clubs to promote aeromodeling as a positive recreational activity in their communities. TAG grants provide assistance to clubs to host open-house-style events to showcase what model aviation has to offer. Check out this year's winning clubs.

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## Georgia Tech's UMASC club wins Collegiate Drone Racing Championship

One of AMA's University Model Aviation Student Clubs (UMASC), Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), won the inaugural Collegiate Drone Racing Championship, hosted by Purdue University, on Saturday April 15. The club received more than \$15,000 worth of equipment and prizes. The 48 competitors on the team used their homemade creations to navigate a complicated obstacle course at speeds reaching 80 to 90 mph. UMASC University of California, Berkeley and Purdue University also participated.

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## Government Relations 2017 updates

2017 is shaping up to be another busy year on the legislative front. At the federal and local level, some legislators are discussing bills that could harm our hobby. We take these legislative proposals seriously and wanted to share an update on our efforts to protect recreational flying. Although there are challenges ahead, with your help, we are confident that the model aircraft hobby will continue to thrive for generations to come. Read more about our advocacy legislative efforts on the federal and local level.

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## New feature: search for event via AMA district

AMA has added a new feature to its event calendar-the ability to search events by district. This is beneficial to AMA leaders developing a schedule of events to visit throughout the year and is a great way for members to attend events outside of their own states, but still nearby.

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## AMA is gearing up for the Nats

Are you registered to participate in this year's Nats? Register for this year's competition by clicking [here \(Official events\)](#) or [here \(Unofficial events\)](#) or by visiting [modelaircraft.org/nats](http://modelaircraft.org/nats) to download a form. Do you plan to camp while you're at the International Aeromodeling Center? Remember, camping is on a first-come, first-serve basis for all events excluding the IRCHA Jamboree.

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## Election nominations due June 16

Nominations for the office of AMA executive vice president and vice presidents in Districts III, VII, and XI, are due at AMA Headquarters by June 15, 2017. Any AMA Adult member may submit a nomination.

To be eligible to discharge the duties of an AMA vice president, a nominee must be a Leader Member of the AMA and must reside in the district. To be eligible to discharge the duties of AMA executive vice president, a nominee must be a Leader Member of the AMA and must previously have served as a member of the Executive Council, as an associate vice president, or as a Contest Board member for at least one year.

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## Looking back at the Toledo Show: R/C Model Expo

The Toledo Show: R/C Model Expo is the likely the largest and longest-running RC model expo in North America. With more than 150 exhibitors spread across the 75,000-square-foot SeaGate Convention Centre in Toledo, Ohio, there's truly something for everyone to enjoy.

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## Teaching about model flying without the use of a buddy box

AMA member Clarence Ragland shares the Ragland Technique, his approach to teaching a novice pilot how to fly independently in a short time. It's important to spread your knowledge. "Producing more pilots, with safe flying habits, the RC hobby/sport has a better chance of growing, which will ensure the survival of the RC hobby for us all," Clarence stated.

[learn more >](#)

RC Resale Swap Meet hosted by the AMA Foundation in conjunction with:



## Buy, fly, repeat at the AMA Foundation swap meet

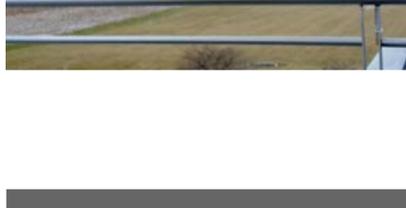
Spread the word! The AMA Foundation is hosting a swap meet to clear out RC Resale inventory June 16 and 17 at the Nats Headquarters building at the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) in Muncie IN. Several individuals have generously donated airplanes, engines, kits, parts, and many other treasures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

[register now >](#)

## RC Judge offers \$1,000 scholarship for undergraduates

RC Judge believes the future of remote control toys is bright and wants to inspire more young adults to learn about model aviation. To encourage this the group has created a \$1,000 scholarship for undergraduates. To apply, write a 700-1,000 word essay on how the technology for remote control toys will change in the future. Essays will be judged based on facts, creativity, and overall knowledge of the topic.

[apply now >](#)



## Does your field need a new windsock?

Do you need to change the worn-out windsock on your flying field or do you just want an extra one for yourself? If so, now is the time to buy one and take advantage of huge savings on both sizes of windsocks during the month of May. The 8 x 24-inch windsock includes an attached 18-inch aluminum post for mounting, on sale this month for only \$41.99. The larger windsock (pictured) does not include a post for mounting, measures 11 x 36 inches, and it is on sale for \$66.99. Both are made in the USA. Take advantage of this savings while they last!

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