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# AMA TODAY

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## A look back at the 2017 Nats

The 2017 Nats, an annual favorite event for many pilots from across the country and around the world, kicked off June 23 and concluded August 3. Most of the events were held at the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) in Muncie, IN, while two were held in other locations.

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## Save the date for Giving Tuesday

Last year, AMA participated in #GivingTuesday with its "we stand for you campaign." Our team of employees went live on Facebook throughout the day



to share information about our staff and AMA programs that are supported with donations to the AMA Foundation. This year, our campaign is "there will be pies in the sky." Make sure to mark your calendar for November 28, 2017 (#GivingTuesday) to watch members of our team share their "slice of the pie" at the AMA. Each participant will also take a pie to the face if our goals are met throughout the day. Support a great cause and watch the pies fly.

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## Blacksheep club raises money for veterans on National Model Aviation Day

Congratulations to the Blacksheep R/C Modelers Club of Danville, IN. For the second consecutive year, this organization raised the most money for charity on National Model Aviation Day. Its fifth annual celebration collected \$7,534.33 for the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF). The organization had an excellent event and worked closely with other groups in the community to host a raffle and provide lunch for those in attendance. AMA would also like to thank the Blacksheep R/C Modelers Club for its time and efforts in helping us host the second annual [Warrior Day](#) earlier this month.

As a reminder, we would like to keep track of all of the funds raised and charities supported through National Model Aviation Day celebrations. Please email us directly at [nmad@modelaircraft.org](mailto:nmad@modelaircraft.org) to share your story.

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### Possible new flying site locations in your state

In late September 2017, AMA Flying Site Assistance Coordinator Tony Stillman attended the National Recreation and Park Association's annual convention in New Orleans. This convention boasts hundreds of attendees from city and county park management as well as governmental leaders. These are just the people that a local AMA club or member would want to talk with about creating a flying site. Tony spoke with many officials who indicated that they would be interested in creating a flying site in their city! Even if your club already has a flying site, becoming connected with your city's park and recreation department can help your group improve what it already has, or expand to additional sites.

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### AMA members have a voice

AMA provides its members with several ways to become involved with its governance and in helping the AMA continue to promote, enhance, and build model flying. One great way to get involved is to become an AMA Leader Member. Leader Members are charged with representing and promoting AMA and the sport of aeromodeling, and are given voting rights for bylaws changes.

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## Desert Hawks expand options

For more than 35 years, the Desert Hawks RC Complex, located in Havasu City, AZ, has been home to RC airplanes and helicopters. The Desert Hawks Radio Control Club members wanted something to do when it was too windy to fly their airplanes, so they expanded their field to include RC truck and buggy enthusiasts by constructing a race track. Not only will the track be a fun way for members to try something different, but it will also bring new people to the field who might take an interest in model flying. The track has been so popular that the club plans to expand it in the future. The local media was interested in the track and interviewed the club. The interview qualified the group to receive a Club Recognition and Reward grant.

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## What's your story?

This month our Generations of Flight campaign focuses on fliers who joined the hobby as kids. This week's featured flier is Jim. This picture is of Jim and his son, Chris, taken in 1981, was featured in a Model Aviation series for beginner Control Line pilots. Jim wrote that "Every youngster in my family spends time in the shop." Submit your own story at [generationsofflight.com](http://generationsofflight.com).

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### Don't forget to enter once a week

The AMA Foundation for the Future Sweepstakes is now open! Remember, you can enter one time per week for the best chance to win. This year's winner will receive a trip to AMA Expo West and a ride in Lady Alice, a P-51 Mustang. The sweepstakes is open through December 8, 2017, and anyone who is at least 18 years old can enter. Please consider making a donation to the AMA Foundation when submitting your sweepstakes entry and when you renew your 2018 AMA membership.

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### Free plans: What better subject for a homebuilt model than a homebuilt airplane?

Download free plans and step back in time with a two-seat, high-wing parasol homebuilt monoplane. Designed in 1932 by Bernard Pietenpol, full-scale Air Campers have been powered by everything from Ford Model A engines, to the powerplant from 1960s Chevrolet Corvairs. Learn more and build your own!

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### AMA's popular gray polo now on sale

Take advantage of this incredibly low price while they last! This steel gray performance polo has moisture wicking, which pulls moisture away from your skin to help keep you cool and dry all day. An added plus is the antimicrobial treatment, which helps maintain freshness and inhibits bacteria growth. This comfortable polo is made of 100% baby pique polyester and is available in steel gray. Get yours now



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