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MEDIA ADVISORY DRONE CAMP, UAS TRAININGS AND MORE TO BE FEATURED AT AMA EXPO IN ONTARIO, CA JANUARY 6 - 8

MUNCIE, Ind. – The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will host the 19th annual <u>AMA Expo West</u>, presented by ReadyMadeRC.com, at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California January 6 - 8. The three-day event is a "whole family" experience featuring opportunities to learn about, fly and buy model aircraft and drones.

The event will include a hundred exhibitors, as well ongoing events:

- **Drone Camp** Try-N-Fly, hands-on workshops for ages 7 to 19 to learn how to build, set-up, fly and even do tricks with a drone. Reserve your spot for a Saturday or Sunday session in advance.
- **Commercial UAS Training** How-to course to help prepare commercial drone pilots for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Part 107 required remote pilot test.
- **Public Safety Training** Learning session to provide public safety officers with the tools they need to use UAS technology effectively in their jobs.
- **Speaker Series** Ongoing presentations, including:
 - Red Jensen, sUAS Chief Pilot at NASA: "The History of Subscale Flight Research at Armstrong"
 - David and Sarah Oneal, That Drone Show: Showing and discussion of the new documentary "The Drone Invasion"
 - USC AeroDesign Team: "From Concept to Flight The AIAA Design/Build/Fly Competition design Cycle"
 - Chris Wolfe AKA The RC Geek: "My Model Aviation Career and Journey to Inspire Others"
 - Author Julian Guthrie and Space Ship One Structural Engineer Dan Kreigh: "How to Make a Spaceship. Start by Building Model Planes."

The full schedule for the AMA expo is available here. Sponsors of the Expo include Ready Made RC, Nationwide Insurance, Aerobeez, Castle Creations, Estes Rockets and Northwest RC. Ticket details and pricing can be found here.

What: AMA Expo West

When: Friday, January 6, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday, January 8, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Ontario Convention Center

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Ontario, California 91764

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936 serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 200,000 modelers in more than 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft and drones for recreation and educational purposes.

For more information, visit <u>www.modelaircraft.org</u>.