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## AMA to host AMA Expo East in February 2017

October 5, 2016: Muncie, IN: The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in cooperation with the Westchester Radio Aero Modelers (WRAM) announced it will continue the long-standing tradition of hosting an annual East Coast hobby trade show, which will be held February 24–26, 2017, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

For 48 years, the AMA chartered WRAM Club produced and managed the 'WRAM Show'. It has been one of the longest-running shows of its kind in the model aviation industry. "Since we are not holding a show in 2017, we are pleased that AMA has stepped in to continue with a show for model aviation enthusiasts from Maine to Virginia," club officers stated.

The new show, AMA Expo East, will be modeled after the successful AMA Expo West, held in Ontario, California each year by the AMA. AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson said, "The Westchester Aero Radio Modelers' Annual WRAM Show has been a staple in the modeling world for nearly 50 years. AMA is pleased to be able to carry on the WRAM tradition that benefits model aviation enthusiasts from throughout the Northeast."

Next year's show will include guest speakers, new activities, and other special programs. AMA Ambassador and NASA space shuttle pilot and commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson will be a one of the guest speakers. David and Sarah Oneal, hosts of the popular podcast, *That Drone Show*, founders of International Drone Day, and director and producer of the new documentary *The Drone Invasion*, will also be attending as guest speakers. *The Drone Invasion* will be shown during their presentation.

AMA is pleased to announce that Ready Made RC will be the presenting sponsor for both AMA Expo East and AMA Expo West

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To learn more about AMA Expo, visit www.amaexpo.com.

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 195,000 modelers in 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 for recreational and educational purposes. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.