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AMA chartered clubs help make wishes come true

The Miniature Aircraft Association (MAA), of Tri-Cities WA, hosted the second annual Wings for Wishes May 24-27. This year's event was a great success. The club welcomed many spectators and pilots who contributed toward the \$6,200 donated to the Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington Chapter.

Club president Clark Hymas, along with several volunteers and club members, worked with local organizations and a group of RC-related businesses to make the event a success. Many of the companies, including Valley View RC, provided great door prizes, direct donations to Make-A-Wish, and promotional discounts that allowed the club to purchase prizes for a raffle.

The MAA also sold concessions to raise money for Make-A-Wish, which grants the wishes of children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is a strong supporter of clubs such as the MAA that take the time to facilitate events to raise money for charitable endeavors. "Events like this not only support important charities like Make-A-Wish, but they go a long way in building credibility in our communities for the club, its members, and what we all do as model aviation enthusiasts," said Dave Mathewson, AMA's executive director.

The Mission Valley Model Aviation Club of Columbia Falls MT, led by Eric Kendall, will host the next Wings for Wishes event in Montana. The club's third Wings for Wishes event is scheduled for August 17-18. Eric was inspired to create the event after Make-A-Wish granted his nephew's wish of traveling to the mountains to see snow. He saw an opportunity to help others like his nephew through his passion of model aeronautics.

Other AMA chartered clubs also are stepping up to help those in need. On August 17, many clubs will host events in celebration of National Model Aviation Day. AMA and all participating clubs are asked to help raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. Information and a list of participating clubs can be found at www.nationalmodelaviationday.org.

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 154,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie IN, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreational and educational purposes.

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