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Academy of Model Aeronautics' flying season begins

The 2013 flying season has begun at the Academy of Model Aeronautics' national headquarters in Muncie IN. The facility is on a beautiful, 1,100-acre site, which features flying venues for all forms of aeromodeling.

Several large events are planned that will attract competitors and hobbyists from across the country and around the world. These events include the National Electric Fly-In (NEFI), the Extreme Flight Championships (XFC), the National Aeromodeling Championships (Nats), International Radio Controlled Helicopter Association (IRCHA) Jamboree, the 2013 Indiana Warbird Campaign, and the inaugural National Model Aviation Day celebration. A complete list of events can be found at www.modelaircraft.org.

XFC is set for June 14-16. This event brings together the world's best RC model pilots to demonstrate their extreme flying skills in this entertaining competition. This year's event will feature a night-fly with fireworks and a light show performed by modelers. For more information, see www.xfc-rc.com.

NEFI will be held June 21-23. This event will feature model aircraft of all shapes and sizes including micro airplanes, aerobatic aircraft, and large helicopters. A foam-wing Combat contest and Pylon Racing are scheduled, and flight simulators will be available for kids of all ages to try flying. Visit www.modelaircraft.org/events/nefi.aspx for additional information.

The Nats is a six-week-long competition that will be held June 25 through July 31. Pilots of different skill levels and specialties can register to compete. To see the schedule or register to participate, visit www.modelaircraft.org/nats.

The public is invited to be part of the largest single-venue RC gathering in the world: the IRCHA Jamboree. Scheduled July 31-August 4, this unique event hosts more than 1,000 pilots, several on-site activities, vendors, camping, and more. Additional information can be found at www.ircha.org.

Celebrating its 10th year, the Indiana Warbird Campaign will be held August 29-31. The air show features the best Scale RC airplanes and pilots from across the US and Canada. The models are scale replicas of military airplanes of the past. Visit <http://indianawarbirdcampaign.com> to read more about this air show.

Join AMA and clubs across the country in celebration of the history of model aviation by attending a National Model Aviation Day event in your area on August 17, 2013. AMA and all participating clubs are asked to help raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. AMA's event will feature two live air shows, free admission to the National Model Aviation Museum, and hands-on activities. Spectators can visit events hosted by the Hoosier Dawn Patrol and the Mid-Indiana Society of Thermalers club, a local RC sailplane club. Information and a list of participating clubs can be found on 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 recreation and educational purposes.

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