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GROUND CONTROL

for Club Officers, Contest Directors, Leader Members, and Associate Vice Presidents



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The 411 on AMA's Insurance

Some common (and less-common) insurance requests from flying site owners:

Different flying site owners have different needs. The standard certificate of insurance that is issued, naming your flying site property owner as an additional insured party, is usually sufficient for private property owned by an individual. Corporate or government entities sometimes have additional insurance requirements. We are able to accommodate some of these through the Westchester liability policy. There are other requests we don't provide coverage for; however, in most cases, the property owner agrees to waive those requirements after some additional explanation.

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Club Renewal and the AMA Safety Code

The 2018 club charter renewals have been mailed to the club officer designated as the club contact. If that's you and you have not yet received the renewal package, please contact AMA at your earliest convenience at clubs@modelaircraft.org. Please make sure to include your club name and number in all correspondence.

As you probably are aware, AMA has a newly revised safety code! It still has the same safety principles but is much shorter. As with every safety code update, AMA will provide a vinyl self-adhesive poster-size copy to all clubs, so that they can post the current AMA Safety Code at their flying site. These posters are currently in production and we will start mailing them once the club charter renewals season concludes.

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FBI Unmanned Aircraft Systems Outreach

As you know, AMA members have enjoyed our great hobby safely and responsibly for more than 80 years. Unfortunately, there is now some concern that extremist groups could use drones to inflict harm and cause serious damage. The FBI has contacted AMA as part of its routine community outreach to ask for our help in staying ahead of this threat. We are honored to assist in the FBI efforts and, in fact, our hobby has a strong history of helping the FBI in the past. Read more about how you and your club can assist with this effort [here](#).

GoFly Competition Calls for Mentors and Judges

As a partner organization to The GoFly Prize, we invite you to join us as mentors and judges in the \$2 million GoFly Prize. The GoFly Prize is an international competition to create safe, quiet, and ultracompact personal flying devices with near-VTOL capabilities. AMA members can become involved in GoFly as a mentor or as a judge.

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AMA Expo East

Many exhibitors, as well as aviation and aerospace experts, will greet thousands of attendees at AMA Expo East this year, February 23-25, in Secaucus, New Jersey

The three-day AMA Expo provides a "whole family" experience for longtime modelers and newcomers to the hobby, as well as enjoyment for all who love flight. The Expo offers the latest products in RC model aviation, demonstrations, interactive displays, and exploration of the intricacies of flying model airplanes, helicopters, rockets, gliders, and more.

Don't forget about AMA Expo group-rate tickets! Order 10 or more tickets for AMA Expo East and receive the group-rate price. Please tell your club members today and plan to attend AMA Expo East! Individual ticket sales are also available.



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Deadlines Approach for AMA Flying Site Assistance Grants and AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame Nominations

Is your club planning to make improvements at your flying field this year? AMA might be able to help you with funding. Quickly view the eligibility rules because the deadline to submit an application is March 1.

AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame nominations are also due in March. Established in 1969, the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame honors men and women who have made significant contributions to the sport of aeromodeling. Contributions can be in volunteer or administrative activities, product development, competition performance, or a variety or combination of activities. This year's deadline to nominate someone you know for this prestigious honor is March 31.

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