

AMA District 1 Website: https://amadistrict-i.org

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ABOUT AMA:

The AMA is the world's largest aeromodelling membership association with 170,000 members, 2,400 chartered clubs, 2,800 flying sites, and the AMA sanctions over 2,000 flying events each year. AMA is dedicated to the promotion of model aviation as a recognized sport as well as a recreational activity that's fun and challenging.

AMA was founded in 1936 and in the past 85 years AMA's Safety Programming has been recognized by the government and the aviation community as exemplary in assessing and mitigating model aircraft flying risks. AMA's HQ and museum are located in Muncie, IN on 1,200 acres of land with 4 runways and multiple specialty areas for conducting National and International aeromodelling competition and fun-fly events.

AMA is a non-profit governed by a 13 member executive board of the 11 AMA District Vice Presidents, an Executive Vice President, and a President. District VPs are elected by members in their district while the President and Executive VP are elected by members from all the districts. District VPs appoint district AVPs to assist them in providing benefits and services to clubs and members in acquiring and retaining flying sites, attending events and club meetings, organizing and sponsoring club events including airshows, educational initiatives and participating in State or Municipal hearings on any proposed legislation that might impact AMA model aircraft flying.

AMA's best assets are its members and their 2,800 flying sites on public, private and commercial property. Clubs are able to acquire flying sites because AMA provides \$5 million dollars of primary liability coverage for site owners and 2.5 million dollars of coverage for members. AMA clubs and members are divided into 11 districts in the United States. District 1 includes the 6 New England States which have 130 clubs and over 8,000 club members and 4,500 non-club members who are also FAA registered remote operators.

WHY AEROMODELLERS JOIN THE AMA

FAA sUAS Regulations require Remote Pilots to Operate sUAS under the Safety Guidelines of FAA recognized Community Based Organizations/AMA

- MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING IS AWESOME
- LIABILITY INSURANCE UP TO \$2.5 MILLION
- 2,450 AMA CLUBS IN USA
- ACCESS TO 2,800 SAFE FLYING SITES
- 135 AMA CLUBS IN NEW ENGLAND
- OVER 2,000 SANCTIONED EVENTS/YR.
- MEMBER, CLUB, & SITE INSURANCE WHATEVER YOU FLY & WHEREVER
- FLY MORE TYPES OF MODEL AIRCRAFT
- NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- CRAFTSMANSHIP SATISFACTION
- CAMARADERIE WITH OTHER HOBBYISTS
- FLIGHT TRAINING PROGRAMS
- STEAM YOUTH EDUCATION
- SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
- AMA SAFETY PROGRAMMING
- TURBINE JET WAIVERS & CERTIFICATION
- LARGE MODEL AIRCRAFT & PILOT CERTIFICATION
- FLY FASTER, LARGER, HIGHER, & SAFER THAN ANY OTHER CBO!

AMA SAFETY PROGRAMING IS AUTHORIZED BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS ASSOCIATION & THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

AMA DISTRICT 1 CLUBS & THEIR FLYING SITE LOCATIONS:

There are 130 clubs in District 1 to choose from. Use the following link to find the clubs closest to the State and City you live in - <u>https://www.modelaircraft.org/club-finder</u> enter the area of miles from your location you wish to check for AMA clubs. When a list

of clubs is displayed click on "details" under club names to display all the club information including contact emails/phone, membership process/application, club website, flying site locations, requirements, restrictions, and events/activities.

ABOUT AMA CLUBS:

AMA clubs are the best resource for flying at safe permitted sites with runways. Clubs provide ongoing flight training, aircraft and radio setups, along with modeling and flying tips. Clubs elect officers, conduct member meetings, acquire use of flying sites, sanction fun-fly and competition events, have cookouts, swap-meets/auctions, airshow demonstrations, and participate in advocacy and outreach initiatives within their community including aeronautical educational STEAM programs with local schools and youth organizations.

FAA SUAS RECREATIONAL REGULATION REQUIREMENTS:

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 requires recreational Remote Operators/Pilots to comply with the following rules/law or be subject to fines or penalties:

- 1. Fly only for recreational purposes.
- 2. Follow the safety guidelines of an FAA-recognized Community Based Organization (CBO) like the AMA.
- 3. Keep model-aircraft within your visual line of sight or use a visual observer who is physically next to you.
- 4. Give way to and do not interfere with manned aircraft.
- 5. Fly at or below 400' in controlled airspace <u>Class B, C, D, and E</u> near airports (Unless at AMA sites with Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Letters of Agreements to operate at higher altitudes).
- 6. Fly at or below 400 feet in Class G (uncontrolled) airspace (Unless at AMA sites that have had FAA risk assessments and mitigation allowing altitudes above 400 ft.)
- 7. Take the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) and carry proof of test passage.
- 8. Have a current registration PDF with you and registration number on the outside of model aircraft being flown.
- 9. Do not operate under influence of alcohol/drugs or fly model-aircraft in a careless/reckless manner.

FAA TRUST REQUIREMENT: www.modelaircraft.org/trust

The UAS Safety Test is less of a test and more of a lesson on sUAS safe flying. There is no studying required in order to pass. Taking it requires reading a few paragraphs in each short section and selecting answers to questions from multiple choices (a, b, c, d, or True/False). Everyone taking this (average 20 minutes) 23 question test will pass the test since any wrong answer will return and display the paragraph/s containing the correct answer. Once completed, download and either print or retain an image of the Completion Certificate to make available to the FAA or Law Enforcement if ever requested.

FAA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT: https://faadronezone.faa.gov/

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2018 requires all owners of sUAS/model aircraft weighing over 8 ounces to complete an online registration with the FAA. Hobbyists are given a single registration number that must be affixed or marked on the outside of all their model-aircraft they intend to fly. There are no additional fees only one fee of \$5.00 which is valid for 3 years covers all models owned and/or purchased later. Once registered either print or retain an image of the registration to make available to the FAA or Law Enforcement if ever requested.





BEST RECOMMENDED TRAINER AIRPLANES: from <u>www.HorizonHobby.com</u> and local dealers for learning to fly are the Apprentice S2 and the Sport Cub S2. Both are Ready to Fly nothing else to buy. They feature SAFE technology that helps to prevent crashes and makes it easy to learn how to fly. Sport Cub Item No.HBZ44000 \$159.99 Apprentice Item No.HBZ31000 \$299.99

Ask about AMA's 60 days of FREE \$2.5 million of liability insurance coverage for you while learning to fly with an AMA Intro-Pilot Instructor at some of AMA's clubs. Contact Andy Argenio D1 VP at brandshobby@gmail.com



