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NAA Announces Academy of Model Aeronautics as Recipient of 2010 Brewer Trophy for Aviation Education

Arlington, Virginia, September 13, 2011 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced today that the Academy of Model Aeronautics will receive the prestigious Frank G. Brewer Trophy for Aviation Education “For exemplary accomplishment and collaborative work with numerous aerospace organizations across the nation to assist students, teachers and community leaders in understanding the science, skill and beauty of flight.” The Brewer Trophy is presented annually for significant contributions of enduring value to aerospace education in the United States.

Jonathan Gaffney, President and CEO of the National Aeronautic Association and Chairman of the Selection Committee, said “I was very pleased with the quality of nominations we received for the Brewer Trophy, and I am particularly proud that the Academy of Model Aeronautics was named as the recipient for 2011. For 75 years they have maintained a focus on aviation education which has impacted millions of young people across the United States, and the Brewer Trophy is a great acknowledgment of their dedication and commitment to this very important cause.”

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has enabled tens of thousands of teachers, community leaders, and millions of students in formal and non-formal education settings to build and fly miniature aircraft. In addition, AMA Education Committee members and volunteers have worked to support flying events for more than 150,000 students in regional, state and national competitions for the Science Olympiad and the Technology Student Association. AMA also has given more than \$800,000 in scholarship awards to promote education in science, technology, engineering and math to college-bound seniors who, almost exclusively, pursue careers in

engineering, technical and professional disciplines. In support of the No Child Left Behind Education Act, the AMA education staff and Committee volunteers created new activities for teachers consisting of hands-on lessons using simple flying machines to illustrate basic concepts in math and the physical sciences. To support this work, the Alcoa Foundation awarded three grants of more than \$250,000 resulting in the creation of *AeroLab*, a dozen activities for middle school physical science and math classes. For many years, the AMA has featured these and other educational activities in workshops at regional and national science teacher conferences (NSTA).

Last year, the Academy signed a formal agreement with the Civil Air Patrol as well as the Experimental Aircraft Association to complement their Young Eagles program. Similar agreements are pending or under discussion with the FAA, the Soaring Society of America, the Boy Scouts of America, 4-H, Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, and the Commemorative Air Force.

Members of the Brewer Trophy Selection Committee

Frank G. Brewer III, President, Brewer Trophy Aviation Education Association

Dr. Klaus Dannenberg, AIAA Deputy Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer

Carolyn William, Executive Director, University Aviation Association

Dan Montplaisir, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Debbie Gallaway

The award will be presented at the NAA Fall Awards Banquet on Monday, November 7 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. For more information, please visit www.naa.aero.

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

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