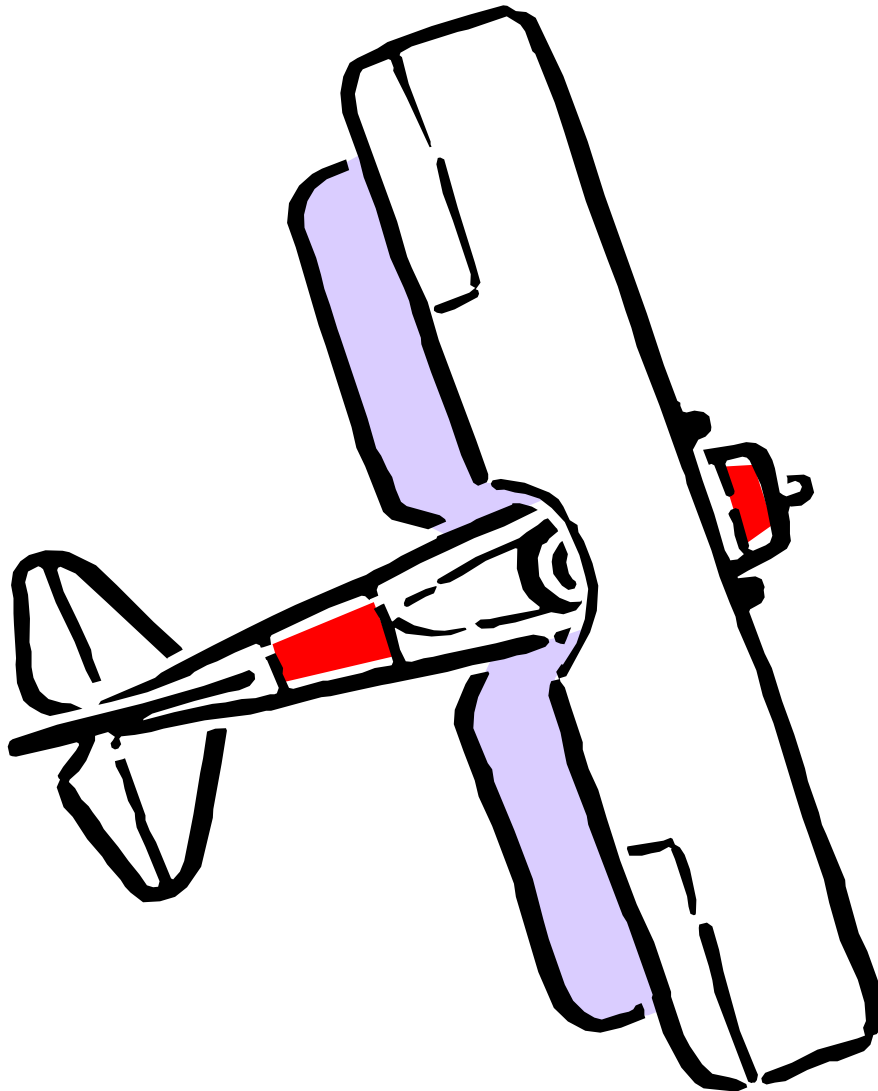


New River Valley

Flying Aces



Membership Manual

January 2009

The Flying Aces

Club Bylaws

PURPOSE: To promote the building and safe operation of Radio controlled models and to promote public acceptance of the hobby / sport.

ARTICLE 1: DUTIES

Board of Directors: The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall have the authority to establish and administer its policies. Official decisions shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority mail vote or by a quorum at a Board of Directors' meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current board members. Official decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the Academy of Model Aeronautics as set forth in its Bylaws and, where those Bylaws are not specified, vested in the sound discretion of the Board of Directors.

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesperson in all matters pertaining to it, except as noted in these bylaws.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including places of storage) of all Club assets.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record the minutes of each Club meeting and shall handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. He/she will also be the Club's contact person with the AMA in the case of questions, problems or situations.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all monies due and shall keep a record of monies disbursed by the Club.

Field Marshall: The Field Marshall shall be responsible for establishing mowing crews and mowing equipment maintenance crews. He/she is to ensure that the field is properly maintained and to recommend improvements/changes.

Safety Officers (two): The Safety Officers shall be responsible for ensuring existing Club safety rules are followed. This includes processing the grievance forms and following the existing grievance procedure documented in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 2: AUDIT

The President or his appointee(s) shall make a periodic audit of the treasurer's books.

ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF OFFICE

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be composed of five members, elected from the membership at large, with the following exception: If the Club is granted free and reasonably unrestricted use of private property as a flying site, the property owner, or one representative in the case of multiple owners, shall be a permanent member of the Board of Directors as long as the property is used as a flying site, and shall be counted as one of the five Directors. Members of the Board of directors shall serve a term of three (3) years.

All other elected officers: All other elected officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year from the date of their election. Officers shall be nominated at the October Club meeting and the election shall be conducted by secret ballot at the November meeting. The Club Secretary shall be responsible for preparing the election ballots and for providing mail-in ballots for those members who notify him/her that they cannot attend the November meeting. An Election Committee shall be elected from the membership at large during the October meeting to count the election ballots.

Flight Instructors: Two flight instructors shall be nominated by the incoming Club officers and presented at the January meeting for confirmation by a simple majority of the members present.

ARTICLE 4: VACANCIES

Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment of the remaining officers and confirmed by a simple majority of the members present at the next meeting after the vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

1. Regular Club meetings shall be a time and place selected by the Club President and announced by the Club Secretary.
2. Club officers may call a special meeting with no less than five days written notice. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the written notice.
3. At a Club meeting a simple majority shall be over 50% of the members voting at that meeting.
4. Any member or probationary member of the Club may initiate a formal request for action by the Board of Directors by submitting a written proposal to the Board President. The written proposal shall include a description of the nature, type and extent of the Board action recommended. The President shall forward a copy of the proposal to the remaining Board members for their consideration. Either the President, or any other Board member, may have the matter placed upon the working agenda of the next Club meeting.
5. Robert's Rules of Order shall be in effect at all meetings.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

The annual dues and other fees are to be determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by a simple majority of the members present at the meeting where they are presented.

Membership is open to any individual with interest in Radio Control Modeling. All members **MUST** be current AMA members and must agree to strictly adhere to all AMA and Club flight rules. Members must pay annual Club dues (new members must pay a one-time initiation fee).

New members shall be considered probationary for the first full year from date of original membership. During this time, new members will not be allowed a vote in club matters and will not be allowed to hold any elected club position.

Members determined to be inactive by reason of non-payment of dues will be considered new members and will be required to vacate any elected office that they may hold.

Membership shall be from January 1, to December 31. **Dues must be paid by the January meeting** or the member will be considered inactive and will be required to pay the initiation fee for re-instatement. Only members 18 years or over can vote on issues presented at the monthly meetings. The current fees are as follows:

Initiation Fee

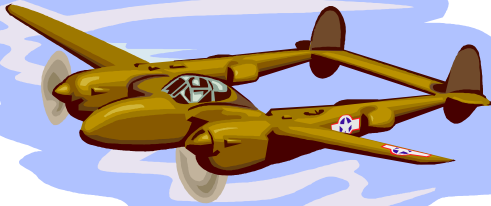
No initiation fee at this time.

Individual Membership

The annual dues for individual membership are \$30.00. This drops to \$20.00 on or after July 1, and further drops to \$10.00 on or after October 1.

Family Memberships

The annual dues for family membership are \$35.00. This drops to \$25.00 on or after July 1, and further drops to \$15.00 on or after October 1. The family membership only allows one family member to vote on issues presented at the monthly meetings.



Student Membership

The annual dues for a student membership are \$1.00. For students, the initiation fee is deferred until membership is changed to individual or family membership.

Special Membership

The owner of any private property, *regularly used as a Club flying site*, that person's spouse, children, and grandchildren shall be given Club memberships without charge, subject only to the age-related voting restriction above, as long as such site is in use.

ARTICLE 7:

RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
3. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, becomes the responsibility of the Board of Directors as defined by Article 1, Duties, in these Bylaws. Any individual may be expelled from membership in the Club by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of the terms of these Bylaws or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA or model aviation.
4. Any member who is expelled from membership may only be reinstated by two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for any acts or omissions which do not justify expulsion from membership.

ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments may be made to these Bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, providing that the membership shall have been notified at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Amendments shall be approved by no less than two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the members present at the regular monthly meeting. Mail-in ballots will be made available by the Club Secretary for those eligible members who cannot attend the meeting. These ballots must be received by the Club Secretary prior to the meeting when the vote is scheduled.

ARTICLE 9: SPECIAL FUNDS

1. The Club Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.
2. The Treasurer will have discretionary spending of up to \$750.00 per year without prior Club approval.

ARTICLE 10: DURATION

1. The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 11: DISSOLUTION

1. The Club may be dissolved with a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the TOTAL membership.
2. In the case of dissolution of the Club, the Board of Directors shall have sole and total discretion in the disposal of Club assets.

ARTICLE 12: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

1. *Purpose:* The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to one of the Safety Officers for his consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the grievance form.
2. *Safety Officers:* the Safety Officers shall use their judgement in carrying out the following:
 - (a) A grievance form shall be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.
 - (b) FIRST VIOLATION
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainant and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - c. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the safety officer, and this will be recorded in the safety files.
 - (c) SECOND VIOLATION
 - a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.

- b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, reviewed by BOTH Safety Officers.
 - c. If BOTH Safety Officers so decide, the accused's flying right will be suspended for thirty (30) days. This suspension will be recorded in the minutes of the next Club meeting and in the safety files.
- (d) THIRD VIOLATION
- a. The Safety Officers will notify the accused and all Club members in writing that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next Club meeting.
 - b. Said expulsion will last for a minimum of one year (longer is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors).
 - c. A member may be expelled from the Club only by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - d. Voting will be by secret ballot a regular monthly meeting.
 - e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion period.
- (e) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated in a two-year period.
- (f) Any member who receives a Grievance, who directs any action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.
- (g) In the case that the accused is one of the Safety Officers, the Club President shall assume his/her duties until the matter is resolved.

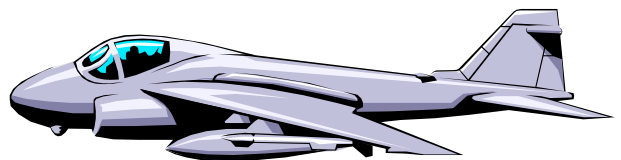


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Field Flight Rules

1. All AMA flight rules shall be strictly obeyed. All pilots must be AMA members. Visitors and guests are permitted.
2. Safety checks of air frame and range check shall be done before each first flight of the day as per the Club checklist.

Servo mounts
Electrical connections
Hinges
Clevis
Wheel collars
Motor mounts
Prop
Throttle connections
Range Check
Verify directional response



3. No flying, or turning on transmitter, without the frequency pin. Frequency pin time is 15 minutes if someone is waiting. Transmitter should have frequency marker. No flying of aircraft in an unsafe or dangerous condition or with a questionable radio.
4. Beginning pilots shall not fly without an instructor. "Buddy Box" mandatory for beginning pilots.
5. When more than two pilots are flying, you must have a spotter, if available.
6. No flying over the pit area, pilot zone or spectators.
7. All pilots shall be in designated pilot zone.
8. Pilots taking off or landing have priority; you must announce your intention to others.
Deadstick situations have priority over all flying aircraft.
9. Pit area must be kept in orderly fashion.
10. No more than four (4) planes shall fly at one time.
11. All engines above .10 must have adequate muffler.
12. No drinking allowed at field. No one under the influence shall be permitted to fly.
13. Everyone is responsible for keeping field free of litter.
14. Mid-air collisions: I pay, you pay.

