

BYLAWS OF THE NUTMEG R.C. FLYERS, INC.

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "THE NUTMEG R.C. FLYERS, INC.", hereafter called the "Club".

Article II - PURPOSES

The purposes of this club shall be:

- A. To be affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- B. To operate as a non-profit club and, in the event of dissolution, the net assets, after payment of debts, will proceed to the remaining current membership of the club equally.
- C. To assume and maintain active leadership in the development of all phases of radio control modeling.
- D. To make available to the membership the result of experience, research, and accomplishments in various areas of radio control modeling.
- E. To represent the interest of the membership in various radio control modeling activities.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership Requirements:

- 1. Membership is open to all persons wishing to actively pursue radio controlled modeling as a hobby.
- 2. Membership is open to those individuals holding a current ~~Model Sporting License issued as part of membership~~ AMA membership and a current FCC license, if applicable.

B. New Membership:

- 1. Individuals desiring membership in the Club will complete and submit a membership application to the Secretary or Treasurer as appropriate.

2. The prospective member will have in his or her possession a current AMA License, and if required an FCC license, and present them to the Club Secretary or Treasurer or, in their absence, a member of the Executive Board.

(a) A guest AMA insurance application does not qualify one for membership.

3. All new members must be checked out as to their flying ability and the safe condition of their equipment by the safety officer or one of his assistants before they are allowed to fly without the supervision of a qualified pilot at the flight station.
4. Applicants will become members upon submitting a membership application to the Club Secretary or Treasurer and upon payment of any and all initiation fees or membership dues.
5. There are five membership types:

- (a) ~~Youth~~JUNIOR: ~~Youth~~Junior members are those who have not yet reached their ~~nineteenth~~ ~~eighteenth~~ (1918) birthday as of ~~July~~ January-1 of the membership year.
- (b) ADULT: Adult members are those who have reached or passed their eighteenth (18) birthday as of January 1 of the membership year and who do not meet the stipulations of the senior membership type
- (c) SENIOR: Senior members are those who have reached or passed their sixty-fifth (65) birthday as of January 1 of the membership year.
- (d) LIFE: Life members are those that have been voted by the current membership to have automatic renewing membership at zero cost for their lifetime.
- (e) MINOR: Minor members are those who have not reached their thirteenth (13) birthday as of January 1 of the membership year.

C. Regular Membership:

1. A "Regular" member shall be an individual who has completed an application according to Article III, Section B.
2. Suspension of membership can be enacted upon consistent violations of the Club rules and regulations by a simple majority vote of members attending the meeting following the notification of the offending member as to the pending action. Notification shall be in writing by the Club Secretary. For this action, suspension shall mean expulsion and forfeiture of any previously paid dues, fees, or special levies imposed by the club.
3. Renewal of regular membership will be accomplished annually. Each member will present required AMA and FCC documentation covering the coming membership year, or acceptable proof that required actions to obtain the documents has been accomplished. The

renewal process will be completed not later than the close of business at the March club meeting of each year or a late fee will be assessed.

4. Failure to comply with renewal requirements will result in the individual being removed from the membership of the Club.
5. Individuals removed from membership in accordance with Paragraph 4 above may seek reinstatement but will be subject to the regulations and requirements for membership including the full payment of dues plus late fee.

E. Guest Flyers:

1. All guest pilotss must present proof of current AMA membership.
2. Guest flyers are subject to all rules and regulations which apply to all regular members flying at our field. Misconduct of a guest flyer should be reported to a representative of the Army Corp of Engineers.

Article IV - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. Elected officers of the Club shall be:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Safety Officer
Field Manager
Newsletter Chairman/Webmaster

- B. Elected positions shall be filled from the regular membership by election at the meeting of the Club held in January of every calendar year.
- C. Term of office shall start February 1st. The term of office shall be for one year.
- D. Vacated elected positions shall be filled by a regular member elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term by vote of the membership in attendance at a regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, any time a vacancy occurs. The President shall have the power to make an interim appointment pending the specified election.
- E. Management of the property and affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Board, subject at all times to the provisions of the bylaws. Where these do not otherwise provide, the Executive Board is empowered to make rules and regulations for the conduct and guidance of the Club and for the care and preservation of its property as may seem desirable. The Board shall consist of all the elected officers.

- F. At all meetings of the Executive Board, unless otherwise provided, three members shall constitute a quorum and all questions shall be decided by a majority vote.

Article V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The President shall be the executive officer of the club and shall preside at all meetings. He shall be the spokesperson for the club. He shall appoint standings and special committees as he deems necessary. He will cast the deciding vote in any case where a tie vote is encountered.
- B. The Vice President shall assist the president in all matters and shall assume the duties of the president if, for any reason, the president is not able to perform his duties. He shall be responsible for Club scheduled events and/or other duties which may be necessary or requested by the Club officers or members. The Vice President shall also hold custody of any and all Club property and be responsible for its safekeeping.
- C. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of all meetings and record meeting attendance. He/She shall have these records present at all succeeding meetings of the Club. He shall maintain an up-to-date membership record of all members including their name, mailing address, AMA membership number, and telephone number. He shall conduct all correspondence for the Club and fulfill other such duties and tasks customarily required of the position. The secretary will insure prompt registration with the AMA. If the Vice President, for any reason, is unable to perform his duties, the Secretary shall assist or take over the duties of the Vice President as needed.
- D. The Treasurer shall have charge of all Club funds. He shall collect dues when they are due and is authorized to pay any and all Club obligations from these funds as follows. He shall make payment and disperse funds not to exceed the amount of \$250 on approval of the Executive Board. Disbursements in excess of \$250 must have the signatures of two members of the Executive Board and shall be approved by the general membership at a regular or special meeting prior to payment. However, the Treasurer needs no prior approval for payment of Club registration fees/dues to the AMA regardless of the amount. He shall have joint custody of Club funds with two other members of the Executive Board of which one will be the Club President. He shall keep appropriate records of all Club monetary transactions and shall provide a Treasurer's report at each scheduled Club meeting.
- E. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the over all safe operation of activities at the Club. He shall have the power to appoint assistants as he deems necessary. The duties of the Safety Officer shall include:
1. Checking out new members including setting up and maintaining a training program with appropriate record keeping.
 2. Provide a communication link between AMA and the Club in matters related to safety.
 3. Act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the Club and its members.
 4. Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the Club.
 5. Annually inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable. Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of Club facilities, equipment, and grounds to

ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.

6. Establish a Club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents.
 7. Coordinate appropriate first aid training for members using qualified instructors..
 8. Review emergency procedures (fire & rescue) with Club members on an annual basis.
- F. The Field Manager will assist the Safety Officer in all assigned duties. If the Safety Officer, for any reason, is unable to perform his duties, the Field Manager shall assist or take over the duties of the Safety Officer as needed.
- G. The Newsletter Chairman/Webmaster will organize and make available the Club newsletter to all members ~~periodically at least for times per year~~. In addition, the Newsletter Chairman/Webmaster will be responsible for maintaining and updating the Club web site with pertinent information.

Article VI - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- A. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers.
- B. Committees, either standing or Ad Hoc, may be appointed by the President. The President shall automatically become a member of any committee.

Article VII - MEETINGS

- A. The Club membership shall meet as scheduled at a place to be established. Notification of place and time of a meeting shall be sent to membership at least one week in advance of the scheduled meeting.
- B. A quorum for conducting Club business shall consist of all members in attendance at a scheduled meeting of the Club at time and place on the date specified.
- C. Conduct of Club meetings shall be in accordance with the Bylaws. Procedures not specifically covered herein shall be conducted in accordance with standard practices as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.
- D. There shall be four regular meetings of the club per year. Meetings shall be held in January, March, May and November and will be typically on the second Thursday of the month.
- E. The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Club whenever they see fit, and a special meeting shall be called upon by written request of fifteen members of the Club, provided such request shall designate the business to be acted upon at such meetings, and the President shall have been notified.

Article VIII - ELECTIONS

- A. Nominations of candidates for the elected officers can be made by any member at the November meeting and continue till the January meeting prior to the election of new officers.
- B. Voting shall be by written ballot or at the President's discretion be by show of hands.
- C. Receipt of a simple majority vote of the members attending is required for election.
- D. All Club Records and documents shall be transferred to the newly-elected officers prior to the start of term.
- E. A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled from the membership by a simple majority vote of the members attending a meeting, either regular or special called for that purpose. The President shall have the power to appoint an interim candidate pending a special meeting to vote on the vacant office in accordance with Article IV Section D.

Article IX - FISCAL AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR

The fiscal year of the Club and membership term shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Article X - DUES

- A. There will be an initiation fee of \$25.00 per member. Waved for ~~Youth Members~~minors.
- B. There will be no initiation fee for person or persons meeting the stipulations of the ~~Youth~~junior membership type specified under Article III.
- C. Annual membership dues shall be payable by January 1st of each year.
- D. There will be a late fee of \$10.00 for all dues not paid by close of business at the Club's March meeting. This fee will be in addition to the annual dues payment.
- E. Annual dues shall be in the amount approved by the club at the November meeting. It is not necessary to update the By-Laws for changes in annual dues.

Current Dues (2-6-25) are:

\$ 60 – Adult member

\$ 50 – Senior member

\$ 10 – ~~Youth~~ Junior-member

\$ 0 – Minor

\$ 0 – Minor member \$ 0 - Life

- F. Elected officers of the Club shall be exempt from payment of annual dues during their term of office. In addition, the officers of the Club in office Dec 1, each will have their AMA memberships paid by the club.
- G. Life Members of the Club are exempt from the requirement for payment of annual dues, but are not exempt from the paying of any levies assessed by the club.
- H. The Club reserves the right to assess special levies on the membership to address unforeseen expenses. These levies will be assessed only after approval of 2/3 of the membership in attendance at any regular or special Club meeting.

Article XI - SAFETY

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) safety code will be observed and followed by members and their guests at all times. The membership should use the Safety Officer and/or his assistant(s) or the Field Manager as resources regarding any questions relating to the AMA safety code.

Article XII - NOISE EMISSION

Engines of 0.15 C.I.D. and up must have a muffler to operate at any Club facility. All noise emission regardless of engine displacement will be within AMA guidelines.

Article XIII - AIRCRAFT STANDARDS

- A. All model construction will be in accordance with currently accepted safe construction standards.
- B. The Executive Board members or appointed Safety Officer assistants shall have the right to inspect any aircraft with regards to safety at any time that they deem reasonable.
- C. The Executive Board members or appointed Safety Officer assistants shall also have the right to ground any aircraft which has been found to be unsafe for flight. Any aircraft which has been grounded must be re-inspected by a member of the aforementioned group before any future flight attempts are made.

Article XIV - RADIO STANDARD (General)

- A. All radios must meet FCC specifications and standards in construction and operation and must follow AMA guidelines for radio equipment.
- B. Effective May 13, 1993 radios operating on both even and odd numbered frequencies will be allowed to operate at club controlled fields.

- C. All Transmitters must carry a gold or silver sticker and all receivers must be of the current narrow band type or 2.4GHz.
- D. Wideband radio equipment is NOT permitted at Nutmeg R/C Flyers, Inc. controlled fields.

Article XV - 72 MHz RADIO OPERATION/FREQUENCY DISPLAY

Note: Article XV is only applicable to 72 MHz radios. It is not applicable to 2.4 GHz radios.

- A. All 72 MHz radios must immediately be placed on the impound rack upon arrival at the flying site.
- B. No 72 MHz radio transmitter will be activated without first having the appropriate frequency control pin attached to the designated stanchion.
- C. Frequency control pins for 72 MHz radios are to be constructed by the members. Each 72 MHz transmitter will have an associated pin stating members name and frequency/channel.
- D. The 72 MHz frequency control pin must be removed from the display area and the 72 MHz transmitter returned immediately to the impound rack upon completion of the flight or ground adjustments.
- E. 72 MHz Transmitters will display the applicable frequency channel. This display will be in accordance with AMA recommendations.

Article XVI - AIRCRAFT FLYING REGULATIONS

- A. A guest pPilots must place his/her current ~~Club membership card or~~ AMA membership card into the appropriate flight station number slot prior to starting his aircraft. The flight station number slots are located above the radio impound rack. The guest pilot must then stand at the corresponding station number on the flight line.
- B. The maximum time for a member to have possession of a frequency or flight station at any one time will be 15 minutes.
 - 1. The pilot using the frequency control pin has sole use of that frequency for a maximum of 15 minutes and may attain or attempt as many flights or other frequency-related activities as he may desire.
 - 2. If the pilot has a model airborne at the completion of the allotted time span, he will, if requested, land as quickly as practical.
 - 3. If your frequency is in use at the time you come to the board, you shall place your frequency pin on a waiting area on the bottom of the frequency control board and leave your

transmitter on the impound rack. When the pilot who has the frequency clears the frequency, he will let you know that you are up.

~~C. A maximum of sixfive aircraft shall be airborne at any one point in time, with one exception listed below. However there may an additional sixth slow, high flying, thermal glider with the pilot stationed by the fence at the extreme south end of the field.~~

~~C. Exception: More than six small, electric powered, Styrofoam, "Park flyer" type of aircraft are permitted to fly at one time. These pilots are permitted to make low passes and fly in take-off and landing zone without announcing their intention. It is encouraged to give any pilot currently flying prior warning and allow time to give the current pilot to land. One larger foam plane pulling a "target" streamer is also allowed to fly at this time. All other flight safety rules are still in affect (Flying zones, staying off of field).~~

D. While in the "pit area" all propeller wash/blast will be directed away from the runway. When it becomes necessary to establish a second row of planes in the "pit area" these pilots should also direct all propeller wash/blast away from the runway. It is the responsibility of the pilots in the second row to place their planes in an area clear of propeller wash/blast delivered from the first row.

E. All pilots will fly their craft from the east side of the field and from the designated station.

F. Pilots will announce, so that all other pilots can hear and understand, all take offs, landings, low passes over the runway and touch-and-goes prior to their execution. Pilots shall also announce when it becomes necessary to walk on to the field to retrieve their plane, etc. and again when they have cleared the field. See exceptions in Article XVI paragraph C for take offs, landings, low passes and touch-and-go announcements for more than six electric powered Styrofoam aircraft flying at the same time.

G. Flying over the "pit-area", parking lot, or spectator area(s), either designated or obvious, is strictly prohibited. All flying will be in areas approved by the Executive Board.

H. Taxiing directly toward or into the "pit area" is strictly prohibited.

~~I. Engine break in will be performed only in the area south of the parking lot.~~

~~J. Practice hovering of helicopters will be done in the area south of the parking lot.~~

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Article XVII - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws shall not be altered, repealed, or added to without the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

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Article XVIII – Current By-law Revision

A. Summary of Revisions

Revision to accommodate technology changes (2.4 GHz), smaller club membership that do not have significant wait time for flying (AMA or Club membership card in flight slot on radio impound rack), and current club practices (flying more than 6 small and light aircraft).

B. Revision Approval

By-Laws approved at Meeting

Signed:

Club Officer:

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