

RADIO AIRCRAFT MODELER'S SOCIETY (RAMS)

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I-MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. Membership shall be classified as active only.

Section 2. Active membership will be limited to:

- 1) Active-duty and retired U.S. military personnel of the Armed Forces and their spouses and minor dependants;
- 2) Civilian Federal Employees employed at WPAFB and their spouses and minor dependants;
- 3) Retired Civilian Federal Employees and their spouses and minor dependants on condition they retired from WPAFB;
- 4) Contractor personnel employed on a full-time (40-hrs/wk) basis as a direct consequence of a WPAFB-issued contract. Applications from contractors must include proof of routine access to WPAFB with a contractor Common Access Card as verification of the above criteria. Membership is subject to review and approval by a majority of the elected Club officers. Contractor eligibility ceases with the completion of your company's contract with the base.
- 5) Members of foreign military may also join if they are located full time on WPAFB as a result of a PCS assignment and are serviced by the base.

Active members in good standing shall have all privileges and benefits of the Club.

Section 3. Only active members and their qualified guests (see Flying Rules) may fly models at the Club flying site.

Section 4. Membership will be limited to personnel who have a valid Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Full Membership (to assure adequate liability coverage and provide rules for safe operation of model aircraft) and a valid Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio License if the individual uses the 50 or 53 MHz band for control of his/her aircraft. The AMA Park Pilot Membership (and its associated reduced insurance coverage) is not valid for Club membership.

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP LIMITATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND SUSPENSIONS/TERMINATIONS

Section 1. The number of on base contractor members as defined in Article I Section 2 above, shall not be limited (but see the Constitution, Article V, Section 1 regarding restrictions on who may serve as club officers).

Section 2. Applications must be fully completed and signed by the applicant. Applications from active members in good standing may be presented to a club officer either in person, by mail, or fax. Applications from non-members must be presented to a club officer in person. Along with their fully completed Application, all applicants must present the following: a valid original AMA Full Membership; FCC Radio license (if applicable); proof of WPAFB employment/retirement (base Common Access Card, WPAFB retiree ID). Missing information will prohibit issuance of a Club card. This required information is the responsibility of the applicant and cannot be provided at a later date. Contractor membership terminates with the termination of the contract, no matter what the reason. In this event notification by the member to a club officer is required. Applications via fax or mail can use copies of this required documentation. The applicant must make all membership applications. Proxies may not be used with the exception of those for dependents/spouses of the sponsoring applicant.

Section 3. Any Club officer may accept applications for membership. Membership is not conferred until a Club officer initials the application, and a membership card initialed by a Club officer is issued to the applicant along with the accompanying gate lock combination and copies of all pertinent Club documents.

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Section 4. At the discretion of the Club officer(s), an individual's membership can be immediately suspended (versus expelled) by a club officer(s) for violation of club bylaws or flying regulations. Furthermore, within 10 days of the act which resulted in the suspension, the club officers will decide by their majority vote (2 out of 3) whether the suspension will be lifted, or continued until the next Annual RAMS Meeting. Reinstatement to the RAMS will ONLY be allowed to be attempted by the suspended individual at the RAMS Annual Meeting. The club officers will provide the membership the details of the initial suspension, and their arguments for either continuing or lifting the suspension, and then the suspended individual will be permitted to present their justification for reinstatement. The membership will then vote on the reinstatement and an affirmative 2/3 majority vote of the members in attendance will be required for reinstatement to the RAMS. A suspended individual may only petition the membership for reinstatement at Annual RAMS Meetings a maximum of two times.

ARTICLE III-FLYING REGULATIONS

Section 1. Flying regulations and any other regulations deemed necessary by the members of the Club shall be adopted and have the same force and effect as if published as a part of these Bylaws. It is mandatory that all members comply with such regulation or face suspension action.

Section 2. Club and guest radio equipment used at the Club site must meet 1991 AMA radio emission requirements.

ARTICLE IV-DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of all officers to conduct the activities of the Club in an efficient and business like manner and safeguard the interests of the Club at all times.

Section 2. The President shall:

- a. Be the chief executive of the Club and preside at all meetings of the Club. He shall execute with the Secretary/Treasurer, in the name of the Club, all certificates of membership.
- b. Coordinate Club business with the other Club officer and seek guidance from the Base staff member designated to supervise the Club program.
- c. Insure the compliance of appropriate directives in all areas of Club operation.
- d. Appoint members to serve in the Club's administrative positions (i.e. Safety Official/Field Marshall, and Flight Instructor)

Section 3. The Vice-President shall:

- a. Act as President in the absence of that official.
- b. Have complete charge of all elections except for the replacing of the V.P., in which case an officer chosen by the Club shall preside.
- c. Perform such other duties as the Club may prescribe. In the event of the absence of both the President and the V.P. at any regular meeting, a chairperson shall be chosen by the members to preside at such meetings.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of the general meetings. He/she shall serve notice of all meetings, handle Club correspondence, and disseminate pertinent information to the Club members. Provide the President and Special Services Office of WPAFB, with a copy of all regular and special meetings at each succeeding meeting.

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- b. Execute with the President, in the name of the Club, all certificates of membership.
- c. Maintain a reference file of applicable regulations and directives for the Club. He shall seek guidance from the Information Officer on matters of public relations.
- d. Perform other appropriate duties as prescribed by the President. All his duties will be subject to the control of the club.

Section 5. Duties of the non-elected Administrative Officials (if any). The non-elected Administrative Officials are encouraged to seek counsel from the Elected Club Officers as the need may arise. Make all announcements to the Membership only through the Club Secretary.

- a. Safety Official
 1. Shall be responsible to the Club Officers for reviewing Club procedures and those recommended by AMA.
 2. Shall be responsible for on-site enforcement of the Club, AMA or WPAFB rules/regulations.
 3. Shall be the point of contact for resolving potentially dangerous issues or complaints involving members or activities.
- b. Instructor Coordinator
 1. Shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a list of qualified instructors.
 2. Facilitate introduction of new/prospective members with a club instructor.
 3. Facilitate inspection of new aircraft prior to first flight.
 4. Institute formal announced training sessions at designated times.

Section 6. The duties of the members shall be:

- a. To attend all meetings.
- b. To conduct themselves in a proper and fitting manner.
- c. To uphold the dignity of the Club at meetings and on the flying field. To be alert and mindful of the Club's interests.
- d. To exercise due caution and safety and courtesy in flying.
- e. To observe all state, local, Club, AMA and FCC flying rules and regulations.

ARTICLE V INITIATION-FEES

Section 1. There will be no initiation fees.

ARTICLE VI-REVISION OF ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. There will be no assessments.

ARTICLE VII-ADOPTION

Section 1. These Bylaws will become effective immediately upon adoption by the Club, and upon approval by the Base Commander.

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ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a 2/3 vote of all of the membership by mail, and/or members present at a regular or special meeting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been presented to the members of the Club for at least 30 days before the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. Such amendments and changes must be consistent with applicable AF regulations. All votes cast by mail, stamped or electronic, must be received by a club officer by close of business the day before the meeting.

Section 2. Any proposed amendment or change shall be voted upon within 60 days of the time the proposal is made and in the event of favorable action, the amendment or change shall go into effect immediately unless otherwise specifically provided.

ARTICLE X-DISSOLUTION

Section 1. To dissolve the Club, action shall be taken as specified in Article XI of the Club Constitution.

ARTICLE XI-LIABILITY

Section 1. Members of this association can become financially liable for the obligations or debts of the association if its assets fail to meet such obligations and debts.