

SILOAM SPRINGS MODELERS
RADIO CONTROL CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the "SILOAM SPRINGS MODELERS". The club field is located at 36°10'05" N by 94°31'22" W on Waukesha Road in Siloam Springs Arkansas. The club is an aircraft oriented organization.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to promote the building and operation of radio control models and to promote public acceptance and good will towards this sport/hobby.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications

Membership is open to any individual with an interest in model aircraft. Prospective members shall show their interest in joining by visiting the field and by paying the \$15 initiation fee. This fee shall afford the new member the following items: a membership manual, a club hat, and a membership card denoting pilot proficiency. All persons shall be eligible for membership and shall agree to follow the Club's bylaws and those of the AMA.

Section 2. Dues

The Executive Committee shall determine what the annual dues will be. Yearly dues for open members are \$20.00. An entire family may join under a group rate of an additional \$10.00 per family (Only one hat included per family). Junior members, those under 18 and not joining under the family plan, will have dues set at ½ of the open rate. If an open member joins after July 1, the dues are \$2.00 per month for the remainder of the year. This does not apply to those members listed on the club's membership list at the end of the previous year.

The membership year shall be from January 1 to December 31. All dues must be paid by the first of March or else the member shall be deemed to be inactive. Upon joining or renewing one's membership, the individual must present his/her current AMA membership card. The secretary/treasurer shall issue each member a current membership card upon payment of dues.

Section 3. Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion and Reinstatement of Membership

- a. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
- b. Any member who ceases to have the necessary qualifications for membership in the AMA shall have his/her membership in the Club terminated, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
- c. The Executive Committee shall have discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.
- d. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee if, in the Executive Committees' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
- e. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The elected club officers shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-president
- c. Secretary/treasurer
- d. Safety coordinator
- e. Newsletter editor

The elected offices of President and Vice-president shall be held no longer than three consecutive years. Any elected officer may be voted out of office by a majority vote of the club's membership via recall ballot. The term of the elected officers will be from January 1 to December 31. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee and the appointee is to serve until the end of the term.

The responsibilities of the officers are:

- a. President: Shall preside at all meetings of the Club and act as a spokesperson in all matters concerning the club.
- b. Vice –President: Shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all Club assets.
- c. Secretary/Treasurer: Shall record minutes of each Club meeting and handle all correspondence pertaining to Club activities. He/She will also be the Club's contact person with AMA in case of questions, problems, or situations. He/She shall collect all moneys due and shall keep a record of moneys disbursed by the Club.
- d. Safety Coordinator: Shall promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs. This person will act as a communications liaison between the club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material. The Club Safety Coordinator must have E-mail access.
- e. Newsletter Editor: Shall be responsible for publishing the Club newsletter.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The elected officers shall comprise the Executive Committee and shall be empowered to make decisions when action must be taken before a regular membership meeting. Approval of a majority of Executive Committee members is required for expenditures up to \$100.00. Approval of all Executive Committee members is required for expenditures from \$100.01 to \$200.00. Any expenditure, other than AMA Charter fees, over \$200.01 will require the approval of a majority of the club members present at a meeting.

The Executive Committee may meet as often as deemed necessary. It is suggested that they meet monthly when possible. The Executive Committee is empowered to make those decisions necessary to efficiently manage the club. Any member may attend an Executive Committee meeting as an observer.

ARTICLE VI SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Special committees shall be appointed by the President and may be approved by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting. They will serve throughout the term, or less, of the president's tenure of office.

ARTICLE VII CLUB LOGO

The club shall have a logo of such design as the club shall adopt and use of the logo shall be granted by permission of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII SAFETY

Every club member as well as guests at the flying field shall adhere to all AMA safety rules. The club shall, from time to time, adopt any and all rules and guidelines that will lead to the safe operation of our equipment. These safety rules shall be posted at the club's flying site and also given to each new member upon joining the club.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-laws of the Siloam Springs Modelers may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regular meeting, provided that written notice of such proposed changes has been sent to each member one month prior to the vote. Mail-in ballots will be made available for those members who cannot attend the meeting.

ARTICLE X MEETINGS

The Club shall have regular meetings and they shall occur at least four times per year. The Executive Committee shall determine the date, time, and place for the meetings and notice of such meetings shall be sent to each member. Only current members are eligible to vote or to hold an elective office. A majority of the Executive Committee members present at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum. A vote of a majority of the members present is required to pass any motion. Motions involving any expenditure of the club's monies, other than AMA charter dues, shall require a similar quantity of votes in favor of passage. General Assessments, as required for emergencies, can be made by a majority vote in favor by members present at the meeting, provided proper written notification was transmitted to the entire membership at least one month prior to the proposed vote.

ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Most complaints can be resolved informally. If a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Coordinator. This is done by filling out a Grievance Form with at least one witness signing the form. This form is then turned in to the Safety Coordinator for consideration. The grievance will be presented to the Executive Committee to use its judgment in carrying out actions on the following:

1. FIRST VIOLATION
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainant's name will be disclosed
 - c. The Executive Committee will give the accused a verbal reprimand. This will be recorded in the Committee files.
2. SECOND VIOLATION
 - a. Complainant's name will be disclosed
 - b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
 - c. If the Executive Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
3. THIRD VIOLATION
 - a. The Executive Committee will notify the accused in writing, and the Club members via the Club newsletter, that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
 - b. Said expulsion will last at least one year.
 - c. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 - d. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular meeting.
 - e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
 - f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- a. Records for the Club shall be kept for five years. Anyone who possesses records and leaves the Club shall give said records to the Executive Committee within thirty days.
- b. The Club may be dissolved with a two-thirds vote of current members who have at least five years vested.
- c. Upon dissolution of the Club, the Executive Committee shall, after paying all liabilities, direct the sale of the Club assets and divide equally all monies to five year vested members.

ARTICLE XII ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at a regular meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Read the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Introduction of visitors
5. Introduction of new members
6. Announcements an/or communications
7. Committee reports
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Program
11. Adjournment

Siloam Springs Modelers Grievance Form

Date of Violation: _____ Time of Violation: _____

Type of Violation: (Circle One: General, Safety, Courtesy)

Describe what happened:

Signature: _____

Witness Signature: _____