

CLINTON MODEL AVIATORS BYLAWS
AMA CLUB NUMBER 1206
Effective November 6, 2014

Article I. - Name

The name of the club shall be Clinton Model Aviators ("the club").

Article II. - Purpose

- 1.) To provide for the development of Radio Controlled and other types of models as recreational, sporting and educational activities.
- 2.) To stimulate youth toward careers in aviation and science.
- 3.) To promote technological advancement of the activity.
- 4.) To support the programs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Article III - Membership

Section I

- 1.) All persons shall be eligible for a flying membership in the club, provided they hold a membership issued by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- 2.) All persons shall be eligible for a flying membership in the club who completes and submits a membership application/release form and pays annual dues to the club.

Section II

The club shall offer the following membership types:

- 1.) Adult and/or Family Flying Membership (defined in Article VIII, Section I).
- 2.) Junior Flying Membership (defined in Article VIII, Section II).
- 3.) Special Non-Flying Membership (defined in Article VIII, Section III).
- 4.) Life Membership (defined in Article VIII, Section IV).

Article IV - Administration

- 1.) Administration shall be vested in the Executive Committee who shall also be responsible for the formulation of club policy within the confines of Article II.
- 2.) The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers (defined in Article X), and one member selected by the four elected officers.
- 3.) The current President shall serve as Chairman at all Executive Committee Meeting.
- 4.) The Executive Committee shall have the authority to spend up to \$200.00 for emergency needs without a vote of the membership. The Executive Committee shall inform the membership of any such expense at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article V - Vacancies

Vacancy of any office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining officers; such appointee shall serve until the end of the term.

Article VI - Meetings

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- 1.) Clinton Model Aviators shall conduct regular meetings at least ten times per year.
- 2.) Meetings will be at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of the month.
- 3.) The meeting location shall be determined by the membership.

Article VII - Regular Business

- 1.) A quorum shall consist of the members present at any regularly scheduled club meeting.
- 2.) Motions duly made regarding business policies of the club shall require a majority affirmative vote for passage.

Article VIII - Membership Types

Section I

- 1.) Adult Flying Membership consists of anyone who has paid the full Adult Membership Dues amount.
- 2.) Adult Flying Members have full rights in the club provided they meet the requirements specified in Article III, Section I.
- 3.) Family Flying Membership consists of anyone who has paid the full Adult Membership Dues amount and includes membership for all immediate family members provided they meet the requirements specified in Article III, Section I.
- 4.) Immediate family is defined as the person paying the dues, their spouse, and their children under 18 years of age.

Section II

- 1.) Junior Flying Membership shall consist of a person who is 18 years of age or younger.
- 2.) Junior Flying Members have full rights in the club provided they meet the requirements specified in Article III, Section I.
- 3.) Junior Flying Membership covers only the Junior Member and does not include family.
- 4.) The club requires that a family member or club member accompany the Junior during any flying session.

Section III

- 1.) Special Non-Flying Membership shall consist of a person who wishes to participate in club activities but who does not wish to or cannot fly.
- 2.) Special Members pay no dues and have no vote.

Section IV

- 1.) Life membership shall consist of a person who has full membership rights and shall never be required to pay dues.

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- 2.) This membership continues for the life of the member.
- 3.) Life Membership is awarded by majority vote at any regularly scheduled meeting to any current member.
- 4.) Any current member may nominate any other current member to become a Life Member.
- 5.) Life Members must meet the requirements specified in Article III, Section I to fly.

Article IX - Dues and Fees

Section I

- 1.) Annual Dues for an Adult or Family Flying Membership shall be \$85.00 due in December for the following year.
- 2.) A renewing member's dues paid after the March meeting of the current year are subject to a late penalty of \$10.00.
- 3.) Annual Dues for a Junior Flying Member shall be \$10.00.
- 4.) Annual Dues of \$85.00 paid by a NEW Adult or Family Flying Member after September 1st shall cover the remainder of the current year and the entire next year.
- 5.) Annual Dues of \$10.00 paid by a NEW Junior Flying Member after September 1st shall cover the remainder of the current year and the entire next year.
- 6.) Dues may be changed in accordance with Article VII.

Article X - Officers

Section I

- 1.) The President shall preside over all regularly scheduled meetings.
- 2.) The President shall name appointees and committees as required, on a standing or special basis, and such appointees and committees shall serve for the amount of time required.

Section II

- 1.) The Vice President is also the Field Safety Officer who will insure that appropriate safety rules and precautions are enforced at all cub activities.
- 2.) The vice President/Safety Officer may name assistants as required.
- 3.) The Vice President shall preside over any regularly scheduled meeting if the President is absent.

Section III

- 1.) The Treasurer maintains the cub's treasury and financial records.
- 2.) The Treasurer makes payments, collects dues and deposits funds received to the club's account.
- 3.) The Treasurer reports the club's financial standing at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Section IV

- 1.) The Secretary records the minutes of all meetings.
- 2.) The Secretary also may collect dues and deposit funds received to the club's account and notifies the Treasurer of all such transactions.

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Article XI - Disbursements and Audits

- 1.) The Club President and Treasurer are authorized to sign club checks.
- 2.) Only one signature is required on any club check.
- 3.) An audit Committee appointed by the President shall perform an audit of the club's treasury and finances at least once a year.

Article XII - Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion and Reinstatement of Members

Section I

- 1.) Any member may resign their membership by giving written notice to any club officer.
- 2.) If any member's membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics ends, their flying rights shall end until they have renewed that membership.

Section II

- 1.) This section provides for enforcement of safety rules that apply to flying activities. Other unacceptable behavior as defined by the Executive Committee becomes the responsibility of the Executive Committee.
- 2.) The Executive Committee shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and impose disciplinary action(s) for such acts or omissions which do not justify expulsion from the club.
- 3.) Any member may be expelled by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Executive Committee, if in the Committee's 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 Academy of Model Aeronautics, or which is detrimental to the club, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, or model aviation.
- 4.) Any member who has been expelled may be reinstated only by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Article XIII - Amendments

Amendments may be made to these Bylaws at any regularly scheduled meeting of the club membership, by a majority vote of the members present, provided the members have been given at least two months' advance notice.

Article XIV - Flying Field Rules

All members and guests shall comply with the current Academy of Model Aeronautics safety rules and the club's safety and procedural rules at the flying field.

Article XV - Newsletter

- 1.) The club treasury will support one Newsletter per month plus other issues as directed by the President for special occasions.
- 2.) The President shall appoint the Newsletter Editor.
- 3.) The Newsletter Editor composes, prints and mails the Newsletter.

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Article XVI - Guests

Non-members who are current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics may fly at the club field five times in one year as Guests when accompanied by a club member.

Article XVII - Dissolution

- 1.) The club may be dissolved by a 2/3rds majority vote of the total membership.
- 2.) Upon dissolution of the club, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the club's liabilities, the club shall dispose of its remaining assets to such other organizations that are operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, or to such other organization with purposes similar to those of this club, as the Executive Committee shall determine.
- 3.) Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, as said Court shall determine.

Article XVIII - Grievance Procedure

Section I

- 1.) The Grievance procedure provides a means to enforce existing safety rules by disciplinary system when needed. if not resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Executive Committee, or Safety committee if formed, by means of the Grievance Form of a type substantially like the attached example at the end of these Bylaws.
- 2.) At least one witness is required to sign the form.
- 3.) The procedures and sanctions shall be as stated below in Section II, Section II

Section I

- 1.) First Violation:
 - a) Viewpoints of complainant(s) and accused will be considered.
 - b) Complainant's name(s) will be disclosed.
 - c) If it is determined that a violation has occurred, a verbal reprimand will be given the violator(s) and recorded in the Executive Committee files.
- 2.) Second Violation:
 - a) Complainant's name(s) will be disclosed.
 - b) The Accused has the right to submit a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
 - c) If it is determined that a second violation has occurred, the flight privileges of the violator(s) will be suspended for 30 days.
 - d) Written notice shall be issued and published in the Newsletter.
- 3.) Third Violation:

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- a) The Executive Committee shall notify the accused in writing and via the Newsletter. If it is determined that a third violation has occurred, the club will vote on the expulsion of the violator(s) at the next regularly scheduled club meeting.
- b) Voting will be by secret ballot.
- c) The violator(s) may be expelled only by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present at the meeting.
- d) Such an expulsion will last for a minimum of one year.

Section III

- 1.) The three actions of Section II will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- 2.) Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation 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 Club Officers.

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Clinton Model Aviators Grievance form

Date: _____

What?

Where?

Who?

When?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Read by Executive Committee _____ Date: _____

Space below for additional comments, sketches or to attach supporting documentation.