

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL
ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I - NAME

THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF THE AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, SHALL BE TO:

1. PROVIDE A MEANS WHEREBY THE FELLOWSHIP OF THOSE INTERESTED IN RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT IS ENHANCED AND PROMOTED.
2. FURTHER THE INTEREST AND ACTIVITIES OF RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT THROUGH PLANNED ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION AND MUTUAL ENJOYMENT OF EACH INTERESTED PERSON.
3. PROVIDE SUITABLE FLYING FACILITIES WITH THE LOCATION OF THE SITE AND REQUIRED PROCEDURE FOR ITS USE SUCH THAT IT WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM SAFETY FOR ALL PERSONS AND PROPERTY INVOLVED.
4. ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERSHIP AMONG MODELERS BY PROVIDING A MEANS THROUGH WHICH INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESEARCH, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP MAY BE RECOGNIZED AND REWARDED.
5. CO-OPERATE WITH ALL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROMOTION OF RADIO CONTROL AIRCRAFT.
6. IMPROVE AND ADVANCE THE QUALITY OF RADIO CONTROL DEVICES AND THEIR USE THEREOF.
7. PROMOTE THE BEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RADIO CONTROL MODELLING.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT WHO MEET AND MAINTAIN THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF A PRESIDENT, VICEPRESIDENT, TREASURER AND A SECRETARY.

ARTICLE V - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF OFFICERS AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE WHO MUST HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND BE AN ACTIVE FLYER. THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT ALL BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF FOUR (4) EXCEPT THAT REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP, OR THAT WHICH IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN REGULAR MEETINGS. VOTES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS WILL BE EITHER YEA OR NAY (NO DISCUSSIONS).

ARTICLE VI - AFFILIATION

1. THIS ASSOCIATION MAY AFFILIATE OR BECOME ALLIED WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVING THE SAME PURPOSE.
2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUCH ACTION SHALL BE MADE BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

1. MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD MONTHLY.
2. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE TIME AND PLACE OF THESE MEETINGS.
3. EACH REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD INCLUDE:
 - A. A BUSINESS SESSION COVERING ALL ITEMS OF REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION (INCLUDING FINANCIAL, STATUS OF MEMBERS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, ETC.).
 - B. SOME TYPE OF PRESENTATION OF GENERAL INTEREST.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

1. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE PROPOSED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.
2. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE RATIFIED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT ANY MEETING, PROVIDED THAT WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS. NOTICE SHOULD INCLUDE:
 - A. TIME, DATE, LOCATION OF MEETING AT WHICH A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO BE MADE.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

A MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE OPEN TO ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT. SIX CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE AVAILABLE: REGULAR OPEN, STUDENT, JUNIOR, FAMILY, SENIOR CITIZEN AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. MEMBERS MUST MAINTAIN CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMA (ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4B. UNDER FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS.
2. MEMBERS MUST COMPLY WITH FCC RULES AND REGULATIONS.
3. MEMBERS MUST PAY ASSOCIATION DUES PROMPTLY.
4. MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE DEFINED WITHIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
 - A. REGULAR OPEN MEMBERSHIP: A PERSON WHO HOLDS AN OPEN AMA LICENSE.
 - B. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: A FAMILY GROUP, CONSISTING OF TWO ADULTS ONLY OR A PARENT OR PARENTS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM HOLDS AN OPEN AMA LICENSE, AND ANY CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD WHO HOLD A JUNIOR OR SENIOR AMA LICENSE. ANY FAMILY MEMBER WHO INTENDS TO FLY MUST POSSESS A CURRENT AMA LICENSE.
 - C. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: A PERSON WHO HOLDS AN OPEN AMA LICENSE AND IS A FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT (PER STUDENT ID).
 - D. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: A PERSON WHO HOLDS A JUNIOR AMA LICENSE.
 - E. SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP: A PERSON WHO HOLDS AN OPEN AMA LICENSE AND IS AGE 65 OR OLDER.
 - F. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID AMA LICENSE AND IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ANOTHER AMA CHARTERED RADIO CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT ORGANIZATION.
 - G. MEMBERSHIP IN THE AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY APPLICATION TO ANY OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, WITH EVIDENCE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP HAVE BEEN MADE, AND WITH PAYMENT OF APPROPRIATE DUES.
 - H. EACH MEMBERSHIP, EXCEPT THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, SHALL HAVE ONE VOTE IN THE NORMAL BUSINESS OF THE AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II - DUES

1. MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE USED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR SUCH ITEMS AS AMA CHARTER, FIELD MAINTENANCE, NEWSLETTER AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE, POSTAGE, CLUB PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SUCH ITEMS AS ARE AGREED UPON BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION
2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE WEBMASTER ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING DUES; HOWEVER, THEY MUST BE DEFINED AND ENTERED INTO ONE OF THE CATEGORIES LISTED IN ARTICLE 1A, PARAGRAPH 4.

3. DUES ARE ASSESSED BASED ON THE CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP HELD. THE FOLLOWING RATES APPLY UNTIL THIS SECTION OF THE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS IS DULY AMENDED AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VI OF THE BY-LAWS.

REGULAR OPEN MEMBERSHIP	\$84 ANNUALLY
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$84 ANNUALLY
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	\$42 ANNUALLY
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP	\$20 ANNUALLY
SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP	\$42 ANNUALLY
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	\$30 ANNUALLY

4. RENEWAL DUES ARE DUE AT THE END OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR. THE FULL AMOUNT PER SECTION C SHALL BE PAYABLE REGARDLESS OF WHEN PAID DURING THE YEAR. MEMBERS NOT PAID BY JANUARY 31 SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A DAILY \$3 FIELD USE FEE WHEN FLYING UNTIL RENEWAL DUES ARE PAID.
5. DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR SHALL BE BASED ON 1/12 THE PRESENT ANNUAL DUES PER MONTH REMAINING IN THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR. EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IS THAT ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE FULL AMOUNT OF DUES REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.
6. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES OR FIELD IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE MADE ONLY BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT ANY REGULAR OR CALLED MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDED PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP, EITHER THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER OR BY TELEPHONE.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE OR BE CHAIRMEN OF ANY STANDING COMMITTEE. EXCEPTION, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MAYBE HOLD OFFICE OR CHAIR ANY COMMITTEE.
2. OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR WITH THE TERMS OF OFFICE COINCIDING WITH THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR.
3. VOTING SHALL BE PREFERENTIAL BALLOT AND A MAJORITY VOTE SHALL CONSTITUTE ELECTION.
4. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY SERVE, OR APPOINT A COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING TO DETERMINE THE AVAILABILITY OF PROSPECTIVE OFFICERS AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL TAKE OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR. IF HE SHALL RESIGN, OR BECOME INCAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL SERVE OUT HIS TERM OF OFFICE.
2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND SECRETARY SHALL EACH SERVE A TERM OF ONE YEAR. IF ANY SHALL RESIGN OR BECOME INCAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, A REPLACEMENT SHALL BE ELECTED TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE NEXT REGULAR OR CALLED MEETING.
3. ALL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY SUCCEED THEMSELVES IF DULY ELECTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL:
 - A. PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 - B. LOOK TO THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - C. REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATION AS HIS OFFICE REQUIRES.
 - D. SEE THAT THE REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED AS OUTLINED UNDER ARTICLE VII OF THE CONSTITUTION.
2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL:
 - A. PRESIDE AND PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD THE PRESIDENT BE ABSENT.
 - B. BECOME PRESIDENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED PART OF THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD TH PRESIDENT BECOME UNABLE TO SERVE.
 - C. SERVE AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.
3. THE TREASURER SHALL:
 - A. BE IN CHARGE OF ALL FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS, TRANSACTIONS, RECORDS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - B. GIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - C. KEEP AN UP-TO-DATE RECORD OF DUES PAID BY MEMBERS.
 - D. PRESIDE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

- E. REPORT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING THE NAME (S) OF CLUB MEMBER (S) TURNING IN FIELD USE FEES INCLUDING THE NAME (S) OF USER (S) AND THE AMOUNT TURNED IN.
4. THE SECRETARY SHALL:
- A. KEEP A RECORD OF ALL BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - B. NOTIFY ALL MEMBERS OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - C. PRESIDE AT MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER,
 - D. HANDLE ALL ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - E. KEEP A RECORD OF THE STATUS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
 - a. AMA MEMBERSHIP AND CURRENT NUMBER.
 - b. FCC LICENSE AND CURRENT NUMBER (INCLUDING EXPIRATION DATE).
 - c. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF EACH MEMBER.
 - F. KEEP THE CURRENT COMBINATION OF THE GATE LOCKS.
 - G. KEEP THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS TO THE CURRENT OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, GIVING THEM NOTICE OF ANY CHANGES, WITH CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES.

ARTICLE IV - AMA CHARTER

THE AUSTIN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION SHALL MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS STATUS AS AN AMA CHARTR CLUB FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDITIONAL INSURANCE, ETC. COSTS FOR THE AMA CHARTER SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE TREASURY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

ANY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. MAY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THESE BY-LAWS.