

ANDERSON FLYERS R/C CLUB

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The following Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by unanimous vote at a regular open meeting, held on July 9, 1994, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Amended May 18, 2011, Amended December 18, 2011, Amended March 21, 2026

CONSTITUTION

Purpose

The Anderson Flyers Radio Control Flying Club, herein after referred to as AF, is established to promote the activities of individuals interested in radio-controlled model aeronautics. AF is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), which insures the Club and its members.

Members

Membership in the AF shall be open to all persons, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, age or national origin.

Members of the AF shall abide by and uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the AF and adhere to the rules and regulations of the AMA, any applicable governmental agency, and the requirements of any site owner.

Members of the AF are required to be current Adult, Park-Pilot or Youth Members of the AMA. Should a Member cease to have Membership in the AMA, his or her Membership in the AF will automatically terminate. AF Membership can be reinstated with no penalty once AMA Membership is renewed. If this occurs

during the AF calendar year, a new AF Membership Application will be required.

Membership of the AF will be on a calendar basis; all Memberships expire on December 31st of each calendar year.

Officers

The Officers of the AF will be elected at an Annual Election Meeting, and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Officer.

The Officers will constitute a body, herein after referred to as the Board, whose responsibilities will be to make administrative and operational decisions necessary to establish and maintain the Flying Site, day-to-day operations of the AF club and all other affairs of the AF.

Decisions of the Board shall be by majority vote of the five Board Officers.

Authority

No single Member has the right to restrict the activities of any other Member. This right is reserved for the Board and the general Membership body as set forth by the By-Laws through a grievance and disciplinary process.

However, any Member may challenge another Member or guest, if they observe any apparent safety violations or reckless or dangerous activities, or confrontational behavior, as set forth in the By-Laws. The Member may then ask the individual to cease their activities and/or leave the flying site. These unsafe activities shall be reported to any Member of the Board.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Purpose

To establish operating procedures for the AF and its elected and appointed Officers, Representatives and Membership.

Article II - Membership

- A. Membership is open to any individual:
 - 1. Who expresses an interest in model aeronautics
 - 2. Who expresses a willingness to conform to the requirements of the AMA and the AF
 - 3. Who completes a Membership Application and pays the appropriate Dues. Membership is on an annual calendar basis.
- B. Members in good standing are those persons who hold current Adult, Park-Pilot, or Youth AMA and AF Membership.
- C. Appreciation Membership: With the unanimous concurrence of the Board, those Members who have made a material or significant contribution to the AF may be granted a Dues-free Appreciation Membership for the following calendar year. There will be a limit of three Appreciation Memberships granted per calendar year.
- D. Membership Obligations: Members are obligated to obey and enforce AF and AMA rules and regulations, and are encouraged to volunteer to serve on committees, participate in work details, and hold and serve office when elected.
- E. The Board has discretion over maximum capacity of club Membership.

Article III - Grievance and Disciplinary Process

- A. Any Member or Officer may make a disciplinary complaint to the Board, in writing, against any other Member or Officer for an alleged violation of AMA regulations or the AF Constitution and By-Laws.

- B. Upon notification of a complaint, the full Board will review the complaint, and, if determined to be valid, will then proceed with any of the following:
1. Dismiss the complaint with an explanation to the complainant.
 2. Issue an oral reprimand.
 3. Place the Member on probation for 30 days. (Any Member placed on probation twice within one year will automatically have their Membership in AF revoked.)
 4. Revoke Membership immediately.
- C. Revoked Members are not entitled to any refund of their AF dues, but may reapply for AF Membership the next calendar year following their revocation.
- D. Impeachment: Any Officer may be removed from office for cause, including, but not limited to, neglect of duty or for actions degrading the spirit and intent of the AF. The impeachment process shall be the same as the complaint process against a Member, with the exception that the Officer under impeachment shall not vote as a Member of the Board. Only a unanimous vote of the remaining Board members shall result in the impeachment.
- E. Any Member against whom a grievance is filed may not direct any retaliatory action against the person filing the grievance. Such retaliatory action may cause this Member to be expelled from the Club, following a unanimous vote of the Board. Retaliatory action includes threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage or any other action deemed retaliatory by the Board.

Article IV - Dues

- A. The Dues for the following year shall be proposed by the Board and voted on by the Members at the Annual Election Meeting. The Treasurer is tasked with providing a recommendation based on current financial status.
- B. Annual dues are payable by January 1st of each year. Late payments will be subject to an increase, according to a fixed Dues schedule. The Dues schedule will be specified on the Membership Application Form.
- C. Family Membership. The second and any subsequent members of a family wishing to join the club will have fees at one-half of the regular dues. Family is defined as the same household.
- D. Dues will be prorated for those joining after August 1st or October 1st.

Article V - Meetings

- A. Annual Election Meeting. The Board will schedule the Annual Election Meeting, to be held in the latter part of the calendar year, for the following:
 - 1. Election of Officers (Note: Nominations for Officers should be requested from the Membership and a slate of recommendations/agenda items prepared and sent to Members for consideration at least one week before the Election Meeting.)
 - 2. Approval of Dues
 - 3. Annual Treasurer's Report
 - 4. Regular Business
 - 5. Scheduling of additional Regular Meetings, as necessary

- B. Regular Meetings. The Board may also schedule additional Meetings at their discretion or as requested by the Membership in order to conduct regular business or to address special issues.
- C. Quorum. In order to conduct AF business, a Quorum will be established as follows:
 - 1. All Meetings: A Quorum requires that thirty percent or more of the full membership be physically present, including at least four officers.
 - 2. Passage of a motion requires a two-thirds approval vote by the Quorum.
 - 3. If there are not enough Members present to establish a Quorum, then a Ballot Vote may be instituted.
 - 4. A Ballot Vote may be prepared by the Board and emailed to all AF Members with a return cutoff date/time specified. The Ballot will present the motion with discussion. Ballots must be returned before the specified cutoff date/time to be counted.
 - 5. Tabulation of the Ballot Votes will be done by the Secretary and verified by at least one non-Board Member, and results will be published via email.

Article VI - Nominations and Elections

- A. Nominations for AF Officers may be made by any Member or current Officer.
- B. Nominees must be a current Member and must agree to serve, if elected.
- C. A nominee must be at least 21 years of age and have been a Member of AF for at least one year.

D. To be elected, a nominee must receive a majority of votes from the Quorum present, or, in the case of a Quorum not being present, the Ballot Votes via email.

Article VII - Officers

- A. President: Responsible for officiating at all Meetings, setting the agenda for Meetings, scheduling Election and Regular Meetings, acting as liaison with the AMA and local authorities and site owners. At his discretion, sub-committees may be established.
- B. Vice President: Act in the absence of the President, and assist the President where necessary.
- C. Secretary: Maintain a written record of all official Club business. Notify members via email. Count ballots.
- D. Treasurer: Maintain all Club funds, including income, expenses, and annual Dues. Maintain a post office box, Club roster, and Membership Applications. Publish a complete financial report of income and expenses annually.
- E. Safety Officer: Responsible for recommending and enforcing safety rules for Club operations, Flying Site considerations, and aircraft and equipment safety.
- F. Officers will serve for one year with their duties beginning immediately following the tabulation and Certification of the Election votes.
- G. Duties of the Officers may overlap and be delegated at the discretion of the President.

Article VIII - Finances

- A. The Board is authorized to make routine and reasonable expenditures in order to maintain the Flying Site and Club activities. Such expenditures shall include, but not be

limited to: Mailings, rental fees, Charter and Insurance fees, equipment repairs/upgrades and maintenance, Fun-Flys and other Club events.

- B. No Member can authorize or incur any Club expense without the prior approval of 3 Officers.
- C. Extraordinary single expenses in an amount exceeding \$500, or more than 75% of the existing bank ledger balance, shall require a 2/3 Quorum approval vote by the Membership.
- D. In the event that the AF is dissolved, the Treasurer will use cash/CD assets to pay all outstanding Club debts. Any remaining funds will be donated to the AMA Scholarship Fund. Hard assets will be donated to another AMA club, as determined by the Board.

Article IX - General Flying Site Operations

- A. Safety: All radio-controlled flight activities must be conducted in accordance with the current official AMA Safety Code, as published and provided to every AMA member.
- B. In keeping with the safety guidelines of the AMA, the following rules exist:
 - 1. A Flight Line will be established 14 feet from the runway, running parallel to it. A pilot who is flying is required to stand behind this line.
 - 2. A Safety Line will be established parallel to the Flight Line, approximately 10 feet closer to the road. A pilot who is flying must be situated in front of this Safety Line.
 - 3. Spectators must be positioned behind this Safety Line to separate all model aircraft operations from bystanders.
 - 4. A Member with physical limitations (e.g. wheelchair, cane, etc.) may require an exception to these rules, which may be granted after consultation with the Safety Officer. A spotter may also be needed by such a Member.

- C. The Flight Box is the area from the Flight Safety Line to the roads and then continues on around the Motz turf area. Aircraft must remain within the Flight Box.
- D. Only AF members in good standing may fly at the Club Site and must display their current AF Membership Card.
- E. Frequency control: If any narrow band transmitters are used (non-2.4 GHz), then AMA regulations should be followed. This includes securing the appropriate frequency PIN from the flight box before flying.
- F. Each Member is responsible to ensure that flight operations are conducted in a safe manner and they are obligated to challenge anyone who might be engaging in reckless or dangerous activities. That person should be asked to cease their activities and possibly leave the flying site, if necessary. All safety violations and damage to property or persons should be promptly reported to the Board.
- G. Observers are recommended to be used during all flight operations.
- H. Non-AF Members may fly as the guest of a Member and no more than two times per calendar year. Guests must be current AMA Members and display their AMA card while operating aircraft. The host Member is responsible for all guest behavior.
- I. Hand-Launching: Hand-launching of aircraft or gliders must be done with extreme caution, away from other flyers, spectators, and the pit area.
- J. Students: Non-AF or Non-AMA Member Students may fly with a "Buddy Box" system only and under the direct supervision of a current Member. The supervising Member is responsible for all the activities of the Student.
- K. Mufflers/tuned pipes must be used on all engines over 0.15 cubic inch size. The sound level must not exceed 96 db at nine feet from the engine, as measured on the ground.

- L. Members should ensure that no trash or debris is left on the site at the end of each flying day and that the Porta-Potty and metal Field Box are left locked.
- M. All Non-Member dependents must be accompanied by an adult and prevented from interfering with the pit area, flying operations or the runway.
- N. All pets must be leashed and kept out of the vicinity of the flight line and runway.
- O. No rocket flying activity is allowed.

Article X – Amendments

These By-Laws and Constitution may be amended by a proposal to the Board. Following Board review and presentation to a Quorum of the Members present at a Meeting, the Amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote, or, if there is no Quorum, by two-thirds majority of a Ballot Vote.