



BY-LAWS

Amended October 6th, 2002

ARTICLE I NAME

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be THE LORAIN COUNTY R/C CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

Sec. 1. The purposes of this organization are:

- a. To promote all activities possible in any phase of radio control in models among persons and members of this club and to advance the standards of R/C model flying through a voluntary program of self regulation.
- b. To provide the means for the discussion of R/C flying, the presentation of discourses upon the various phases of modeling, and the friendly interchange of modeling ideas.
- c. To provide and promote a better understanding of the functions of R/C modeling and its values.
- d. To promote good fellowship and free exchange of ideas.
- e. To engage in such functions and training programs as will safeguard and educate its members, as well as the general public.
- f. To give special attention to the betterment of relations between those having an interest in R/C and the general public.
- g. To acquire and obtain by purchase, lease, or otherwise a club room, club house, or land. To own, improve and hold the same for the accommodation, convenience and entertainment of its members.
- h. To have members and honorary members to promote the purposes of this non-profit organization.
- i. In the event of liquidation or dissolution of this of this organization, any net assets remaining shall be given to the American Red Cross or any such other charitable institution as the members shall direct.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1. There shall be five (5) classes of membership: 1) Active; 2) Associate; 3) Honorary; 4) Junior; and 5) Non-Flyer. All memberships shall be in the name of an individual and shall be non-transferable. Active, Junior, and participating Associate members must belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
- Sec. 2. Active Membership shall be limited to R/C model enthusiasts. Active Members shall have full voting privileges and shall be eligible to hold office.
- Sec. 3. Associate Members shall be defined as a spouse and/or children under the age of 18 of an Active/Honorary Member. Associate Member shall not be able to vote or hold office.
- Sec. 4. Honorary Members shall be defined as persons who, in the opinion of the club, have given distinguished service in the field of modeling. Honorary Members may be elected by a 2/3 yes vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Honorary Members may not vote or hold office.
- Sec. 5. Junior Members shall be defined as all dues paying persons under the age of 18. Junior Members shall have full voting privileges, but may not hold office.
- Sec. 6. Non-Flyer Members shall be defined as all dues paying persons who do not belong to the AMA. Non-Flyer Members shall have full voting privileges, but may not hold office (due to AMA regulations, all officers must be AMA members.)
- Sec. 7. Each application shall be made to the Membership Chairman or his designated agent. Dues are payable upon acceptance of application.

ARTICLE IV
FEES AND DUES

- Sec. 1. Dues for Active and Non-Flyer Members shall be \$75.00 per year. To keep in line with the AMA's discount for seniors, there will be a \$10.00 discount for Seniors 62 and older. Members from the previous year have until the end of the February meeting to renew. Failure to do so will result in a \$10.00 late fee when they renew. Any member carried on the previous year's roster will not be considered a new member for a period of not less than one year. Dues for Junior Members shall be \$15.00 per year. The Fiscal Year for the club shall correspond to the calendar year.
- Sec. 2. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues. Associate Members shall not be required to pay dues.
- Sec. 3. Dues shall be payable on/or before the February meeting of each year and will be accepted in the months of November and December of the preceding year. Late renewals see Article IV, Sec.1.

Sec. 4. Dues for new members shall be the full amount (\$75 - a / \$15 - j) from Jan. 1 through June 30th. Dues will be reduced to (\$60 - a / \$10 - j) from July 1 through Sept. 30th and they will be reduced to (\$40 - a, \$5 - j) from Oct. 1st through Dec. 31st.

Sec. 5. Members shall be notified for annual dues prior to November meeting. Only those members whose dues are paid and have proof of current AMA membership may fly at the field. Newsletters will not be sent to members in arrears after the February meeting.

ARTICLE V TRUSTEES

Definition of Board of Trustees

5.01 The Board of Trustees is that group of persons vested with the management of the business and affairs of this Corporation.

Structure of Board

5.02 The Board of Trustees of this Corporation will consist of the following:

- (a) The President of the Corporation.
- (b) The Vice-President of the Corporation.
- (c) The Secretary of the Corporation.
- (d) The Treasurer of the Corporation.
- (e) The Field Safety Officer.

Number of Trustees

5.03 The number of Trustees of this Corporation will not be less than three (3) at any time.

Terms of Trustees

5.04 The Board of Trustees shall be comprised of the Officers of the Corporation as elected pursuant to Article XI hereof. Each Trustee will hold office for the term for which the Trustee was elected and until a successor has been selected and qualified.

Vacancies on Board

5.05 Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Trustees will be filled as set forth in Article XI hereof. The new Trustee to fill the vacancy will serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office.

Location of Trustee's Meetings

- 5.06 Meeting of the Board of Trustees, regular or special, will be held at Nordson Depot, 671 Franklin Avenue, Amherst, Ohio or such other place or places as the Board of Trustees designates by resolution duly adopted.
- 5.07 One regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held immediately following the Members' meeting held in January of each year. This provision of the Regulations constitutes notice to all Trustees of the regular meeting and no further notice shall be required, although further notice may be given.

Notice of Special Trustees Meetings

- 5.08 Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hours of any special meetings of the Board of Trustees will be delivered not less than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by first-class mail.

Call of Special Board Trustees

- 5.09 A special meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by either:
- (a) The President.
 - (b) Any Member of the Board of Trustees.

Waiver of Notice

- 5.10 Attendance of a Trustee at any meeting of the Board of Trustees will constitute a waiver of notice of that meeting except when the Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Quorum of Trustees

- 5.11 A majority of the whole Board of Trustees will constitute a quorum. The act of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be the act of the Board of Trustees unless a greater number is required under the provisions of the Non-profit Corporation Law, the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation or any provision of these Regulations.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The management of this club shall be vested in the elected officers.

Sec. 2. The following officers shall be elected by the membership to serve two (2) year terms, January 1 through December 31:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

The President and Treasurer will be elected on Odd years Starting 2003. The Vice President and Secretary will be elected on Even years starting 2004.

Sec. 3. The Field Safety Officer shall be elected by the membership to serve a one (1) year term, January 1 through December 31

Sec. 4. Only Active Members of the club in good standing shall be eligible to serve as officers.

ARTICLE VII
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the club. He shall preside over all meetings of the club. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. The President and the Treasurer shall sign all written contracts and non-financial obligations of the club, which must have prior approval of the membership to be legal and binding.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of all proceedings of the club and officers meetings. All such records shall be the property of the club. Under directions of the President, the Secretary shall have charge of all clerical work of the organization. The Secretary shall be in charge of the monthly newsletter.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in the name of the club, in a financial institution approved by the officers, all club moneys, issue receipts and make all authorized disbursements. The Treasurer shall submit, to the Secretary, a detailed, itemized, written monthly transaction report for each calendar month of the year. He shall also deliver a verbal report to the membership at each regular meeting. The Secretary will include the report in the following newsletter.

Sec. 5. The club checking account shall be in the name of The Lorain County R/C Club. The Treasurer and/or the President shall be authorized to issue checks.

Sec. 6. The Field Safety Officer shall be the chairman of the field safety committee which will be responsible for settling any disputes arising from violations of field rules and regulations.

Sec. 7. There shall be prior approval before any funds are spent. Normally this approval will be by majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting with a quorum present. However, the club officers have the authority to make a financial commitment for the club, without prior membership approval, provided all available officers, but not less than 3 officers, agree that the commitment needs to be made prior to the next meeting, and the available officers unanimously agree that the decision is in the best interest of the club. If the officers do make a commitment under this rule, then they will advise the membership at the next meeting and publish a detailed explanation in the next newsletter. If a member turns in a receipt for expenses without first having obtained approval to expend, then the member will be thanked profusely for his or her donation. The Treasurer will not disburse funds without an original receipt or signed contract.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. The President, with the approval of the membership, shall appoint special committees as may be needed to carry on the work of the club, and shall name the chairman of each.

Sec. 2. No Committee shall have the authority to commit the club on matters of policy or to create financial obligations. All committee plans and actions shall be subject to the approval of the officers.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The regular meetings of the club shall be held on the first Sunday of the month unless postponed or pre-dated due to conflicting dates or holidays at such time and place as the officers determine.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at his discretion and shall be called by him upon the request of any five (5) members in good standing.

Sec. 3. Separate notice of each meeting, regular or special, shall be sent by the Secretary to every member of the club prior to the date of such meeting.

ARTICLE X QUORUMS

Sec. 1. No business shall be transacted at a membership or committee meeting without a quorum present

a. Twenty percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the club.

b. A majority of any committee shall constitute its quorum.

ARTICLE XI
ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominations for officers will be held annually in the month of November. Nominees must give prior consent to their nomination before submitting to general membership. A nominee may run unopposed for any office.

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Safety Officer

The slate of nominees will be presented to the general membership.

Sec. 2. Ballots shall be mailed to all eligible voting members.

Sec. 3. Ballots must be returned and received on/or before the December meeting to be valid. At that time, all ballots received will be counted and the officers announced. The newly elected officers will be present and seated at that time.

Sec. 4. In the event an officer resigns his post, the president will appoint someone to fill out the balance of the term.

Sec. 5. Appointments must be approved by the voting members when a quorum is present. A "Yes" vote may be used.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds "yes" vote of the voting members present at any meeting.

Sec. 2. Amendments must be proposed by voting members in good standing, and must be presented to the general membership at the meeting at which it is moved for adoption.

Sec. 3. Prior notification will be made to the club membership regarding proposed changes to the club by-laws. The notification may be done through the medium of the club's publication.

Sec. 4. Notice of the adopted amendments shall be mailed to each voting member prior to the next scheduled meeting. This may be done through the medium of the club's publication.

ARTICLE XIII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be the authority of this club in all matters not covered by the by-laws.

ARTICLE XIV
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 1. All members and members' guests shall abide by all written rules and regulations of the club.

Sec. 2. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT FOR SUSPENSION OF FIELD PRIVILEGES.