

RADIO CONTROL FLYERS' UNLIMITED  
OF MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I

### NAME:

This organization will be known as the RADIO CONTROL FLYERS' UNLIMITED.

### AFFILIATION:

This will be a chartered club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) which is the United States representative organization for model aviation under the Federation Aeronautique International (FAI).

## ARTICLE II

This club will be a "non-profit" organization as pertains to finances.

## ARTICLE III

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of the RADIO CONTROL FLYERS' UNLIMITED is to offer leadership and assistance to modelers in the pursuit of their hobby.

### OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the RADIO CONTROL FLYERS' UNLIMITED is to promote the safe and enjoyable participation in modeling and flying for its' members by co-operating with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, with the communities within which we operate, with other model clubs, and with each other.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is open to all interested persons.

Anyone who desires to fly or participate in any AMA sanctioned event must maintain a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and an appropriate and current Federal Communication (FCC) license, as required.

1. OPEN MEMBERSHIP is a dues-paying member entitled to all privileges, including participation in all club functions and activities and is entitled to vote and to hold office. A one time initiation fee is required.

2. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP consists of one Open Membership and the spouse and/or children of the Open Member. The spouse and/or children annual dues shall be one payment of one-half the Open Member annual dues rounded up to the next dollar for the entire family with no initiation fee. Family membership includes all children under age eighteen. Children of the family over eighteen must then become Open Members. Family members are entitled to participate in all club functions and activities but are not entitled to vote or hold office. The Open Member shall identify the family members wishing to participate.
3. HONORARY MEMBER is a non-dues paying member entitled to all the privileges of an Open Member. An Honorary Member is voted on by majority vote of the Open Members for outstanding service to RCFU or for reasons determined by existing circumstances. An honorary member shall be voted on each year.
4. SENIOR MEMBER is a non-dues paying member age 65 or over entitled to all the privileges of an Open Member. A one time initiation fee and a one time prorated annual Open Member dues (based on the month joined divided by 12) are required for all non-members of age 65 or older wishing to join the club.
5. ASSOCIATE MEMBER is a dues-paying member under the age eighteen. Annual dues shall be one-half the Open Member annual dues rounded up to the next dollar. Associate Members are entitled to participate in all club functions and activities but are not entitled to vote or hold office. Upon reaching age eighteen, the Associate Member must pay the initiation fee and become an Open Member. Full dues will begin the following year.
6. Anyone requesting membership shall not become a member until the initiation fee and dues have been paid in full, in person, at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The new member shall then be given the documents provided by ARTICLE X.
7. All new Open Members, Senior Members, and Honorary Members shall be assessed a one time fee of \$300. This fee may be paid, in full, at the time that person joins, or paid in three \$100 installments. If paid in installments, the first installment shall be due at the time that person joins the club. The second installment shall be due on January 1 of the next calendar year. The third installment shall be due on January 1 on the following calendar year. If the fee is paid in full at the time the person joins, then the fee will be discounted \$25.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS:

A president, vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer will be elected by the membership.

### TERM OF OFFICE:

The above-mentioned club officers will be elected annually to serve for a term of one year.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Officers of the club will be nominated and elected from the current OPEN, HONORARY, AND SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERS.
2. Nominations for officers will be held at the November meeting each year. The names of the two (2) nominees for each office with the greatest number of votes will be reported to members of the club by mail.
3. Election of officers will be held at the following December meeting.
4. A simple majority vote of the members present, including any absentee votes received prior to the election, will determine the winning candidate for each office.
5. Officers will assume their elected offices on January 1<sup>st</sup> following their election.
6. Should an officer be unable to serve his/her term of office, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

## ARTICLE VI

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. The PRESIDENT will preside over monthly and/or special meetings, appoint committee chairpersons as needed, and represent the RADIO CONTROL FLYERS' UNLIMITED whenever appropriate. All business mail shall be addressed to the P. O. Box of RCFU. The President shall collect and disperse the mail.

2. The SECRETARY will keep the minutes of the meetings, maintain the club membership roster, renew the Club AMA charter annually, file timely reports with the Federal and/or State bureaus as may be required and maintain the records of the club. The Secretary will provide membership cards to all members, and shall collect all dues and fees and account for the transaction with the Treasurer.
3. The TREASURER shall pay by check all debts authorized by the Club membership for any amounts over \$5.00, and will retain receipts for ALL transactions. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by either the President, Vice-president, or Secretary. All transactions involving club monies must be conducted at the club meeting unless prior approval of the membership has been obtained. The Treasurer shall collect the Club dues and fees from the Secretary and verify the accounting of such payments.
4. The officers of the club shall have full discretion to spend up to \$500 per transaction for a maximum of \$2,500 per year without consent of the general membership for items or projects that have the sole purpose of benefiting the club. If the club finds that the funds used are not for the sole benefit of the club, the members of the club may suspend any further spending for the remainder of that year by a two-third (2/3) vote of the attending membership at a regularly scheduled club meeting..

## ARTICLE VII

### DUES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS:

1. DUES and INITIATION FEES will be voted each year by the voting members in attendance. The amounts to be charged will be determined by 2/3 majority of the attending voting members and voted on prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Yearly dues cover the period January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The initiation fee shall be considered a lifetime fee.
2. DUES or ASSESSMENTS, other than annual dues may be levied only by 2/3 majority vote of those entitled to vote at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. All members shall be advised by mail 45 days prior to a meeting to discuss any special fee or assessment. Open members are the only ones that can be assessed.

3. DELIQUENT PAYMENT OF DUES. Members who have not paid their dues by the second Thursday of January (first regularly scheduled club meeting of that year) shall be placed on inactive status and all privileges accorded by membership are nullified and void. The member may be re-instated by paying full dues, not pro-rated, for the calendar year in which the member is to become active again. Delinquent dues for other than current year shall not be collected.

## ARTICLE VIII

### MEETINGS:

1. MONTHLY MEETINGS will be held to conduct club business at a time and place designated by the membership.
2. SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called by the President or his representative.

## ARTICLE IX

1. PERMANENT COMMITTEES may be appointed by the President to conduct club business. A Permanent Committee will continue to exist until dissolved by the President.
2. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES may be appointed by the President from time to time to serve a specific need.
3. PERMANENT or TEMPORARY COMMITTEES shall have the power to conduct minor business assigned to the committee without membership approval provided the President approves the decision. If the President does not approve, the Committee shall submit all proposals to the membership for majority vote.

## ARTICLE X

### NEW MEMBERS:

1. New members will be provided with the following information:
  - a. A copy of the Club Constitution and By-Laws.
  - b. A list of the club membership with addresses and telephone numbers, and radio frequencies which are used.

- c. A list of the current Instructor Pilots with names, addresses, telephone numbers.
- d. A copy of the club safety rules and any special safety rules pertaining to specific flying sites.
- e. The following will be provided if requested: 1) AMA membership application; and 2) FCC radio license application.

## ARTICLE XI

### AMENDMENTS:

Amendments may be made to these bylaws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing at least five (5) days in advance that the amendments are to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be provided to all members as part of the notification. Amendments shall be approved by no less than a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the members present, at the regular monthly meeting. Mail-in ballots will be made available for those Open members who cannot attend the meeting. Those ballots, returned by mail before the next meeting, will be counted as if those persons were present at the meeting.

## ARTICLE XII

### INSTRUCTOR PILOTS:

Instructor pilots will be appointed by the membership from the experience pilot members. A majority vote of approval of the attending voting membership at a scheduled meeting will confirm an Instructor Pilot appointment.

A current list of the Instructor Pilots will be maintained and distributed to all members.

## ARTICLE XIII

### SAFETY:

1. Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) safety code will be adhered to at all times.
2. Additional safety rules, as well as rules of conduct, will be adhered to whenever established for a flying site.
3. ANYONE operating a radio transmitter in an aircraft at the flying site must have a valid AMA license on his/her person.

4. Flyer must use frequency pin at all times and frequency flag on antenna.

#### ARTICLE XIV

##### PERSONAL CONDUCT:

Failure to obey the Constitution and By-Laws of RCFU can result in the member being asked by an officer of the club to leave a club function of the flying site. In extreme cases, a member may lose membership in the club by 2/3 majority vote at a regular monthly meeting or special meeting called by the President.