



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CATAWBA VALLEY RCers

1. **PURPOSE:** To promote interest in the construction and flying of Radio Controlled airplanes and all types of flying model aircraft.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - A. All members must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
 - B. All applicants for membership will be required to attend one regular monthly meeting, at which time they are to submit an application for membership. Members present at that meeting shall discuss and vote on applicants at that meeting.
3. **DUES:**
 - A. Shall run from January 1st to December 31st each year.
 - B. The annual dues for all members (with voting privilege) shall be \$75.00 per year age 19-64.
 - C. The annual dues for all Junior (age 18 and under) and Senior (age 65 and over) members shall be \$37.50 per year. If accompanied with a full paying adult member, of the same household, dues will be \$1.00 per year.
 - D. If a member fails to pay his or her dues by February 28 (for renewal), they shall be listed as inactive until the dues are paid in full. Inactive members shall not be allowed to use club facilities or vote until becoming active again, by paying their dues.
 - E. All newly elected members' dues will be pro-rated for the first year only (July 1 to Dec.31) plus initiation. Pro rata dues are \$75.00 for full year down to six months. For less than six months, the dues are reduced to 1/2 the full year amount.
 - F. Initiation fee for all new members will be a one-time fee of \$10.00, which shall not be pro-rated.
4. **OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS:**
 - A. The Club will elect the following Officers by majority vote:
 - President
 - Vice-president
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - B. Elections are to be held at the regular club meeting held in January of each year.
 - B. Each Officer elected will serve for one year. Officers will begin to serve during the meeting at which they are elected.
5. **PROTOCOL:**
 - A. The Officers are required to maintain order during meetings and at all club activities. All discussion shall be in an orderly manner, and all membership shall be given an opportunity to speak.
 - B. Goodwill and fair conduct shall be included in all actions performed within the club.



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6. GENERAL:

- A. The Members present at any regular stated meeting will be considered a quorum, and can transact any business coming before the club, which requires approval of the membership. Prior notice will be given of any major business to come before the club at the next regular meeting.
- B. Committees shall be formed at any regular meeting by the President to handle current affairs, as they are needed.

7. FIELD AND FLYING RULES:

- A. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Please **BE ALERT. BE AWARE. USE COMMON SENSE.**
- B. All members shall conduct themselves in a polite fashion.
- C. No flying shall be permitted over homes, buildings or spectator areas.
- D. Guests may fly with a member an unlimited amount of times.
- E. We share an open-door policy with surrounding clubs who maintain A.M.A. insurance.
- F. All transmitters must display an appropriate and accurate frequency flag denoting channel and frequency pin.
- G. Impounding of radios shall be required whenever one or more radios are at the field at one time.
- H. Field repairs in which the radio is being used are to be limited to 15 minutes in order to share the frequency with others.
- I. Any pilot may declare an emergency, including "dead stick." Once declared, he has the right of way over all craft under power. No other take offs or landings shall be permitted until after the emergency has been terminated. Any pilot or aircraft already on the runway shall be removed as quickly as possible.
- J. Engine break-in running shall not be conducted in the pit area.
- K. Mufflers shall be used on .19 size engines and greater. Sizes under .19 should have mufflers if practical to fit and use.
- L. Pilots who are taking off or landing shall have priority over others, except in emergencies. All pilots should announce when taking off or landing.
- M. Do not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which could impair or impede the ability to safely operate a model aircraft. Only spectators are allowed to drink alcohol at the field. Pilots shall become spectators if personal flying has ended for the day.
- N. All pilots enjoy flying **PLEASE DO NOT "HOG"** the frequency pins.
- O. The flying field is our recreational home. Please police the grounds to remove all self-generated trash before you leave.
- P. Visitors and spectators will be permitted beyond the spectator areas only when escorted by a member.
- Q. No vehicles are permitted on the flying field except for official club functions.

8. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:

Upon The dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose



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of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

These rules and by-laws are accurate as of JUNE 14, 2005