

**ALPINE AERO SQUADRON
BYLAWS
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CHARTER:

The Alpine Aero Squadron has been formed to promote, develop and encourage the art of model aircraft. It is the primary objective of the club to foster an interest in model aviation. The club is a non-profit organization chartered under the auspices of the Academy of Model Aeronautics as AMA Chartered Club #1843. All dues and other monies received will be used to implement the activities of the club.

ORGANIZATION:

A: OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the club shall consist of the current officers and the officers from the immediate past year who will serve in an advisory capacity only. The officers are: the President, The Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Safety Coordinator and the Editor. The President is the Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the overall direction and planning of the club activities, and periodically review the activities (or lack of) of members to determine continuance of memberships. The Board shall also be responsible for the club records.

All officers shall be at least 17 years of age.

B: DUTIES

The Board of Directors will, as required prior to the regular club meeting or at special meetings, prepare routine and / or special matters for the club meetings.

1. The President shall preside over all club meetings and conduct them in a reasonable parliamentary manner. It shall be his responsibility to check all financial and other club records to assure their propriety. The President is authorized to appoint personnel to special tasks and committees such as Field Manager, Contest Director, entertainment, refreshments, etc., subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and acceptance by the appointed personnel.
2. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence. The Vice-President shall guide and assist in all club activities.

3. The Treasurer shall collect all monies and keep records of income and expenditures. He shall report at each meeting on all monies received, spent and the treasury balance. He shall maintain a bank checking account in the club's name and process bank signature cards for all the club officers. Two board members (one should be the Treasurer) must sign all club checks in excess of \$200.00. He will arrange for the transfer of the account to the succeeding Treasurer. He shall process the club chartering paperwork with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The Board of Directors will audit the books at least once a year.
4. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the club meetings and publish them in the newsletter for the membership approval at the next meeting. The Secretary shall conduct all normal correspondence for the club.
5. The Safety Coordinator shall coordinate with the AMA on all matters regarding safety, and assist the board and members in maintaining safety at the flying field.
6. The Editor shall publish and mail a newsletter once a month to inform and enlighten the membership and other interested parties of club activities.

C: ELECTION PROCEDURES AND OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Officers shall be elected at the December meeting and shall be installed in office at the January meeting, to serve one year. An officer may serve more than one year consecutively in one office.
2. A candidate for President must be a *senior member in good standing for at least one year. The Safety Coordinator shall be a *senior member in good standing for at least 1 year. A candidate for other offices must be a member in good standing for a minimum of six (6) months prior to election.
3. The Board of Directors at the November meeting shall present two (2) nominees for each office to the membership. Nominations may be made from the floor, subject to the office prerequisites and the acceptance of the nominees. The President will announce the newly elected officers to the membership.
4. A member/family in good standing, dues being paid in full, will have one vote in the club elections. Junior members may not vote in the club elections.

* Note: A Senior Member shall be defined as: an adult member in good standing for at least 1 year who has a good understanding of the club Bylaws and Field Safety Rules.

MEMBERSHIP:

A: GENERAL:

All flying club members must have a current AMA card. Members will obtain and pay for his or her own cards and should renew their AMA card prior to the end of the year.

1. The Alpine Aero Squadron shall have a maximum membership limit of 100 total members, due to limited parking and difficulty in controlling access thru the lower gates. If necessary, the Board shall maintain a waiting list for new memberships until an available slot opens. Memberships may not be sold or bartered but will be on a first come, first served basis and only upon approval by the Board of Directors.
2. All new memberships must be approved by a Quorum of the Board of Directors. If the required number of Board members are not available to sign the application form and the membership limit is not exceeded, the applicant may fly as a guest, subject to all club and AMA rules, until the application is reviewed by the board. Gate keys shall only be issued after the application is approved and dues and initiation fees are paid in full.

B: INITIATION FEE:

A single member initiation fee of \$35.00 shall be paid for any adults.

Junior members will not be assessed an initiation fee nor be required to pay initiation fees when becoming an adult member. Minors must submit a signed approval form from parent or guardian to participate in club activities.

C: DUES

Dues shall be \$60.00 per year for each adult member.

* Yearly dues become due on January 1st of each year and will be good through December 31st of that year. Membership renewal shall start on October 1st and continue through December 31st. A 15-day grace period shall be allowed after December 31st. Members that have not paid their yearly dues by January 15th shall be dropped from the club roster and will be considered Non-Members, subject to new member initiation fees. Exceptions to this rule due to special circumstances under which the member was unavailable or unable to pay during the 3-month renewal period may only be approved by a vote of the Board of Directors requiring 4 out of 6 Board members consenting.

Members joining the club between January 1 and March 1 will be charged the full year's dues. Those who desire to join after March 1 will be charged on a prorated system that equates to \$6.00 per month for the remainder of that year.

Initiation fees will be paid in full at the time of joining and will not be prorated.

1. Dues will not be assessed for junior members 16 years of age and under.
2. Dues for the Treasurer will be waived for the duration of each election year served.
3. All members shall be held responsible for payment of all fees or special assessments approved by a majority vote of the general membership meeting.

D: MEETINGS:

Meetings will be held at least once a month. The meeting times and location will be noted in the monthly newsletter.

E: RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The club will furnish a copy of the club liability insurance policy to the flying field owner on request.
2. All club members shall be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by their actions and shall assume responsibility of same before resumption of flying from the club field. A member is automatically grounded until the matter is adjudicated and the Board of Directors could cancel his membership if it is not corrected within sixty- (60) days.
3. Any member deliberately violating club rules, especially Field Safety Rules, or not acting in a sportsman like manner are liable for disciplinary action including expulsion from the club. Such disciplinary measures are subject to a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors.
4. Pending completion of the applicant's financial responsibilities to the club, he may fly as a guest of the club providing he possesses a current AMA card and is supervised by a senior club member. He must conform to the club and AMA safety rules. A technical inspection committee may test fly an applicant's plane, if requested, to assure airworthiness.

F: NON-CLUB MEMBERS

Current AMA members, who are not members of the Alpine Aero Squadron, may fly twice as a guest of the club, after which they must join the club or pay a 30 day use fee of \$10.00 or a one-day use fee of \$5.00. If the guest decides to join the club, the use fee paid shall be deducted from the annual membership fee.

Members of an AMA sanctioned club, having a reciprocal flying agreement with the Alpine Aero Squadron, are not subject to the afore mentioned requirements and may fly as club members subject to the field safety rules.

Fliers that are not AMA members may not use the field facilities.

GENERAL CLUB OPERATING PROCEDURES

A. VOTING:

Additions to or revisions of the Bylaws proposed by the Board of Directors to the membership are subject to the unanimous approval of the Board prior to submission to the general membership. Changes to the Bylaws proposed in the form of a motion at the club meeting by any member, will be presented to the membership directly.

Any Bylaw change will be presented one month and voted the next month.

1. Any proposal to amend the Bylaws will be subject to a vote by the membership. A majority of seventy percent (70%) of the club members present at the normal monthly club meeting may confirm any Bylaw amendments. Each member voting must appear on the active club roster.
2. Issues other than amendments to the Bylaws will be decided by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

B: EXPENSES

Club operating expenses shall be paid from the treasury. Expenditures in excess of \$200.00 must be paid by a check signed by two (2) officers. Special funding may be authorized by the membership.

The Board of Directors is authorized to spend up to \$200.00 in a single expenditure to expedite paying club administrative expenses.

Expenditures over \$200.00 must be authorized by a vote of the general membership.

Officers and Special Members

APPROVAL DATE – December 11, 2008

Officers

Tom Clark - President
Wayne Bolin - Vice President
Mark Miller - Treasurer
Thomas Beecroft - Secretary/Editor
Greg Gavin - Safety Coordinator

Life Members

Thomas Seevers
John Parkinson
Lee Tipps
Dick Thomas
Gene Eberle
John Emelio

Historian

George Vollmer

Honorary Member

Don Madison
Jim Gaetke
Ron Stark
Bob Middleton

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