

Constitution and By-Laws of the Aiken Radio Control Society

Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section I The name of this organization shall be Aiken Radio Control Society (ARCS)

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section I The objectives of this Society shall be:

- a. To create an opportunity for Radio Control (RC) Model Airplane enthusiasts to participate in meetings, contests and other events to:
 - disseminate information and news
 - share skills and expertise
 - advance RC Model aeronautics
 - enhance enjoyment
- b. To instill in the community an appreciation for RC Model Aviation
- c. To stimulate interest in RC Model Aviation
- d. To locate, develop and maintain a flying site
- e. To support the policies and objectives of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
- f. The Society is not formed for profit and none of its assets shall be used for pecuniary gain or profit of any individual. The Society is noncommercial and nonpolitical. Its works are primarily educational and avocational
- g. In the event of dissolution of the Society, all of its assets, properties and funds shall be governed by the Society BYLAWS, Article VIII, Section II

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section I General provisions:

- a. Membership in this Society is open to individuals expressing an interest in the activities of the Society and who comply with all requirements stated herein.
- b. Any prospective member shall receive (and should read) a copy of the Society's Constitution and By-Laws along with the Flying Field Rules.
- c. All members who wish to operate model aircraft at the Society flying site(s) shall be licensed by the AMA
- d. Total paid membership will be capped at 35 members, beginning in 2023.
- e. Members whose dues are current are eligible to:
 - exercise vote and motion privileges (over 15 years of age)
 - Sponsor individuals for membership
 - Utilize resources of the Society including the flying site pursuant to item c above.

Section II Admission to Membership

- a. Membership should follow the process spelled out in the latest revision of the RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION available on the aikenrc.com website.
- b. Membership may be initiated by nomination from the floor by a member at a regular club meeting after all requirements stated herein are met
- c. Acceptance for Membership shall be by a majority vote of members present at a regular ARCS meeting. Voting on new members shall be by secret ballot.
- d. A Probation Period of 90 days will apply to any new member request after March 1st, 2023.

Section III Types of Membership

- a. All members regardless of age shall be considered Open Members. Those Open Members over 15 years of age shall have voting privileges

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section I The Executive Officers of this Society shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer

Section II The Executive Council shall be composed of six active members, including three Executive Officers.

Section III Members elected to the Executive Council will serve in that capacity for three years.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Section I The President and Vice President shall be elected from among the Executive Council at the November membership meeting of the Society and shall assume office at the close of that meeting.

Section II Two new members of the Executive Council shall be elected from the membership at the November meeting and shall assume office at the close of that meeting.

Section III The Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed from among the Executive Council members by the newly elected President.

ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS

Section I The regular meetings of the Society shall be held monthly at such a time and place as determined by the President and/or the Executive Council.

Section II Meetings of the Society may be called at a time by the President or by a majority of the Executive Council.

Section III The Executive Council shall meet as often as deemed necessary at the call of the President or a majority of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section I Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws of this Society shall be made after agreement by a majority of the Executive Council following a member meeting where the changes will be discussed.

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By Laws

ARTICLE I – PARLEMENTARY PROCEDURES

Section I The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern ARCS in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society, and the Executive Council. The President shall be an Ex - officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section II The Vice President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability.

Section III The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society, of the Executive Council, and maintain the records of the Society as the Executive Council may designate. The Secretary will also conduct correspondence to members and be prepared at all times to furnish information on all rulings of the Society and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Council.

Section IV The Treasurer shall keep all records of dues received as well as all other money. He shall deposit all Society money in a financial institution designated by the Executive Council and shall pay all bills after they have been approved by the Council or by the Officers or Chairmen who were responsible for them. The Treasurer shall present to the Executive Council when requested, and at each of its business meetings, a written report of the receipts and disbursements of the Society since the last report. The Treasurer's books shall be audited at the end of each fiscal year by an auditing committee of two or more appointed by the Executive Council.

Section V The Executive Council shall constitute the governing and the operating body of the Society. A report of their meetings and activities shall be made to the membership.

Section VI Any Officer derelict in his duties and any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the welfare or reputation of the Society may be removed from office or membership by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive Council.

Section VII The Executive Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee from the membership of three members in September of each year. This Committee shall select a chairman and prepare a slate of at least one candidate for each office to be filled, such slate to be presented to the membership at the November meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. If there are no volunteers for a Nominating Committee, the Executive Council shall select candidates to fill the open positions.

ARTICLE III – VOTING

Section I Each member over 15, in good standing shall be entitled to one vote and the privilege of holding office. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie but shall have the privilege of voting at the general election of officers.

Section II Election of all officers and members to the Executive Council shall be by ballot, unless there are no nominations from the floor and the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee is not contested; in which case it is permissible to have the Secretary cast the ballot in favor of the presented slate.

ARTICLE IV — DUES AND FEES

Section I Yearly dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee and announced at the December meeting. Dues will be based on expected expenses and expected membership. If necessary, an assessment may be made to each member later in the next year if either membership or expenses change from original estimates.

Section II Dues shall be payable by the first meeting (January) of each year. Any member whose dues are in arrears one month or more shall forfeit membership and will need to reapply for membership in order to rejoin. New members who join from January through June shall pay full dues for the year. New members who join during July through December shall pay one half of the dues for the remainder of the current year.

Section III All dues become due and payable upon notification of election to membership. Dues must be paid on an annual basis (annual payment of dues is required to facilitate the planning and activities of the Society).

ARTICLE V – QUORUM

Section I A quorum for a meeting of the Society shall consist of the members present.

Section II A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council shall be two-thirds of its members.

ARTICLE VI - FLYING FIELD RULES

1. All flying from the club flying site will be restricted to members and their invited guests who are current members of the AMA. AMA members other than Society members can fly only as invited guests. Any guest will be the responsibility of said member and must be accompanied by that member at the flying site. Guests may fly at the Society's flying field(s) no more than 3 occasions, after which they must join the Society if they wish to continue flying at the Society flying field(s).
2. All RC transmitters, other than those operating at 2.4 GHz transmission frequency, shall be placed in the impound area upon arrival at the flying site. Such transmitters shall not be removed unless frequency markers are attached, or the transmitter is to be placed inside a vehicle to be taken home.
3. Aircraft shall not be flown or taxied over pits, spectator, or parking areas.
4. Pilots shall always stand between the runway and spectators.
5. Inexperienced pilots shall not fly their aircraft in the presence of spectators unless assisted by an experienced flyer.
6. All models utilizing internal combustion engines shall comply with the AMA engine noise guidelines.
7. Flyers and their helpers shall stay clear of the runway area except when placing or retrieving aircraft. The starting and running of engines prior to flight shall be conducted with the model oriented such that the engine is directed away from the pits, parking, and spectator areas. The pilot and/or helper shall assure that no one, except the person starting the engine, is present in or near the propeller plane of rotation or in front of the engine. The pilot shall take care to direct his engine's prop wash away from other aircraft.
8. Flyers are encouraged to have a helper or assistant with them during their flights. This becomes mandatory when two or more aircraft are being operated. The helper shall assist the pilot to ensure the safety of others. No more than three aircraft may be operated at any time.
9. No club member will partake of alcoholic beverages at the flying field. Consumption of alcoholic beverages 12 hours prior to operating models is prohibited.
10. All members are responsible for conducting themselves in a mature and safe manner. All members are expected to obey the club safety rules and demonstrate responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of other club members and the general public.

Attachments 1 & 2 are provided at the end of this document for the purpose of posting at the ARCS club shelter. These attachments and are updated with more frequency than the Article VI

ARTICLE VII - INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

- Section I The President will appoint a committee of three to investigate any incident called to his attention by any member which falls into any of the following categories:
1. If any member shall violate any of the restrictions stated herein.
 2. If any member's conduct becomes detrimental to the safety, purposes or goals of the Society, the AMA, or the general public.
- Section II This committee will investigate the incident and will report to the Executive Council at a meeting time and place determined by the President. The affected member may appear in his own defense. The matter will be discussed, reviewed and action voted upon by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Section I Conditions for Dissolution

The Society shall be declared inactive and shall be dissolved if any of the following conditions are met:

1. No meetings are held for three (3) successive months.
2. The number of paid active members decreases to three (3) or less.

Section II Dissolution Meeting

Upon meeting any of the conditions shown above in Section 1, the remaining officer or senior member shall mail* notification to all members who were paid up and active three (3) months before the last meeting was held. This notification shall be mailed to the last known address of each such member. This notification shall state the intention to dissolve the Society and shall state the time, date, and place of the last meeting. This notice shall be mailed at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the last meeting. Members present at the last meeting shall vote on the method of dispersing the Society funds and assets.

ARCS Field Rules

1. The ARCS Club and the ARCS Field are for the express use of model aircraft. Therefore, **any activity not related to flying model aircraft is not allowed.**
Model Aircraft is defined as our traditional understanding of Glow, Gas & Electric models, as well as 3, 4, 5 rotor drones, Control Line aircraft and kites.
2. All members are responsible to conduct themselves in a mature and safe manner. **All members are expected to obey the club safety rules** and demonstrate responsibility for the safety and well-being of other club members and the general public
3. If anyone (Local residents, etc.) confront you with a complaint **do not argue or attempt to justify the situation.** Simply listen and assure them that their issue will be addressed by the club officers. You never know what relationship the complainer has with the field owner or his agents. Poor conduct could cause us to lose the flying field!
4. **Do not drive on any fields.** If necessary, drive only on the outside edge around the field.
5. If you see anyone on a horse **land immediately.**
Wait 10 to 15 minutes after they are gone before flying again.
6. If you see any hunters **land immediately.**
Wait 10 to 15 minutes after they are gone before flying.
7. If you see any farm machinery or workers in the area **land immediately.**
Wait 10 to 15 minutes after they are gone before flying.
8. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited** at the flying field.

GPS Coordinates for the field are:

33 35' 29" N

81 34' 44" W

462' ASL

Call 911 for Emergency

Location Address is the dirt road heading west at the mailbox for
347 Coleman Bridge Rd, Aiken, SC

ARCS Flying and Safety Rules

1. Each Club member must purchase/own an ABC fire extinguisher and have it visible from the flight line, ready for use for each flight at the ARCS field.
2. Flying is not permitted without the member's own fire extinguisher present.
3. If you crash, you must take your fire extinguisher to the scene of the crash.
4. **NO** flying before 9AM (Any day)
5. **NO** gas or glow flying before noon on Sundays.
6. All flying from the club flying site will be restricted to members and their invited guests who are current members of the AMA. AMA members other than Society members can fly only as invited guests. Any guest will be the responsibility of said member and must be accompanied by that member at the flying site. Guests may fly at the Society's flying field(s) no more than 3 occasions, after which they must join the Society if they wish to continue flying at the Society flying field(s). Flyers must conform to AMA rules.
7. **NO** turbine jet aircraft allowed due to fire hazard.
8. Do not fly Helicopters, drones, or multi-rotor copters when airplanes are in the air. Airplanes always have the right-of-way.
9. Aircraft shall not be flown behind the flight line. Taxiing with caution from the pit area to the flight line is permitted. No taxiing from the flight line into the pit area. No taxiing in the spectator, or parking areas.
10. Pilots shall stand at the flight line.
11. Flyers and their helpers shall stay clear of runway area except when placing or retrieving aircraft.
12. The starting and running of engines prior to flight shall be conducted with the model oriented such that the engine is directed away from the pits, parking and spectator areas. The pilot and/or helper shall assure that no one, except the person starting the engine, is present in or near the propeller plane of rotation or in front of the engine. The pilot shall take care to direct his engine's prop wash away from other aircraft.
13. Inexperienced pilots shall not fly their aircraft in the presence of spectators unless assisted by an experienced flyer.
14. Flyers are encouraged to have a helper or assistant (spotter) with them during their flights. This becomes mandatory when three or more aircraft are being operated at the same time. Helper shall assist the pilot to ensure the safety of others.
15. All combustion engine aircraft must have an adequate sound reduction system. Adequate noise reduction will be determined by the executive board.
16. Line of sight flying only. No commercial operations permitted.

Failure to follow the Field & Flying and Safety Rules will result in disciplinary action which could result in fines and/or loss of flying privileges.

These Rules are here for YOUR SAFETY and the safety of our flying field!