

Screaming Eagles R/C Club, Inc.
AMA Charter Club Number 298
Plainfield, Indiana

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the club shall be **SCREAMING EAGLES RADIO CONTROL CLUB, INC.**

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to further the advancement of all aspects of model aircraft as a hobby.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any individual willing to submit to the jurisdiction of the Screaming Eagles Radio Control Club, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the Club) may be admitted to membership providing:
1. The applicant submits an application for membership and has it approved by a two-thirds vote of eligible active members present at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the applicant is not accepted, guest privileges are automatically revoked and will not be restored until a new application for membership has been accepted by a two-thirds vote of eligible active members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
 2. The applicant is a member of (or has made application for membership to) the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
 3. The applicant has attended one regularly scheduled Club meeting.
 4. The applicant is introduced and sponsored by an active member of the Club. Sponsors may be assigned by the President
 5. The applicant has included current year dues with application for membership.
 6. The applicant, if under sixteen years of age, submits an application co-signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participation in Club activities by such members requires that the parent, legal guardian, "big brother" or "big sister" be present during such activities.

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7. If needed, a waiver of A.3., above, may be obtained from the Membership Committee.

B. Types of memberships

1. Active Member Senior or junior member duly elected into membership, in good standing, with dues not in arrears.
2. Senior Member One who is eighteen years of age or over.
3. Junior Member One who is under eighteen years of age.
4. Family Member One who is a member under the umbrella of a related senior/junior member upon payment of additional dues. A family membership has only one vote (when probationary period is over.) A family member must reside in the same household as a senior/junior member or be a dependent of a senior member.
5. Honorary Member One who may be appointed by the President with no obligation or privileges. Entitlement to privileges is subject to vote of the Membership Committee.
6. Former Member Any individual who has dues in arrears three or more months is a former member. For purposes of reinstatement to the status of active member, the following will apply:
 - a. Any individual who was a member in good standing, but whose dues are in arrears less than twelve months shall be reinstated to membership upon payment of delinquent dues and late charges.
 - b. Any individual who was a member in good standing, but whose dues are in arrears more than twelve months, shall be reinstated to membership upon payment of current year dues and approval of the Membership Committee.
8. Probationary Membership All new members shall be probationary. The duration of the probationary period shall be one year from date of being voted into the Club. A probationary member has all rights and privileges normally accorded to his/her type of membership, (Types 1 through 4) with the exception of voting rights. A new member's probationary status automatically converts to full membership at the end of the probationary period unless the Membership Committee rules to extend said probationary period or revoke membership.

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ARTICLE IV

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be terminated:

1. At member's own request.
2. By allowing dues to be in arrears.
3. By disciplinary action. Such action requires a two-thirds vote of eligible active members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting. Subject member will have the opportunity to plead his/her case at this meeting.

ARTICLE V

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

See Article III Membership, paragraph B 6. Former Member.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

- A. Officers of this Club shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. Term of office shall be one year.
- C. Duties of the officers shall be:
 1. President The President shall be the senior officer of the Club and shall preside at all Club meetings and functions. He shall appoint all committees. The President shall have the authority to convene special meetings of the Club at such times he deems it necessary. He shall have the authority to confer honorary membership. He shall have the power to make legally binding contracts for the Club (and in the name of the Club) subject to the approval of at least a two-thirds vote of eligible active members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.
 2. Vice-President The Vice-President shall act in the capacity of an assistant President and shall assume the duties of any Club officer absent.
 3. Secretary The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the attendance and the minutes of each Club meeting. The Secretary shall be responsible for all Club correspondence.

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4. Treasurer The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting and recording all dues, fees, and assessments levied by the Club. He shall have sole responsibility for writing checks for the Club and making all bank deposits for the Club. The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained grants, donations or bequests from any individual, institution or estate and hold same in the name of the Club to be used either for endowment purposes or operating expenses. He is responsible for meeting all financial and reporting obligations of the Club. The Treasurer must make a financial report to the membership at all regularly scheduled Club meetings. He is responsible for notifying members when their dues are delinquent.
- D. Any vacancy in any office shall be filled by regular election subject to the rules governing such an election. Such an election shall take place at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the vacancy.
- E. The office of Secretary may be combined with the office of Treasurer in the event there are no candidates for the office of Secretary.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The nomination and election of Club officers shall take place at the regularly scheduled December Club meeting.
- B. The election of officers will be by secret ballot, a plurality of the vote determining the election. Election by acclamation is permitted if there are no contested vacancies.
- C. The newly-elected officers shall assume office at the January Club meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

- A. Executive Committee The duties of the Executive Committee shall include, but not be limited to, participation in the Membership Committee, budgeting, program development, and long-range planning. This committee is comprised of eight members headed by the President. Four members are the Club's officers. Three members are elected for two-year terms. The eighth member is the Club's most recent former President. Should a former President choose not to belong to this committee, the membership may vote to fill the vacancy for a term not to extend beyond December 31 of a given year. Election of Executive Committee members shall take place at the Club's regularly scheduled December meeting. On odd year elections, two positions are to be filled. On even years, one position is to be filled.

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- B. Membership Committee The purpose of this committee shall be to review and rule on matters concerning application for membership. It shall investigate and recommend action on reinstatement of inactive members. This committee will be a permanent committee being comprised of the Club's elected officials and headed by the President. Membership in this committee runs concurrently with the members' individual terms of office.
- C. All other committees shall have a chairman responsible to the President. Committee chairmen shall report to the membership at all regularly scheduled Club meetings. The Vice-President will be a member ex officio of all committees.

ARTICLE IX

VOTING

- A. Only active, non-probationary members are eligible to vote either in person or by written proxy.
- B. A proxy may be designated for a specific meeting.
- C. All voting on Club membership and financial matters shall require a two-thirds vote of eligible active members in attendance at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.
- D. All other Club business not herein referred to shall require only a majority vote of the eligible active members present.
- E. Family memberships are entitled to one vote.
- F. Constitution: See Article XI.
- G. By-laws: See Article XI.

ARTICLE X

BUSINESS

- A. The order of business shall be:
 - 1. The President shall call the meeting to order.
 - 2. The Secretary shall read minutes of the previous meeting.
 - 3. The Treasurer shall present the financial report.
 - 4. Committee reports

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5. Membership, including the voting on new members
 6. Old business
 7. New business
 8. Adjournment
- B. Business passed by the membership (and less than one year old) shall not be altered in any fashion unless two-thirds of the eligible active members present at a regularly scheduled or special Club meeting agree to such alteration or change
- C.

ARTICLE XI

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to this Constitution and changes to the By-laws shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to submission to the membership for approval.
- B. Proposed amendments to this Constitution and changes to the By-laws must be published prior to the Club's next regularly scheduled meeting.
- C. Ratification of an amendment or by-law requires that the amendment or by-law be passed by a two-thirds majority. This majority occurs when two-thirds of the votes received from eligible active voting members are in favor of the amendment or by-law. Voting may be by mail, proxy or in person at a regularly scheduled Club meeting. Passage does not require a two-thirds majority of total Club membership

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called to order by the President at a previously published time and place on the first Monday of the month that is not a holiday.

ARTICLE II

DUES AND INITIATION FEES

- A. No initiation fee required.
- B. Dues of all types shall be set by a two-thirds vote of eligible active members at a regularly scheduled Club meeting upon:
 - 1. Recommendation of rate schedule by the Executive Committee
 - 2. Proposed dues change must be published prior to the meeting at which vote is to be held.
 - 3. Types of memberships for which dues are charged are:
 - a. Senior
 - b. Junior
 - c. Family
 - d. Control Line
 - 4. Club dues are not inclusive of AMA or other aviation-related membership fees.
 - 5. AMA charter fee or any other fees due by the Club to fulfill its purpose are payable by the club.
 - 6. The Club shall levy no dues on the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Such members must still maintain AMA membership at their expense.
- C. A schedule of dues amounts shall be published in the Club's October newsletter and shall also be a part of the Membership Package.

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ARTICLE III

FUNDS

- A. All Club checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or one other authorized Club officer.
- B. The Club officers may, at their discretion, spend up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) each for the benefit of the Club. Any amount over fifty dollars (\$50.00) must have prior approval of the members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.
- C. The Treasurer shall cause all funds to be deposited within five banking days of receipt.
- D. No more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be kept on hand for petty cash.
- E. Funds may be raised for special projects approved by the membership by offering life memberships at 15 times the current yearly rate for senior dues. Additionally, memberships of five or more years may be offered at extended senior rate to the extent of the funding approved. Life and prepaid memberships shall be subject to all the rules and regulations of the Constitution and By-laws.
- F. There shall be no mandatory levies placed against the members of the Club with the exception of annual dues.
- G. Funds may be set aside for the purchase of, lease of, or improvements to a future flying field. Undesignated gifts or bequests to the club will be put in this fund. This fund will be deposited in an interest bearing account and separate from other accounts of the Club. Distribution of funds shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Screaming Eagles R/C Club New Field Fund Policy dated January 2005. The state of this account will be reported to the membership monthly. *(Added January 3, 2005)*

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP LIMITATION

No limitation shall be set forth as to the number of members. However, if said membership becomes too large and is difficult to manage, membership can be closed by a simple majority vote of eligible active members at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.

ARTICLE V

FISCAL YEAR

The Club fiscal year shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

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ARTICLE VI

FCC LICENSE

All members and guests shall abide by the specific FCC regulations governing the radio control of model aircraft when flying their models at the authorized club field. All junior members under 16 years of age are permitted at the Club field to use a Class C transmitter that has been licensed in compliance with FCC regulations. Any violation of this rule by a member could carry a 30-day suspension.

ARTICLE VII

RULES

- A. All members shall abide by the rules as established by the Club. Rules shall be published once annually in the Club's newsletter. Additionally, all the rules shall be permanently posted at the Club's flying site.
- B. No rule shall be promulgated which will restrict the scale operation of aircraft.