

ALBANY THUNDERVOLTS R/C CLUB
A.M.A Charter Club #3252
2016
BYLAWS

Article 1: Name of Organization

1. The name of this organization is the **ALBANY THUNDERVOLTS R/C CLUB**. The club is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Oregon.

Article 2: Purpose

1. To maintain an assembly of persons interested in the promotion and encouragement of Model Aviation.
2. To assist its members in the construction, operation, and flying techniques of model aircraft.
3. To promote safety in all phases of the hobby.
4. To provide a forum where members may exchange views and ideas concerning model aircraft.

Article 3: Membership

1. Application for membership in this organization is open to anyone interested in model aviation provided they are current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Membership is defined in Sections 3, 6 and 7 of the Article.
2. Standard membership dues are \$60 per year.
3. Senior membership (age 55 and older) dues are \$50 per year.
4. Family membership. Immediate family members living in the same household may also become members at no additional cost. Each must be a current member of the AMA.
5. Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are accepted in writing only. Members, that are 18 years of age, or older, are eligible to hold office.
6. Flying privileges are extended to current members of the Albany Thundervolts R/C Club holding a current AMA membership.

6. Membership applications will be accepted at any regular monthly meeting and will become effective immediately upon receipt of the written application and payment of dues. Proof of AMA membership is required.
7. The Membership will be divided into the following categories:
 - a. Regular Member: All persons meeting the requirements of regular membership. Regular members will be extended full privileges and responsibilities as members of the organization.
 - b. Associate Member: All persons desiring to participate in and support organizational activities. Associate members will be afforded all privileges and responsibilities except flying privileges AMA membership requirement is waived.
 - d. Life member; Life members are granted this status upon a vote acceptance by the membership. No dues are required.
 - c. Honorary Member: Honorary members are granted this status upon a vote of acceptance by the membership. No dues are required and membership will be for life unless revoked by a majority vote of the membership. Honorary members may participate in all organizational activities except flying and will have no vote. AMA membership requirement is waived.
8. Work parties; All standard members who are physically able, will be required to participate in at least two work parties. This is necessary to keep the field up, and share the workload.

A work party exemption for those who do not wish to participate in flying club maintenance can pay \$60 a year, plus regular dues. Physically unable and Senior members are encouraged to come out and provide moral support if nothing else.

Every member should participate in some way, for the betterment of the Club.

A Work Party Bond sheet will be available in the shed for those who come out during non work party days, and contribute time toward the Work Party requirement. You must sign in with time and date, and put the time down you put in. This is a way to satisfy your work party requirement. The field manager will sign off his approval.

Work parties will be tentively scheduled for the Saturday following each monthly meeting.

Article 4: Officers

1. The officers of the organization consist of a PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY- TREASURER, SAFETY OFFICER, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AND FIELD MANAGER
2. Election of officers will be held at the November meeting each year. At the October meeting, a Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to be voted on. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted subject to approval of the nominee. The candidates and the offices they have been nominated for will be published in the October minutes. Elections will be by majority vote of the members present at the November meeting. Terms will be for a period of one year. The results of the election will be published in the November minutes.
3. Term limits: There are no term limits, officers may remain in office as long as they are willing to serve and the membership is willing to vote them back into office.
4. If an elected official is unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties of his/her office, nominations will be accepted at the next regular meeting. The newsletter will publish a slate of willing candidates for the vacated office. Installation of this officer shall be by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting.
5. Officers will receive free membership for their term in office.

Article 5: Officers Duties

1. **The President will:**
 - a. Preside at all meetings and regular sessions.
 - b. Represent the organization at meetings with other organizations.
 - c. Represent the organization in contacts with local government.
 - d. Coordinate the organizations business affairs.
 - e. Serve as chairperson of the Board of Directors.
2. **The Vice President will:**
 - a. Assist the President and assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
 - b. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
3. **The Secretary-Treasurer will:**
 - a. Take charge of all correspondence, record the minutes of all meetings, maintain a current roster of the membership, sign all membership cards, advise Club members of AMA information which may be pertinent. Maintain files of AM A regulations, membership and insurance and act as an advisor to the President.
 - b. Collect organization dues and assessments.

- c. Maintain the financial records of the organization and advise the President regarding financial matters.
 - d. Assume the duties of the President in the President's and Vice-President's absence.
 - e. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
4. **The Safety Officer will:**
- a. Enforce safety rules at the field.
 - b. Keep up to date on AMA rules changes
 - c. Check that members have current AMA membership.
 - d. Serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
5. **The Flight Instructor will:**
- a. Provide flight instruction and approval of new members flying skills.
 - b. Approve air worthiness of new members aircraft.
 - c. Provide 1 alternate assistant.
6. **The Field Manager will:**
- a. Maintain fields grounds and runway.
 - b. Make recommendations to the board about changes or improvements.
 - c. Provide 1 alternate assistant.

Article 6: Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the current club officers: President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, Safety Officer, Past President, Chief Instructor and Field Manager. Members of the board are exempt from dues during their term of Office.
2. Purpose
 - a. The Board of Directors shall oversee the club's day to day business affairs between regular meetings.
 - b. It shall oversee the club assets, bank accounts, cash on hand, inventory, and any other assets the club may own. It shall oversee all club debts to see that they are paid in a timely manner. At all times, the Board should make suggestions to the membership as to how the club's financial position could be improved.
 - c. It shall be authorized to make expenditures of \$100.00 or less per expenditure. Total expenditures per month are not to exceed \$200.00 without approval of the general membership. It may seek pre-approval from the membership on expenditures greater than \$100.00 per expenditure or \$200.00 total.
 - d. Assessments
1. Current Debt

If at any time the club's treasury falls below \$200.00, the Board of Directors will notify the general membership as early as possible. The Board of Directors may request a special assessment from the membership to cover current debt.

2. Future Expense
The board of Directors may request a special assessment to cover a future expense such as but not limited to: flying site purchase or improvements, club house repairs or improvements, a contest we wish to sponsor, etc.
3. Board members will be required to contribute to assessments that are voted on and approved by the membership. Reason: (Article 4: section 5 Officers will receive free membership for their term in office.) If the assessment is justified for the membership then that assessment should be contributed to by all members except Honorary Members (Honorary members have no vote).
4. All assessments will be accepted or rejected by the membership.
 - a. It shall oversee the annual accounting of the club's financial matters. The results of this accounting will be published in the club's newsletter and presented to the general membership prior to the annual business meeting held each January. This accounting shall contain a Balance Sheet (assets and liabilities owned by the club) and an itemized Income and Expense Statement.
 - b. It shall oversee the collection of data used to prepare the annual budget This data shall be collected from the officers and various committee chairpersons. The annual budget shall be published in the club newsletter and presented to the general membership prior to the annual business meeting held each January.
4. The Board of directors shall meet once a month or as often as deemed necessary to transact the clubs business affairs in a timely manner.
5. A majority vote of the board of Directors shall constitute a quorum in matters that do not require a vote of the general member ship (see Article 7: Section 6) or pertain to the by-law (see Article 10: Section 1).
6. Any member of the Board of Directors who is unable or unwilling to fulfill their duties will be replaced. This will be done through normal secession.

Article 7: Meetings

1. One official meeting will be held each year in January. Minutes of that meeting will he kept by the Secretary/Treasurer as required by law.
2. Regular Meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

3. Special meetings may be called by the President, The Board of Directors, or by request of a majority of the members.
4. The business portion of a meeting will be limited to 45 minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the members present.
5. Any person(s) unduly disrupting a meeting by conduct or insistence on minor points of procedure may be asked to leave by the President or by a vote of the members present. "Unduly disrupting" may be in the opinion of the President or two or more of the members present.
6. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for non by-law change activities.

Article 8: Safety

1. The current AMA Safety Code will be that of the organization in addition to any local rules and regulations.
2. Instructors will comprise the Safety/Flight instruction committee.
3. New instructors will be elected by the Safety Committee and will be responsible to the Chief Instructor.
4. The Safety Committee will formulate a list of field regulations to insure safe operating conditions at the flying site and present them to the Board of Directors for approval. Rules may be added, deleted or revised as the need arises. Members will be notified of changes at the next monthly meeting and in the newsletter.
5. All contact with the site owner is the responsibility of the board of Directors or a special delegate assigned for that purpose. Members, other than the aforementioned, will not contact the site owner relative to organizational business. This is considered a safety matter due to the fragile nature of our fly site conditions.
6. Field Regulations
 - Spectators – Anyone is welcome as long as the safety rules are followed, especially in keeping children under control. Please obey all signs posted at our flying site.
 - Pets – Pets are not allowed in the pit area or on the runway. All pets are to be kept on a leash or in your car.
 - Pilots – If it is your intent to fly model aircraft at our site, current AMA membership and Albany Thundervolts R/C club membership are required. Guest pilots must be current AMA members and be accompanied by a current member of the Albany Thundervolts R/C club member.

Flying Hours – Flying hours for glow and ignition type model aircraft are from 9am until dusk.

Engine startups and noise – The use of a glove or chicken stick is recommended when starting aircraft engines. Appropriate mufflers are required.

Taxiing in the pit area – There will be no taxiing in the pit area without the pilot or his/her helper having physical control over the aircraft.

Flight line – Radio controlled model aircraft must be flown on the north side of the runway. There is no flying over the pits or spectator area,

Flying over the buildings at the East end of the runway is prohibited.

Intoxicants – Intoxicants of any type will not be allowed on the premises.

Article 9: Committees

1. Committees, including but not limited to Nominating, Safety/Flight Instruction, Field Planning, and Activities report directly to the Board of Directors.
2. The policies and procedures for these committees are kept under separate cover in the organizations Policy and Procedures Manual.

Article 10: Changes and Amendments to these Articles

1. These Articles may be amended by a quorum consisting of one third (1/3) of the membership at any regular meeting. Amendments will be presented at the meeting one month prior to the vote.