



BY-LAWS

SANTA BARBARA RADIO CONTROL MODELERS



Article I NAME

The name of this organization is the Santa Barbara Radio Control Modelers; Charter Club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) number 797.

Article II LOCATION OF OFFICE

The office for the transaction of business for the club shall be in the Santa Barbara, California area.

Article III PURPOSE

The purposes for which this club is formed are:

- a. A Nonprofit educational organization to foster, promote and engage in radio control modeling.
- b. To encourage, aid and engage in promoting, understanding, and building of radio-controlled models.

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE Eligibility for membership

- a. Eligibility for membership is open to any person of good moral character subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- b. An honorary member shall be any person nominated by the membership and approved by the Board of Directors as such a member.

SECTION TWO Classification of Membership

- a. A voting member shall be any member of the Santa Barbara Radio Control Modelers club in good standing.
- b. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote, nor shall they hold office in this club.

SECTION THREE Duration of Membership

- a. Duration of membership is for the calendar year beginning January 1st through December 31st.
- b. Duration of Honorary membership shall be for the remainder of the calendar year in which it was granted.
- c. Renewal of Honorary membership may be made in accordance with SECTION I, Paragraph b of this Article.

SECTION FOUR Expulsion of Members

- a. Any member, deemed undesirable by acts or deeds that tend to jeopardize our organization, can be expelled from membership at any published meeting by a 75 percent popular vote of the members present at such meeting.

Article V DUES

SECTION ONE Rate of Assessment

- a. Rate of assessment dues will be proposed by the Board of Directors at the November General Meeting and must be approved by majority of the voting members present at the December General Meeting.

SECTION TWO Collection of Dues

- a. Payment of dues shall be made to the club Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

SECTION ONE Executive Officers

- a. The Executive Officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- b. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by official secret ballot at the December General Meeting. The voting process shall be determined by an Election Committee duly appointed by the President no later than the October General Meeting. Their term of office (Club Officers) shall be from January 1st of the new year through December 31st.

SECTION TWO President

- a. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the club and of the Board of Directors. He may call any special meeting of the members of the Board of Directors and shall have, subject to the advice and control of the Directors, general charge of the business of the club.

SECTION THREE Vice-President

- a. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence, disability, or inability for any reason, of the President to perform the duties of his office.
- b. The Vice-President shall also perform such duties connected with the operations of the club as he may undertake at the suggestion of the President.

SECTION FOUR Secretary

- a. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings, for the members and the Board of Directors, in books provided for that purpose. He shall attend to the giving and serving of notices of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and otherwise. He shall keep a proper membership book showing the names of each member of the club and the book of By-Laws, and such other books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct. He shall execute with the President, in the name of the club, all contracts and instruments which have been first approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. The Secretary shall perform such duties connected with the operation of the club as directed by the President.
- c. The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to said office, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

SECTION FIVE Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer and the President shall execute in the name of the club all checks for expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall receive and deposit all funds of the club in the bank selected by the Board of Directors, which funds shall be paid out only by check as hereinbefore provided. He shall also account for all receipts, disbursements, and balance on hand.

b. The Treasurer shall perform such duties connected with the operation of the club as directed by the President.

c. The Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to said office, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

SECTION SIX Safety Officer

a. The safety coordinator promotes and encourages a climate of safety awareness within the club. He or she provides communications between AMA and the club in matters related to safety. A safety audit of club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public is recommended at least annually.

b. He or she establishes a club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents and annually reviews emergency procedures with club members.

Article VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

a. The powers, business and property of the club shall be exercised, conducted, and controlled by a Board of Directors.

b. The Board of Directors shall be composed of eight (8) members.

1. The Executive Officers shall also serve on the Board of Directors. The President shall officiate at all Board of Directors meetings. The four other Board seats shall be filled by the past Executive Officers of the previous year. If there are not enough past Executive Officers available to fill these four board seats, then it shall be the duty of the newly elected President to appoint members in good standing to fill these seats. The duration of office of the Executive Officers as specified in Article VI, SECTION ONE, Paragraph b.

c. In case of a vacancy in the Board, the remaining Directors shall fill such vacancy by appointment from the club membership. If three or more vacancies occur at any one time, they shall be filled by vote of the members at a meeting duly called.

d. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called at any time and place to be determined by the President.

e. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at any time on the order of the President or on the order of the Board of Directors.

f. Notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors, stating the time, general terms and the purpose shall be mailed or personally given to the Directors not later than the day before the day appointed for the meeting. If all Directors shall be present at any meeting, any business may be transacted without previous notice.

g. Four Directors shall constitute a forum of the Board at all meetings, and the affirmative vote of a majority shall be necessary to pass any resolution or authorize any act of the club.

h. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve as such Director without compensation.

i. The Board of Directors shall cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and proceedings of its meetings.

- j. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to promulgate and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of Club property, and to do and perform, cause, or cause to be done and performed any and every act which the club may lawfully do and perform.
- k. To remain eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, each member thereof must attend 50% of the meetings of the Directors during each calendar year at which they are eligible to attend.

Article VIII MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- a. All meetings of the members, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be held in a place to be determined by the President.
- b. Notice of all General Meetings shall be given in the Official Publication of the club.
- c. Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as the President may determine or may be called by a majority of the Directors.
- d. Notice of special meetings of members, stating the time and in general terms shall be given in the official publication of the club.
- e. At any meeting of the members, a quorum shall consist of 30% of the members who are in good standing, represented in person.
- f. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Secretary, the Treasurer shall call the members to order and shall act as the presiding officer thereof.
- g. A majority vote of the members present is necessary for the adoption of any resolution, and for the election of a member to the Board of Directors.

Article IX VACANCIES

If the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors shall elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

- a. The present officers will be the nominating committee for the following years election.
- b. The nominating committee shall meet no later than October and shall select a minimum of one candidate for each executive office.
- c. The Committee may adopt such rules and regulations for its own operation as it shall see fit and shall exercise its best judgement and discretion in the selection of candidates.
- d. The nominating committee's selection will be presented at the November General Meeting and must be duly nominated from the floor. At that time other candidates for each executive office may be nominated from the floor.
- e. Election procedures:

See Article VI, SECTION ONE, Paragraph b.

Article X GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT & SAFETY RULES)

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or

cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee Officer/Chairman for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Safety Committee Officer/Chairman shall use its judgement in carrying out action on the following:

- a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.
- b. FIRST VIOLATION-Viewpoints of both complainant's and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
- c. SECOND VIOLATION-Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the club Safety Officer/Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the club newsletter.
- d. THIRD VIOLATION-Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and the club members via the club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Sadi expulsion will last for a one year minimum. A member may be expelled from the club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- e. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- f. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, of any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

AMENDMENTS

Changes of By-Laws may take place at the following general meetings: February, October

By-Law changes must be submitted in writing to the President and published in the club's official publication prior to the general meeting in which said changes are to be acted on.

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Santa Barbara Radio Control Modelers Grievance Form

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nature of

Violation: _____

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional witnesses (optional):

Name: _____

Name: _____