

FRESNO RADIO MODELERS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization (hereinafter referred to as the "club" or FRM) shall be the " CCRC Inc" **DBA: FRESNO RADIO MODELERS**

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The objectives of this club shall be: (1) To promote the construction and operation of radio-controlled aircraft models in the Fresno, California area, (2) To provide for the exchange of worthwhile ideas pertaining to radio-controlled modeling, (3) To promote **events**/contests involving radio-controlled aircraft models, (4) To engage in a program of safety, research, and progress in radio-controlled aircraft modeling matters.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Any model builder or flyer living in the Fresno area may be admitted into regular membership, **serving the first year on probationary status**. He/she **shall** perform a minimum of two club-related tasks **as a member of at least one standing committee** within the first **probationary** year of membership. **Active-duty military personnel and Junior members are exempted from these requirements.**

1a. Applicant being considered for regular membership must pay dues as required in ARTICLE V of the By-Laws. Concurrent OPEN membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is mandatory.

1b. Applicant **shall obtain and read the** By-Laws, Constitution and Club Safety Rules. **They are available at** FRCM.club. The applicant must attend the meeting where he/she will be **admitted** into **probationary** membership by a two-thirds majority vote of all eligible members present. The applicant may fly at the FRM flying field for a period of 30 calendar days before applying for membership and then must become an FRM member or cease flying at Guy Field.

1c. Probationary members are those members who have been accepted into the Club, but on a limited membership. There are special requirements for service within the first year, designed to introduce those members to the full experience of possible roles available through Club membership. Probationary members may not vote for Club officers within the first year of membership. Associate members will serve a probationary year as well, but are not expected to perform the tasks required of regular members.

2. Voting for all members

2. Associate Member may be any person or business interested in supporting FRM and Model Aviation in general. Associate membership approval process is the same as for regular membership stated in 1b above.

2a. Associate Members will have all rights and privileges of regular membership, **including voting, but** with the exception of Flying. **Payment of Runway Fees or dues is not required.**

3. Expulsion of any member for cause **will require** a hearing by the Executive Board, presentation of details to the general membership for consideration, and as determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a special or general meeting at which the details are presented.

3a. Cause includes, but is not limited to violations of the By Laws or AMA rules, or violations detrimental to the Club, AMA or model aviation.

3b. If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her flying privileges will be terminated immediately. This termination is subject to reinstatement and verification following restoration of AMA membership.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO FLY AT FRESNO RADIO MODELERS FIELD AKA: GUY FIELD

- 1.** Any AMA-Open membership, Fresno Radio Modeler regular member.
- 2.** Any AMA-Open membership, non-FRM guest residing in the greater Fresno/Madera area may fly at the FRM field for thirty (30) days but at the end of the 30-day period, the guest must either join FRM or discontinue flying at our site. The guest must read **and comply with** the Field Safety Rules posted at the field.
- 3.** Any AMA-Open membership, non-FRM guest residing outside of the greater Fresno/Madera area may fly at the FRM field at any time as long as the guest **reads and** abides by the Field Safety Rules. The guest must read the Field Safety Rules posted at the field.

4. A non-AMA member, non-FRM guest may fly at the FRM field only one flight with a buddy box (per AMA safety rules).

5. The AMA Safety Code and guidelines are available at www.modelaviation.org and shall be followed and adhered to unless changed for local requirements.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall be (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, and (4) Treasurer. Club officers shall be residents of California and members in good standing of the Club. The officers shall serve without compensation.

To be considered for nomination, the candidate must be an FRM club member in good standing for at least 24 months at the time of nomination, and have been *actively involved* with the management of at least one club event. Members currently in either an elected or appointed position in another R.C. club shall be ineligible to run for or hold an elected or appointed position in the FRM Club.

An Executive Board shall be composed of the above officers and the chairpersons of the following committees: Field, Membership, and Advisors as appointed by the President. See By-Laws, ARTICLE VI.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES

1. The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Club. He/she shall act as spokesperson for the Club in all matters pertaining to it. He/she shall serve as Chair of the Executive Board and be the general manager and Chief Executive officer of the Club. He/she shall, subject to the control of the Executive Board, have supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the Club. The President shall temporarily assume the duties of any other Club office when vacant until the vacant office is filled, excepting Treasurer.
2. The **Vice-President** shall act for the president when he/she is unable to serve, and shall serve as a Non-Flying Program Committee Chairperson as well as organize the club fun meetings. The Vice President shall also assist the President in Club projects or addressing Club issues when needed.
3. The **Secretary** shall keep the minutes of all meetings and provide meeting information for all Club members.

4. The ***Treasurer*** shall collect all monies due and keep a record of all monies received and disbursed by the Club and provide current financial balance and summary reports at the monthly business meetings as well as any/all necessary tax documents/reports.
5. The ***Membership*** Chair shall collect dues and turn over such dues to the Treasurer and Maintain Official Club Roster.
6. The ***Designated CD*** (AMA) shall coordinate flying events with surrounding area clubs & fields and appoint an AMA Contest Director for AMA Sanctioned club events.
7. The ***Publicity*** Chair shall coordinate ALL communications with News Media, AMA and public and shall be responsible Marketing club events.
8. The ***Field*** Chair is responsible for all field maintenance, operations, and field cleanup (excluding the Snackbar).
9. The ***Raffle*** Committee shall provide raffles for club meetings and events (as requested) and provide a financial accounting, for such, to the President.
10. The ***Safety*** Chair shall ensure both FRM and AMA Safety Rules are posted and followed. Violations shall be reported to the Exec Board for consideration for action.
11. The ***Snackbar*** Chair shall ensure that adequate food supply has been purchased; that volunteers are lined up for to (1) cook; (2) sales; and (3) cleanup the Snackbar as well as ensure that all related (Snackbar Related) debris is cleaned up following each event. In addition, this position will provide a summary report to the Treasurer of Payments and Receipts at the next General Business Meeting.
12. The ***Newsletter*** Chair is responsible for compilation and distribution of reports on club activities and information and shall coordinate with Publicity and Information Chairs.
13. The ***Education Committee*** Chair shall coordinate contact with educational facilities to introduce youth into the hobby of model aviation.
14. The ***Information Systems*** Chair shall maintain the Website, eMail distribution and notification systems (Constant Contact) and coordinate digital communicate needs with other chairs.
15. The ***Executive Board***, subject to these By Laws, have full power to control and manage the property and conduct the affairs and business of the Club. This includes:
 - 15a. Financial decisions, with a limitation of \$2,500, for improvements, maintenance and reimbursements. Any proposed spending beyond \$2,500 will require a unanimous vote by the Executive Board and a vote of 2/3 (two thirds) of the membership at a General Business or Special meeting.

15b. The case of an emergency, requiring payments over \$2,500, will require a unanimous vote of approval by the Executive Board. The Executive Board will report the spending to the membership at the next General Business or Special meeting for discussion and possible vote.

15c. Select, add and remove officers of the Club as terminations for cause, resignations, deaths and an increase/deduction of the number of Executive Board members require actions by the Board.

15d. Appoint Standing and Special committee chairs.

15e. Consider, approve or disapprove all recommendations of any committee.

16. *Any dispute resulting from the interpretation of the By-laws intent will be settled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.*

ARTICLE III

TERM

All officers of the Club shall serve for a period of one year from **the** date of taking their chairs of office.

Nominations of officers will be made from the floor during the general meeting of the months of October, November and December. **Nominations of one person to more than one officer position will not be accepted.** Election will be held by majority vote at the December general meeting. Officers will take their chairs of office at the general meeting in January.

ARTICLE IV

VACANCIES

Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. Such appointment is to serve until the end of the terms for which the predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE V

DUES

1. Membership dues are due and payable to the Membership Chair as of December 31st annually. Dues Expire on December 31st. and are delinquent as of January 1st. Any member failing to re-new his/her membership by February 1st, except in special cases with prior approval by the Membership Committee, will be removed from the roster and flying privileges suspended.
- 2 All current members' 18 years of age and over, who are not life members, shall pay dues, **in the amount set by the Executive Board annually.** Junior members, 17 years of age and younger, **shall pay dues at a reduced Junior rate, also set by the Executive Board.** In addition, **there is a fee for Runway Maintenance, which is due for all Club members annually and from new members as they sign up to join the Club. Finally, new members owe a one-time initiation fee upon signing up to join. New members who join during the calendar year will have their dues reduced by prorating based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year at the time of joining the Club.**
- 3 Individual members may request a leave of absence for any reason, and be reinstated as a current member by paying dues for the balance of the fiscal year (to December 31st) without paying an initiation fee. The maximum time of five (5) years will be allowed for leave of absence, at the end of the fifth year the individual member will be removed from Leave of Absence Status on the Club roster.
4. Delinquent members and members on a leave of absence are not entitled to any of the amenities associated with the current membership (I.E. Club facilities (flying), contest, Club newsletter, etc.) The Executive Board may elect to continue sending the Club newsletter to non-members or leave of absence members on an individual basis
5. Membership for life may be accepted for the payment of a one-time fee of \$1100.00, not including any assessments, this life membership is non-transferable and fees are non-refundable subsequent to acceptance. Life members must maintain current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
6. A dues free membership for life, not including any assessments, may be awarded to any member(s) of the Club in recognition of outstanding service to the Club. The subject member(s) shall be selected by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

Chairpersons of the standing committees of the Club shall be appointed by the President to serve throughout his tenure of office. Following are the committees: Membership, Designated Contest Director, Publicity, Field Raffle, Safety, Newsletter, Snack Bar, Information Systems and Education. Special committees may be established by President as needed. The Chairperson of a special committee is not a member of the Executive Board **and these committees are not elected or appointed positions.** Standing committees will be established by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

1. General Business Meetings of the Club shall normally be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the place designated at the preceding meeting.
2. Members will be advised of the time and place of any meeting change by newsletter (if time permits) or by email at least two days preceding each meeting.
3. The Executive Board will meet at such time and place as directed by the President.
4. A quorum for the purpose of conducting business shall consist of the members present at any General Business or by a majority of Board members at any Executive Board meeting.
5. Special meetings may be held in addition to regular meetings if called by the Executive Board. Members will be notified by email five days in advance.
6. Fun meetings are non-Club business in nature and are normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October. Exceptions to this schedule are cancellation by the Vice President at the preceding General Business meeting due to lack of participation. Fun meetings are held for the learning of modeling techniques and demonstrations, as well as show and tell of Club member projects.

ARTICLE VIII

INSIGNIA

1. The Club emblem shall be the outline of an airplane in flight with the words "Fresno Radio Modelers" thereon.

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2. Identification garments shall be:

- a) A yellow shirt or T-shirt with a blue Club emblem on the back.
- b) A navy-blue shirt or T-shirt with a yellow Club emblem on the back.
- c) A navy-blue jacket with a yellow Club emblem on the back.

Optional: The members name and/or AMA number may be on the left breast in the same color as the Club emblem.

3. The Club will provide to new members a blue cap with yellow emblem above the brim. Additional decoration of the caps will be on an individual basis. Custom caps may be purchased by the members and embellished on an individual basis.

ARTICLE IX

INFORMATION

All members or persons upon becoming members should download the Constitution and By-laws and such other Club information as the Executive Board shall deem necessary. Such information will be maintained and available on the FRM Website (www.frcm.club).

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws will be introduced at any general meeting of the Club and the members notified in writing for two subsequent months before a vote is taken on said amendment.

Minor corrections of syntax or spelling will not require a restart of the three months leading to a vote on the amendments. Amendments are accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present at the general meeting on the third month following introduction and shall take effect immediately.

ARTICLE XI

FRESNO RADIO MODELERS FLYING FIELD SAFETY RULES

Flying Field Safety Rules are established over the signature of the President, subject to member approval by majority vote at a regularly scheduled General Meeting. These rules are applicable to all persons at the field when flight operations are in progress.

I certify that this Constitution and By-laws were adopted by vote at the General Meeting

Original Signed by:

Craig Roberts
Craig Roberts – President, FRM

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