

# BYLAWS.

## ARTICLE I

### COLORADO RIVER AIRCRAFT PILOTS SOCIETY

(C.R.A.P.S.)

As amended 11/14/2006

United States of America Model Airplane Club.

Fort Mohave, Arizona.

A.M.A. Charter #656

## ARTICLE II:

PURPOSE. To further the sport of model aviation.

## ARTICLE III:

### **MEMBERSHIP.**

**A - QUALIFICATION.** (a) Applicants for membership shall be members in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. (b) Members operating models shall comply with the local safety rules at any given flying site.

Any person applying for membership must file an application through the club membership officer. All applications will be read at the first meeting and acted upon at the second meeting after they are received. Applicants must be present at meetings for their application to progress.

Applicants for membership shall verbally state his/her desire to become a member at the second meeting. The sponsorship of three society members is required for membership into the society.

Acceptance will be determined by a majority of the members present. Closed balled election is required if there is any opposition to the applicant for membership.

**B – DUES.** The membership dues of the society shall be \$36.00 annually.

New membership initiation fee shall be \$20.00.

The Society shall not operate at a loss due to insufficient funds and can by majority vote of the membership, change the dues structure. Visitors who are non-residents of the try-state local area and who are AMA or MAAC members will be granted flying privileges by buying a \$10.00 temporary membership. The temporary membership card will remain in effect for one thirty day period only. This membership is not available to applicants or members in training. The initiation fee shall not apply to temporary members.

Dues for the following year are due December 1 thru December 31. Dues of new members who file application for membership after July 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay dues prorated at the rate of \$3.00 per month until the end of the year.

Default and termination of membership – When any member is in default on the payment of his/her dues due in December, his /her membership is terminated and model flying privileges at the flying field are eliminated. All terminated members must file a new member application and will fall under all requirements for new membership.

The board may designate a member dues free status on a temporary or one year basis for special services to the club. The club may award a member dues free status on a permanent basis. A member granted dues free status must remain active in club affairs and hold membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Members under the age of 16 years shall have dues free status.

**MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION.** All members of the society will be issued a wallet card signifying paid up membership.

**C. – RESIGNATION.**

*Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.*

**D. - TERMINATION.** If any member ceases to have the qualifications necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the club shall there by terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

**E. – EXPULSION.** This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the club by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership if in the officers determination, such individual willfully commits any act of omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

**F. REINSTATEMENT.**

*A two -thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.*

## **ARTICLE IV:**

### **A. OFFICERS.**

*President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board member.*

### **B. TERM OF OFFICE.**

*Officers are elected annually and will serve for one year.*

### **C. DUTIES.**

President— The President shall be the principle executive officer of this Society and shall, in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Society, in conjunction with the other members of the Board. All members of the Board shall have one vote on any issue concerning the club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board. The President may appoint any committee to serve the Society as needed.

Vice President— In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, and when doing so, shall have all the powers of and be subjected to all the restrictions upon the President.

Secretary – Shall keep the minutes of the members and the board of directors and be custodian of a copy of all society records. The Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, other AMA clubs and in general perform all duties as may be assigned to the secretary by the president or the board.

Treasurer - Shall have charge of and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Society; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Society from any source whatsoever, and deposit such monies in the name of the Society in a Federally insured bank account; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties that may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

General Powers- The affairs of the Society shall be managed by its Board of Directors. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. *President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer and the fifth board member.* The fifth member shall be the last member to serve as president of the club or the last active member to serve as president in his/her absents.

#### **D. APPOINTED OFFICERS.**

Membership Services Coordinator, Shall process applicants for membership to the society and the Academy of Model Aeronautics and prepare a roster containing each members name, Address, Telephone number, E-Mail address, AMA membership number and radio frequencies. All matters of membership identification (Wallet cards, Current Frequency I.D. cards and Social function badges. The monitoring of dues to the society and the AMA. The Membership Services Coordinator shall keep the president informed of all membership issues.

Training Coordinator, Shall assign an experienced model airplane flight training instructor to all new member who have not completed a solo flight of a model airplane. The Training Coordinator shall post the names of those in training and experienced volunteer instructors at the flying field. Individuals in training will fly models only on a "Buddy Box" and any violation will subject the trainee to loss of society membership. Nothing in the training program shall limit or restrict a member of the society from teaching a new member provided the new member and the instructors names are posted on the training report. The name of the trainee can only be removed from the training report by the training report by the training director and the president.

Safety Officer -- Shall be in charge of all matters pertaining to safety of model airplanes in preparation, taxing and flight.

Field Marshall – Shall monitor society members and their guests for AMA and MAAC membership in addition to proper radio frequency identification on the pin board and number pins on the pilots transmitter antenna.

Contest Directors — Contest Directors shall organize and be in charge of all contests held by the Society.

#### **E. VACANCIES**

Removal - Any officer, elected or appointed, may be removed by the members, whenever in their judgment, the best interests of the Society would be served.

*Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the remaining officers*

## ARTICLE V:

### MEETINGS.

**A. REGULAR MEETINGS.** - Regular meetings of the members shall be held on the Second Tuesday of every month at a place and time designated by the Board. 20% of the members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. If a Quorum is not present, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting. Voting – All matters submitted for a vote at a meeting of the members shall require an affirmative vote of fifty-one 51%.of the members in attendance. Voting may be oral, show of hands or secret ballot at the pleasure of the president.

**B. SPECIAL MEETINGS.** — Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, the Board, or not less than a quorum of the members, provided they notify the officers and members of the time and place of the meeting.

**C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS.** --- Shall be held in the first week of January, April, July, and October.

## ARTICLE VI:

### RECORD KEEPING.

The Society shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of meetings. They also shall keep a record giving the names and addressed of members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Society may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

*All records are passed on when new officers are elected.*

## ARTICLE VII:

### COMMITTEES.

## ARTICLE VIII:

### NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL.

A. **NOMINATIONS.** At the October meeting of the society nominations for society officers for the coming year will be conducted. *Nominations for officer position can be from the floor or by mail.*

- B. **ELECTION.** An annual meeting of the members shall be held in February for the Purpose of electing officers and for transaction of such other business as may be presented. All members shall be notified of the meeting time and place verbally or in writing. In election of Officers, Voting shall by buy secret ballot

## ARTICLE IX:

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- A. **ROBERT'S RULES.** All meetings will be conducted under Roberts rules of order.
- B. **FISCAL YEAR.** The Society shall be from January 1, to December 31, of each year.
- C. **NEWSLETTER.** The monthly meeting minutes of the society shall be posted on the society's web page by the Secretary.
- D. **CLUB LOGO.**
- E. **STANDING RULES.**
- F. **Gifts—** The Board may accept on behalf of the Society any contributions or gifts. The President, or his designee may contribute up to \$50.00 to further the cause of Aero modeling on behalf of the Colorado River Aircraft Pilots Society. (C.R.A.P.S.)
- G. **DISSOLUTION OF CLUB.**  
*The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two -thirds vote of the membership.*

## ARTICLE X:

### AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS.

- A. **PROPOSED.** All purposed change to the bylaws must be reduced to writing and read at two regular society meetings.
- B. **APPROVAL** All changes must be voted on at the second meeting after they have been read to the members of the society.
- All members shall be provided with a copy of the current bylaws, membership roster.

## **ARTICLE XI:**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE. (FLIGHT AND 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 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 officer/Committee shall use its judgment 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 complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer/Committee, 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. Said 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 the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.*

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*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, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.*



