



Midwest Air Wing R/C Club

CONSTITUTION

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CONSTITUTION

The purpose of this club is to act as a social organization for those persons having an interest in building, finishing, and flying radio-controlled model aircraft. The club shall be a non-profit organization but shall be self-supporting. The club shall be governed by a group of officers elected by the general membership annually. The club shall be a chartered club of the AMA and all members shall also be members of the AMA. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the membership attending a regular meeting per section 8.A of voting.

October 25, 1994

BY-LAWS

These by-laws shall govern the normal operation of the club in accordance with the constitution.

1. NAME

The club shall be known as the **Midwest Air Wing R/C**. It shall also be known as **MAW R/C**.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this club is to promote the building and operation of radio control model aircraft and to promote public acceptance and goodwill toward this sport/hobby.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be open to all qualified AMA members regardless of sex, race, creed, color or age. Membership shall be from January 1st through December 31st.
- B. Prospective members (candidates) shall show their interest to join by submitting a completed membership application (with correct dues and fees), visiting the club flying field, and presenting themselves to the membership at a regular club meeting to be voted on for probationary membership. The candidate's application(s) for membership will be read to the membership and the candidates(s) will be offered the opportunity to address the membership present. The candidate(s) will be removed from the room and voting will proceed as follows for each candidate (one at a time): The membership chairperson or designee will distribute a paper ballot to all current members present at the meeting. Members shall vote as follows: He/she will cast a "YES" for acceptance or a "NO" for rejection of the candidate. The paper ballots will be collected and reviewed by the top three officers present. The majority of votes rule. Candidates are accepted for probationary membership only if accepted by majority of votes. Candidates will be instructed to re-enter the room and the results will be presented at that time to the candidate(s). Rejected candidates may reapply as often as they wish. New members shall serve a probation period of 12 months from the date of their election into the club. A confirming vote will be taken after the 12 months have passed. New members will receive the following items: a copy of the club Constitution and by-laws, a copy of the AMA and club safety rules, and a subscription to the club newsletter as published.
- C. A member may be removed from the club roster by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting upon the recommendation of the clubs Board of Directors and/or Safety Officer.
- D. A new member shall be held harmless of any claims any and all members, Board of Directors, officers and the club for any action arising out of the conducting of club

business, activities, or social events. This shall not include accidents connected with or arising out of the flying of model aircraft.

4. OFFICERS AND BOARD

- A. A president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be nominated and elected at the first meeting in December and shall serve from the following January through December.
- B. The officers shall be considered to be a part of the Board of Directors.
- C. Vacancies shall be filled by a special election when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- D. An officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the membership present at a regular meeting as per section D of voting.
- E. The five founding members shall constitute the Board of Directors. Officers elected in this period shall also serve on the Board. The five founding members shall serve in this capacity for five years.
- F. In December of the fifth year that the founding members have served on the Board of Directors, elections shall be held for these five positions from the membership roster. No nominations for these positions shall be the same as officers of the club.

5. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- A. The President shall be responsible for the organization of club meetings and shall preside over club meetings and board meetings. He/she shall arrange for outside speakers or programs or films for club meetings. He/she shall be responsible for the organization of any club banquets or social activities. He/she shall be the spokesman for the club. He/she shall appoint field safety officers. The president may appoint committee heads, liaison officers, public relations officers or others as deemed necessary with approval of the Board.
- B. The Vice-president shall be responsible for the organization of and be in charge of any club contest program, open or invitational contest, or field activity the club has voted to have. He/she should formulate the general contest schedule but is subject to abide by the vote of the club on the plans submitted. He/she shall substitute in the absence of the president.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for all club correspondence and outside correspondence.

- D. The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the club and should render an accurate account of financial condition of the club at the monthly meetings of the membership. He/she shall oversee all club dues collected, assessments owed to the club and deposit same to a bank account in the club name. He/she shall discharge all financial obligations of the club as approved by the board of directors or membership of the club.
- E. The Safety Officer(s) shall have the responsibility of maintaining a safe flying atmosphere at our flying field. He/she shall report at each meeting as needed on how the membership is adhering to the adopted safety rules and regulations. The safety officer has the responsibility and the right to request any individual using any of the clubs facilities to cease such use due to violations such as profanity, threats, obscene gestures, etc. or demonstrating belligerent or otherwise undesirable behavior of the safety code adopted by the club, any such request should be documented and reported to the board of directors at the next available club meeting. The safety officer shall be treated with respect and shall have the right to eject pilots. All officers of the club shall be considered safety officers.
- F. The Membership Chairman shall have the following duties:
1. Primary contact for membership information.
 2. Handles all applications for membership (new or renewal).
 3. Provides monthly status of membership at club meetings.
 4. Maintains membership roster and supporting paperwork.
 5. Maintain waiting list when applicable.
 6. Assist treasurer in collection of dues.
 7. Provide new membership orientation.
 8. Distributes membership packets.
 9. Acts as ambassador for club.

6. MEETINGS

The ANNUAL meeting of the club membership shall be held in the month of January each year on the day to coincide with the regular monthly meeting. The club officials elected at the December regular monthly meeting are automatically installed and will conduct this meeting.

The REGULAR monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place as determined by the board of directors. Regular meetings may be omitted as determined by the board of directors providing not more than three consecutive months pass without holding a regular meeting.

The SPECIAL meetings of the membership shall be called by the board of directors.

The BOARD of directors shall meet before each annual and regular meeting as needed at a time and place determined by the presiding president or Board of Directors. Any member may attend an executive board meeting as observer.

A QUORUM IS DEFINED AS TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE PLUS 2 ELECTED OFFICERS AT ANY MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

7. DUES

- A. The amount of dues shall be set by the board of directors.
- B. Special assessments, if needed are payable when assessed, and any such assessment will need to be posted and approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Full time students shall be charged only a token membership of \$25.00 plus standard initiation fee.
- D. Any member more than thirty days delinquent in paying his or her dues shall be removed from the membership. A member removed for non-payment will go to the bottom of any waiting list that may be in effect, and will be subject to all prospective membership rules upon re-application to the club.
- E. Family membership is 30.00 above a single membership fee.

8. VOTING

- A. All members in good standing are entitled to one vote per motion.
- B. Unless otherwise stipulated, a simple majority vote will determine the issue.
- C. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

9. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by the membership through normal voting procedures.

Midwest Air Wing

Field & General Safety Rules

1. The official AMA safety code and all Midwest Air Wing rules are applicable to ALL flying activity at the field.
2. All pilots will be current members of AMA unless permitted under a AMA guest or student flyer program.
3. Aircraft will be started in the pit area with the aircraft pointed towards the runway.
4. A red paint paddle bearing the pilots name in a contrasting color will be used for frequency control. The paddle must be placed on the frequency board channel corresponding to the channel of your aircraft prior to turning on your transmitter. Remove your paddle when your flight has concluded. Be respectful of others waiting for the channel to become available.
5. The club's safety officer(s) has/have the authority to request that a person stop their flying activities for the day if they determine that a pilot's activities are not performed in accordance with AMA or Midwest Air Wing safety codes or rules. Repeated offenses will become club business. See 'Important Notice' at the bottom of this page.
6. Flying is not permitted while grass cutting is occurring. No Exceptions!!.
7. The drinking of alcohol or the use of any controlled substance prior to or during time spent at the field is prohibited.
8. Non-members may fly as guests three (3) per year and are subject to all AMA and Midwest Air Wing safety codes and rules. The only exceptions are scheduled open events and the AMA student pilot program.
9. All Tents, Canopies, Easy-up and any Shading devices. Must be secured to the ground.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Violation of the AMA or Midwest Air Wing safety codes and rules may be grounds for Immediate loss of flying privileges and/or membership.

Revision 5/6/1999

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

ACCIDENTS, SICKNESS or DEATH of MEMBERS:

Such reports are to be made during a regular meeting night. Upon the death of any member or members being reported, the president shall have at that meeting, the members stand in silent meditation for one minute.

The Second Amendment:

Any motion made and second at monthly scheduled club meeting which would authorize an expense of \$5,000.00 or more of club finances, will be handled by the club president as follows:

- A. The motion is to be discussed but no vote will be taken until the next monthly scheduled club meeting.
- B. Prior to the next monthly scheduled club meeting, all voting members shall be provided with a copy of the motion as soon as possible, either by e-mail or regular mail.
- C. Voting members who attend the next monthly scheduled club meeting will be given the opportunity to vote on the motion.
- D. As some voting members may not be able to attend the next monthly scheduled meeting in order to cast their vote, those members may submit their vote in writing to the club president, to be received prior to such meeting.
- E. A majority ~~vote~~, of the eligible votes cast, will be required for the motion to be carried.