

# CSRA FLYERS



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AMA CHARTER CLUB # 226

Latitude: 33.2884, Longitude: -81.9557 Elevation (m): 92m

### BY-LAWS

By Laws were approved by members at September 17, 2016 meeting.

I. General.

A. The Central Savannah River Area Flyers, commonly known as CSRA Flyers will function as a non-profit organization for the purposes stated in these by-laws. The CSRA Flyers fly out of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia and their current flying field is at 1199 Horseshoe Rd., Augusta, GA 30906.

B. The club will in no way involve itself in any commercial venture solely for profit.

C. The club will not support commercial interests such as; hobby shops, local companies or firms, or enterprising individuals, except for services rendered.

II. Objectives.

A. In addition to all objectives established by majority vote, the following will be of prime concern and will be continually pursued:

1. To maintain the present flying site and locate, develop, and maintain any future flying sites.

2. To promote, develop, and maintain a junior program in accordance with present and future AMA goals, provided that sufficient local interest is evidenced in such a program.

3. To promote and develop all phases of aero-modeling, no phase being given precedence.

B. Objectives will at all times be in keeping with AMA policy and objectives.

### III. Financial.

A. The treasurer will establish a checking account with a local banking facility if a balance of enough funds to avoid account fees can be maintained. If the amount is in question, this paragraph can be waived by a vote of the general membership.

B. All monies will be paid by check, signed by the Treasurer. Authorization to pay debts will be by vote at regular club meetings, or by approval of the President and one other officer (other than the treasurer) for the sake of moving forward. The Treasurer may pay for minor items (petty cash type items) such as gas money for the lawnmower, minor repairs, administrative supplies, etc.

C. The Treasurer shall provide a detailed financial report at each meeting. This report shall require approval by majority vote. A written copy of the approved report shall be furnished to the club secretary for inclusion with the club records.

D. All monies derived from activities or donations will become the property of the CSRA Flyers and will be deposited to account.

### IV. Membership.

A. Any person expressing an interest in the program of the club and complying with all requirements stated elsewhere in this document will be afforded membership unless the maximum number of memberships has been reached. (See paragraph IV[G] below.)

B. Any prospective member shall receive (and should read) a copy of these by-laws and rules before joining. Each prospective member shall also come out to the field at least once to meet the current members and to let the current members meet them. If at all possible, one of the club officers must be present for this visit, and hopefully the prospective member can get some flying time in with us.

C. Memberships will consist of the following types:

1. ACTIVE: Dues-paying members with vote and motion privileges (except as restricted under family member status.)
2. INACTIVE: Former members who:
  - a) Are in arrears in paying dues as stated herein.
  - b) Request inactive membership status.
  - c) Are placed in inactive status due to unforeseen circumstances, provided the general membership approves such placement. Inactive members have no vote or motion privileges and may not utilize club facilities unless such usage is approved on a case-by-case basis by the general membership.
3. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: A family membership status will recognize the head of household, spouse, and all children under the age of nineteen (19) as active members. Each family membership will be entitled to one vote and will count as 'one member' toward the club's total membership. Each family member must still have an individual AMA membership or be part of the head of household's Family AMA Membership.
4. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: An honorary membership may be granted to a club member who has performed exceptional service to the club. A membership vote is required for approval and the honoree must have current AMA status. They will have an annual one year duration.
5. MILITARY Temporary Duty (TDY) MEMBERSHIP: This membership is extended to any ACTIVE DUTY military member stationed within fifty (50) miles of our club flying site on a temporary basis. This includes Reserve and National Guard on

Active Duty for the term of their visit in the area. Member must be a current AMA member. Member must present a copy of Official Temporary Duty Orders and their current AMA membership card. MILITARY Temporary Duty Members have full use of club facilities but do not have voting or motion privileges. The term of their membership is the length of their TDY assignment. If their assignment starts in one calendar year and ends in the next, their dues carry over into the next year but end at the end of that assignment. If the member returns again in that calendar year, they will pay dues for the 'new year.' If they return more than once in the same calendar year, they will only pay club dues once per year. TDY members will not count against the 'maximum limit' stated in paragraph G of this section.

D. All active members that fly must have a current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. It is the responsibility of the member to keep his or her AMA membership current. If any member allows his/her AMA membership to lapse, they will not be allowed to fly at club maintained flying sites. A club member who has allowed their AMA membership to lapse may not fly as a guest under the rules of these By-Laws. Each member must present his AMA card to the Treasurer each year for validation when paying their dues.

E. Generally, and unless stated otherwise herein, all flying from club maintained flying sites will be restricted to club members only, and in accordance with the safety and operating rules of the AMA and the CSRA Flyers Club.

1. Non-resident AMA members will be permitted to use the club flying facility as an accompanied guest of an active member. A non-resident is considered to be a person who resides a distance of at least fifty (50) miles from the flying field.

2. Any active club member may invite a non-AMA member to utilize the club field for the purpose of an orientation flight when such appears likely to produce a new club member, provided:

- a) That the guest is under the direct supervision, at all times, of the club member who issued the invitation, and:
- b) That not more than two (2) such invitations be issued to any one person, and:
- c) That the club member issuing the invitation understands that he/she will be held responsible and accountable for the actions and liabilities of the guest, and:
- d) That orientation flights are to be conducted only by those pilots who are current active club members.

F. All club members are required to keep their personal information current with the club, such as: new phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, etc. They will not be required to fill out a membership application with current information annually.

G. The maximum number of current active club members will never exceed forty-five (45) at any time. Additional applicants will be placed on a 'first-come-first-join' roster that will be maintained by the club secretary.

#### V. Club Officers.

A. All club officers will be elected by majority vote and shall serve for a term of one year. Consecutive terms are allowed. Nominations for office shall be made at the regular club meeting in October, and the election of new officers shall take place at the December meeting each year. Newly elected officers shall take office at the December monthly meeting (or at the Club Christmas party, if one is held.)

B. Officers (duties as stated) will consist of the following:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President will be the presiding officer at all activities and functions, and will be responsible for law and order. The President will be responsible for all correspondence matters with HQ AMA and national and local organizations. He will be responsible for ensuring that all bills are paid and that the annual lease is paid. He will have no vote except in case of a tie, and cannot present a motion from the floor.

2. VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President will preside in all absences of the President. In the event of permanent absence of the President, he will assume all presidential duties until the next regular election. He will have voting and motion privileges except when acting as presiding officer.

3. SECRETARY: The Secretary will assume all administrative duties i.e., maintaining club roster, recording minutes of club meetings, and coordination with the President for all correspondence matters with HQ AMA and national and local organizations. He will notify club members of special meetings and functions and of monthly club meetings (unless this is provided by other means, such as club newsletter.) He will have voting and motion privileges.

4. TREASURER: The Treasurer will assume all administrative duties pertaining to financial control of the club treasury, to include any 'special funds' that may be set up. He will prepare all treasury reports and papers including monthly financial statements, which will be presented at the meetings, and an annual summary sheet, which will be presented at the October meeting. He will maintain appropriate records, bank accounts, and disperse funds as directed by the membership. He will have voting and motion privileges.

C. Other offices such as Field Marshall and Safety Officer may be appointed by the President.

## VI. VOTING.

A. Except as stated below, all voting will be by voice vote:

1. Vote recall shall be by show of hands.

2. Election of new officers shall be by written ballot. Early voting for officers can be done by sealing a written ballot in an envelope and giving it to a club officer prior to the meeting at which the election is to take place. The envelope will only be opened as the rest of the votes are being counted.

3. Other club business that requires a vote can be done via email and/or Facebook. These types of vote should only be done for special occasions, such as when time is critical. For these types of votes, all club officers must strive to ensure that all members have received notification of the item to be voted on and that sufficient means have been given for all discussion to be presented and for all votes to be cast.

B. All motions having a majority of the active qualified members present at a meeting shall carry. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the ballots cast.

#### VII. MEETINGS:

A. All general membership meetings, with the possible exception of the December meeting, shall be held on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. at the field, unless another time and location is properly announced. General meetings will be held January, April, July, October, and December.

B. If a club Christmas party is held, the December general membership meeting shall be scheduled to coincide. Announcement will be made during November by postings at the site and by the club newsletter concerning this.

C. Other meetings will be at the call of the President on an 'as needed' basis.

#### VIII. DUES.

A. Price of dues annually Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>:

1. Junior: (under 19 years of age before July 1<sup>st</sup>) \$10.00.

2. Open: (over 19 years before July 1<sup>st</sup>) per year \$60.00.  
Anyone joining after Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> will pay \$5.00 per month for the remainder of the year.

3. Family: \$80.00 per year. (Includes head of household, spouse, and all children less than 19 years of age.) Anyone joining after Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> will pay \$8.00 per month for the remainder of the year.

4. Military TDY: \$20.00 for the term of their assignment, or for the calendar year if they return more than once in a year.

B. Payment of dues: Dues shall be payable annually for the calendar year, January through December, by check or money order mailed to the Treasurer, or by check or cash at club meetings. If the Treasurer is willing and has a PayPal account, dues may be paid via PayPal. Additionally, any elected club officer may accept payment of dues at any time.

C. Members will not be billed for dues. Any member who fails to pay his/her annual dues by the end of January will be notified of the delinquency and he/she will be placed in the INACTIVE status as specified in paragraph IV of these by-laws.

D. Any member who becomes more than two months in arrears in his dues shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

E. A club member dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by paying the annual dues for that year, including the inactive months, unless the membership limit has been reached. In that case the returning member will be placed on the 'waiting list.' Under certain circumstances, this rule may be waived, but only upon a vote of the club membership.

## IX. JUDICIAL.

A. No club member will partake of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances at the club flying field, at a club meeting, or at any club function where such use might be detrimental to the club's image. All members are expected to conduct themselves in a safe, mature, and responsible manner.

B. In the event of violation of the restrictions stated herein, or stated in writing and approved by majority vote in the future, or in the event of

conduct by any member which is detrimental to the safety, purposes, or goals of the club or AMA, a committee of three members will be appointed by the President to investigate. This committee of three shall report to the general membership, and a decision on the violation shall be determined by secret ballots cast by the general membership. This decision shall be final. Investigating committees shall insure that personal contact with the accused is made, and that the accused is afforded every opportunity to defend his actions.

X. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB.

A. In the event of club dissolution, the assets of the club will be converted to cash, and the total amount, less any valid amounts for outstanding debts, shall be forwarded to the Academy of Model Aeronautics as a contribution. Any special funds set up to assist in paying for a special project, such as a "Future Runway Fund," will, upon dissolution of the club, be returned to those contributing. If part of the fund has been spent, the remaining funds will be divided among the contributors according to the percentage of the total funds that they contributed.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_.