



CSRA Flyers By-Laws, March 1, 2025

Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chartered Club #226

I. GENERAL

- a. The Central Savannah River Area Flyers, commonly known as CSRA Flyers, is an AMA Chartered, non-profit club whose purpose is to support recreational flyers as a “modeler community-based organization” as defined in Section 349 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. The CSRA Flyers’ home airfield and current address is 1199 Horseshoe Rd., Augusta, Georgia 30906 in Richmond County.
- b. The club will in no way involve itself in any commercial venture solely for profit.
- c. The club will not directly 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:
 - i. To maintain the current flying site and to locate, develop, and maintain any future flying sites if needed.
 - ii. To promote, develop, and maintain a community-based modelers’ organization for the purpose of recreational flying in accordance with current and future AMA policies and objectives.
 - iii. To promote and develop all phases of recreational flying as a community-based organization including support of activities for the club’s active members, community education, and community public service.
- b. Objectives will at all times be in keeping with Section 349 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, exemption for limited recreational operations of unmanned aircraft and following the terms specified in any Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the CSRA Flyers #226 and the local FAA Air Traffic Control (ATC).

III. FINANCIALS

- a. The Treasurer will establish a checking account with a local banking facility if the balance of funds is adequate to avoid account fees. If the funds fall below the account level for charges, then the club may pay the penalty for 1-2 months until the account can be increased. If the amount for an account balance is not adequate for more than 3-6 months, this paragraph can be waived by a vote of the general membership.
- b. All monies will be paid by check signed by the Treasurer or cash if less than \$300. 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 officers for inclusion with the club records.
- d. All monies derived from activities or donations will become the property of the CSRA Flyers, deposited to the bank account and become part of the Treasurer's report.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Any person expressing an interest in joining CSRA Flyers club and complying with all requirements stated elsewhere in this document will be afforded membership, unless the maximum number of memberships has been reached.
- b. All members and prospective members shall read a copy of these bylaws and the club's airfield safety and operating rules. 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. Prospective members and guest flyers are required to sign an Acknowledgement and Agreement Form (AFF) to ensure compliance with safety checks and any FAA ATC LOA for the flying site.
- d. Memberships will consist of the following types:
 - i. ACTIVE: Dues-paying members having a current AMA membership with voting and motion privileges, except as restricted under family member status.
 - ii. 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 of such placement. Inactive members have no voting or motion privileges and may not utilize club facilities unless such usage is approved on a case-by-case basis by a general membership vote.

- iii. FAMILY: A family membership status will recognize the head of household, spouse, and all children under the age of nineteen (19) as active members who have an AMA membership. A family membership will be entitled to one vote and will count as "one member" toward the club's total membership. Each family member must have a current individual AMA membership or be part of the head of household's family AMA membership.
- iv. JUNIOR: A junior under the age of 19 years, who has an active AMA membership and wishes to join can do so; however, they must be accompanied by an adult present while flying at the airfield. They will have voting and motion privileges.
- v. HONORARY: 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 and will have voting and motion privileges.
- vi. MILITARY TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY): This membership is extended to any ACTIVE DUTY military member stationed within fifty (50) miles of the club flying site on a temporary basis. This includes Reserve and National Guard members for the term of their stay in the area. The member must be a current AMA member and must present a copy of their Official Temporary Duty Orders and their current AMA membership card. TDY 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 no count against the maximum limit stated in paragraph "h" of this section.
- vii. WAITING LIST PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Prospective members are those who have visited the airfield, completed an application, have a current AMA number recorded and have read the club's by-laws and the safety and operating rules as well as signing an acknowledgement and agreement form. Prospective members are not allowed to fly without an active club member present, nor will they be given access to the airfield's combination locks or codes.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
 - i. Non-resident AMA members will be permitted to use the club flying facility as an accompanied guest of an active member for a total of two (2) visits. A

non-resident is considered to be a person who resides a distance of at least fifty (50) miles from the flying field.

- ii. 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. The orientation flights are to be conducted only by those pilots who are current active club members.
- g. All club members are required to keep personal information current with the club such as phone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. They will not be required to fill out a membership application with current information annually.
- h. The maximum number of current active club members should never exceed sixty (60) at any time. Additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list roster that will be maintained by the club Secretary or another club officer.

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 with the exception of the Treasurer who will be elected at the July meeting. Other than the Treasurer, newly elected officers shall take office at the December meeting, or club Christmas party if one is held.
- b. Officers (duties as stated) will consist of the following:
 - i. **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 and the annual lease are paid. He will have no vote except in the case of a tie.
 - ii. **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.
 - iii. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary will assume administrative duties, i.e., maintaining the club roster, recording minutes of club meetings and coordination to assist the President as needed in matters of correspondence 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 a club newsletter. He will have voting and motion privileges.

- iv. 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 quarterly financial statements, which will be presented at 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 officers such as Airfield Manager and Safety Officer may be appointed by the President.

VI. VOTING

- a. Except as stated below, all voting will be by voice vote:
 - i. Vote recall shall be by show of hands.
 - ii. Other club business that requires a vote can be done via email. This type of vote should only be done for special occasions, such as when time is critical. 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.
- c. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote.

VII. MEETINGS

- a. All general membership meetings, with the possible exception of the December meeting, shall be held on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at the field unless another time and location is 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. An announcement will be made during November by email.
- c. Other meetings will be at the call of the President on an “as needed” basis.

VIII. DUES

- a. Price of annual dues January 1st through December 31st:
 - i. Junior - \$20.00 Under the age of 19 years before July 1st.
 - ii. Open - \$70.00 Over the age of 19 years before July 1st. Anyone joining after October 31st will pay \$8.00 per month for the remainder of the year.

- iii. Family - \$95.00 Includes head of household, spouse, and all children under the age of 19 years. Any family joining after October 31st will pay \$10.00 per month for the remainder of the year.
- iv. Military TDY - \$25.00 for the term of their assignment or for the calendar year if they return more than once in a year.
- v. Waiting List Prospective Member - \$5.00 per visit to the airfield when flying which can be paid to any club officer present or club member if no officer is present. The money will be turned over to the Treasurer with the name and date that the prospective member visited.
- b. Payment of dues shall be done annually for the calendar year, January through December, by PayPal or check mailed to the Treasurer.
- 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 dropped from the membership rolls and their membership position offered to a waiting list prospective member.
- d. 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".

IX. JUDICIAL

- a. No club member will partake of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances at the club's airfield, whether flying, at a club meeting, or at any club function. All members are expected to conduct themselves in a safe, mature, responsible and civil manner.
- b. In the event of a 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 CSRA Flyers or AMA, the member may be temporarily barred from flying or visiting the airfield until an investigation can be completed by the club officers. Investigating officers shall insure that personal contact with the violator is made and that that person is afforded every opportunity to defend his/her actions verbally and/or in writing.

X. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

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 funds set up to pay for a special project, such as "Future Runway Fund", will 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.

XI. APPROVAL

These bylaws were approved by a majority vote of club members present at the meeting on April 19, 2025.

Approving Officers:

President & Safety Officer: Allen Evans _____

Vice President: Jerry Jester _____

Secretary: Bill Collins _____

Treasurer: John Lindfors _____