

BYLAWS OF THE MICHIGAN RADIO CONTROL ASSOCIATION, INC.
AMA Chartered Club #1166

ARTICLE I
NAME

SECTION 1. Name

The name of this club shall be the Michigan Radio Control Association Inc., hereinafter referred to as MRCA or club.

ARTICLE II
LOCATION OF OFFICE

SECTION 1 Location

The office for the transaction of business for the club shall be located at the permanent mailing address of the secretary of MRCA.

ARTICLE III
MEETINGS

SECTION 1 Meetings

- a. General membership meeting shall be held on the 1st Monday of each month at a location and time approved by the membership.
- b. Board of Directors meeting can be held at any time upon majority vote of the Board of Directors and/or membership.

ARTICLE IV
OBJECT AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1 Objective

The object of this club shall be to promote the general interest and welfare of all members engaged in the construction and flying of radio controlled model aircraft. The purpose is to aid in the development of rules and guidelines with the needs and desires of all members and to provide leadership. The purpose is also to enhance through the membership, model aircraft as a recognized sport.

ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 Membership

- a. Membership will be open to any current AMA member.
- b. Membership will also include honorary members

SECTION 2 Application for Membership

- a. Applicant must be sponsored by a member, attend a meeting and be accepted by the majority of the membership attending the meeting before their dues may be accepted.
- b. Any new member joining the club after August 1st shall pay one-half (½) the applicable dues rate for the remainder of the year.
- c. Minor members or minor flyers must have a parent, guardian or supervision by a responsible adult member at all times that the minor is at the field. The minor must have a "Personal and Health Information" form (blank form is furnished by MRCA) completed by a parent or guardian, in his or her possession while at the field, unless the parent or guardian is present.

SECTION 3 Termination of membership

Membership may be terminated by voluntary withdrawal or otherwise pursuant to the Constitution. The right to vote, all other privileges and interests of a member in or to the club or the property thereof, shall cease upon the termination of membership.

SECTION 4 Suspension and expulsion

For cause, any membership may be suspended or terminated. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership shall be the violation of the bylaws or agreements adopted by the club or any other conduct detrimental to the interest of MRCA.

Such suspension or expulsion shall be decided by a majority vote of a quorum of half the total membership. Upon approval of suspension or expulsion by the membership, a registered letter will be sent by the Secretary to the last recorded address of the member, giving cause(s) for suspension or expulsion.

SECTION 5 Honorary memberships

Lifetime honorary membership may be conferred upon a person who has rendered distinguished service to MRCA or to the hobby. Proposals for honorary membership shall be made to the Board of Directors. The club membership will vote for approval, acceptance and conferment at the club meeting. Honorary member shall have the same privileges as the regular members, except make motions, hold office or vote.

ARTICLE VI
DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 1 Fiscal year

The fiscal year of MRCA shall be January 1st through December 31st.

SECTION 2 Dues

- a. Rate of dues shall be determined by vote of the membership at the club meeting.
- b. Club dues, initiation fee (if any) and assessments shall be paid to the club Treasurer.
- c. Annual club dues shall be \$40.00 for the first member of the family and \$10.00 for each dependant family member.
- d. Annual club dues shall be \$25.00 for junior members (under 19 years of age) who are not covered in Section 2c.
- e. AMA charter fees shall be paid by the club.
- f. Club dues for the positions of Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Secretary shall be paid by the club.

SECTION 3 Refund

Club dues, initiation fee (if any) and assessments shall be refundable.

SECTION 4 Delinquencies

- a. Club dues for each fiscal year shall be paid in advance.
- b. Any members who have not paid their annual dues by the January club meeting will automatically have their membership terminated.

SECTION 5 Distribution of assets

- a. Upon final dissolution of the MRCA and surrender of the organization and name, and after all debts of the club are fully paid and a final audit completed, all funds remaining in the treasury shall be

donated to a non-profit organization as determined by a majority vote of the existing Board of Directors.

- b. All dues collected and other income must be used for the purposes of MRCA and shall not inure to the benefit of any individual member.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

SECTION 1 Executive officers

- a. The executive officers of the MRCA shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The position of Secretary and Treasurer can be held by the same person.
- b. The executive officers shall hold office for two (2) years.

SECTION 2 President

- a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of MRCA and of the Board of Directors and shall have, subject to the advice and control of the Board of Directors, general charge of the business of MRCA. The President or Vice-President shall execute, with the Secretary, all contracts and instruments which have first been approved by the Board of Directors and/or membership.

SECTION 3 Vice-President

- a. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the power and shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence, disability or inability, for any reason of the President to perform the duties of that office.
- b. The Vice-President shall also perform such duties connected with the operation of the MRCA as he may undertake at the suggestion of the President or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4 Secretary

- a. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the membership and Board of Directors meetings. The minutes of the membership meeting shall be published in the newsletter.
- b. The Secretary shall execute with the President or Vice-President, in the name of MRCA, all contracts and instruments which have first been approved by the Board of Directors and/or membership
- c. The Secretary shall record all changes in the constitution and bylaws.
- d. The Secretary shall keep an up to date membership roster.
- e. The Secretary shall be compensated by paid dues

SECTION 5. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall **disburse** all monies for expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors and/or membership.
- b. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all monies of the MRCA in a bank.
- c. The Treasurer shall be accountable for all receipts, disbursement of monies and shall keep a current balance of funds.
- d. The Treasurer shall perform all other duties incident to said office subject to the control of the

- Board of Directors and/or membership.
- e. The Treasurer shall be compensated by paid dues.

SECTION 6. Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy of an Executive Officer, said vacancy may be filled by a member by appointment by the remaining Board of Directors and shall pro tem until the next general election.

ARTICLE VIII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 Board of Directors

- a. Shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) elected members from the membership.
- b. A member of the Board of Directors shall head committees proposed by the Board of Directors and/or membership.
- c. A Board **member** in charge of a committee may appoint a member(s) from the membership for assistance.

SECTION 2 Power and Authority

- a. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of the MRCA property and perform or cause to be done any and every act which the MRCA may lawfully do and perform.
- b. The Board of Directors has the authority to spend monies up to \$50.00 for club operation or property without membership approval. Any amount over \$50.00 will have to be approved by vote from the membership at a club meeting.

SECTION 3 Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy of a Board member, said vacancy may be filled by a member by appointment by the remaining Board of Directors and shall pro tem until the next general election.

SECTION 4 Indemnification of Board Members

The Association will pay the legal and judgment costs of any lawsuit brought against an Officer or Board of Directors member as the result of the performance of their official Association duties. This provision is subject to the following conditions:

- a. That the Officer or Board member has exhausted any applicable insurance.
- b. That the Officer or board member will continue to be liable on the basis as all other members for the legal costs or judgments that are levied or incurred against the Association itself or the membership as a whole.

ARTICLE IX
NEWSLETTER AND EDITOR

SECTION 1 Newsletter

- a. A newsletter shall be published every month and sent to all members, honorary members and to

others deemed valuable to the purposes of MRCA by the Editor.

- b. The newsletter shall consist of the following:
 - 1. Letter from the President or Vice-President.
 - 2. Minutes from the last club meeting by the Secretary.
 - 3. At least one (1) article by the Editor.
 - 4. Articles from members and Honorary members.
 - 5. Reprints of interest to the membership from other newsletters, magazines or notices.
- c. All letters and articles shall be received by the editor two (2) weeks before mailing, unless it is ready for publishing or of an emergency nature.
- d. Publishing and mailing of the newsletter should be no later than seven (7) days before the regular club meeting.

SECTION 2 Editor

- a. An Editor will be approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. The Editor shall be responsible for publishing and mailing of the newsletter.
- c. The Editor will keep an up to date mailing list.
- d. The Editor shall be compensated by paid dues.

SECTION 3 Vacancy of Editor

- a. In the event of a vacancy of the Editor, the Board of Directors will act as Editor until the vacancy is filled.

ARTICLE X

NOMINATION AND ELECTION

SECTION 1 Nomination

- a. Nominations for executive officers and Board of Directors shall be held at the November club meeting on the even years.
- b. All nominations shall be made by club members.
- c. All nominees for offices must be club members.

SECTION 2 Elections

- a. The general election shall be held at the December club meeting for all offices on the even years.
- b. All elected officers shall take office at the end of the December club meeting.
- c. Votes will be counted by two (2) members that are not a nominee.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 Amendments

- a. Any member may propose changes in the constitution and/or bylaws at a general membership meeting.
- b. If the members present accept the members proposal, the proposal will be published in two (2) consecutive MRCA Newsletters.

- c. Proposal will be voted on at the Membership meeting following the second (2nd) published notification.

SECTION 2 Revisions

The MRCA Bylaws were accepted by the membership and became effective on Aug. 5 1979.

First Revision was passed by the membership on December 2, 1996.

Second Revision was passed by the membership on April 1, 2002.

ARTICLE XII

FIELD RULES

The purpose of a Field Rule is safety and the preservation of the flying field.

1. Flying hours Monday through Saturday are 9:00AM to 9:00PM. Sunday flying hours are 10:00AM to 9:00PM. These hours apply to internal combustion engines.
2. No transmitter shall be turned on without a frequency clip.
3. All flyers must fly from the designated flight stations.
4. All flying must be done to the south of the flight line.
5. All engines must be muffled. All individuals are encouraged to monitor the noise of their engines and 98 dB is the suggested limit.
6. Aircraft must be under control from the pit area to the flight line. Engines must be stopped at the flight line when the flight is completed.
7. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
8. Members may bring a guest flyer a maximum of three times. Member must be present when their guest is at the field. Guest must have a valid AMA card.
9. All persons must have a current AMA card to fly unless covered by a special exemption established by the AMA.
10. All members are responsible for removing their trash from the field.
11. All members are responsible for field safety.
12. New members who indicate they are experienced pilots and do not need assistance are expected to follow all the above rules.
13. Any active member may assume the role of instructor if they are comfortable doing so, unless they are specifically asked by the board to refrain from such activity.
14. An instructor must certify that a student is ready to fly unassisted before the student is allowed unrestricted access to the field.

ARTICLE XIII

MODEL OF THE MONTH

The purpose is to encourage attendance at the winter monthly meetings by having members bring in their newly built aircraft to be examined and voted on by all members present. The member's plane with the most votes will receive an award, token or trophy.

Qualifications:

1. Must be newly built, assembled or fabricated from original designs, plans, kit or partial kit of suitable materials or ARF or NRF model
2. Model must be covered, painted or finished in a manner that is common to the hobby.

