

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE AEROMODELERS

As of 12/31/2006

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This club shall be known as "Columbia Gorge Aeromodelers".

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSES

1. To promote contact and exchange of ideas between persons interested in Radio Controlled (RC) aircraft modeling.
2. To provide a flying field for RC flying.
3. To provide organized safety rules and operating procedures for RC aircraft and the flying field.
4. To encourage RC aircraft activity by organizing and promoting regular RC events.
5. To provide an organization and operating rules for governing and controlling the above purpose.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all persons interested in the above purposes.
2. OPEN membership is for persons over 18 years of age.
3. JUNIOR membership is for persons 18 years of age and less.
4. FAMILY membership is for persons residing at the same mailing address as an open member. FAMILY membership will also include, parent(s), children and or grandchildren as long as only one mailing address is used and the children and / or grandchildren are less than 19 years old. Mailing address will only mean physical mailing address and does not include e-mail address.
5. HONORARY membership is for persons voted to this position by the club, to include all privileges except voting.
6. LIFE membership is for persons who have paid a one-time lump sum to the club, the amount to be determined by ARTICLE 4 of the Constitution
7. Membership in the club is established by:
 - a. Membership application form completed and received by a Club officer.
 - b. Membership dues received by a Club officer
 - c. Applicant has received, read and signed for a New Member Package.
 - d. Applicant has received an orientation discussion from a club officer, including but not limited to: Review of the field operating and safety rules and procedures.
8. ASSOCIATE membership is for persons who do not obtain AMA membership. This membership can be changed to any "full privilege" membership at any time AMA membership is acquired. This status has full member privileges except:
 - a. Voting on club business that relates to AMA privileges
 - b. Piloting an airplane at the club's AMA insured field(s)
 - c. Piloting an airplane at a club organized event
 - d. Being a club officer.

ARTICLE 4 - DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND EXPENDITURES

1. Dues: will be paid yearly, for the operating expenses of the club.
 - a. OPEN/FAMILY membership \$25
 - b. JUNIOR membership \$10
 - c. LIFE membership \$500
 - d. HONORARY membership \$0
2. Yearly dues pay for one year of club membership, starting January 1st, and ending the last day of December of that year. Yearly dues must be paid and acknowledged by the Club Treasurer prior to January 31st of each year, or that member will be dropped from the club membership, the roster and the mailing list.
3. A member who has been dropped, has no club privileges, but may reinstate his full membership by completing the membership requirements of ARTICLE 3, Paragraph 7.
4. A new or reinstated member who joins the club after July 1st, shall pay only 1/2 of the listed regular dues for the remainder of that membership year. After November 1st, a new or reinstated member shall pay the full yearly dues, and this payment will cover the remainder of that year, and the full next year dues.
5. ASSESSMENTS: Any special assessment must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.
6. EXPENDITURES: The President, or the Board of Directors, shall have the authority to approve routine expenditures up to \$100. Expenditures of more than \$100 require the approval of the majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE 5 — OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers of the club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, Safety officer, Field Marshall or Safety Officer/Field Marshall.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two "members at large" appointed by the President each year.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. President: The President shall be the executive officer and shall preside at all meetings. He shall be the spokesperson for the club. He shall appoint standing and special committees as he deems necessary. He shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
2. Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President in all matters and shall assume the duties of the President if the President is not able to perform his duties. He shall be responsible for the club meeting schedules and other club schedules and events which may be necessary or requested by the club.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall handle all of the club correspondence, and in particular, take care of all club operations with regard to the AMA requirements and information. He will take the minutes of all regularly scheduled club meetings, and furnish these minutes in rough draft form, to the Officers of the club, for their review after each meeting, before the next publishing date of the club Newsletter. He will incorporate any revisions by the Officers, and provide the final version to the Newsletter editor by the appropriate deadline for publishing each month. He shall record attendance numbers at each meeting. He shall maintain membership information records. He shall take over the duties of the Vice President if needed.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be in charge of and responsible for all club funds. He shall establish a bank account for this purpose. He shall collect and account for all dues and other income, and is authorized to pay all club obligations from these funds. He shall keep an accurate record of all club monetary transactions, and provide a

treasurer's report each month to the Newsletter Editor, which shall show all individual items of income and expense, as well as total funds available at the date of this report. This report must be made in a timely manner, to be available to the Newsletter prior to the deadline publishing date each month. In addition, he shall arrange, at the end of each club year, an audit of the club account by another club member, or an outside person. This audit will be published in the newsletter. He shall take over the duties of the Secretary if needed.

5. Secretary / Treasurer: The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined by the Board of Directors when acting as the Nominating Committee for the slate of Club officers or by vote of the members at the November meeting. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall consist of the duties listed in Article 1, Sections 3 and 4 as stated above. F
6. Safety Officer: The Safety Officer is appointed by the President. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the overall safety environment at the Club flying field or other official Club venue, hereafter called the "Field". He has the responsibility and the authority to bar anyone from using the field if they do not adhere to Club rules and procedures. The person so barred may make arrangements with any Club officer to remove the restriction, but these arrangements must be approved by the Safety Officer before the member may again use the field.

Specific Duties:

- a. Preflight inspection of new or repaired aircraft.
 - b. Crash investigation and reporting.
 - c. Preparation and enforcement of the Club field and safety procedures.
 - d. Monitoring of flyers and fling at the Club field(s).
 - e. Supervision of flight line, frequency control and spectators.
 - f. Posting address and shortest route to the Hospital, Fire station and Police/Sheriff's Office
 - g. Location of field fire extinguisher.
 - h. Posting of names of members qualified in first aid, etc.
 - i. Conduct safety classes as a part of regularly scheduled Club meetings.
7. The Field Marshall position is by appointment by the President.
Specific Duties:
 - a. Supervision of the field layout, parking, flight line, etc.
 - b. Greeting newcomers and guests to the field, and answering their questions.
 - c. Field maintenance supervision.
 - d. Erection of signs.
 - e. Field clean up.
 - f. Presentation to club meetings of any field problems.
 - g. Taking care of any problems which might disrupt field operations.
 - h. Contacting public officials to help field problems.
 8. Safety Officer/Field Marshall The offices of Safety Officer and Field Marshall may be combined by the President or by a vote of the members at the November meeting.
 9. Board of Directors: Shall conduct executive meetings to establish policies and organized activities for the benefit of club members. A minimum of three members must be present to conduct a board meeting. Actions of the Board must be approved by a majority vote at a regularly scheduled Club meeting.

ARTICLE 2 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Club officers shall be elected from the membership each year, with the term of office being one year beginning January 1st.

2. The club membership must be notified and reminded of the election of officers being held at the November meeting.
3. In the event that an elected officer does not or cannot fulfill the duties of that office at any time, the Board of Directors shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of that year.

ARTICLE 3 - LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

No member or officer shall be personally liable for any bills or obligations of the club, past or present, except for their own dues.

ARTICLE 4 - ACCEPTANCE OF PURPOSE AND COMPLIANCE

1. A Person who applies for membership, thereby accepts the principles of the club as expressed in its Purpose and agrees to comply with and be bound by the Constitution and By-laws and the Safety Code of the Club and the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics).
2. Any member may be expelled from membership if such member willfully commits any act or omission which is in violation of the constraints expressed in Paragraph I above, or which is, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, detrimental to the club or to the hobby.
3. The expulsion procedure is as follows:
 - a. A written complaint must be filed with the Board of Directors.
 - b. The Board will notify the affected individual(s), investigate and evaluate the circumstance and present a recommendation to the membership at the earliest possible regular meeting.
 - c. The affected individual(s) shall be afforded an opportunity to present a defense, in writing or at the meeting.
 - d. A majority vote of the members will affirm or deny the recommendations.
 - e. Any member who has been expelled, may be reinstated by a majority vote at any time.

ARTICLE 5 — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended at any time by a majority vote at any regularly scheduled meeting.