

Club By-Laws

A Non- Profit Corporation

AMA Club 191



ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the club shall be the RC PROPBUSTERS, INC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Corporation is:

- (a) To provide an association for members and guests interested in radio controlled model aircraft.
- (b) To promote safety in and enjoyment of model building and flying.
- (c) To establish, equip, own, lease, hold and enjoy a flying field and facilities for flying radio controlled model aircraft.
- (d) To do anything in keeping with the foregoing purposes and, permitted by law, alone or in cooperation with others.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Prospective new members shall be sponsored by a member in good standing and must satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) The person must be an active or interested modeler.
- (b) The person must hold a current AMA license or submit evidence of applying for an AMA license.
- (c) The person must agree to pay dues, uphold the by-laws of the club and field regulations as set forth by the AMA and the Club.

Section 2. All applications for membership that meet the requirements of Section 1 above shall be present at a general meeting or if due to extenuating circumstances such as working the 2nd or 3rd shift, the applicant may be represented by a proxy to be named by him. If a proxy is required the applicant shall notify the Club Secretary of this necessity and name their proxy. Final acceptance shall require a vote of the members present. Such meetings shall meet the requirements specified in Article VII, Section 3, of these by-laws. Any applicant who is accepted during the September, October, November, or December meetings shall have the current years dues fee waived & the dues shall be applied to the next calendar year

Section 3. Membership shall be valid so long as dues and assessments are paid, or until resignation in writing, or until membership is terminated by majority vote of the membership as provided for in the by-laws, Article XI, Section 2, whichever first occurs.

Section 4. The Club may permit junior membership which shall be defined as persons eighteen (18) years of age or younger, and who shall not have reached the age of nineteen (19) by the first of July of the calendar year for which membership is desired. Junior members shall enjoy all the benefits of the Club except voting privileges and holding office, and they shall meet all requirements and obligations of membership except payment of yearly dues.

Section 5.

- (a) Any member may resign from the Club for any reason by notifying the Club Secretary in writing.
- (b) Any member who has resigned while in good standing may apply for reinstatement and shall meet all the requirements of a new member.

Section 6. All members in good standing shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Club, to participate in all social and business functions of the Club, and to use such facilities as the Club may acquire, (and with exception of Juniors as stated in Article III, Section 4) may cast a vote on such matters as may come before membership meetings.

Section 7. Each member of the Club, in order to renew their membership for the coming year, must submit evidence of having renewed their AMA membership and must submit a completed signed application for the coming year. Those not having renewed their AMA membership shall be denied flying privileges at Club operated flying sites until such time as evidence is presented to a Club officer or board member. Those members not

submitting a completed signed application shall not receive a Club membership card or be placed on the active Club membership roster.

ARTICLE IV - WEB SITES

Section 1. The official Club web site is <http://www.rcpropbusters.com>.

Section 2. All RC Propbusters related sites should be linked to the official web site.

ARTICLE V - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. There shall be no initiation fee.

Section 2. Yearly annual dues shall be payable in advance, on or before the February meeting. The amount of such dues shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors, and as approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote at a regular meeting with a quorum present.

Section 3. Failure to pay dues shall result in suspension of all Club privileges and benefits and automatic termination of membership.

Section 4. Junior members as defined in Article III, Section 4 above, shall not be required to pay dues until the February meeting following the attainment of nineteen (19) years of age.

Section 5. By vote of the members, at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, with members advised of said meeting via e-mail, a special assessment can be voted against each Club member, payable in such amounts and at such time as voted. This shall also apply to new members. The Secretary shall notify each member in writing of such vote and action.

Section 6. Failure to pay assessments when due, shall result in the suspension of all Club privileges and benefits, and the automatic termination of membership.

Section 8. Newsletter Editor and Webmaster are given free membership for exchange of services rendered.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Agent, Field Marshall, Safety Officer, and Newsletter Editor. Either the Field Marshall or Safety Officer may perform the duties of Field Marshall and Safety Officer if only one officer is present at an event or at a Club flying field. Because of the Secretary's workload, an Assistant Secretary shall also be elected.

Section 2. Terms of office shall be one year.

Section 3. The officers shall perform the duties customary to their office and in particular as follows:

President: Presides at Club and Board of Directors meetings, ex-officio member of all committees. Acts as spokesman for the Club in all matters. May delegate other members of the Club to act as spokesman for the Club if deemed necessary. Acts in temporary emergencies when Club or Board of Directors action is not feasible.

Vice-President: Assumes the duties of President in his absence. Assist and represents the president at committee meetings etc., as requested by the President.

Secretary: Keeps a correct record of business proceedings, official membership list, list of committees, copy of By-Laws, conducts correspondence, keeps corporate books and minutes, has charge of corporate seal, maintains AMA charter & insurance, etc.

Treasurer: Custodian of funds, collects all monies, pay all bills, gives financial report at regular Board of Directors and Club meetings, prepares written financial report at end of annual terms of office.

Financial Agent: Duties limited to stand-by authorized officer who can make approved deposits or withdrawals of Club funds into or from banks or other depositories, for savings or checking accounts.

Only the treasurer and financial agent shall have authority to make deposits into or authorized withdrawals of Club funds from banks or other depositories.

Safety Officer: Shall have a committee of assistants. Maintains safe flying at the club flying site(s). He may inspect or have a qualified person inspect aircraft when new (never flown), repaired after a crash or suspected (because of erratic flight characteristics) of being unsafe. Any persistent flying of unsafe aircraft shall be reported to a club officer who will report any serious or repeated infractions to the Board of Directors for appropriate action as per Article XI of these by-laws. He shall enforce the AMA safety code and conduct safety classes at Club meetings as required.

Field Marshall: Supervises field layout, parking, flight line, frequency control, and the general flying area. Handles Public Relations for the club with new people and the general surrounding community, has familiarity with local medical and emergency facilities, supervises field maintenance, and handles disruptive individuals. Presents issues and requirements to the Club at open meetings on problems. Should have personal knowledge of public officials to contact if needed (if field is a public property) to handle problems.

Newsletter Editor: Writes, prints and mails the monthly newsletter. The editor will print pertinent input from the membership as received for inclusion in the newsletter.

Section 4. Except for minor disbursements of **up to \$250 for** eg. fuel, maintainance, parts, postage, and stationary required to conduct the business of the Club, no officer, or committee member of the Club shall at any time have the authority to incur any liability or commitment of, against, or on behalf of the Club, unless authorized by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the membership at a meeting with a quorum present.

Section 5. All elected officers and directors shall be expected to attend at least six (6) meetings per year.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Safety Officer, Newsletter Editor, and four (4) elected directors, for a total of eleven members.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Club and shall manage the activities, property and affairs of the Corporation as limited and directed from time to time by meetings by the general membership.

Section 3. Directors shall first be elected by the Club membership at the organizational meetings and thereafter at each annual meeting. At the first election of Directors, two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. At annual meetings thereafter, new Directors shall be elected to fill terms expiring in that particular year.

Section 4. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held the third Tuesday of each month per the following schedule.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting time</u>
Oct. thru March	7:00PM

April thru Sept.	8:00PM
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The schedule for the season and selection of committees to handle various events should be set up at the 7:00PM meetings. The committee chairperson for each event may call special meetings as required.

If a special circumstance requires that the meetings be held on a different night as voted by simple majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting this change can be made. After the period of special circumstances is over the meeting shall revert to the third Tuesday as specified above. Special meetings may be called

by the board of Directors as deemed necessary, and shall be called by the Board of Directors upon receipt of a petition signed by at least ten (10) members of the Club.

Section 2. Notice of the place, date, hour, general purpose and any specific issues of all special meetings of the members shall be (E)mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks previous to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. A quorum or number of members required to be present before business can be conducted shall consist of ten (10) members plus two (2) officers.

Section 4. A quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the average active membership present at the last twelve (12) meetings is required to transact the following business:

- (a) Amendment to the Certificate of incorporation or By-Laws.
- (b) Election of officers.

Section 5. Meetings shall be conducted using Roberts Rules of Order as a guide.

Section 6. The order of business of meetings of the members shall be as follows:

- (a) Call the meeting to order.
- (b) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- (c) Communications and bills.
- (d) Report of financial standing.
- (e) Report of committees.
- (f) Unfinished business.
- (g) New business.
- (h) Good and welfare of the Club.
- (i) Present new members and induct them into the Club.
- (j) Award Model of the Month
- (k) Adjournment

ARTICLE IX - VACANCIES

Section 1. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a vote of the Club at a regular or special meeting and the person elected shall serve until the end of the term for which the predecessor was elected.

Section 2. If a Director member of the Board of Directors is elected to fill a term of an officer, they must relinquish their directorship and their un-served term shall be filled as in Article VIII, Section 4.

ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT

Section 1. All members and officers shall perform their duties and obligations in a responsible, competent and reliable manner.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may recommend to a membership meeting that a member be expelled and their membership terminated for unsatisfactory conduct. The membership by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote at a membership meeting with quorum present may expel a member and terminate their membership. No such vote shall be valid, however, unless the member being addressed has been notified in writing by the Club Secretary of such proposed action, at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the membership meeting.

Section 3. Any officer or Director may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. No removal action shall be valid, however, unless the officer involved in such action shall have been notified in writing of such proposed action at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the membership meeting.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-Laws may be amended by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total vote cast at a meeting of the membership, provided that written notice of

the place, date hour and proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all members at least one (1) week prior to the date of the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Section 1. In the event that the RC Probusters, Inc. is disbanded and thereby no longer in existence, the assets remaining after satisfying all outstanding debts and obligations shall not be divided among those active members at the time of dissolution, but shall remain in escrow for a period not to exceed three (3) months; after such time the assets of the Club shall be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, a non-profit organization headquartered at 5161 East Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana 47302.