

Benton County Radio Control Club, Inc.
By-Laws (revised 2016)

Article 1: Name

We are the Benton County Radio Control Club Inc. of Benton County Oregon

Article 2: Purpose

To promote, conduct and encourage the participation and education of persons of all ages in the activities associated with the hobby and sport of constructing and operating model aircraft.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1 - Qualifications: Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) is mandatory for all active flying members who participate in club events and/or use the official club flying site.

Section 2 - Dues are \$50.00 per year, \$25.00 for youth and Park Flyers payable on the anniversary of membership each year per **family**. (Family members are husband, wife and any children under twelve (12) years of age living in the same household). Associate membership which is specifically designated to allow float flying but excludes voting rights and holding of officer positions, is available to members from other clubs for \$10 per year.

Resignation: Any member in good standing may resign his or her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

Termination: If any member ceases to have the qualification for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

Expulsion: An individual may be expelled from club membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if, in the officers determination, such individual willfully commits an act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these By-laws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

Reinstatement: A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the Club.

- Membership is open to any person interested in radio control modeling

Section 3 - Members shall be eligible to hold office and vote. All matters requiring a vote will be decided by a majority vote of the members present at that particular meeting.

Article 4: Officers

Section 1 - Officers of this club are President, Vice- President, Secretary/ Treasurer, and Safety Officer.

Section 2 - Officers will be nominated with the individual's consent and elected by a majority vote of the members present at the official meeting each January.

Section 3 - Any officer that is unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties of that office will be replaced at the next regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

Section 4 - The President will:

- A. Preside at all meetings and regular club sessions
- B. Represent the club at meetings with other organizations.
- C. Represent the club in contacts with local governments.

Section 5 - The Vice-President will:

- A. Participate in a committee to plan and run club events.
- B. Assume the duties of the President in the President's absence.

Section 6 - The Secretary/ Treasurer will:

- A. Maintain a current membership roster.
- B. Collect all dues and assessments.
- C. Be in charge of all funds, keeping a record of all receipts and disbursements.

Article 5: Board of Directors

Section 1 - A three-person Board of Directors shall be established to comply with Oregon law. The board will serve no other purpose except to comply with that law. The current board members are: Jim Trump, Keith Ellis, and Tom Leach

Section 2 - Any member of the board may be replaced upon termination as a club member or by a majority vote of members present at a meeting.

Article 6 : Meetings

Section 1 - One (1) official meeting will be held each year in January. Minutes of that meeting will be kept as required by law by the Secretary/ Treasurer

Section 2 - An un-official meeting will be held once each month.

Section 3 - Special meetings may be called by the President or, upon request by a majority of the members.

Section 4 - The business portion of a meeting will be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 5 - Any person unduly disrupting a meeting by conduct or by insistence on minor points of procedure by be asked to leave by the President or by a majority vote of the members present. "Unduly disrupting" may be in the opinion of the President or two (2) or more of the members present.

Article 7: **Fun Flies**

Section 1 - Fun Flies may be originated by one volunteer, who may seek the aid of others, and who will designate events and rules to benefit all members, regardless of skill or experience.

Section 2 - The value of prizes will be at least \$50.00 cost to the club per event, but may not exceed \$250.00 without a club vote to authorize a higher amount.

Section 3 - Entry fees, if any, will be determined by a vote of the members present.

Article 8: **Rules and Regulations**

Section 1 - Compliance with the Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code is the responsibility of **ALL** members when operating model aircraft at any flying site.

Section 2 - Each transmitter must display a frequency I.D. **except for spread spectrum transmitters.**

Section 3 - Any flight over the flight line, pit area, spectator area, or parking areas is prohibited.

Section 4 - Operation of radio transmitters controlling model aircraft while under the influence of drugs or intoxicating liquor is prohibited.

Section 5 - Appropriate mufflers are required on all model aircraft engines operated at the official club flying site to reduce the noise levels below a point that will not jeopardize the continued use of the flying site. Specific noise levels may be enforced by Fun Fly contest directors if approved by a majority vote of members present at a meeting.

Section 6 - Violations of this article are to be brought before the membership at the next meeting or session. Appropriate action will be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

Article 9: **Changes and Amendments**

Section 1 - Proposed changes are to be published in the club newsletter prior to the December session and introduced as motions at that session for discussion and revised or withdrawn by the person introducing them.

Section 2 - Revised motions will be published in the January newsletter and accepted or rejected by a vote of the members present at the January meeting.

Section 3 - Changes to these By-Laws can be made anytime by serving notice of proposed amendments to all members and receiving a majority response in favor.

Article 10: **Grievance Procedure (Flight & Safety Rules)**

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned in to the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety Officer and/or Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

Section 1 - Grievance Form will be filled out and turned in to Safety Officer. At least one witness is required.

Section 2 - First Violation

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Officer and this will be recorded in the Club records.

Section 3 - Second Violation

Complainants name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer. If the Safety Officer so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be

suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

Section 4 - Third Violation

Safety Officer will notify the accused in writing and the Club membership via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time.

Section 5 - The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two year period.

Section 6 - Any member receiving a grievance who directs any retaliation action against the person filing the said grievance will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club officers.