



THE WEAK SIGNAL February 2018

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No new article, here are the dates from last month

May 12th-13th

June 10th

June 24th

July 1st

July 8th

July 20th-22nd

July 29th

August 4th-5th

August 12th

August 23rd-26th

OPEN SAILPLANE

ALES #1

Oldtimer #1

Pylon #1

Sailplane #1

Scale Classic

Oldtimer #2

Open Pattern

Sailplane #2

AJ FLY IN

(New Name Pending suggestions are welcome!)

September 9th

September 16th

September 30th

Club Picnic

Pylon #2

ALES #2

Your President

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By law Changes

Current Bylaw

ARTICLE VIII - BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be altered, or amended at any regular meeting of the organization, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, written notice containing the subject matter having been given to the members at least 30 days in advance. (4/14/1977)

After a new or existing By-Law is passed or changed within the above requirements, written notice must appear in the club news within 60 days of its acceptance and a yearly update of all By-Laws will be distributed at the Expo work party. (11/12/1998)

Proposed Bylaw Change

ARTICLE VIII - BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be altered or amended by performing the following steps:

1. The club member/sponsor must draft the bylaw and determine which Article/Section will be affected by this submission.
2. The bylaw must be submitted to the board of trustees for review and dialogue. The board is not to judge the bylaw but to give guidance on its content. The board is not to prescreen the bylaw. Passing of the bylaw is the responsibility of the club members.
3. The current bylaw and proposed change must then be submitted in writing to the Newsletter Editor for distribution to the membership.
4. The proposed change must appear in the next club newsletter distributed to members at least 21 or more days before the change can be voted on.
5. The club member/sponsor must present the proposed change to the membership at the first meeting following the 21 day period by seeking a motion and a second to accept said change.
6. If the proposed change has received a motion and second from the floor, discussion should follow to discuss the merits of the change. A vote of acceptance will be by two-thirds of the eligible voting members present providing a quorum has been met. If the club member/sponsor fails to obtain a motion and a second to accept the proposed change, the motion fails and will be withdrawn.
7. After a new or existing bylaw is passed or changed within the above requirements, written notice must appear in the club newsletter within 60 days of its acceptance. The most current version of the club bylaws will be available to members thru the club website.

Proposed Bylaw Change #2

Weak Signals Proposed By-Law change to have (1) one meeting per month (12) twelve months per year. This will affect many sections of the By-Laws so those will be addressed and explained as they are affected.

Article III – Membership Section 1 B

Now reads; The prospective member must attend three meetings within a six month period. At the next meeting attended by the prospective, the membership of the prospective member is voted on.

New proposed reading; The prospective member must attend two meetings within a six month period and at the second meeting attended the prospective member is voted on. (Everything else in “B” remain)

F. Now reads; Comply with the regulations of Federal Communications Commission.

New proposed change; Delete F

Section 3 "D"

Now reads; If it becomes necessary for a member to miss attending any six consecutive meeting, he or she must submit a letter requesting excuse for not attending said meetings along with the reasons. The letter must be received by the membership secretary before the the six meeting period expires. The board of trustees has the authority to drop any person from the membership who does not comply with this rule.

New proposed change; If it becomes necessary for a member to miss attending at least four meetings a year, he or she must submit a letter requesting excuse for not attending said meetings along with the reasons. The letter must be received by the membership secretary before the fourth meeting period expires. The board of trustees has the authority to drop any person from the membership who does not comply with this rule.

Article VI – Meetings Section 1

Now reads; Regular meetings of the organization shall be held twice a month at such places and dates as established by the board. The first meeting of the month shall be the meeting in which all business will be conducted, and the second meeting will be the activites meeting. Special meetings may be called as necessary by the board.

New proposed reading; Regular meetings of the organization shall be held once a month at such places and dates as established by the board. Special meetings may be called as necessary by the board.

Explanation for all proposed changes;

Article III Section 1 B

This would need to be changed because anyone who would want to join the club would not want to wait the summer before becoming a member. I.E. someone signs up in June then it would be September before they could be a member. With two meetings in a row it would be about 45 days to become a member. Pretty fair time to get to know the club and it's rules.

F) Well that's just stupid and nobody does that anymore. Time for it to go while we have the chance.

Section 3 "D" This is about members missing 6 meetings in a row. Well if we go to one meeting a month then this needs to change. I suggested everyone needs to attend at least four meetings with one of those being expo work meeting and the others your choice. If you can't attend at least four meetings a year then how interested are you in being a member of the club. Jmo

Article VI Meetings; To save money and get the club to one meeting a month. The club could still have the raffle and we could still have show and tell. And if Scott had someone that wanted to do a topic on something the officers could shorten their reports and still make time for a talk.

Respectfully submitted by; Tom Kroggel

Proposed By-Laws Document restructure

At the end of the electronic newsletter is a proposed bylaw document which represents an effort by the bylaw review committee to reorganize and restructure the document to improve its readability and quality. Article numbers and titles have not been changed. Sections have been given titles and may have been combined. Individual bylaws have not been changed. However several bylaws have been moved to a more appropriate section. Please compare this proposed document to the current bylaws posted on the club web site. This new document will be available at the next meeting for the members receiving the newsletter by traditional mail.

Expo Cameraman Needed

At the Expo, I need a cameraman volunteer for Saturday evening, during judging, to take a photo of first, second, and third place models as the judges finish each category. I provide the camera and some simple instructions. You will shoot the photos of a class or two, bring the camera to the stage where I download the photos and print them for the trophies. You will be needed from 5:00 pm to about 9:30 pm. rick@soaringsoftware.com and cell 419-699-2242.

Rick Lederman

2018 Expo Door Security

The 2018 Expo at Seagate Centre will be April 6,7, and 8. All Regular, Associate and Prospective members are required to work at the Expo. Newer members, if you have not requested or been assigned to be on any other committee detail, you will be required to work on door security.

Please let me know as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2018. The earlier you notify me of your preferred dates and times, the better chance you have of getting your request.

NOTE: Even if you always request (and usually get) the same work schedule as previous years, I still want to know.

I would prefer if you would email your information.

The information I need is the times that you are available to work and the times that you cannot work. Everyone will be working four shifts. If you have any special request or preference let me know and I will try to honor your request. If you do ask for a special request **I will also need other options if I cannot fill your first preference.** Also, let me know if you want the same schedule that you had last year. Please realize I will do my best to give everyone the shifts they want but it is not always possible, and I will try to come as close as I can, that is why I need the total times you are available to work. Please do not request all back to back shifts if possible. This makes it harder to accommodate other members requests.

Thank you, Life Members who so generously volunteer to work, with me.

The following will be the 2018 shift schedule. It is the same as last year.

Friday - April 6th 6:30 AM to 8:45 AM 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM 11:00 AM to 1:15 PM 1:15 PM to 3:30 PM 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM (close)	Saturday – April 7th 6:30 AM to 8:45 AM 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM 11:00 AM to 1:15 PM 1:15 PM to 3:30 PM 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM (close)	Sunday - April 8th 6:30 AM to 8:45 AM 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM 11:00 AM to 1:15 PM 1:15 PM to 3:30 PM (close)
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You can email, mail or call with your information. My email is mikevff@hotmail.com, address is 1220 Eleanor Ave., Toledo, OH 43612, and phone is (419) 478-5788. My preference is email, please. Emailing me will insure that I have your correct email address. I will email the schedule to you about two weeks prior to the Expo.

2018 THURSDAY EXPO EXHIBITOR SET UP

It really saves the club money on hired door guards if club members volunteer for door security for the Thursday Exhibitor Set Up. The date for the exhibitor set up is Thursday, April 5th. The set-up time is from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Friday, Saturday and Sunday door guards cannot shift to Thursday. There are not enough members working door security on Fri., Sat. and Sun. to allow any shifting to Thursday. What is needed are members willing to work extra on Thursday to save the club money, so we do not need to have Rent-A-Guards. The hours worked on Thursday will not replace the hours you are needed at your regular weekend assignment. This door security is simpler than the weekend assignments since there are no tickets or hand stamps, only Exhibitors and club members. I have two shifts; 7:45 AM to 2:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 8:15 PM. There will be relief for lunch and breaks. Chairs will also be provided at each door. Thursday parking details will be available as they become available.

Replacing the Rent-A-Guards will only work if we can have enough members to work all day. I will need members for both shifts or we will still need Rent-A-Guards, which defeats the purpose. If I can get 28 members to work on Thursday, then there can be two guards at each door and the two guards can relieve each other as necessary.

Volunteering for Thursday is open to all regular, associate, perspective and life members. Even if you have assignments for Friday, Saturday or Sunday **you are still welcome to volunteer to work on Thursday**. I will need to know if you can help on Thursday by March 1, 2018.

This above-and-beyond volunteering for Thursdays has been greatly appreciated. One of the reasons we have such a wonderful Club and flying field is members like you. Thank you so much!

Let's continue to work together to make this a great show!

Mike Vorbau, Expo Security Chairman

Club History

R/C Homewreckers

Calendar

Check out the club calendar for updates!

<https://sites.google.com/site/toledoweaksignals/calendar>

Thu Feb 8
Club Meeting

Thu Feb 22
Club Meeting (Swap Shop)

Thu Mar 8
Club Meeting

Thu Mar 22
Club Meeting (Model Show)

Wed Apr 4
Expo Work Night

Fri Apr 6
Expo

Sat Apr 7
Expo

Sat Apr 8
Expo

Thu Apr 26
Club Meeting

INDOOR WINTER FLYING

"NEW FLYING FACILITY"

[Soccer Centre Dome](#)
[9300 Bass Pro Blvd.](#)
[Rossford, OH 43402](#)

(Just East of Bass Pro Shop)



The dome is 230' x 400' x 75' height
Large area for 3D and separate areas for quads and FPV

Flying **TWO** times each week **EVERY** week to fit your schedule

Tuesday Night 8:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Friday Afternoon 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Dec, 5, 12, 19, 26
Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27
Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- \$15.00 per Session
- Pilots 10 years and under free w/adult
- Spectators Free
- All aircraft (any kind) must weigh under 16oz. w/battery.
- No quads with blades over 8"
- Helicopters no larger than micro "250" size

Dress warm because the temperature in the dome stays about 60 degrees.

Please bring a folding chair. Tables will be provided.

We will have our AFA event during the Weak Signals Expo on Friday and Saturday night April 6th & 7th from 6:30 to 11:00 PM both nights and that event is FREE!!! Live DJ and lots and lots of prizes and fun events.

For pictures of the dome and flying area <http://www.maumesoccercentre.com/>

Weak Signals R/C Club Inc.

Bylaws **Proposal**



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Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be "WEAK SIGNALS R/C CLUB, INC."

Article II Purpose and Powers

To further by all proper means, the promotion, construction and operation of radio controlled model aircraft and other similar devices, and the giving and conducting of meetings for instruction, demonstration, competition and entertainment.

Article III Membership

Section 1, Perspective Membership

Any person interested in the purposes of the organization may become a member upon fulfilling the following:

- A. To become a member of the Weak Signals R/C Club, the interested person must attend a club meeting and introduce themselves to the membership secretary. The interested person must show proof of current AMA membership (proof of AMA membership may be proven by AMA card, electronic receipt or email from the AMA) to the membership secretary. The membership secretary shall place the interested person's name on the Prospective list. (10/14/2010)
- B. (08/14/2014) The Prospective member must attend three meetings within a six month period. At the next meeting attended by the Prospective, the membership of the Prospective member is voted on. The voting process for accepting a Prospective member into the Weak Signal's R/C Club shall be by secret ballot. (4/14/1977). If a vote of acceptance is given by the club membership, the Prospective member's status will be changed to a Regular member, providing they have met the flying requirements of paragraph C, or an Associate member if they have not. If one-third (1/3) of the members attending the meeting vote "no" to a

Perspective's acceptance into the Weak Signal's R/C Club, the Prospective member will not be accepted into the club and his or her name will be removed from the Prospective member list. Any fractional portion of the one-third (1/3) will be rounded off to the next lower number. (4/14/1977) Prospective members will be notified of the voting results by mail. (4/14/1977) Prospective members, dropped for any reason, may not re-apply until after a six month waiting period. (11/12/1992)

C. Payment of a ten dollar initiation fee. (4/9/1970)

D. Prospective members are to be furnished a copy of the official field rules. (8/28/1975) Prospective and Associate members must be accompanied and monitored by a Regular or Life member while flying any aircraft.

Section 2, Associate Membership

A. An Associate member may become a Regular member by demonstrating their ability to fly a radio controlled aircraft in a safe manner for flight qualifications. (10/14/2010)

B. A Prospective or Associate member must arrange a meeting at the Weak Signal's flying field with any two Regular or Life Members and prove to their satisfaction that he or she is capable of unsupervised flying by operating a radio controlled model aircraft. The qualification flight test is: "take off", followed by a "procedure turn", another "procedure turn", and a "controlled landing" in the designated landing area. Crashes or uncontrolled landings are not to be accepted for qualification purposes. A Prospective or Associate member must demonstrate complete control to gain the privilege of unsupervised flying. (1/12/1989)(10/14/2010) It will be the obligation of the qualifiers to report the Prospective/Associate's name to the Club Membership Secretary along with the type of aircraft flown, and the qualification date. A Prospective/Associate who qualifies with a sailplane is not allowed to fly powered aircraft unsupervised until qualifying with the same. (4/14/1977)

C. Prospective members are to be furnished a copy of the official field rules. (8/28/1975) Prospective and Associate members must be accompanied and monitored by a Regular or Life member while flying any aircraft.

D. A vote is not required to change status (from Associate to Regular). (10/14/2010)

E. Only Regular members can apply.

F. Must attend the Expo work meeting and work at the Expo. This requirement can be waived only by written application to and approval of the Trustees.

G. Must attend a minimum of two meetings per year, one being the EXPO work meeting.

H. May be a member of any committee.

I. May not introduce motions and does not have voting rights. An Associate Members may not possess any keys to club property. An Associate Member must be accompanied and monitored by a Regular or Life Member while flying any aircraft.

J. May not hold elected office.

K. May attend the Awards Banquet at his/her own expense.

L. May work or fly at any contest, be compensated for working, but will not be awarded competition prizes at club contests. (02/10/11)

M. Any Associate member, who has demonstrated their ability to fly unsupervised, may apply for Regular membership by:

1. A request in writing to the Membership Secretary.

2. A vote by the membership is not required to change status. (10/14/2010)

Section 3, Regular Membership

- A. The privilege of holding office, introducing motions and voting, shall be limited to Regular and Life Members only.
- B. Any Regular member may become an Associate member on request, by writing to the Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary will acknowledge the request and change the member's status.

Section 4, Life Membership

Definition: A Life member is a Regular member who through many years of membership, has contributed to the club above and beyond the considered normal member requirement. Life Membership is not to be considered a retirement program. To be chosen a Life member by your Trustees is to be considered the highest honor that can be bestowed upon you by the Weak Signals R/C Club, Inc.

Requirements: To become a Life member, the following criteria must be met:

- A. Must be a Regular member in good standing.
- B. Must maintain the AMA requirements of a Regular member.
- C. Must have been in the club for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- D. Any member in good standing may recommend a candidate to become a Life member to the Board of Trustees. This recommendation must be submitted in writing describing the candidate's qualifications. All recommendations must be submitted to the Board of Trustees no later than August 31st of the calendar year.
- E. There will be chosen by the Board of Trustees each year, from zero (0) to two (2) Life members. The selection of any Life members is not to be construed as mandatory. The Board of Trustees may choose at its discretion to reject a submitted Life member recommendation and/or at its discretion, may elect to choose their own candidate(s) for Life membership. This selection will be by vote of the Board of Trustees and a simple majority will elect the new Life member (s).
- F. The Board of Trustees have the responsibility to not disclose the name(s) of the chosen candidate (s) for Life membership to anyone other than the Banquet Chairman.
- G. The Life member receives the following privileges, benefits and awards:
 - 1. The chosen Life member(s) will receive an appropriately engraved plaque and club jacket. These items will be awarded at the annual club banquet or awards meeting. The candidate (s) qualifications will be presented at this time.
 - 2. He/She has all the privileges of a Regular member.
 - 3. He/She does not have any meeting attendance requirements.
 - 4. He/She does not have any Expo requirements.
 - 5. (removed 2/10/11)

Section 5, General Membership

- A. Comply with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. (1/12/1989)
- B. All members must provide proof of current AMA membership to the club Membership Secretary by January 1st of each year. Possession of a current AMA membership card, electronic receipt or email from the AMA will be the only acceptable proof of membership. (10/14/2010) Failure to comply with this rule will result in removal from the membership NOTE: Any member dropped for failing to comply with this rule may appeal to the Board of Trustees who has the authority to suspend the penalty if the circumstances are deemed reasonable. (1/12/1989)

- C. With the exception of Life members, all members are required to attend the Expo work meeting and work the Expo each year. Requests for excuse must be submitted to the Trustees, in writing, prior to the Expo. The Trustees have full authority for approval or disapproval. The Trustees have authority to drop any person from the membership for not complying with this rule. (7/12/1990)
- D. With the exception of Life Members, all members are required to fly in at least one club contest per year or pass a basic flight test at the Weak Signals field as witnessed by two Regular or Life members before the end of the last club contest of each year. Those failing to do so automatically become Associate members. (11/12/1998)
- E. If it becomes necessary for a member to miss attending any six consecutive meetings, he or she must submit a letter requesting excuse for not attending said meetings along with the reasons. The letter must be received by the Membership Secretary before the six meeting period expires. The Board of Trustees has the authority to drop any person from the membership who does not comply with this rule. (11/08/1979)
- F. A member may obtain an extended leave-of-absence from the organization and not lose their current membership status (long illness, military obligation) providing he or she submits a formal request, in writing, to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees are then obligated to submit a proposal to the general membership for acceptance or rejection by vote. If approved, the member will retain his or her membership on an inactive basis. When the member no longer requires the extended leave-of-absence, the member may return to their previous membership status by notifying the Membership Secretary by letter or email. (5/22/1975)(7-13-2000) (10/14/2010)
- G. Newsletters will be available through the club web site and will be mailed to members by request. (10/14/2010)

Section 6, Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion and Reinstatement

- A. Resignation, Termination, Disciplinary Action, Expulsion and Reinstatement of Membership
 1. Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.
 2. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.
 3. Any unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Trustees, becomes the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. Any individual may be expelled from membership of the club by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Trustees if, in the Board of Trustees determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.
 4. Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Trustees. (Exception: See number 6 below)
 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.
 6. Any person expelled from the club may appeal the Trustee's decision by requesting a vote of the general membership. This appeal must be by letter containing the full reasons for the appeal vote and must be submitted to the Club President and the Board of Trustee's no later than 30 days from the expulsion date. A voting ballot will be mailed to all Regular and Life Members by the club

Secretary. The ballot notice shall have a return date clearly specified which is not to exceed 60 days from the date the appeal was received by the Board of Trustees's. All ballot notices not returned by the specified date shall be counted as a vote supporting the Board of Trustees's action.

- B. Any member who resigns from the organization by letter will be considered "in good standing". If he or she wishes to rejoin the organization at a later date, they are not required to pay the initiation fee. (11/26/1975) This person also may be reinstated in the club if their last status (Regular member or Associate member) by presenting proof of current AMA membership to the club membership secretary along with a formal request for reinstatement to the Board for its approval which can all be accomplished in person or via email.(08/14/2014)

Article IV Board of Trustees

Section 1, Known as the Board

There shall be a Board of Trustees, also known as the "Board", consisting of the officers of the organization and two Trustees-At-Large.

Section 2, Official Title

The official title of the Board shall be, "The Trustees of the Weak Signals R/C Club, Inc."

Section 3, Authorities and Duties

The Trustees shall have the following authorities and duties:

- A. Transact all business between meetings of the organization, and any other business referred to them by the organization.
- B. Create and approve the plan of work of all committees.
- C. Present reports at all meetings of the organization.
- D. Approve routine expenses.
- E. The Trustees will review on an annual basis, what portion of the Exposition assets will be used for capital improvements and other routine expenses, and will submit a budget proposal to the membership for approval. (4/14/1977)
- F. As long as the club realizes a yearly income from the Exposition, the Board of Trustees shall submit a proposed budget to the membership that includes money added to savings or investment funds as determined by the current Board of Officers. This yearly savings shall be a minimum of 10 percent of the money received from the Exposition. This fund(s) cannot be drawn on unless approved by two-thirds of the membership. The notice of vote shall be mailed or e-mailed to all Regular and Life members by the club Secretary. This ballot notice shall have a vote date clearly specified and a minimum of 30 days in advance. Written ballot votes must be returned by the specified date and signed by the voting member. During years when a large debt, as determined by the Trustees and approved by the membership, is being paid off, this annual savings requirement may be waived. (7/9/1992)(5/24/1998) (9/08/11)
(The purpose of this by law is to start saving excess Expo profits for the purpose of possibly buying real estate assets or let it build to a level high enough so that the interest earned can support the club expenses in the event our present income sources cease to exist.)
- G. (eliminated 9/08/11 .. redundant with item F above)

Section 4, Board Meetings

The trustees shall meet at the call of the President or three members of the Board.

Section 5, Board Voting

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present, a majority of the Trustees may decide any questions coming before a meeting of the Board.

Article V Officers

Section 1, Corporate Structure

The officers of the organization shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and two Trustees-At-Large. (6/8/1978)

Section 2, Trustees at Large

- A. Trustees-At-Large having served two consecutive terms, shall be eligible for re-election as Trustees-At-Large after an interval of one year.
- B. Trustees-at-Large shall hold office until their successors are elected and assume office.
- C. Two Trustees-at-Large of the Organization.

Section 3, President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and perform such duties that usually pertain to that office. The President shall be a member “ex-officio” of all committees.

Section 4, Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in case of his/her disability, and secede to the office of President in the event of vacancy in that office, holding office until a special election by the membership fills the vacancy. The Vice President shall be responsible for all club property during the term of his/her office. (10/10/1974)

Section 5, Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall record all proceedings of the membership and Board, and perform other duties as from time to time may be required of him/her.

Section 6, Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary shall maintain a ledger containing all pertinent membership information. (1/12/1989)

Section 7, Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate account of all monies belonging to the organization, pay them out when duly authorized, and present a written statement of receipts and disbursements to the organization at the first regular monthly meeting. (9/11/1975)(5/14/1987) (1/12/1989)

Section 8, Board Elections

Elections will be held during the second meeting in September, with the procedure being separate elections for each office, starting with President. Officers will be inducted at the regular fall banquet or the last November meeting.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1, Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the organization shall be held twice a month at such places and dates as established by the Board. (9/09/1976) The first meeting of the month shall be the meeting in which all business will be conducted, and the second meeting will be the activities meeting. (9/27/1973) Special meetings may be called as necessary by the Board.

Section 2, Membership Voting Quorum

Meeting business may be conducted if there is a quorum of 34 voting members present. (1/10/2008)

Article VII Committees

Section 1, General Committees

- A. Subject to approval of the Board, the President shall appoint any other committees deemed necessary from time to time to further the business of the organization.
- B. All committees of the organization shall meet at the call of their Chairmen.

Section 2, Board Election Committee

The President shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three members, subject to approval of the Board. The Chairman of said committee shall be named by the President. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the organization at the second August meeting, a slate of qualified persons for the following:

- A. Officers of the organization. There must be a minimum of two persons nominated for President. (1/12/1989)

Article VIII Bylaw Amendments

The bylaws may be altered, or amended at any regular meeting of the organization, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, written notice containing the subject matter having been given to the members at least 30 days in advance. (4/14/1977)

After a new or existing bylaw is passed or changed within the above requirements, written notice must appear in the club news within 60 days of its acceptance and a yearly update of all bylaws will be distributed at the Expo work party. (11/12/1998)

Article IX Parliamentary Authority

Parliamentary authority, "Roberts Rules of Order", shall govern all meetings of the organization.

Article X Asset Disbursement

(1/9/03)

- A. The club may be dissolved with the approval of a three-quarters (3/4)-majority vote of the voting membership.
- B. Upon the dissolution of the club, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the club, dispose of all the assets of the club exclusively for the purposes of the club in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this club, as the Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the county in which the principal office of this club is then located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article XI Official Field Rules

Section 1, Operation

The operation of radio controlled devices is limited to club members, their guests, and Prospectives, providing they possess a current AMA membership, and FCC license if operating on a ham band. All others must comply with current AMA guidelines. Until they have met the flying qualifications, Prospective members, and guests, must be observed and accompanied by another club member while flying any aircraft.

(4/14/1977)(1/12/1989)(5/11/1995)(8/13/1998)

Section 2, Flight Boundaries

No operator will fly a sound producing aircraft beyond the southern boundary of the LaSalle field. (1/22/1981) Sailplanes and Old Timer models are exempt providing the Old Timer engines are stopped before the model reaches the club field Southern boundary. (8/12/1999)

Section 3, Operating hours

No powered aircraft will be operated at the LaSalle field on Mondays except on Holidays as noted below. (10/8/15) No sound producing aircraft (electric or internal combustion) will be operated at the LaSalle field before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Operating hours for Sunday and Holiday Mondays are 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This rule also applies to bench running or testing electric or internal combustion motors or engines. Non sound producing aircraft, which includes sailplanes are unrestricted. (8/12/99) In the event that a contest would necessitate flying later than 6:30 p.m. on a Sunday or Holiday Monday, the decision to continue for a reasonable period of time may be made by agreement among three officers of the club. Holidays that apply to the above rule are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Christmas Day. (6/10/1982)(1/12/1989)

Section 4, Field Maintenance

- A. Special flying precautions should be observed whenever the field is being mowed to ensure the safety of the mower operator. The mower operator has the authority to designate any area as "No Flying Permitted" until his operation is completed. (1/12/1989)(6/10/1982)
- B. The field must be kept clean at all times by disposing of trash, broken airplanes and personal refuse in the containers provided. (1/10/1974)

Section 5, Frequencies

- A. For all frequencies except 2.4 GHz, before turning on a transmitter, the proper frequency pin must be in the operator's possession. After removing the frequency pin from the frequency board, the operator must insert their current AMA card in the slot behind the frequency number being used so the next operator knows who has the frequency pin. Also, only one frequency pin at a time, per operator.
- B. For 2.4 GHz, the operator must insert their current AMA card in the slot behind the frequency number being used. A frequency pin is not required to be in the possession of the operator. (1/12/1989) (1/22/1981) (8/13/1998) (11/08/2001)(11/08/2012)
- C. Any member, Prospective member or guest, who shoots down another, is responsible for the replacement or repair of damaged equipment. (6/10/1982)

Section 6, Flight Line

- A. Absolutely no low flying over the flight line, pit area, spectator area, clubhouse or parking lot. This rule includes all aircraft types. (4/27/1972)(8/13/1998)
- B. The pilot station will be on the south edge of the flight line. (3/27/2008)
- C. The powered flight line should run from the southern edge of the runway and be angled then from the southwestern edge to the northern edge of the driveway and from the southeastern corner and parallel to the creek. This line will then run around the world to the other edge of the flight line. (3/27/2008)

Section 7, Wind Direction

When the wind shifts causing the flyers to change their landing pattern, all flyers must make an immediate effort to move themselves, and their equipment to a safe area on the field, which is usually the windward side. If the wind is changing between two or more directions, choose the best location, but move to a safe area.

Section 8, Safety

- A. There will be no running of fuel engines in the clubhouse or under the pilot shelter. (3/27/2008)
- B. Breaking in of engines may be only run at the designated run up table which will be located at the eastern edge of the pilot shelter area. (3/27/2008)
- C. Engines must be completely shut down after returning from a flight and before entering the pit area. (3/27/2008)
- D. To access the runway, all pilots utilizing airspace (flying) must be informed of your intentions to:
 - Retrieve an aircraft.
 - Launch an aircraft. (4/27/1972)(Note! No standing or loitering on the runway.)

Section 9, Guests & Students

Club members are responsible to make sure their guests, and students (such as training prospective members) understand and abide by all field rules. Club members will be held responsible for the actions of their guests, pets and protégés. (3/27/2008)

Section 10, Aircraft Recovery

Except where prior permission has been granted, should it become necessary to recover a downed aircraft outside the field boundary, the operator will first proceed to the home of the property owner and ask permission to retrieve the aircraft. In addition, the person asking permission is required to give their name to the person being asked. (12/10/1999) At no time will the operator trespass on private property. In addition, to assure a minimum of crop damage, only one person is allowed to enter the property when permission is granted. Golf carts or other vehicles owned by the Weak Signals are for club use only and are not permitted to be driven off club property. (10/13/2011) The following penalty shall be imposed upon any member, or Prospective member, who violates the above rules (12/24/1978)(10/13/2011)

FIRST OFFENSE: Thirty days suspension of flying at the club field during the flying season. Suspension period to begin as determined by the Board of Trustees. (12/24/1978)

SECOND OFFENSE: Twelve calendar months suspension of flying at the club field to begin immediately following the Board of Trustee's action. (12/24/1978)

THIRD OFFENSE: Termination of club membership without reinstatement. Termination notification to be made by the Board of Trustees. (12/24/1978)

Section 11, Sound

All engines over .051 cubic inches displacement must be equipped with a closed-end muffler except for the following: Unmuffled Race and Scale models, not equipped with a closed-end muffler, may be flown Tuesday through Saturday, (note: the Saturday start time may be waived for designated contests) 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m. with one exception, Formula I is not permitted on Saturday. Only one unmuffled aircraft is allowed in the air at a time. Engines run "on the ground" will be subjected to the same one-at-a-time rule with the exception of Quarter Midget type. No unmuffled Scale or Race models are allowed on Sundays and Holiday Mondays except at designated contests. (6/10/1982)(1/12/1989) Old Timer engines with Spark Ignition may be flown without mufflers. (11/8/1990)

Section 12, Field Rule Penalties

The following penalties will apply to the above rules except for Section 10:

- A. First offense for any rule infraction is no more flying for that day. (4/27/1972)
- B. Second offense for any rule infraction is no flying at the club field for 30 days which is to include at least one contest. (4/27/1972)
- C. Third offense for any rule infraction is no flying at the club field for the rest of the season. Season ends at the banquet. (4/27/1972)
- D. Any violations of the above rules are to be reported to the Board of Trustees who will review the circumstances and report any action taken against the violator. (4/27/1972)

Section 13, Outside Contests

No outside contests shall be scheduled back-to-back, (i.e. "two consecutive weekends in a row") under any circumstance.

- Weak Signals “club only” contests are not restricted. (11/8/2001)
- This field rule may be temporarily suspended if it has the potential to benefit then club financially. A motion for suspending the rule must be made, seconded, explained, and open to the floor for discussion prior to a vote during a club meeting. A 2/3 quorum vote is required to temporarily suspend the rule. Temporarily suspending this rule may only happen once per calendar year. (10/18/2017)

Section 14, Field Rule Grievance

Official Field Rules Grievance Procedure (Flight and Ground) (1/9/2003)

A. Purpose:

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 Board of Trustees for their consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the club President. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Board of Trustees shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

1. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the club President. At least one witness is required.
2. FIRST VIOLATION
 01. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 02. Complainants name will be disclosed.
 03. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Board of Trustees, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.
3. SECOND VIOLATION
 01. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 02. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees.
 03. If the Board 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.
4. THIRD VIOLATION
 01. The Trustees will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.
 02. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees).
 03. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
 04. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.
 05. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

5. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
6. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliative action against the person filing 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 Board of Trustees.

Appendix

The “Appendix” section of this document is for reference information and record keeping purposes. It is not a bylaw article and can be updated as necessary to maintain the integrity of the bylaw document.

Revisions

Date	Revision Description	Reason for Revision
??/??/2018	Document reformatting, tab stops, numbering, bullets, index, and revision sections revised or added.	Document changes made to make the document easier to read, understand, and find specific items. The revision section was added to track the history of document changes.
??/??/2018	Bylaw articles and sections reorganized or regrouped as part of a comprehensive review.	Regrouping bylaws logically organized to bring clarify bylaws.

Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2014

- A. GENERAL:** A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and any additional rules specific to the flying site.
- Model aircraft will not be flown:
 - In a careless or reckless manner.
 - At a location where model aircraft activities are prohibited.
 - Model aircraft pilots will:
 - Yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft.
 - See and avoid all aircraft and a spotter must be used when appropriate. (AMA Document #540-D.)
 - Not fly higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator.
 - Not interfere with operations and traffic patterns at any airport, heliport or seaplane base except where there is a mixed use agreement.
 - Not exceed a takeoff weight, including fuel, of 55 pounds unless in compliance with the AMA Large Model Airplane program. (AMA Document 520-A.)
 - Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.)
 - Not operate aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts except for helicopters operated under the provisions of AMA Document #555.
 - Not operate model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or while using any drug that could adversely affect the pilot's ability to safely control the model.
 - Not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices that explode or burn, or any device which propels a projectile or drops any object that creates a hazard to persons or property.
Exceptions:
 - Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight.
 - Rocket motors (using solid propellant) up to a G-series size may be used provided they remain attached to the model during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code but may not be launched from model aircraft.
 - Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Team AMA Program Document. (AMA Document #718.)
 - Not operate a turbine-powered aircraft, unless in compliance with the AMA turbine regulations. (AMA Document #510-A.)
 - Model aircraft will not be flown in AMA sanctioned events, air shows or model demonstrations unless:
 - The aircraft, control system and pilot skills have successfully demonstrated all maneuvers intended or anticipated prior to the specific event.
 - An inexperienced pilot is assisted by an experienced pilot.
 - When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.
- B. RADIO CONTROL (RC)**
- All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.
 - A successful radio equipment ground-range check in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations will be completed before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
 - At all flying sites a safety line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place. (AMA Document #706.)
 - Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
 - At air shows or demonstrations, a straight safety line must be established.
 - An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
 - Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
 - RC model aircraft must use the radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Only individuals properly licensed by the FCC are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.
 - RC model aircraft will not knowingly operate within three (3) miles of any pre-existing flying site without a frequency-management agreement. (AMA Documents #922 and #923.)
 - With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations, excluding takeoff and landing, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and the pilot's helper(s) located at the flightline.
 - Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch an outdoor model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual.
 - RC night flying requires a lighting system providing the pilot with a clear view of the model's attitude and orientation at all times. Hand-held illumination systems are inadequate for night flying operations.
 - The pilot of an RC model aircraft shall:
 - Maintain control during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
 - Fly using the assistance of a camera or First-Person View (FPV) only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #550.
 - Fly using the assistance of autopilot or stabilization system only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #560.
- C. FREE FLIGHT**
- Must be at least 100 feet downwind of spectators and automobile parking when the model aircraft is launched.
 - Launch area must be clear of all individuals except mechanics, officials, and other fliers.
 - An effective device will be used to extinguish any fuse on the model aircraft after the fuse has completed its function.
- D. CONTROL LINE**
- The complete control system (including the safety thong where applicable) must have an inspection and pull test prior to flying.
 - The pull test will be in accordance with the current Competition Regulations for the applicable model aircraft category.
 - Model aircraft not fitting a specific category shall use those pull-test requirements as indicated for Control Line Precision Aerobatics.
 - The flying area must be clear of all utility wires or poles and a model aircraft will not be flown closer than 50 feet to any above-ground electric utility lines.
 - The flying area must be clear of all nonessential participants and spectators before the engine is started.