

# Cloud Kings R/C Club

AMA Charter Club # 579



## By-Laws and Safety Rules

### **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of the club is to promote RC model aviation. We encourage our members through various activities and events throughout the year to develop and enjoy the many facets of RC modeling. To effectively serve the needs of all our members, we are committed to vigorous safety and training programs. As a society of like minded enthusiasts, we also hope to promote a bond of fellowship and camaraderie among our members.

### **2.0 By-Laws**

These by-laws may be amended or discarded only by majority vote of members at a meeting. The club president shall call this meeting after conferring with the executive committee. All changes to the by-laws will be distributed to the members in the month preceding a vote.

### **3.0 Club Government**

#### **3.1 Meetings**

Meetings will be held every other month, with the first meeting of the year held in the month of February. Date and place will be based on availability of a meeting location.

#### **3.2 Outside Agencies**

It is the responsibility of the executive committee officers to deal with any government agency or outside interest that pose a problem to the club.

#### **3.3 Officer Requirements**

Any member may be nominated for an office provided that he/she has been a club member for one (1) year and is at least eighteen (18) years of age. Social members may not hold office.

#### **3.4 Officer Nomination**

Those members who desire to serve as a club officer for the upcoming year must submit their name for nomination to the Secretary. No other method of announcing a candidacy will be permitted.

The nomination period will begin with the October meeting and continue until the December meeting. At the December meeting, after having exercised reasonable care in ensuring that all interested members have had the opportunity to place their name in nomination, the Secretary will close the nominations. No additional nominees will be accepted after the nominations are closed.

### 3.5 **Voting**

Election of officers will be by majority vote of club members present at the December meeting.

### 3.6 **Duties of Club Officers**

The duties of club officers are as follows:

**President:** The president will chair the executive committee and preside at club meetings. The president will appoint an Audit Committee of three members, not associated with the executive committee, to audit the club financial books of the previous year. The committee will be appointed at the February meeting and the audit must be completed by the April meeting.

**Vice President:** Shall assume the responsibility of the president in his/her absence.

**Treasurer:** Conducts the financial and business transactions of the club.

**Secretary:** Records club business meetings.

**Safety Officer:** Oversees the safety of all field activities

**Field Marshal:** Assists the Safety Officer

- 3.7 **Resignation** Any club officer wishing to resign his office before a full term shall submit a formal resignation in writing, thirty (30) days prior to leaving. The vacated position will be filled by appointment by the remaining club officers, and the appointed replacement will serve until the next regular election.

## **4.0 Membership**

### 4.1 **Dues**

#### **Annual Membership Fee**

Members will pay a yearly fee of \$65. Any member who has attained the age of 65 on or before the February meeting will be required to pay a membership fee of \$50. Junior members will pay a yearly fee of \$15. If a member has two (2) or more junior family members, that member will be charged a maximum fee of \$30 for all junior family members. New members joining after the February meeting will have their dues prorated. New members joining after November will have their membership dues applied to the following year. Five dollars of each member's dues will be designated for a reserve fund to be used for legal or other non-recurring club costs.

### 4.2 **Junior Members**

Junior Members are defined as those members less than eighteen (18) years of age, on the February meeting.

### 4.3 **Social Members**

The club offers social membership without flying privileges or the requirement for AMA membership to existing members who wish to continue to associate with the club and participate in non-flying club activities. Social members may not fly or hold office, but otherwise retain all member privileges. Existing members may renew as social members during the annual membership renewal for a \$50 membership fee.

#### 4.4 **New Member Process**

- No applicant will be considered for membership unless a vacancy exists on the club roster. If no vacancy exists, applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order that their applications were received.
- When a vacancy exists, the applicant will introduce himself/herself to the club at a regular club meeting, at which time the applicant will provide proof of AMA membership and will be assigned a sponsor. Probationary membership will be granted to the applicant following an affirmative vote by the membership in attendance at the meeting and payment of the required club dues.
- Full membership is granted after a probationary period of not less than 90 days, and with the recommendation of the applicant's sponsor and affirmative vote by the membership in attendance at the meeting.
- It is the duty of the sponsor to ensure that the new member learns the club and field rules and to act as a mentor and advocate for the new member.
- If a new applicant cannot make the meeting due to work schedules, this applicant will meet with members of the executive committee. The executive committee will report to the membership at the next meeting to recommend or not this applicant for membership. The prospective member will be assigned a sponsor, voted upon, and probationary membership is granted after receiving a majority vote and payment of regular club dues. The new member will be placed on 90 day probation, with the sponsor, or any member, reporting to the executive committee if the member should be cleared of probation or not after the probationary period.

#### 4.5 **Membership Renewal**

All current members should renew with the club by April first of the New Year to retain their membership in the club. Membership with the AMA must be confirmed at that time. Renewals after April first are subject to a \$15 late fee.

#### 4.6 **Returning Members**

If a regular member in good standing allows their membership to expire and later wishes to renew their membership with the club, they may do so as long as there is a vacancy in the club roster. The returning member must pay club dues for the full year regardless of when they re-join, but will not be subject to the new member process.

#### 4.7 **Membership Limit**

Club membership is limited to seventy five (75) full members. However, multiple members of the same family living at the same address will count as one (1) member with respect to the membership limit. Junior members (those under 18) will not count against the membership limit, even if no other family members are members of the club. A junior member who turns 18 will continue to be a member and will occupy the next available opening on the club roster starting at the February meeting.

## **5.0 Field Safety Rules**

- 5.1 All pilots will abide by the AMA safety code.
- 5.2 Field rules are posted at the field.
- 5.3 Frequency control will be regulated at each field. Appropriate frequency pins must be clipped to 72Mhz transmitters when in use.
- 5.4 No transmitter may be operated without the frequency pin except those operating on the 2.4Ghz band.
- 5.5 A range check must be performed on all aircraft.
- 5.6 The runways are to be used for takeoff and landing only.
- 5.7 Landing priority will be given to dead stick landings and gliders.
- 5.8 Prolonged engine running will be done outside of the pit area.
- 5.9 All engines must be fitted with an effective muffler.
- 5.10 Non-members may fly as guests of members provided the guest is an AMA member and the club member is present. No guest may be trained to fly unless the student and the pilot are involved in the Introductory Pilot program as outlined by AMA.
- 5.11 Outside flying groups may not use the fields unless authorized by the executive committee.
- 5.12 No alcoholic beverages will be permitted at the field.
- 5.13 Non-qualified to solo pilots must be helped by a qualified club instructor.
- 5.14 The instructor will inspect the student's aircraft before a flying session.
- 5.15 Although the instructor should inspect the aircraft, the responsibility for the aircraft lies with the student.
- 5.16 In order to be qualified to fly solo, the student will show proficiency to the chief flight instructor's satisfaction.
- 5.17 The student must never fly unassisted until qualified to fly solo.
- 5.18 A non AMA member may fly with an Introductory Certified Instructor following all of the guidelines and regulations as presented by the AMA. After the allotted time per AMA requirements, the non AMA member must become an AMA member and join the Cloud Kings RC Club to continue the use of our facilities.

## **6.0 Conduct and Rules Violation**

### **6.1 General Conduct**

Any member who is found guilty of *deliberate* radio interference, misconduct, violation of safety rules or nonpayment of dues will be suspended, censured or expelled from the club.

### **6.2 Censure Proceedings**

Censure of a member will be by the executive committee and one other member. A censured member may be placed on probation.

### **6.3 Expulsion Proceedings**

Expulsion of a member will be by ballot of club members. Expulsion may be permanent depending on the nature of the offense.

## **7.0 Club Newsletter**

### **7.1 Purpose**

The purpose of the club newsletter is to inform the members of meetings, report on the same, advise of news items concerning the club and encourage members to participate actively in club activities.

### **7.2 Frequency**

The newsletter shall be published at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor.

### **7.3 Newsletter Editor**

The position of newsletter editor shall be voluntary; however the editor shall in no way use the newsletter for his/her own agenda or personal benefit.