

# CONSTITUTION

Adapted  
The tenth day of October  
Nineteen hundred seventy five



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amended to	01-01-2009	* regarding club dues	

## RSM Constitution

### I. NAME

This club shall be known as the “RSM”, Radio Signal Modelers Flying Club.

### II. SCOPE

- A. Purpose of this club is to encourage and promote Model Aviation in all of its phases and classes.
- B. The affairs of RSM shall be conducted as a non-profit organization.

### III. CLUB STRUCTURE

The club’s structure shall be as such have:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Field Safety Officers
- F. Active Membership
- G. Instructors
- H. Test Pilots

1. Items A, B, C, D, & E, shall be known as the ruling board. Term of office for a ruling board member shall be one (1) calendar year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>; unlimited consecutive terms for the same office shall be allowed, pending voting outcome.
2. Two (2) Field Safety Officers shall be appointed by the Vice President; term of office is concurrent as of the Vice President
3. Instructors and Test Pilots shall be appointed by the club officers; term of service is concurrent as of the officers.
4. RULING BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES
  - a. President: To direct the club and all pertaining activities, reside at meetings, maintain public relations, organize and appoint committees for various club projects.

- b. Vice President: To assist the President with his functions, to preside during the President's absence, to be Field Safety Director during flying activities at the Club's field.
- c. Secretary: Keep minutes of club meetings, maintain file of Club records, and coordinate newsletter and membership list, and co-sign checks.
- d. Treasurer: To collect Club dues, and keep adequate records of the treasury balance, make all authorized disbursements, co-sign checks.
- e. Field Safety Officers: To assist the Vice President with enforcement of safety rules, crowd control and flight coordination at the flying site. Their duties also include First Aid for any member or guest requiring such service.

#### IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. All Club members will be required to belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). New membership and current members must show proof of belonging to the Academy when accepted as a member of the RSM club, or renewal of membership.
- B. Active membership shall not exceed fifty-five (55) members excluding the ruling board.
- C. Prospective new members shall attend two (2) consecutive meetings prior to acceptance into the Club, at which time the first year dues are to be paid.
- D. Guest members shall be allowed only as members of the immediate family. Active member and guests shall be considered as one (1) member, regardless of the number of guests. Guests shall have the same privileges as active members, although their participation is not mandatory.
- E. It is not mandatory nor are there any penalties for not being present at the flying field.

#### V. DUES

- A. Dues shall be collected starting the first quarter of the calendar year.
  - 1. Fee for a new member over eighteen (18) years of age is \$35.00.

2. For new members under eighteen (18) years of age the fee is \$18.00

3. Guest Member fee is \$5.00 per year.

B. If annual membership dues for current member over 18 years of age are paid prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, the dues shall be \$25.00, between February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> the dues shall be \$30.00; after February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, the dues shall be \$35.00.

If dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, the member will no longer be in good standing; he/she will be removed from the current Club roster to be placed at the end of the waiting list for membership acceptance.

C. If annual membership dues for current members under 18 years of age are paid prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, the dues shall be \$12.50. Between February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, the dues shall be \$14.50; after February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, the dues shall be \$17.50.

If dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>, the member will no longer be in good standing; he/she will be removed from the current Club roster to be placed at the end of the waiting list for membership acceptance.

D. Dues money shall be kept in a treasury with complete up to date financial records on gains and expenditures incurred by the Club and its related functions. Financial reports are to be given at each Club meeting, and shall be available to any member upon request.

E. When a new member joins the Club after October 1<sup>st</sup>, their dues will be applied to the rest of the year and the following calendar year.

## VI. CLUB MEETINGS

A. The ruling board and membership shall convene once a month for a meeting to discuss the various Club activities and business. Meetings shall be held on the first Monday of the month; if a holiday falls on this Monday, the meeting shall be carried over to the following Monday.

B. All members are encouraged to attend. Excessive absenteeism from meetings may lead to expulsion from the Club, pending on membership vote. Any expelled member wishing to be reinstated shall be subject to a vote from the active membership.

## VII. ELECTIONS AND VOTING

- A. Nominations of officers shall be held in the month of November during our regular Club meetings.
- B. Election of officers shall be held in the month of December during our regular Club meeting.
- C. A paper ballot shall be used in the election of officers. (Officers are not allowed to vote for themselves during the election.) A show of hands for or against shall be used in the event of reforms and resolutions and other activities. A 2/3 majority vote shall carry over the resolution. Any motion for proposals must be seconded.

#### VIII. CONTESTS

- A. Contests shall be scheduled with sufficient frequency to sustain membership interest. Contests shall be varied to benefit the interests of all Club members.
- B. Contest Directors (C.D.'s) may volunteer and then be voted on by the membership at our regular meetings.
- C. Contests Classes:
  1. NOVICE: A member or guest member's first contest, or who has not soloed.
  2. INTERMEDIATE: Any member who has soloed, and won first place in a Novice contest.
  3. EXPERT: Any member who has soloed and won first place in any intermediate contest.
- D. First place Novices only move up to the next class if they have previously soloed.  
  
 First place intermediate only move up to the next class. If a person does not win within three (3) consecutive contests, they may go back a class. This does not include instructors
- E. SOLO PILOT: A member who without help must successfully take off and land his/her plane three (3) times consecutively with the engine running, He/she is then awarded a solo certificate.

#### IX. PENALTIES

Anyone who intentionally buzzes anyone to endanger their safety shall be reprimanded for their actions. If the member continually disregards the reprimand, he/she will be expelled from the Club pending a decision of the ruling board.

X. AMMENDMENTS

Amendments to the final constitution shall be made only if there is a vote of approval from the membership. A 2/3 majority vote shall carry over the new amendment. Any motion for amendment proposals must be seconded.

A. Amendment effective 1-1-2009 passed Nov. 2008

1. Dues shall increase to \$50.00 per annual membership.
2. Additional family membership dues shall remain at \$ 5.00 per annual membership.
3. Club membership dues for members 18 years or younger shall be \$ 20.00 per annual membership.
4. Club dues to be paid prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. of the year to insure listing on yearly club roster.