



Adopted January, 2003

ARTICLE I PREAMBLE

- 1.00 - .09 Name
 - 1.00 The name of the club will be: "GARDEN STATE CIRCLE BURNERS, INC."
- 1.10 - .19 Government
 - 1.00 Membership shall be offered regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation.
 - 1.10 The club will be incorporated with the State of New Jersey.
 - 1.11 The club shall be chartered by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.
 - 1.12 The operation of the club will be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws.
 - 1.13 The membership will elect officers and have power to vote in matters concerning the club.
- 1.20 - .29 Objectives
 - 1.20 To promote enthusiasm for the sport of building and flying miniature aircraft.
 - 1.21 To publicize the worthwhile activities of the club within the community.
 - 1.22 To assist in developing an interesting and varied educational program, insuring a free exchange of ideas and information.
 - 1.23 To encourage participation in competitive events, characterized at all times by sportsmanlike conduct.
 - 1.24 To make our club a socially desirable place at which to gather in mutual respect and fellowship.
- 1.30 - .39 Club Emblem
 - 1.90 Club Emblem - The club emblem will be as described in Figure 1. It may be larger or smaller than shown, but should retain the proportion. Colors should be used as shown within specified areas of the design. (Refer to colored logo available from a Club Officer (at top of this page).)

ARTICLE II Meetings

- 2.00 - .09 Business Meeting

- 2.00 A Business Meeting will be scheduled on the second Friday of each month at 8:00 P.M., unless notice is otherwise given.
- 2.01 The Presiding Officer shall determine if attendance is adequate to conduct normal Club business.

2.10 - .19 Social Meeting

- 2.10 A Social Meeting may be scheduled for the good and the welfare of the club.

2.20 - .29 Special Meetings

- 2.20 Special Meetings of the membership may be called by the President to accomplish a specified task not possible within regular meeting times.
- 2.21 Chairman of Committees may call meetings at a time and place convenient to committee members.

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ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

3.00 - .02 Junior, Senior and Open Member Classification

- 3.01 Current AMA membership standards shall be used to establish membership classifications within the Club.
- 3.02 A "Family Membership" shall allow all family members at the same address to achieve full Club membership status if residing in the same household. Suggested rates for family membership shall be 150% of an Open membership.

3.01 Membership Dues

- 3.01 Membership dues will be paid on an annual basis to the Membership Committee Chairman at the current rates pertaining to age classification.

3.20 - .21 Special Assessments

- 3.20 Open Members may be assessed a special charge in the event that profit expected from a club activity to meet general expenses is not realized.
- 3.21 The Treasurer will recommend such special assessments to the Executive Committee, which will be empowered to assess the Open Membership, after careful consideration of other alternatives.

3.40 - .49 Conditions of Membership

- 3.40 Club members must have met the following conditions to gain regular membership:
 - .01 Submitted an Application for Membership to the Membership Committee Chairman.
 - .02 Attended at least one Business Meeting prior to initiation. This requirement may be waived by the Executive Committee.
 - .03 Paid all required initiation fees and dues.
 - .04 Voiced support for the Constitution and By-laws of the Club.
 - .05 Furnished proof of application for membership in The Academy of Model Aeronautics in order to fly at the club field, or on the absence of such proof, made application for AMA membership through the Membership Chairman.
- 3.41 The applicant will have become a member upon vote by a majority of the active members present.

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- 3.60 - .62 Loss of Membership
- 3.60 Circumstance of Inactivity
- .01 A member will be considered inactive if he/she becomes delinquent in paying dues for a period of 60 days. If delinquent 90 days, the member will be considered resigned.
- .02 After the member is 60 days delinquent in paying dues, the Membership Committee will contact the member requesting payment of dues within 30 days in order to retain membership.
- 3.61 Removal for Cause – The (Membership) **Executive** Committee can recommend removal of a member for cause at a hearing conducted as a portion of the Business Meeting.
- 3.62 Voting for Removal – Because of charges brought, the (Membership) **Executive** Committee Chairman will request a motion for the removal of a member which must be approved by a majority vote of active members present.
- 3.70 - .71 Special conditions for Membership
- 3.70 In order to fly at the club field, proof of membership in the AMA will be required of all members before the Membership Chairman will issue a club membership card for the new year.
- 3.71 Honorary memberships in the club may be conferred upon persons whose contributions to the sport warrant such recognition. Such special memberships will be voted by club members (and will not entitle the holder to flying privileges at the club field).
- 3.80 - Miscellaneous
- 3.81 A new member will be provided a copy of the Club Constitution and By-laws if requested. Posting the Constitution and By-Laws on the club web site is encouraged.

ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 4.00 - .09 Officers
- 4.0 The officers of this club shall consist of –
- .01 A President
- .02 A Vice-President
- .03 A Recording Secretary
- .04 A Treasurer
- 4.10 - .19 Elections
- 4.10 Time set for elections – Election of officers will be conducted at the November Business Meeting.
- 4.11 Method of election – The officers shall be elected by nomination from the membership and by majority vote of members present.
- 4.12 The term of office shall be one year, January 1 to December 31.
- 4.13 Election to fill vacancies – An election will be held at a Business Meeting to fill any office which becomes vacant prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

5.00 - .09 Duties of the President

- 5.00 To preside at all meetings of the general membership.
- 5.01 To appoint all committee chairmen unless otherwise designated by the Constitution and By-laws.
- 5.02 To present to the membership for approval an annual budget of anticipated club revenues and expenses.
 - .10 This budget will be presented at the February Business Meeting unless circumstances require a change of month.
- 5.03 To authorize all expenditures by officers and Committee Chairmen provided such expenditures are within the confines of the approved budget.
- 5.04 To call special meetings of the general membership or club committees as required.
- 5.05 To preside as Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 5.06 To enforce the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws.

5.10 - Duties of Vice-President

- 5.10 To perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

5.20 - .25 Duties of the Recording Secretary

- 5.20 To take down minutes of each Business Meeting and submit them for approval at the subsequent Business Meeting.
- 5.21 To maintain a record of the progress of each outstanding committee.
- 5.22 To maintain a record of each motion made before the membership.
- 5.23 To insure that all records necessary to conduct the business of the Club are on hand at the Business Meeting.
- 5.24 To publish a listing of all official documents of the club and to provide copies to the membership if requested.
- 5.25 To call the roll at each Business Meeting.

5.30 - .33 Duties of the Treasurer

- 5.30 To take charge of all money collected and to provide an accounting for such money.
- 5.31 To make payment for all club obligations and secure a receipt for such payment.
- 5.32 To report at each Business Meeting the current financial standing with regard to budget conformity.
- 5.33 To recommend payment of special assessments by members.

ARTICLE VI STANDING COMMITTEES

6.00 - .09 The Executive Committee

- 6.00 The purpose of the Executive Committee will be to formulate club policy, interpret this Constitution and By-laws, and supervise progress of club committee activities.
- 6.01 The members of the committee will be:
 - .01 The club President, as Chairman.
 - .02 Present club officers.
 - .03 Chairman of the Membership Committee.

.04 Past club officers as appointed by the President.

6.10 - The Membership Committee

6.10 The duties of the Membership Committee will be:

- .01 To encourage recruitment of new members.
- .02 To maintain records to identify members in good standing.
- .03 To collect dues, initiation fees, and special assessments.
- .04 To process applications of, and sponsor prospective members.
- .05 To identify members for removal.
- .06 To verify active AMA membership of those who fly at the club field.
- .07 To make application for the annual AMA Club Charter.
- .08 To follow up members who fall behind on dues payment.

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6.30 - .31 The Contest Board

6.30 The contest board shall consist of all AMA licensed Contest Directors, at least two members of the Executive Committee and any of the general membership who wish to serve.

6.31 The Contest Board should attempt to meet subsequent to the end of the contest season to create a Contest Calendar for the upcoming year, subject to Membership approval.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

7.00 - .09 Amendments: Source

7.00 Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws may be proposed by any member during the Business Meeting by means of a motion made and seconded.

7.10 - .19 Recording of Motions

7.10 All motions made and seconded, results of the voting notwithstanding, will be taken down by the Recording Secretary and kept in a permanent record.

7.11 For those motions which will result in an amendment to the Constitution and By-laws, the Secretary will furnish a typed wording of the motion for study by the members prior to the start of the next Business Meeting.

7.20 - .29 Voting for Amendments

7.20 At the Business Meeting following the one in which a motion is made and seconded, which will revise the Constitution and By-laws, the membership will be asked to vote on the motion, which will be carried by a majority vote of active members present. At the direction of the Executive Consul, a mail / proxy ballot may be utilized.

ARTICLE VIII REGULATIONS AT THE FLYING FIELD

8.00 - .06 Use by Members

- 8.00 The use of the flying field will be restricted to regular members who have AMA licenses, and their guests. All GUESTS must be AMA members or have enrolled in the Intro Pilot program.
- 8.01 Flyers will be expected to have an AMA membership card at the field.
- 8.02 Incidental non-scheduled flying at the club field is not a club sanctioned activity. However; the use of the club field is encouraged because it tends to bring members together, and the field has adequate fences and facilities. A member who chooses to fly elsewhere is not participating in a club sanctioned activity unless such activity is a previously scheduled and published activity expressly sponsored by the club. (such as the scale meet.)
- 8.03 Each member accepts the hazards relating to any flying not at an official sanctioned club activity is his or her own responsibility, and that the club does not undertake any obligation as to safety compliance regarding such activity.
- 8.04 The AMA safety standards, as amended and supplemented from time to time, are adopted as safety standards by the club.
- 8.05 Only properly entered contestants may fly during Sanctioned Events, unless permission is specifically given by the Contest Director.
- 8.06 Guests may be asked by the Membership Chairman to join the Club should he/she feel that visits are more than "occasional".
- 8.10 - .19 Challenge to Unauthorized Persons
 - 8.10 A member will be expected to challenge any person flying at the field who is not known to have authorization.
 - 8.11 Members are encouraged to carry membership applications and offer them to persons challenged or to spectators who evidence an interest in the club.
- 8.20 - .29 Avoiding Disturbance
 - The Club shall endeavor at all times to be good neighbors and to comply with all State and Local ordinances, especially those regarding noise.
 - 8.20 The use of mufflers on engines is encouraged.
- 8.30 - .39 Safety Rules
 - 8.30 Safety - The AMA code should govern over all GSCB rules in the event of inconsistency.
 - .01 AMA safety rules apply.
 - .02 A safety thong should be used on all flights unless at designated racing events.
 - .03 Circles at the roadway side of the field were designed to accommodate maximum line lengths of: 60' for Carrier Circle (#1), 65' for Scale Circle (#2), and 70' for Stunt Circle (#3).
 - .04 Speed and Combat flyers are encouraged to use Circle #3.
 - .05 Flight circles should not to be used as a shortcut.
 - .06 A flyer should attempt to keep his/her aircraft within the circumference of the flight circle and consider the aircraft secondary to the safety of nearby people.
 - .07 Do not change circles while flying.
 - .08 Spectators should be encouraged to stay behind the fences.

- .09 Each member will be responsible to see that his/her aircraft and control-line system is in a safe condition, particularly if such aircraft is newly constructed or recently repaired.
- .10 Models and equipment should be stored outside the flying circles.
- .11 Alcoholic beverages and harmful drugs, substances etc., are not permitted on the flying circles.
- .12 Members should make every effort to keep fuel/oil spillages from making the flight decks hazardous to walk on.
- .13 Engines being run for "break-in" should be closely attended at all times.
- .14 "chicken sticks" or electric starters are encouraged, as are proper hearing and eye protection.