

***Georgia Mountain R/C Club, AMA #1566***  
***Bylaws – Revised January 11, 2008***

**Article I: NAME & LOCATION**

- a. Name:** GEORGIA MOUNTAIN R/C CLUB
- b. Location:** Mailing address: 201 Greenhill Circle, Gainesville, GA 30504
- c. Flying Site:** 5728 Brookton-Lula Road, Clermont GA. GA Hwy 52  
GPS Coordinates: 34° 26'47.05" North by 83° 47'38.32" West

**Article II: PURPOSE**

- a.** These bylaws are intended to provide the members of the Georgia Mountain R/C Club with organization and a facility to pursue the sport of model aviation in a safe and peaceful manner.

**Article III: MEMBERSHIP**

- a.** Current AMA license is required for all flyers.
- b.** The official AMA Safety Code applies to all flyers.
- c.** To qualify for Club Officer, membership must be at least 1 year at time of nomination.
- d.** Prospective members will be brought into the club by:
  - 1. Showing proof of current AMA membership.
  - 2. Paying current club dues.
- e. Dues:**
  - 1. The annual dues shall be determined by the club officers with the approval of club members as outlined in Article VI.b. Dues are non-refundable except in extraordinary circumstances, which will be determined by club officers on a case-by-case basis.
  - 2. Dues are for a fiscal year due on or before last day of member's anniversary month. Member will be advised by written notice at beginning of anniversary month. If not paid by last day of month, member will forfeit membership.
  - 3. Current members will pay full dues (\$100) less a 25% discount if paid on or before last day of member's anniversary month. Otherwise they will be considered new members. New members joining during the year will pay full dues (\$100). Their anniversary month will be month joined.
- f. Termination:**

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.
- g. Dismissal Procedure:**

A written complaint by any member in good standing may be submitted to a club officer. The club officers will consider the complaint based on current policy (see attachment). If considered viable, it will be presented to the club at the next regular meeting for consideration. If club votes to dismiss member, no refund will be allowed. The vote will be by secret ballot. Accused member, after written notification of not less than 5 days after club vote, may protest in writing or in person at the next regular meeting.

**Article IV: MEMBER STANDING**

- a. All persons shall be eligible for membership, and shall agree to abide by the club's bylaws, and those of the AMA.
- b. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
  1. **Full Member:** Sixteen (16) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate plus AMA Membership.
  2. **Junior Member:** Younger than sixteen (16) years old, has all privileges except voting rights. Dues: ½ full member plus AMA Membership.
  3. **Lifetime Member:** Any member serving meritoriously for an extended period will be granted a lifetime membership upon nomination by consensus of club officers and approval of club vote as outlined in Article VI.b. At present, Bill Drake and Dick Williams are in this group.

**Article V: OFFICERS**

**a. Duties**

1. **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as spokesperson in all matters pertaining to club activities and actions.
2. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he/she is unable to serve, and is to maintain an accurate record (including place of storage) of all physical assets of club.
3. **Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for recording minutes of each club meeting, executing other correspondence, maintain the club bank account, disburse funds for club-approved expenses, and be the club's contact person with the AMA.
4. **Editor:** The Editor shall be responsible for maintaining the club roster and mailing list. He/she will also be responsible for publishing the monthly meeting notice and other club mailings.
5. **Safety Coordinator:** The Safety Coordinator shall provide a communications link between AMA and clubs in matters related to safety, act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the club and its members, assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents, and develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within AMA clubs.
6. **Webmaster:** The Webmaster shall maintain the information that appears on the website, place any club recommended information on the site, monitor the monthly payments for the site, and verify that the annual payment for the domain name is paid

**b. Terms of Office:**

1. All elected officers shall serve for one year and will be elected by a simple majority vote of members present at the December meeting.
2. Nominations of officers shall be made at the November meeting. Nominations may be made by any current club member, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination through club officer. All known nominations will be published in the meeting notice prior to the election.

**Article VI: MEETINGS**

- a. Regular monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place selected by majority vote of the club and published in the club meeting notice and website.
  
- b. At any club meeting a quorum of 7 members will be necessary for voting.

**Article VII: RECORD KEEPING**

a. The Secretary/Treasurer and the Editor will jointly maintain the club roster. All monies and info for new members will flow through the Secretary/Treasurer and he/she will transmit name & address, phone number, AMA number, and e-mail address if available to Editor who will enter on the official club roster.

b. Dissolution of Club:

The duration of the club is perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of a meeting quorum. Any monies in the club treasury would be evenly divided among the current members.

**Article VIII: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS**

a. Proposal:

Any member may propose a change to the bylaws and submit it to a club officer.

b. Approval:

The proposed change will be reviewed by an ad-hoc bylaws committee and if approved will bring before the club for a vote.

**Article IX: FLIGHT & SAFETY RULES**

1. Flying will be by members and guests only, members being solely responsible for guest qualification.
  
2. Only pilots and helpers (for which pilot is responsible) are permitted beyond fence. Spectators will remain behind fence.
  
3. Safety Restraints and starting benches are provided for your safety. They should be used on all aircraft above .25 displacement. Restraints should be returned to cabinet.
  
4. Flying hours: Unlimited.
  
5. Profanity or abusive language is prohibited.
  
6. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are not allowed at the club's facility or at any club activity. Further, those participating in any club activity must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  
7. The speed limit entering the flying site is 5 MPH.
  
8. All pilots must position themselves on runway side of fence while flying.
  
9. No flying over the pits, parking or spectator areas. "Low passes" should be at least 20 feet beyond, to the East of the center of the runway.
  
10. All landings must be announced in an audible voice.
  
11. All takeoffs and landings must be in the same direction as determined by the prevailing wind.

12. An aircraft with a "dead" engine always has the right of way over all others under power. Shout "DEAD STICK" as a fair warning to others.
13. Shout a warning to others if you should lose control of your aircraft.
14. Engine runs in the pits are limited to 3 minutes and the prop blast should be directed away from spectators, pilots and equipment.
15. A muffler is required on all 2 cycle engines of .15 or larger displacement.
16. Guest flying and training are secondary field uses when member-pilots are flying. Therefore, if any member-pilot is present to fly, flight training is limited to 15 minutes.
17. All individual flights are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes with a wait period between flights of 15 minutes unless there is no one waiting to fly.
18. All radio control equipment will be operated in accordance with the Club's frequency control as follows:
  - A. Make sure Tx is off when not in use.
  - B. When ready for a flight or equipment checkout place your AMA card in slot provided, then remove the proper frequency clip from the control board and attach same to your Tx antenna. Frequency is now yours.
  - C. On completion of your flight be sure to return the clip to the control board and turn your Tx off. Remove your AMA Card.
  - D. If others share your frequency, go into a rotation so each flyer gets his share of frequency time. No frequency hogging is permitted.
  - E. If you should take a frequency clip home with you, PLEASE RETURN IT ON YOUR NEXT TRIP.
  - F. Transmitter use is confined to pilot area.
  - G. Frequency clips should be attached to all transmitters.
19. Guest-pilots are limited to 3 visits (for the purpose of flying) per calendar year, unless out of area - area defined as Hall and adjacent counties. This does not apply to a pilot who has previously been a member. This is limited to new, prospective members or former members who have moved from our area as described herein.
20. A log of current members in good standing will be maintained at the field.
21. All aircraft flown (guest or member) will carry owner identification per AMA requirements.
22. Clean up all litter, trash and aircraft parts (broken props/crash debris) prior to leaving the field. Take all trash with you.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **GA MOUNTAIN R/C CLUB Policy on Flying Site Restrictions**

The only activities allowed at site are limited to all R/C aircraft with the exception of TURBINE POWERED due to the likelihood of damage to the fabric runway.

A MUFFLER THAT IS EFFECTIVE at reducing annoying sound is required.

If any member recognizes activity that appears SIGNIFICANTLY DANGEROUS OR OFFENSIVE, that member should report his/her concerns to any club officer.

The club officers shall meet, and must objectively inquire to determine the FACTS, and also subjectively EVALUATE the emotions, motives, and credibility, as well as the possible intrusiveness upon the neighboring environment. The presiding guideline must be THE CLUB'S POTENTIAL RISK OF LOSING ITS FLYING SITE.

After investigation and review by the club officers, if they collectively decide that an infraction of club policy has occurred, a certified letter will be sent to the offending member notifying him/her to suspend the activity.

Thereafter, if ANY member should observe continued disregard of this warning that should be reported to any club officer. Then upon review by the club officers if they verify that there is continuance of unacceptable activity, they shall issue a notice that the offending member's status will be reviewed at the next scheduled monthly club meeting. The offending member is welcome to attend and explain the reason for the infraction. The members present having heard the situation will then vote on accepting/rejecting continued club membership.