



LAWTON AREA FUN FLYER SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE:

1. The name of this Organization/Club will be the “**LAWTON AREA FUN FLYER’S SOCIETY**” and will be heretofore be referred to as “**LAFFS**”.
2. The purpose of the club will be:
 - a. To promote Model airplane building and operation in the Lawton-Fort Sill and Texoma area.
 - b. To promote and foster educational and scientific advancement, and to encourage the study and discussion of scientific problems and the dissemination of scientific views and news in model aeronautics of R/C aircraft.
 - c. To provide an organization where members may meet to advance the hobby of R/C aircraft.
 - d. To promote community relations by providing a meaningful activity for military and civilian members and their families in the Lawton-Fort Sill area.
 - e. To provide educational assistance to both Junior and Senior members of the community interested in model aircraft as a hobby, or those considering aeronautics as a career.
 - f.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. LAFFS operates and exists as a member club under the AMA.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY:

1. Control and Executive authority will be vested in the Executive board which will consist of the Officers of the organization.
2. The officers will consist of a President, Vice-president, and Secretary/Treasurer whom will be elected by the club. The officers will hold office for a minimum of one (1) year or until their successors have been duly elected.
3. A safety coordinator will be appointed by the President and will hold that position for one (1) Year, Committees will be designated by the President as required.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP or PATRONAGE:

1. Any person who is an active member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) who desires to participate in club activities and enjoy club privileges may make his/her intention to join the club known to the secretary by paying appropriate dues and/or fees.

2. Membership will be available to:
 - a. Lawton Residents residing in the surrounding community.
 - b. Military- Active duty, National Guard, Reserve.
3. Membership will be accepted without regard for race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.
4. Junior members are defined as those under the age of 18.
5. Any member of the club may be dropped from the rolls for cause. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members eligible to vote at any regular meeting is required. All the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The member in question will be given full opportunity for a hearing in his/her behalf;
 - b. The member will be allowed reinstatement by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members eligible to vote at any regular meeting;
 - c. Prior to reinstatement, the member will liquidate all indebtedness to the club.
6. Any member of the club will be dropped from the rolls when his/her membership in the AMA is terminated. A terminated member can be reinstated by providing proof of AMA membership and paying club dues.
7. Members of LAFSS whose club fees or dues are in arrears for one (1) regular meeting will be notified of the fact by the club Secretary. If fees or dues remain unpaid for one (1) additional regular meeting after notice has been given, the member will be dropped from membership. The member dropped may be reinstated upon such time that the member liquidates all indebtedness to the club.

ARTICLE V – METHOD OF FINANCING:

1. The operation of the club will be financed by assessing its members dues which will be paid annually. Additional fees may be levied as needed with consent of the membership in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution. Club members, guests, or contestants entering a club sponsored contest, may be charged an entry fee to participate in the scheduled event. The entry fee for a contest will be established by the contest committee appointed by the President and will be used to offset the cost of the contest.

ARTICLE VI – ACTIVITIES:

1. Club sponsored activities will be approved by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members eligible to vote at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS AND QUORUMS:

1. Regular meetings of the club will be held on a bi-monthly basis. The meeting place will be selected and announced at regular club meetings or through other means of general notification.
2. A quorum for the purpose of conducting club business will consist of not less than 40% of the entire club membership. While a quorum is competent to transact business, it is usually not prudent to transact important business unless there is a good attendance at the meeting.
3. Any item that will result in a change to the By-laws must be voted on by at least 50% of the current paid membership of the club membership.
4. Meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner, if needed Robert's "Rules of Order" may be enacted by the President to establish parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VIII – ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS:

1. The Constitution and Bylaws and any amendments become effective upon approval of the membership.

2. Any unique rule or regulation, not in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of LAFFS may be proposed by any member to cover a specific club activity. Approval will be in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution.
3. Amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws of LAFFS may be proposed by any of its members who are eligible to vote and will be incorporated into the Constitution/Bylaws if approved in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX – USE OF PROPERTY, ASSETS AND NET EARNINGS:

1. No part of the property and assets of this club and no part of the net earnings will be used for the financial benefit of any individual member. Such property and assets will be managed by the President and Vice-President.

ARTICLE X – CLUB FLYING FACILITIES:


1. The current flying site is located on club leased property on the corner of Cache Road and Deyo Mission.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION:

1. In case of permanent dissolution of the organization, 51% of the total membership must vote in favor of dissolution of the club, and whatever funds are contained in the treasury at that time, will be used to satisfy any outstanding debts, liabilities, or obligations. The distribution of the balance of these assets will be decided by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members eligible to vote at any regular meeting is required.

END OF CONSTITUTION

Approved by Majority Vote on 1-28-08


PRESIDENT
Kenneth W. Isaac


SECRETARY

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

1. Duties of the President : Shall be the executive officer of the club and shall preside at all meetings. He shall be the spokesperson for the club. He shall appoint standings and special committees as he deems necessary. He will cast the deciding vote in any case where a tie vote is encountered.
2. Duties of the Vice-president: Shall assist the president in all matters and shall assume the duties of the president if, for any reason, the president is not able to perform his duties. He shall be responsible for the club meeting schedules and other club schedules events which may be necessary or requested by the club officers or members.
3. Duties of the Secretary /Treasurer: Shall be to maintain records of the funds of the association and present a report at each regular association meeting; collect and disburse funds of the association under the supervision of the President as directed by the association members. The Secretary Treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of all regular scheduled and called club meetings and record meeting attendance. He shall maintain an up-to-date membership record of all members including their name, mailing address, AMA membership number, and telephone number. He shall have charge of all club funds. He shall collect dues when they are due and is authorized to pay any and all club obligations from these funds. He shall keep appropriate records of all club monetary transactions and shall provide a Treasurer's report at each scheduled club meeting. If the Vice President, for any reason, is unable to perform his duties, the Secretary Treasurer shall assist or take over the duties of the Vice President as needed. The Treasurer is empowered discretionary spending for supplies and miscellaneous operating expenses to a limit of \$25.00 per month. The Treasurer with the concurrence of the President or Vice-President, is empowered discretionary spending limited to \$100.00 per month. Any expenditures in excess of \$100.00 require the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members eligible to vote at any regular meeting. The Treasurer will render a copy of the annual audit report and financial statement for review by the club membership during the month of February each year.
4. Duties of the Safety Coordinator to promote increased safety awareness on the part of all members, improve the public perception of modeling as a safe and desirable sport, and provide a means by which important safety information can be shared between clubs, AMA chartered clubs will be required to establish the position of Safety Coordinator. This person will act as a communications liaison between the club and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material. **The Club Safety Coordinator must have E-mail access.**

Recommended Duties:

- 1) Provide a communications link between AMA and clubs in matters related to safety
 - 2) Act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the club and its members
 - 3) Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents
 - 4) Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within AMA clubs
- Safety Coordinator activities may include the following:
- Inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable.
 - Distribute AMA Accident / Incident Report Forms and assure they are properly used.
 - Conduct safety awareness training and related programs during club meetings.
 - Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.
 - Act as a liaison with the local EMS/Fire Department.
 - Establish a club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents.
 - Coordinate appropriate first aid training for members using qualified instructors.
 - Develop an appropriate communications plan to assist club officers and members.
 - Review emergency procedures (fire and rescue) with club members on an annual basis.

Note: This list is provided to illustrate the range of activities a Safety Coordinator could engage in. Authority to enforce the AMA Safety Code or any additional club safety rules should be contained in the club bylaws in accordance with your individual situation.

ARTICLE II –ELECTION AND VOTING:

1. Election of Officers will be held during the month of November of each Year.
2. The simple majority of eligible voting members present will elect the Officers.
3. Any vacancy of an Office can be filled by a Special election.

ARTICLE III –DUES OR FEES:

1. The Dues of association members, which will entitle them to all privileges of the association except as otherwise provided herein, will be \$100.00 per year. New members that join during the year will be assessed lump-sum membership dues equaling \$10/month for each month from the time they join until November 1 of that calendar year.
2. Families (Brothers, sisters, father & son(s), mother & daughter(s) are examples) will be assessed yearly dues of \$120.00 and will enjoy all privileges of the association except as otherwise provided herein.
3. Youth members will be assessed yearly dues of \$50.00 and will enjoy all privileges of the association except as otherwise provided herein.
4. Guest will be assessed a monthly fee of \$10.00 this charge will be used for people in transit with AMA insurance and AMA Introductory Pilot Program for non AMA members.
5. Dues and fees are payable in November of each year. A member is in arrears as of the December association meeting.
6. Guests can be insured during training at a chartered club field and not be a regular AMA member?
 - a. Student insurance while training.

Students are not covered by the instructors insurance while they are being trained. In order for them to be covered they have to be in the Intro pilot program. A non-AMA person may receive lessons during a 60-consecutive-day period under the direction of a designated AMA Instructor. During supervised flight instruction, liability insurance is provided for the trainee for a 60-day period but only at the club site. Though the trainee will not receive a membership card, he/she is considered a member of the Academy while under the direct supervision of the currently registered designated Introductory Pilot. Introductory Pilots are charged with the responsibility to ensure that the trainees' activities will be conducted in compliance with the AMA's National Safety Code(s). Coverage under the Intro Pilot Program begins the day recorded on the Trainee Pilot Registration Form. To take advantage of the full 60 days of liability insurance, register the trainee after the non-flying instructional session(s) and prior to their first flying exercise at the club field. Information on Intro Pilots is available on the AMA Web site, Document 917.
(<http://www.modelaircraft.org/PDF-files/917.pdf>)
 - b. The only exception to the instructors in the Intro pilot program above would be a "freebie" flight. Instructors can give somebody a one time flight to show them what it's all about and that student will be covered under the instructor's insurance as long as the flight is done with a buddy box.
7. Gate access will be granted with payment of yearly club dues.

ARTICLE IV –STANDING COMMITTEES:

Not Applicable

ARTICLE V –FINANCE:

1. Records will be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. Annual budget proposals will be presented by the Treasurer and approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.
3. An audit will be conducted each January and/or upon change of Treasurer. The audit will be performed by an association member, not an Officer, appointed by the President and approved by two-thirds(2/3) majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.
4. An audit may be conducted at any time when approved by a simple majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI – INSURANCE COVERAGE:

1. Members of the association will maintain their own liability insurance acquired through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Individuals who do not maintain their own liability insurance acquired through the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will be dropped from the association.
2. The association does not assume any liability incurred by any individual, association member or non association member.

ARTICLE VII –AWARDS/GIFTS:

2. Funds for the association obtained from membership dues and fees may to be used for, but not limited to, the following.
 - a. To provide Prizes, Trophies, and awards for association competition,
 - b. To provide funds for association patches, publicity, newsletters and associated equipment,
 - c. To provide funds for maintenance of grounds and lease payments.

ARTICLE VIII –HIRING AND SUPERVISION OF EMPLOYEE:

Not Applicable

ARTICLE IX –DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Not Applicable

ARTICLE X –RADIO CONTROL FLYING RULES:

1. Radio control flying rules are established by the association in accordance with current rules, safety codes and guidelines of the AMA. (See membership manual).
2. The flying rules will be reviewed on a continual basis. In addition, each year in January, a committee of three (3) members can be appointed by the President to review these rules for adequacy and appropriateness with current AMA codes.
3. These rules will be proposed and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.
4. A copy of the LAFFS Flying Rules will be given to all new association members and visiting flyers.
5. The Flying Rules must include directives to avoid, at all costs, full scale aircraft.

END OF BYLAWS:

LAFS FLIGHT SAFETY RULES

OFFICIAL SAFETY CODE:

*Model flying **MUST** be in accordance with this Code
In order for AMA Liability Protection to apply*



2008 Official Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code Effective January 1, 2006

1. A model aircraft shall be defined as a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It shall not exceed limitations established in this code and is intended to be used exclusively for recreational or competition activity.
2. The maximum takeoff weight of a model aircraft, including fuel, is 55 pounds, except for those flown under the AMA Experimental Aircraft Rules
3. I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and/or dangerous manner.
4. I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows, or model demonstrations until it has been proven airworthy.
5. I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield the right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.
6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
7. I will not operate model aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts (other than air), nor will I operate model aircraft with fuels containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.
8. I will not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode or burn, or any device, which propels a projectile of any kind.
 - a. Exceptions include Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight. Rocket motors up to a G-series size may be used, provided they remain firmly attached to the model aircraft during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code; however, they 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 Air Show Advisory Committee Document.
9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
10. I will not operate my model aircraft while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control my model aircraft.
11. Children under six (6) years old are only allowed on a flight line or in a flight area as a pilot or while under flight instruction.
12. 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.

RADIO CONTROL

1. All model flying shall be conducted in a manner to avoid over flight of unprotected people.
2. I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground-range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
3. I will not fly my model aircraft in the presence of spectators until I become a proficient flier, unless I am assisted by an experienced pilot.
4. At all flying sites a safety line or lines must be established, in front of which all flying takes place. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line. In the case of 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.

5. I will operate my model aircraft using only 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.
6. I will not knowingly operate my model aircraft within three (3) miles of any preexisting flying site without a frequency-management agreement. A frequency-management agreement may be an allocation of frequencies for each site, a day-use agreement between sites, or testing which determines that no interference exists. A frequency-management agreement may exist between two or more AMA chartered clubs, AMA clubs and individual AMA members, or individual AMA members. Frequency-management agreements, including an interference test report if the agreement indicates no interference exists, will be signed by all parties and copies provided to AMA Headquarters.
7. With the exception of events flown under official AMA rules, 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 flight line.
8. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual.
9. Radio-controlled night flying is limited to low-performance model aircraft (less than 100 mph). The model aircraft must be equipped with a lighting system which clearly defines the aircraft's attitude and direction at all times.
10. The operator of a radio-controlled model aircraft shall control it during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses that are prescribed for the pilot. No model aircraft shall be equipped with devices which allow it to be flown to a selected location which is beyond the visual range of the pilot.

FREE FLIGHT

1. I will not launch my model aircraft unless I am at least 100 feet downwind of spectators and automobile parking.
2. I will not fly my model aircraft unless the launch area is clear of all individuals except my mechanic, officials, and other fliers.
3. I will use an effective device to extinguish any fuse on the model aircraft after the fuse has completed its function.

CONTROL LINE

1. I will subject my complete control system (including the safety thong where applicable) to an inspection and pull test prior to flying. The pull test will be in accordance with the current 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.
2. I will ensure that my flying area is clear of all utility wires or poles and I will not fly a model aircraft closer than 50 feet to any above-ground electric utility lines.
3. I will ensure that my flying area is clear of all nonessential participants and spectators before permitting my engine to be started.

SPECIALIZED SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY CODES, STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

RADIO CONTROL COMBAT (#525)

GENERAL RADIO CONTROL RACING (#530)

GIANT SCALE RADIO CONTROL RACING (#515-A)

GAS TURBINE OPERATION (Note: Special waiver required) (#510-A)

These special codes and appropriate documents may be obtained either from the AMAWeb site or by contacting AMA Headquarters.

Competition Regulations

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SPECIFIC:

1. All R/C engines .15 and larger will have an engine muffler.
2. All LAFFS members are responsible for **rigid frequency control**.
3. No Flying will be allowed from the pit area.
4. Engine break-in will be conducted in the northern most end of the pit area.
5. Pilots will announce their take-offs and landings as "Taking Off", "Landing", "Dead Stick".
6. When a pilot announces "Dead Stick", all other aircraft will give the pilot a clear zone to the runway area.
7. The first turn after take off will be made after the aircraft is a safe distance past the flight line and in a direction away from the pit area.
8. No powered R/C flying will be conducted over the pit area, Spectator area, active glider area, active helicopter area, active free flight area or parking area.
9. Sailplanes will have the right of way for reason of maneuverability; Sailplanes will stay well away from runway approaches.
10. Pilots of helicopters will conduct their Hover forty (40) feet to the south of the parking area with normal flights in designated flying areas.
11. Free flight pilots will launch aircraft in a safe manner.
12. Aircraft Pilots are considered students until they have completed three consecutive take-offs and landings.
13. Helicopter pilots are considered students until they have mastered basic hovering, transition to forward flight and autorotation.
14. If a pilot experiences radio trouble, that pilot will announce "Frequency Hit". At that time, pilots not flying will become spotters for pilots still in flight so as to prevent an out-of-control aircraft from causing damage or injury to other pilots or spectators.

END OF FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES: