

RAND MODEL AERONAUTICAL CLUB

AD CAELUM VINCENDUM

CONSTITUTION

To be effective from February 1997 and to supersede the Constitution
adopted in January 1985.

1. The name of the club will be the RAND MODEL AERONAUTIC CLUB.
2. The address of the club will be P.O. BOX 75310, SPRINGFIELD, 2137.
3. The objects of the club will be to advance and encourage all branches of model Aeronautics.
4. Membership to be open to all ages and all races.
 - a) Seniors: Anyone earning an income by working full time (even if still living with parents).
 - b) Juniors: Anyone not yet working (students, National Servicemen, etc).
 - c) Application for membership will be made by correct completion of the prescribed form, which will be handed to any committee member present
 - d) Applicants under the age of 17 years must obtain their Parents or Guardian's consenting signature.
 - e) Admission, or re-admission, will be at the discretion of the Committee.
 - f) Subscriptions will be for a maximum of one year, and new members will also pay the required entrance fee, and clubhouse levy.
 - g) Subscriptions are payable to the Treasurer. The rates will be decided by the Club on the recommendation of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, and subject to sub-section f). All other subscriptions or monies belonging to the Club will be handed to the Treasurer at a General or Committee Meeting by the person concerned. No monies will be accepted from anyone acting on behalf of anyone else. Subscriptions may be posted to the Treasurer at P.O. Box 75310, Springfield, 2137. Members who have not paid their subscriptions by the General Meeting will be subjected to a re-registration fee.
 - h) Entrance fee is payable to the Treasurer at the time of joining and will be at rates decided by the Club at the Annual General Meeting. This clause may be ignored in the case of junior members.
 - i) Membership of the Club automatically binds the member to the Constitution, the Club's Rules and the Nationally accepted Contest Rules, with which he/she must be fully acquainted.
5. Administration:
 - a) This will be by the Executive Committee, which will consist of the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The balance of the Committee will be made up of the following: R/C Power Representative, R/C Glider Representative, Control Line Representative, Old Timers Representative, Special Events Representative, and the Editor of the Club's newsletter, as elected at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b) Chairman who will preside at all Meetings, at which he is present; enforce observance of the Constitution; sign Minutes of all Meetings after confirmation; certify all withdrawals of money in conjunction with the Treasurer; generally exercise supervision over the affairs of the Club, and perform such other duties as by usage and custom pertain to the office; draw up in conjunction with the Secretary the Agenda for every Meeting.
 - c) Vice Chairman who will preside at all Meetings at which the Chairman is not present: in general assist the Chairman in the execution of his duties as the Chairman may delegate.
 - d) Secretary who will attend all Meetings and record Minutes of the proceedings; keep a register of members' names and addresses; keep a register of attendances at all General and Committee Meetings; conduct all correspondence of the Club; issue notice of General and Committee Meetings; and sign all Minutes after confirmation. He/she will draw up the agenda for all Meetings in conjunction with the Chairman, which will be notified to all members.

- e) Treasurer who shall collect subscriptions and issue receipts; conduct the financial business of the Club and keep records of all such transactions; prepare Annual Balance Sheets, which will be passed by the Committee, and statements of Income and Expenditure when necessary; in conjunction with the Chairman will certify all withdrawals of money; be ward of all cups and trophies and other Club property; keep a record of all such property.
- f) Subject to the number of members in the Club, the posts of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person.
- g) Control Line Representative, whose duties will pertain to Control Line contests only. He will organise and supervise all Control Line contests; record details of all Control Line contests and control all movable property used at Control Line contests.
- h) Old Timer Representative, whose duties will pertain to Old Timer contests only. He will organise and supervise all Old Timer contests; record details of all Old Timer contests and control all movable property used at Old Timer contests.
- i) Radio Control Power Representative, whose duties will pertain to Radio Control Power contests only. He will organise and supervise all Radio Control Power contests; record details of all Radio Control Power contests; control all movable property used at Radio Control Power contests.
- j) Radio Control Glider Representative, whose duties will pertain to Radio Control Glider contests only. He will organise and supervise all Radio Control Glider contests; record details of all Radio Control Glider contests; control all movable property used at Radio Control Glider contests.
- k) Special Events Representative, whose duties will pertain to Special Events only. He will organise and supervise all Special Events; record details of all Special Events; control all movable property used at Special Events.
- l) Newsletter Editor, whose duties will pertain to the gathering of articles and information to be published from time to time for printing and distribution to club members.
- m) A Quorum for a Meeting of the Committee will consist of at least two of the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, plus two other Committee Members who may occupy one of the above mentioned posts. Should there be no Quorum present, the Secretary will call another meeting, not less than a week ahead, at which those present will then constitute a Quorum.
- n) The outgoing Chairman will be automatically proposed and seconded for election to the Committee. His election will be subject to his acceptance of the proposal and to the vote of the members.
- o) All members are eligible for nomination as office bearers, except those who are in arrears with their subscriptions.
- p) No member may be nominated without his personal consent.
- q) Any office bearer, Committee Member, or member, acting on behalf of the Club, but without the authority of the Committee, will do so at his own risk, and the Club will not be responsible for his actions. His continued membership will be at the discretion of the Committee, and he will be held responsible for any losses to the Club.
- r) The full Committee, or any part thereof, may be requested to resign from office, and their resignation will be automatic at the request of a 60% majority of the members present at any General Meeting. The vacancy so caused will be filled.
- s) A majority vote will at all times bind the minority, provided it is not unconstitutional.
- t) All delegates to local bodies will be elected by the Committee, the Chairman and Secretary taking preference.

6. Meetings:

- a) The Annual General Meeting will be held each year in February.
- b) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee or may be requested of the Committee on the simultaneous written request of five members.
- c) A Quorum for a General Meeting will consist of two of the following: Chairman, Vice chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, plus two other ordinary Committee Members who may occupy one of the above mentioned posts and two ordinary members. If no Quorum is present, the Secretary will call another meeting, not less than a week ahead, at which those present will then constitute a Quorum.

- d) Contest Meetings will be held under the control of the respective Representative, at the discretion of the Committee.
 - e) Committee Meetings will be held at least once a month.
 - f) Members will be advised by post, of all relevant Meetings. If through accident or oversight any member does not receive such notice, the proceedings of such meetings will not be invalidated.
 - g) Minutes of all Meetings will be read at the following Meeting and authenticated. Minutes of Annual General and Extraordinary General Meetings are to be read at the Committee Meeting following either of these meetings. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting will be read and authenticated at the next Annual General Meeting.
 - h) All Minutes will be deemed a true record after confirmation and signature of the Chairman and Secretary.
7. Finance:
- a) All books and accounts will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b) Funds will be applied to the payment of expense, the development of the Club and such other purposes as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee.
 - c) Payments will require the approval of the Executive Committee, and will be made by cheque or other legal document, signed by the party or parties so authorised at a Committee Meeting.
 - d) Funds received by the Treasurer, on behalf of the Club will be deposited to its credit within fourteen days of receipt, at a Bank or Building Society decided upon by the Executive Committee.
 - e) Only official receipts will be recognised.
8. Resignation:
- a) Resignation from the Club and/or Committee will be in writing and will be passed by the Committee, subject to all subscriptions being paid, and all Club property returned.
 - b) A Committee Member will be considered as resigned from the Committee should he absent himself without good reason, from three consecutive Committee Meetings.
 - c) Bad behaviour, failure to adhere to "Standing Flying Rules", or unsportmanlike demeanour which is likely to prejudice the name of the Club, may render the offender liable to expulsion from the Club by the Committee.
 - d) Membership may be held over, upon written request, provided all subscriptions are paid up to date.
 - e) Any member will have the right of appeal, at all times, to a General Meeting, and/or Committee Meeting.
9. Contests:
- a) Rules formulated by the Committee will be final.
 - b) No alterations of the contest rules can be made on the flying field, unless by Quorum of the Committee.
 - c) Rules will conform to current Nationals Rules unless amended by the Committee due to local conditions, such as additional safety precautions being needed at a flying site, etc.
 - d) Should, at any Contest Meeting, a dispute arise out of rulings, or a change in programme be necessary, then a Quorum of the Committee will be authorised to make a fit decision.
10. Instruction:
- The Committee will attempt to provide instruction for members.
11. Disolution of Club:
- a) The Club may be wound up upon resolution, by an Extraordinary General Meeting, on a majority of 90% of the total Club membership. Postal votes to be acceptable.
 - b) The Club assets will be liquidated in whatever manner that Meeting thinks fit.
12. Amendments to the Constitution:
- All proposed amendments to the Constitution are to be submitted, in writing, to the Committee at least 14 (fourteen) days before the Annual General Meeting, and will be accepted by a majority of 60% of the members present.

Standing Rules

1. All transmitters are to be switched off and antennas collapsed and left in the transmitter stand when not in use.
2. Transmitters may only be switched on when a peg with the membership card and frequency is placed on the frequency board.
3. Only the pilot may place and remove his/her membership card on the frequency board.
4. The use of a frequency is restricted to 30 (thirty) minutes maximum, unless an official competition is in progress.
5. All pupil pilots must be accompanied by an instructor while flying.
6. All flying over spectators, pits or car park is prohibited at all times.
7. Only the pilot in command and his/her assistants are allowed onto the flying area at any time.
8. No equipment is to be left on the runways.
9. Do not taxi aircraft in the pit area. Aircraft are to be carried or wheeled in a safe manner.
10. No starting or tuning of motors or repairs of aircraft to be done under the shelter.
11. All power pilots are to stay within hearing distance of each other and away from the runway in use.
12. All two-stroke engines above .15 cu. ins. are to be fitted with an effective silencer.
13. All landing aircraft take priority over aircraft waiting to take off at all times.
14. All beat-ups and low passes are to be done in a safe place and orderly fashion away from spectators and other pilots.
15. A Safety officer must be appointed by the representative concerned. In his absence the members present must elect a safety officer for the day. The safety officer's name is to be displayed on the notice board.
16. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member for the infringement of the above rules.

