



# **UPPER VALLEY FUN FLIERS**

## **Constitution and Bylaws**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME:**

This club shall be known as the Upper Valley Fun Fliers.

#### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this club shall be to promote R/C Model Aviation, to maintain a flying site, and to encourage teamwork and fellowship among interested parties.

#### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP:**

##### **Section I – Active Members:**

All persons regardless of age, sex, race, or religious belief, who are of good moral character, who have a definite active interest in R/C Model Aviation, and who are active members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, may be members of this club. Members will possess a copy of this Constitution acknowledging receipt of this document, and a copy of their membership will be retained on file by the club president. This will be accomplished by execution of the attached affidavit.

##### **Section II – Non-Flying Members:**

Any person can become a member of the club by paying only the dues if they **DO NOT** actively fly R/C aircraft at the club field. Such membership does not require an AMA membership.

##### **Section III – Age Categories:**

Active membership shall be sub-divided into two (2) age groups:  
Junior (under age 18), and Senior.

#### **ARTICLE IV – CLUB OFFICERS:**

##### **Section I – President:**

It shall be the duty of the president to enforce this Constitution and Bylaws, and to preside at all business meetings. The president shall appoint all committees, oversee all club activities and call for special meetings as required.

Section II – Vice President:

It shall be the duty of the vice president to carry on the functions of the president in that officer's absence, and to assist the president with various duties of that office. In addition, the vice president shall be the club safety officer and shall be concerned with the promotion of flying site safety. The vice president will also arrange the club activities as required for the regular club meetings.

Section III – Secretary:

It shall be the duty of the secretary to record the minutes of all club meetings and to present the same for inspection by any member at all the regular club meetings.

Section IV – Treasurer:

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to be custodian of all club funds, collect all dues and income, and to deposit them to the credit of the club in a depository specified by the club. The treasurer shall pay all bills and debts approved, and keep orderly, written records of all receipt and expenditures, and to present same for inspection by any member at regular club meetings.

Section V – Safety Officer

It shall be the duty of the Safety Officer to oversee field operations for the purpose of ensuring safe operating conditions for operators of models and spectators.

**ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS:**

This approved Constitution and Bylaws may be altered, amended or added to by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present at any meeting, provided that each member has been informed of such action, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to voting.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS:**

Section I – Regular Meetings:

Regular business meetings will be held once each month on the first Monday at 6:30 p.m. Should changes to this date be required, membership will be notified well in advance. Regular meetings will be held at a time and location selected by the president. Consideration will be given to hold meetings at the flying site during the summer months, weather permitting.

The order of business shall be as follows:

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| 1. Opening                                   | 8. Committee Reports       |
| 2. Roll Call                                 | 9. Safety Officer's Report |
| 3. Secretary's Report                        | 10. Program                |
| 4. Treasurer's Report                        | 11. Adjournment            |
| 5. Presentation of New Members and<br>Guests |                            |
| 6. Old Business                              |                            |
| 7. New Business                              |                            |

# BYLAWS

## **ARTICLE I – DUES:**

### Section I – Charges:

Dues shall be of a sufficient amount to cover the current operating expenses of the club. Dues shall be:

Junior Membership / Renewal	.....	\$20.00 per year
Non – Flying Membership / Renewal	.....	\$40.00 per year
Senior Membership / Renewal	.....	\$40.00 per year

New members, joining AFTER August 31, pay one-half of the applicable dues

### Section II – Delinquent Dues:

All members with dues unpaid by the February meeting shall be subject to Article II, Section II of these Bylaws.

### Section III – Special Assessments:

Special assessments may be levied to cover club requirements. The assessment(s) must be passed by the same procedure as in the Constitution, Article V – Amendments. It will be considered binding when passed.

## **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP COMPLIANCE:**

### Section I – Noncompliance:

Any member, who willingly fails to comply with any Article of this Constitution and Bylaws, or any sections thereof, shall be subject to dismissal from the club pending majority approval by the club members. The member may request a special meeting attended by two-thirds (2/3) of all club members and be allowed to give reasons why such action by this club is unfair. The club will consider such claims before arriving at a decision.

### Section II – Temporary Compliance:

Any person who cannot temporarily comply with the dues requirements of these Bylaws shall notify one of the club officers to be properly excused from membership.

**ANY LATE DUES PAYMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$15.00 LATE FEE!**

### Section III – Records:

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep accurate records pertaining to Article I of these Bylaws and to report noncompliance to officers for action.

## **ARTICLE III – SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY:**

### **Section I – Safe Conduct:**

The function of the club depends upon actions of its members. Violation of rules of conduct, which may result in the loss of insurance, AMA action, or use of the flying field, will not be permitted. All members are responsible to see that actions such as those listed below will not occur.

1. Flying models in a careless fashion, which could result in damage to persons or property, will not be permitted.
2. Flying unsafe aircraft that could be harmful is not permitted.
3. Not complying with field or AMA regulations is not permitted.
4. Using harsh or offensive language while on the flying field, including the spectator area.
5. Consuming alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated during flying hours.
6. The disciplinary actions described in Article III, section III, #6, will apply to violations of any of these areas of conduct.

### **AMA safety regulations will always be observed**

### **Section II – AMA Insurance:**

All members are urged to read the AMA insurance policy and acquaint themselves with the limits and conditions of coverage. This insurance is a supplemental-type insurance that can be withdrawn under certain conditions.

### **Section III – Field Regulations:**

1. **FREQUENCY CONTROL:** When the number of flyers exceeds one (1), a frequency identification device will be used. When the number of flyers exceeds twenty (20), transmitters will be impounded and an impounding officer will be appointed by the senior club officer present.
2. **NOISE LEVEL:** As required, mufflers will be used to lower the noise level of all engines of .09 c.i. and larger.
3. **AUTHORIZED FIELD USE:** Only club members and guests will be permitted to use the field. Non AMA guests will be allowed 3 training sessions from a UVFF instructor within a 30 day period at which time they will be asked to consider membership. Guests with AMA membership are welcome to 3 flying sessions, after which membership status with the UVFF will be required.
4. **SITE CLEANLINESS:** All persons using or visiting the flying field will be personally responsible for keeping it clean and clear of trash.

**6. JUDICIAL CHAIN OF EVENTS:**

The following 3 actions will mandate application of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, as applicable, disciplinary actions from the UVFF President:

1. Safety violation, i.e. unsafe flying aircraft or equipment, to be set by the common sense of club members.
2. Disrespectful actions toward club member(s), guest(s) and personal property.
3. Attempting to cause mayhem or feelings of unrest within the club, or any group, or individual.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b>	Verbal warning and clear explanation of offense.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b>	Probation, restrictions, and time length of said probation to be set by club members according to individual offenses.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:</b>	Revoked membership. Membership fees and donations are non-refundable.

**ARTICLE IV-FIELD/EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Certain basic field maintenance is required to maintain satisfactory model operations and field appearance. A “mowing schedule” is to be created each year prior to the mowing season, with groups/personnel, mowing dates (with rain dates) etc. to be determined by the creator of the schedule, the creator of the schedule to be determined by the club.

The responsibility for maintenance of any equipment is to be determined by the club on a yearly basis.

**ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS:**

Section I – Elections:

Nominations for club officer positions will be held during the November club meeting. Election of officers shall take place by secret ballot (or other agreed method) at the December meeting. Election will be determined by a simple majority of members present. Newly elected officers will take office after the committee reports of that meeting. Term of office is one (1) year.

Section II- Special Elections:

Vacancies will be filled by a special election for the position of president. All members will be notified of such election. Date shall be as set by remaining officers. All other positions will be filled by person(s) as appointed by the president. Specially elected or appointed officers will serve until the next regular election.

April 04, 2004 (last updated) end.

# AFFIDAVIT

I think the following line, in red, should be deleted:  
Having been accepted for membership by the **Upper Valley Fun Fliers**,

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby acknowledge receipt of the club Constitution and Bylaws as set up on November 11, 1993, consisting of five (5) pages, beginning with the line “Upper Valley Fun Fliers”, and ending with the line April 04, 2004 (last updated) end”. I understand that this affidavit must be returned and will be held on file by the club president as proof of such.

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Signature

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Date

