

# HOLLY CLOUD HOPPERS

## *Constitution and By-Laws*

### **Article 1.**        *Name*

- A. The name of this incorporated non-profit club is *HOLLY CLOUD HOPPERS*.

### **Article 2.**        *Aims and Objectives*

- A. To promote radio controlled flying of model aircraft.

### **Article 3.**        *Membership*

- A. Maximum membership will be 85 members
1. A waiting list with a maximum of five (5) persons shall be established.
  2. Any prospective member wishing to join who resides within three (3) miles line of sight distance of the field shall be allowed to join without regard to the membership count.
  3. The maximum membership count will not include Associate Members. All others will be part of the count.
  4. The membership count is not to be lowered during the annual dues renewal timeframe from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.:
- B. The membership shall be divided into the following categories:
1. Full Member: Is nineteen (19) years old or older as of July 1 of the current year and has full privileges and voting rights.
  2. Family Membership: Is defined as more than one family member in the same household. The additional members can be the spouse and / or children under nineteen (19) years of age as of July 1 of the current year. All family members have full privileges and voting rights.
  3. Lifetime Member: Is a special membership category voted on by the membership with full privileges and voting rights.
  4. Junior Member: Is younger than nineteen (19) years old as of July 1 of the current year and has full privileges and voting rights.
  5. Associate Member: a Non-Flyer, who is interested in the activities of the Club, has no voting rights and receives a newsletter.
- C. Member Responsibilities:
1. All flying members must have current membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Associate members do not require AMA membership.
  2. All members (or families) must have a current Michigan State Park Permit.
  3. All members must know the field rules and maintain a good relationship with the flying field neighbors.

### **Article 4.**        *Officers and Elections*

- A. The club shall have the following officers:
1. President
  2. Vice-President
  3. Secretary
  4. Treasurer
  5. Newsletter Editor
  6. Safety Officer
- B. The term of office is twelve (12) months.
- C. Nominations for, and election of, officers shall be at the regular meeting in February. Newly elected officers will assume their duties upon election. Nominations for office may be made by any active Club member holding voting rights, either in person or by submitting a proxy nomination to an existing officer.

### **Article 5.**        *Officers and their Duties*

- A. President: The President shall coordinate all activities of the club. He shall preside over meetings, following Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assist the President when needed. He shall assume the duties of the President when the President is absent or unable to act.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the official minutes of all meetings of the club.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all club monies, and provide an annual treasury report. He shall maintain an up-to-date roster of all members.
- E. Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall provide a newsletter to keep the membership informed of meetings, current events, and/or all worthwhile information deemed necessary for the club interest.

- F. Safety Officer: The Safety Officer shall see that all members are following the field rules and flying in a safe manner.
- G. The officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the club.

**Article 6.**        *Financial Year*

- A. The club financial year runs from March 1 to February 28.
- B. The club dues year runs concurrently.

**Article 7.**        *Meetings*

- A. It is desirable that meetings are held monthly. However, these may be spread out if no business requires a meeting. The Executive Board shall determine the time and place of meetings.

**Article 8.**        *Amendments*

- A. Amendments to this Constitution and/or By-Laws may be made following a copy of the amendment being sent to all members before a regular meeting.

**Article 9.**        *By-Laws:*

- A. Dues:
  - 1. Full member                      \$35.00
  - 2. Family membership              \$45.00
  - 3. Lifetime member                      \$0
  - 4. Junior member                      \$17.50      (only when not part of a family membership)
  - 5. Associate member                      \$17.50
- B. All new members shall pay a one-time initiation fee according to the following schedule.
  - 1. Full member                      \$50.00
  - 2. Family membership              \$55.00
  - 3. Lifetime member                      N/A
  - 4. Junior member                      \$25.00      (only when not part of a family membership)
  - 5. Associate member                      \$25.00
- C. An Associate member who later decides to upgrade to Full membership status must pay an additional \$25.00 initiation fee. Any Junior member who later decides to upgrade to Full membership status is not required to pay an additional initiation fee.
- D. A Lifetime member must be nominated for this category at a regular club meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority is required for inclusion. Yearly dues are waived for Lifetime members once elected to this membership category.
- E. Anyone joining the club after September 1 shall pay the full dues rate which will be for the balance of that year and all the next year. Member dues are to be paid by March 1. Proof of current AMA membership is required. Proof of a current Michigan State Park Permit (see note below) is required.
- F. Those who have not renewed their club membership by April 15 will be dropped from the club. A member who wishes to rejoin after that time will be charged a reinstatement fee of \$15. The penalty will not apply to a former member who rejoins after being out of the club membership the preceding year.
- G. Field Rules: The field rules are dated to the latest correction.
- H. Field Maintenance: It is expected that all members will help maintain the field.

**NOTE:** We have made arrangements with the DNR by which the club treasurer can collect the permit fee from the member and then purchase the permits as needed. The permit would be mailed to the member along with the club membership card. There is an exception to the club treasurer being able to purchase the permit. A Senior Citizen (65 or older) must purchase their own permit, as the State requires proof of age.