



# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## NORTHWEST HOUSTON RADIO CONTROL CLUB

### ARTICLE I

The name of the Club shall be Northwest Houston Radio Control Club

### ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

1. To obtain and maintain suitable flying site.
2. To promote a feeling of fellowship and exchange of information and help among people interested in radio controlled model aircraft.
3. To encourage other people to become interested in this hobby and sport.
4. To encourage sportsmanlike conduct and safe practices when flying model aircraft.
5. To promote group activities such as fun fly contests.

### Article III – Membership

#### Section 1

A person shall be considered eligible for membership in the Club if:

- a. He expresses an interest in becoming a member of the club consistent with the foregoing objectives; and
- b. Is an active member of the AMA; and
- c. He attends at least one flying session with a member of the Executive Committee

#### Section 2

A person shall be considered a member of the Club if:

- a. He has paid all dues required for membership; and

- b. He presents to a Club Officer a then current AMA membership card or shows proof of application for such; and
- c. He has not been removed from membership pursuant to the provision hereof or the Bylaws.

## **Article IV – Officers and Duties**

### **Section 1**

The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected. The President will call for nominations from the membership. All elections shall be by ballot and candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected to fill such office. The elected officers shall be installed at the January meeting and immediately qualify and serve until their successors are installed herein stated.

### **Section 2**

The President shall preside at all meetings and meet with committees as his convenience permits. He may sign written contracts and obligations which are approved and authorized by the Club and perform other duties as necessary.

### **Section 3**

The Vice-President, during the absence of the President, shall act in the President's Stead. In the event of the resignation, retirement, or incapacity of the President, he shall become President for the unexpired term of office. The Vice- President will assist in the planning, directing, and administering of field activities and maintenance, and social functions.

### **Section 4**

The Secretary will record and report minutes of each meeting and maintain monthly newsletter and meeting notice.

### **Section 5**

The Treasurer will keep accurate financial and membership records, be responsible for all funds collected and keep these funds in a safe place. He may make payment for all expenses approved for in the annual budget. Any expenditure for items not included in the approved budget must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present at meeting.

### **Section 6**

The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee will direct the affairs and business of the Club.

## **Article V – Meetings and Committees**

### **Section 1**

The President may call special meetings with the approval of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2**

The President will appoint such committees as he sees fit for proper operation of the Club.

### **Section 3**

The members present at any regular meeting shall constitute a Quorum in order to transact business.

### **Section 4**

A regularly scheduled meeting shall be held each month unless holidays or emergencies do not permit the regular meeting.

## **General Rules of Conduct**

### **AMA SAFETY RULES APPLY AT ALL TIMES**

1. A successful radio equipment ground check should be made before the first flight and after any rough landing.
2. A preflight should be performed by the pilot.
3. Observe airspace for full size aircraft, balloons, etc. They have the right-of-way.
4. No aircraft shall be flown in competition or in the presence of spectators except by a qualified flier or under the supervision of an instructor.
5. All pilots will perform their initial turn away from the pit, spectator, and parking areas, and will not perform maneuvers or flight of any sort over the pit, spectator, or parking areas.
6. All persons will abide by the safety rules of the flying site and will not willfully and deliberately fly in a careless, reckless, or dangerous or unsportsmanlike manner.

### **Field Safety Rules**

1. All persons will observe the transmitter impound and frequency control rules.
2. No spectators, children, animals, or guests ( other than pilots ) shall be permitted on the flying field proper or in the transmitter impound area.
3. Pits are restricted to pilots, pit crew, and or helpers.
4. All engines are to be started in a direction to avoid prop wash in the spectator area or against another persons pit area or aircraft.
5. Runways shall be designated by the prevailing wind and all takeoffs and landings will be performed procedurally from the designated runway except during an emergency condition.

6. All pilots shall observe pilot standing areas as designated and shall not fly from the pit, taxiways, or any other area not designated as a pilot standing area.
7. All pilots flying shall be alert to aircraft taking off and landing. Emergency situations and dead stick aircraft shall have priority on the runway.
8. Pilots and pilot trainees standing with an instructor shall be allowed in pilot standing area.

### **Transmitter Impound Board Procedure**

1. Before flying, be sure the numbered yellow is available for your frequency. If the yellow pin is missing, DO NOT FLY. Locate the person with the pin and wait for it to be returned.
2. If your frequency is available, remove the yellow frequency pin from the board. Place your current AMA membership card in the slot provided.
3. If using the float pond, place a float pond tag on the frequency pin holder for your frequency.
4. Return yellow frequency pin after completion of you flight.

### **Additional Club Rules**

1. No discharging of firearms on NWRC property for any reason.
2. No abusive language
3. Frequency flag should be displayed on every transmitter.
4. All flyers to have current AMA membership card.
5. Guest flyers ( with proof of AMA membership ) must be accompanied by a NWRC club member and are limited to 3 visits.
6. No flying allowed when work crew or mowing crew are on the field.
7. Muffler required on all engines larger than .10 cubic inch
8. Only 1991 approved narrow band transmitters and dual conversion receivers will be allowed to be used at NWRC field.
9. Older transmitters must have AMA gold stickers attached.