

BYLAWS OF THE QUAKER FARMS R/C FLYERS

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Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the QUAKER FARMS R/C FLYERS hereafter called the Club. The club is, and shall continue to be, incorporated in the state of Connecticut as a non-profit corporation.

Article II PURPOSES

The purpose of this club shall be:

- A: To be affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)
- B: To operate as a non-profit club and, in the event of dissolution, the net assets, after payment of debts, will proceed to the remaining current membership of the club equally.
- C: To assume and maintain active leadership in the development of all phases of radio control modeling and to promote aeronautics education.
- D: To make available to the membership the result of experience, research and accomplishments in various areas of radio control modeling.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

A: Membership Requirements:

1. Membership is open to all persons wishing to actively pursue radio modeling as a hobby.
2. Membership is open to those individuals holding a current AMA Membership and a current FCC license, if applicable.
3. Membership is limited to 75 regular members; however 10 additional memberships may be accepted from Oxford residents. In the event that the membership is full, there shall be a waiting list for prospective members.
4. All members, including new and renewing members, must obtain a copy of these bylaws by their own initiative, and certify that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with their requirements before being accepted as a new or renewing member and before being allowed flying privileges.

B: New Membership:

1. Individuals desiring membership in the Club will complete and submit a membership application to the *Membership Chairman*.

2. The prospective member will have in his or her possession a current AMA License, and if required an FCC license, and present them to the **Membership Chairman**, Club Treasurer or a member of the Executive Board.

- (a) Adult applicants are considered those who have reached or passed their nineteenth birthday.
- (b) Junior applicants are considered those who have not yet reached their nineteenth birthday, and will become members upon submitting a membership application, and upon payment of current year's dues. There is no initiation fee for junior members. There is also no limit on the number of junior members.
- (d) Family applications are for husband & wife and any number of children who have not reached their eighteenth birthday, and submit a membership application to the **Membership Chairman**, the current years family dues, plus the initiation fee of \$25.00.
- (e) The safety officer or one of his assistants must check out all new members before they are allowed to fly without the supervision of a qualified pilot at the flight station.
- (f) All new members must be approved by the executive board. New members will be considered as probationary for 12 months.

C. Regular Membership:

- 1. Regular member shall be an individual who has completed and application according to Article III, Par. 2.
- 2. Suspension of membership can be enacted upon consistent violations of the Club rules and regulations by a simple majority vote of members attending the meeting following the notification of the offending member as to the pending action. Notification shall be in writing by the Club Secretary. For this action, suspension shall mean expulsion.
- 3. Renewal of regular membership will be accomplished annually. Each member will present required AMA and FCC documentation covering the coming membership year, or acceptable proof that required actions to obtain the documents has been accomplished. The renewal process will be completed no later than the 1st of February of each year.
- 4. Failure to comply with renewal requirements will result in the individual being removed for the membership of the Club.
- 5. Individuals removed from membership in accordance with Paragraph 4 above may seek reinstatement but will be subject to the regulations and requirements for membership including the full payment of dues plus a \$10.00 late fee.

D. Guest Flyers:

- 1. All guests must present proof of current AMA membership and be accompanied by a regular member.

2. Guest flyers are subject to all rules and regulations which apply to all regular members flying at our field. Misconduct of a guest flyer is the responsibility of the regular member who brought them to the field.

Article IV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- A. Elected officers of the Club shall be:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Safety Officer
- B. Nomination & Election of officers shall be filled from the regular membership by election at the meeting of the club held in December of every calendar year. Term of office shall start January 1. The term of office shall be for one (1) year.
- C. Vacated elected positions shall be filled by a regular member elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term by vote of the membership in attendance at a regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, any time a vacancy occurs. The President shall have the power to make an interim appointment pending the specified election.
- D. Management of the property and affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors; subject at all times to the provisions of the constitution and bylaws. Where these provisions do not otherwise provide, the board of Directors is empowered to make rules and regulations for the conduct and guidance of the Club and for the care and preservation of its property as may seem desirable. Board members and officers will serve without remuneration except that the membership may approve discounted dues not to exceed 50% of the current dues for regular members. The Board shall consist of all the elected officers. A quarterly report of the activities and decisions of the Board of Directors shall be rendered to the membership by the President.
- E. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided, three members shall constitute a quorum and all questions shall be decided by a majority vote.
- F. The President may appoint additional positions to satisfy the needs and management of the club including; Membership Chairman, Field Maintenance Manager, News Letter Editor, News Letter Distributor, and Web Coordinator.

Article V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club and perform and accomplish all duties incumbent in the position of a presiding officer.
- B. The Vice President shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of the President. He/she shall, at all times, assist the President in the execution of his duties.
- C. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of all meetings. He/she shall have these records present at all succeeding meetings of the Club. He/she shall conduct all correspondence of the Club and fulfill other such duties and tasks

customarily required of the positions. The Secretary will keep current and accurate records and insure prompt registration with the AMA.

- D. The Treasurer shall receive, issue proper receipts thereof, and hold for safekeeping, and/or deposit directly all monies paid to the club. He/she shall make payments and disperse funds not to exceed the amount of \$500.00. Disbursements in excess of \$500.00 must be approved by the President and at least one member of the executive board. However, the Treasurer needs no prior approval for payments to the AMA, or other contractual obligations, regardless of the amount. He/she shall have joint custody of Club property as well as its funds with the Secretary. He/she shall keep current and accurate records of deposit and provide this information to the Secretary to insure prompt registration with AMA. He/she shall submit this, together with a report of same, at the scheduled meetings and at such other times as the Club may require. (Passed - September Meeting 2008)

- E. The Safety Officer shall be responsible for the overall safe operation of activities at the Club. He/she shall have the power to appoint assistants, as he/she deems necessary. The duties of the Safety Officer shall include checking out new members, setting up and maintaining a training program for new flyers, keeping accurate records pertaining to training, certification, and any accidents in order to protect the interests of the Club.

Article VI BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- A. Executive Board/committee shall be composed of the Elected Officers.

- B. Committees, either standing or Ad Hoc, may be appointed by the President. The President shall automatically become a member of any committee.

Article VII MEETINGS

- A. The Club membership shall meet as scheduled at a place to be established. Notification of the place and time of a meeting shall be sent to membership one week in advance of the scheduled meeting.

- B. A quorum for conducting Club business shall consist of members in attendance at a scheduled meeting of the Club at time and place on the date specified.

- C. Conduct of Club meetings shall be in accordance with the Bylaws. Procedures not specifically covered herein shall be conducted in accordance with standard practices as set forth in Roberts Rules of Order.

- D. There shall be four regular meetings of the Club per year. Meetings shall be held at a time & place to be determined by the Executive Board, currently the second Tuesday in March, May, October, and December, at the Oxford American Legion Hall, and a special meeting and fly-in on the second Saturday in July at 10:30am at the field.

- E. The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Club whenever they see fit, and a special meeting shall be called upon by written request of fifteen members of the Club, provided such request shall designate the business to be acted upon at such meetings, and the President shall have been notified.

**Article VIII
ELECTIONS**

- A. Nominations and Elections of candidates for the elected Officers can be made by any member at the December meeting.
- B. Voting shall be by written ballot or showing of hands.
- C. Receipt of a simple majority vote of the members attending is required for election.
- D. All club records and documents shall be transferred to the newly elected Officers.
- E. A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled from the membership by a simple majority vote of the members attending a meeting, either regular or special called for that purpose.
- F. The President shall have the power to appoint an interim candidate pending a special meeting to vote on the vacant office.

**Article IX
FISCAL AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

- A. The fiscal year (FY), and the membership year, of the Club shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

**Article X
DUES**

- A. There will be an initiation fee of \$25.00 per membership, individual or family, payable only once in a person's lifetime.
- B. There will be no initiation fee for junior membership applications.
- C. Annual membership dues shall be payable by January of each year.
- D. There will be a late fee of \$10.00 for all dues not paid by Feb 1.
- E. Annual dues shall be in the amount approved by the Club at a regularly schedule meeting.

Current Dues are:

Adults 19 years and older	\$85.00*
*\$42.50 after Sept 1st.	
Juniors under 19 years of age	\$10.00
Family	\$95.00

- F. Elected Officers and appointees of the President shall pay what ever the current dues are during his time as an officer.

**Article XI
SAFETY**

- A. The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) safety code will be observed and followed by members and their guests at all times.

**Article XII
NOISE EMISSION**

- A. Engines of .10 C.I.D. and up must have a muffler to operate at any Club facility. All noise emission will be within AMA guidelines. All gas engines need to have a canister muffler with baffle inside .

**Article XIII
AIRCRAFT STANDARDS**

- A. All construction will be in accordance with currently accepted safe construction.
- B. The Officers and/or Instructors shall have the right to inspect any aircraft with regards to safety at any time that they deem reasonable.
- C. The Officers and/or Instructors shall also have the right to ground any aircraft, which has been found to be unsafe for flight. Any aircraft, which has been grounded, needs to be re-inspected before any future flight attempts are made.
- D. The maximum engine size shall be unlimited.

**Article XIV
RADIO STANDARD (GENERAL)**

- A. All radios will meet FCC specifications and standards in construction and operation and follow AMA guidelines for radio equipment.
- B. Radios operating on both even and odd numbered aircraft channels will be allowed to operate at Club-controlled fields.
- C. All transmitters must comply with a minimum FCC 1991 standard and all receivers must be of the current narrowband type.
- D. Wideband radio equipment is not permitted on club controlled fields.

**Article XV
RADIO OPERATION/FREQUENCY DISPLAY**

- A. No radio transmitter will be activated without having the appropriate channel control pin attached to the top rail of the Active Display Board.
- B. Frequency and channel use control is to be in accordance with the "Field Channel Control System" given at the end of this document.
- C. The channel control pin must be removed from the Active Board top rail at the completion of the flight or ground adjustments and the transmitter is turned off.
- D. Transmitters will display the applicable frequency channel. This display will be in accordance with AMA recommendations, and attached to the transmitter antenna.

**Article XVI
AIRCRAFT FLYING REGULATIONS**

- A. The maximum time for a member to have possession of a frequency channel at any one time will be 15 minutes.

1. The pilot using the frequency control pin has sole use of that frequency for a Maximum of 15 minutes and may attain or attempt as many flights or other Frequency-related activities as he may desire.
 2. If the pilot has a model airborne at the completion of the allotted time span, he will, if Requested, land as quickly as practical.
 3. If your channel is in use at the time you come to the board, you shall place your Channel pin on a waiting area on the right of the Active Display Board. The flow is Bottom to top. The top pin is next to become active. When the pilot who has the Channel clears the channel, he should let the next person in line know as a courtesy.
- B. A maximum of four (4) aircraft shall be airborne at any one point in time. Unless Approved in advance by the Executive Committee for an authorized club event or fun fly. Gliders are not taken into account for the (4) aircraft rule as long as they are flying high. If they come down low and fly around the field then they are bound by the (4) plane rule.
 - C. While in the pit area, all propeller wash/blast will be directed away from persons, planes, and cars.
 - D. All pilots will stand in the designated stations, located on the west side of the field, while flying their aircraft.
 - E. Pilots will announce, so that all other pilots can hear and understand, all takeoffs, landings, and touch-and-goes prior to their execution. Pilots shall also announce when it becomes necessary to walk on to the field to retrieve their aircraft. etc.
 - F. All flying shall be done east (far side) of the runway centerline, except for takeoffs and landings which may be done on the centerline. Except for taxiing, no operation of models is allowed west (near side) of the runway centerline. Flying over the pit-area(s), spectators, pilots, or vehicles, is strictly prohibited. Also, flying over the houses at the north end of the field, over Route 188, or over the farm buildings to the south or houses to the southwest is prohibited.
 - G. Taxiing into, or out of, the pit area is prohibited.
 - H. Engine break-in will be performed only in the designated area by gate number 4 at the southwest end of the runway.
 - I. Practice hovering of helicopters will be done in an area designated for this purpose. This area is at the south end of the parking area, or at the south end of the field beyond the cow fence, on the west side.

All new members that are learning to fly cannot train on Wednesdays or Sundays for safety reasons, these are our busiest times. All other days are fine.

Article XVII AMENDMENTS

- A. These bylaws shall not be altered, repealed, or added to without the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the meeting members present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

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Field Channel Control **System**

As adopted at the June 2008 Meeting
9-10-08 BJ

For the 72mhz Channels 11-60:

Each flyer is to fabricate a “Name Clip” from a clothespin with a small piece of plywood on it (or similar), and place their name on it. When preparing to fly, they are to REMOVE THE CHANNEL PIN FROM THE PIN HOUSE, AND PLACE THEIR “NAME CLIP” IN ITS PLACE. NEXT, PLACE THE CHANNEL PIN ON THE ACTIVE BOARD INDICATING YOUR FLYING STATUS.

Active Board procedure:

Top = Flying and/or testing (mark “test” if testing).

Right side = Waiting to fly, top is next, bottom is last.

Left side = Not used

Optional – Also attach AMA card or club ID card under the channel pin. This is so someone just arriving at the field will see who is active and on what channel. When their flight is completed **THEY ARE TO RETURN THE CHANNEL PIN TO THE PIN HOUSE and RETRIEVE THEIR “NAME PIN”.**

For the 2.4 ghz flyers:

Place a clip, with your name on it, on the active board.

Notice: _____

Maximum Four (4) aircraft flying at one time.

Time limit: 15 Minutes.

A “spotter” is strongly suggested for each pilot while flying.

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