

BY-LAWS OF THE RCA FLYING FRIENDS OF FLAMING GEYSER STATE PARK

Established on Sept 2006, Last amended April 2022

Article I – Name

We shall be known officially as the RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geysers State Park. The unofficial name of the Club will be the Flaming Geysers Flyers Club.

The location of the flying site is at the Flaming Geysers State Park, 23700 SE Flaming Geysers Rd. Auburn, WA, 98002. All correspondence should be directed to the President. Contact information can be obtained on the club website at www.GeysersFlyers.org

Article II – Purpose

We, the members of RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geysers State Park, have established a nonprofit organization to maintain and improve the Flaming Geysers State Park RCA flying site, enforcing the rules as designated in the Management Plan of the Flaming Geysers flying site to ensure continued use of this site, fostering and advancing the interest and fellowship of its members in the hobby of building and flying radio control model aircraft, to encourage an interest in this hobby in non-members, to provide a meeting place for members of the Club, and to promote activities in the Club consistent with the aims and ideals of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. AMA

Article III – Membership

- Membership is open to all who express an interest in the hobby of radio-controlled model aircraft.
- All members must be current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) members.
- There are no dues required to join the Club. Members must register by completing a membership application to establish and maintain a membership roster. Any member wishing to have their name removed from the membership roster can do so by giving written notice to the club Secretary.

Article IV – Officers

Officers

The officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Coordinator.

Term of Office

Officers' terms will be for one year, from January 1 thru December 31.

Duties

1. President

- They shall preside at all Club and Executive Board meetings.
- They shall act as spokesperson for the Club.
- It will be his privilege and duty to call Executive Board meetings and appoint committees not otherwise provided to fill committee and pro tempore vacancies.
- Ensure that all records, reports, and certificates required by law or regulations are adequately maintained or filed.
- They shall perform such other duties as his office may require.
- They shall perform the duties of the Vice-President in the absence of that officer.
- They should attend all meetings of the Advisory Committee.
- They shall help ensure that an up-to-date roster of members is maintained.

Vice-President

- They shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.
- They shall oversee and coordinate the efforts of all appointed committees.
- They shall help ensure that an up-to-date roster of members is maintained.

Secretary

- They shall keep the minutes of all Club and Executive Board meetings.
- They shall ensure that an up-to-date roster of members is maintained.
- They shall maintain all required documents of the association.

Treasurer

- The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all financial transactions of the Club.
- They shall be responsible for all association funds and receive and disburse all money.
- A checking account will be set up for the management of club funds. Withdrawals shall be approved by the Executive Board as stated in Article IV, paragraph B, which follows. The Treasurer and at least one additional club officer shall be authorized to make withdrawals from the
- They shall review the financial records with any Officer, State Parks representative, or Club member upon request.
- They shall help ensure that an up-to-date roster of members is maintained.

Safety Coordinator.

- With the assistance of all members, the Safety Coordinator shall be responsible for ensuring existing rules are enforced.
- Maintain a current E-mail address for providing a communications link to the AMA for matters related to safety.
- They shall investigate all incidents by RC aircraft pilots of rules infractions, bodily injury, and property damage. Either an incident report or a citation is written by the Parks staff and made a report to the Executive Board.
- Develop, promote, and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the Club membership.
- Ensure that all flying site safety equipment is maintained in working condition.
- They shall help ensure that an up-to-date roster of members is maintained.

Article IV - Executive Board

A. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Coordinator, and the last past President.

B. Duties and Authority

- The President sets the date and time of the meetings.
- Robert's Rules of Order shall conduct all official business. A simple majority of the total Executive Board shall decide on general club business.
- The Executive Board can approve expenditures of up to \$300. These expenditures will be reported to the membership at the next regular club meeting. Costs of more than \$300 require the majority approval of the club members attending a regular or special Club meeting.
- In an emergency, the Executive Board may approve expenditures of \$301 to \$600 for an expense that cannot reasonably wait to be approved by the members at the next regular meeting. The Treasurer will draw up a warrant outlining the amount and reason for the expenditure, and all members of the Executive Board must sign it before the check is written. As with other Executive Board expenditures, full reporting is required at the next regular Club meeting.
- The Executive Board will carry out any business as directed by the Club members at previous Club meetings.

Article V - Meetings

A. Regular Club meetings

Regular Club meetings will be scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise designated at the discretion of the Executive Board.

B. Special Club meetings

Meetings to conduct business that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled appointment may be called by the Executive Board. A reasonable effort shall be made to inform all meeting members promptly.

Article VI - Record Keeping

All records shall be passed on to the new Officers at the beginning of the term of office.

Article VII - Nominations, Elections, and Recalls

- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Coordinator shall be filled by election at the regular Club meeting in November.
- Nominations will be taken at the regular club meeting in October. Nominees must have been a member of the Club for at least six months before nominations for office.
- No officer is eligible to hold more than one elective office at a time.
- All elections shall be held by secret ballot, in person, at a regular Club meeting. A simple majority of the members present shall decide the election.
- Duly elected officers may only be removed from office by a majority board vote at a special meeting held for that purpose only. The board's action must be confirmed by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular Club meeting. Notification to the membership of the impending vote shall be via the club website and by posting on the bulletin board at the flying site. No name will be published. The affected member shall be notified by registered letter of the date and time of all meetings scheduled to remove him from office.
- In the event of an office vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election at a regular Club meeting within sixty (60) days. The President will select a program officer to fill the position, if necessary until the election can be held.
- Any officer may resign their office by giving written notice to the Club.

Article V III - General Provisions

- All funds received, including donations and through fund-raising activities, will be deposited into the Club checking account by the Treasurer. Following the "Friends of the Park" agreement between the Club and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Department, these funds will only be used for improvements and maintenance to any part of the Flaming Geyser State Park or facilitate fund-raising activities.
- Equipment purchased by the RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geyser State Park with RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geyser State Park funds shall not be considered the property of any individual member or group of members. Still, it shall be the RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geyser State Park property.
- In the event of the RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geyser State Park disbanding, all assets, including the cash balance of the checking account, shall revert to the Flaming Geyser State Park, to be handled appropriately until further group interest and use are indicated.
- The Club may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership.
- The fiscal year for the RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geyser State Park shall be from January 1 to December 31 inclusive. All budgeting and financial accounting shall be rendered on this basis.
- The duration of this Club shall be perpetual.

Article IX - Amendments

- The By-Laws may be amended by the submission in writing of a proposed amendment at any regular or special Club meeting. The proposal shall be received and presented to the members for a vote at the next succeeding regular Club meeting
- A simple majority of the members present at the meeting shall be required to adopt or reject an amendment.

Article X - Disciplinary action.

We, as RCA Flyers, are expected to know and enforce the Flying Sites rules amongst ourselves. Most rules violations will be minor, and friendly informal contact with the pilot will typically resolve the issue. However, if the offense is more serious, or there are incidents of repeated violations, bodily injury, or property damage, the Park staff may suspend the offending pilot's flying privileges, create an incident report, and issue a citation. In this case, the Safety Coordinator will investigate the incident and report to the Executive Board. The Safety Coordinator will also assist the pilot involved in promptly making any required accident reports to the AMA.

If the offending pilot wishes, a hearing can be arranged to present his side of the incident to the Executive Board, Advisory Committee, and Parks Department representatives. The Executive Board may request the presence of any witnesses to the incident that can offer relevant testimony. The Executive Board and Advisory Committee will hear the details of the incident and make their recommendations to the Parks Department representatives, who have complete authority to length any suspension of flying privileges within the scope of the appropriate WAC.

Article XI – Membership Revocation.

- Membership can be revoked at any time, providing that the following criteria are met:
 1. An incident has occurred that could jeopardize the operations of the Club
 2. The majority of officers agree with the revocation.
 3. A full investigation has been completed to validate the incident.
- If a member is banned from flying or entering the park, their membership will be suspended for the duration of the ban set by the Washington State Parks Dept.
- The Club has the right to suspend or permanently ban a member if a pattern of unsafe behavior can be established.
- If any club member acts in a manner construed as aggressive/offensive to another member or a park visitor, that member can be suspended/removed.