

**BYLAWS
OF THE
GOLDEN TRIANGLE RADIO CONTROL CLUB**

**ARTICLE 1
NAME**

The name of this organization is "Golden Triangle Radio Control Club, Inc." herein after referred to as the GTRCC.

**ARTICLE 2
CHARTER**

The GTRCC is incorporated, in the state of Texas, as a not-for-profit organization. The GTRCC is chartered with the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS of Muncie, Indiana (AMA Charter #610), herein after referred to as the AMA.

**ARTICLE 3
PURPOSE**

The GTRCC exists to promote the building and flying of radio controlled model aircraft and to provide a flying site for its members.

**ARTICLE 4
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be by invitation only. Any Member of good Standing shall nominate a prospective member or any person or past member desiring to become a member of The Golden Triangle RC Club shall submit an Application of approved form to the Club Secretary. A prospective member shall be first considered and approved by a majority vote of the Club Officers after a review of said application has been conducted.

Memberships that will not be approved are past members removed from membership of the GTRCC or any other club for bad conduct, disruptive behavior, vandalism, destruction of either public, private property, criminal convictions, violation of AMA Safety Code or FAA Codes. Or other just causes. Refusal of membership shall be at the discretion of the reviewing Committee.

Section 1 All active flying members of the GTRCC shall be current active members of the AMA.

Section 2 Each new applicant (Family, Youth and Associate Members excluded) will be assessed a one-time Initiation Fee of \$150 before membership in the club can be granted. This fee is not prorated and is not refundable.

Section 3 The annual dues shall become due and payable upon acceptance of membership in the GTRCC. Annual dues are not refundable. Only first-year dues are prorated on a quarterly basis at \$25 per quarter and only for General Members.

Section 4 Payment of the annual membership dues must be made by the end of the regular membership meeting in September in order for the member to remain as an active member. The GTRCC Treasurer shall notify members at least two months in advance of payment of the annual membership dues.

Section 5 The GTRCC membership shall include at least one member who has AMA Contest Director's (CD) credentials. A potential CD must be nominated by a member in good standing (self-nomination acceptable). Nominee(s) must meet the AMA CD requirements or the nomination will be rejected. The nominee(s) must be approved by a simple majority acceptance vote of the members at the next regular GTRCC meeting. The fee for obtaining AMA CD credentials shall be paid out of the GTRCC treasury (AMA dues excluded). Any GTRCC member holding AMA CD and/or AMA Leader Member status shall be recognized as such.

Section 6 All GTRCC members and their guests are expected to abide by the General Rules, bylaws and Flight Line Safety Rules of the GTRCC as well as the AMA Safety Code. Failure to do so may result in a reduction of privileges or expulsion the GTRCC by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present at a regular, scheduled membership meeting. All accidents or blatant safety violations arising from the operation of model aircraft at the GTRCC flying site will be reported, in writing, to the AMA by the Safety Coordinator.

Section 7 All GTRCC members are assigned a gate key to the GTRCC flying site upon acceptance of membership. A member may not, unless ordered to do so in writing by an officer of the club, loan the use of a gate key to anyone. If a gate key is lost or stolen, it must be reported to the Treasurer immediately. A member may be assessed a fee to replace a lost or stolen key. A member may open the gate for a representative of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, Parks and Recreation Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), an approved guest or emergency vehicles (fire truck, ambulance, etc.) only. The gate must be kept closed and locked unless an attendant is present (during special events and emergencies). The Safety Officer may replace the GTRCC gate lock at any time without notice. All guests to the GTRCC flying site must be accompanied by the sponsoring member while at the GTRCC flying site. The GTRCC flying site is a PAY-PER-USE facility as are all public parks around Joe Pool lake. Visitors to the GTRCC flying site are always welcome.

ARTICLE 5 MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Section 1 General Members. A General Member shall have all of the privileges and benefits of membership including the right to hold office and vote in GTRCC elections and on club business.

Section 2 Youth Members. A Youth Member shall be less than 18 years old, shall have all of the benefits and privileges of membership as a General Member, except that of holding office and voting, and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at the GTRCC flying site while participating in flying events.

Section 3 Family Members. An immediate family member (spouse or dependent if the dependent is 18 years of age or younger) of a GTRCC member shall have the benefits and privileges of a General Member or Youth Member (whichever the case may be) and the Initiation Fee is waived. Family Members must also be current active AMA members if they wish to partake in active flying activities at the GTRCC flying site.

Section 4 Associate Members. A Member who lives outside of a 40 statute mile radius of Fulton Field that enjoys flying only privileges at the field and pays only the annual dues.

Section 5 Life Members. A person that has met the requirements set by the Board of Directors and has been granted such title by the Board. A Life Member shall have all of the benefits and privileges of a General Member except that he pays no annual dues to the GTRCC.

Section 6 Honorary Life Members. Once per fiscal year, the title of Honorary Life Member may be bestowed upon a person who has performed outstanding beneficial services to the club. The club may consider such a designation by the recommendation of a General Member. Honorary Life Membership may be confirmed by a majority vote of the membership present. All Honorary Life Members shall retain all of the privileges of a General Member and pay no dues.

ARTICLE 6 OFFICERS

Section 1 An election of officers shall take place, by secret ballot, during the November meeting and the newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following the meeting. No member shall hold more than one office at a time. No proxy voting shall be permitted.

Section 2 The officers of the GTRCC shall be President, vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Coordinator. These officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws or any other authority over the GTRCC or adopted by the GTRCC.

Section 3 The Board of Directors may create other offices as they deem necessary for the transaction of GTRCC business. GTRCC members shall elect officers to fill those offices. Those officers shall perform the duties of their office, hold office for such term and hold such authority as an officer as prescribed by these bylaws.

Section 4 In the event that an officer of the GTRCC should resign or, for any other reason, become incapacitated to the point where he cannot fulfill his obligations as an officer of the

GTRCC, a successor to the office shall be elected by the GTRCC membership at its next regular scheduled meeting. If an officer should miss two consecutive regular scheduled monthly meetings or any three meetings during his term of office, without the approval of the GTRCC membership, said officer shall be considered to have resigned. Any officer who resigns from office shall not become eligible to hold any other office in the GTRCC for a period of two years from the end of his elected term of office. If, in the event that an office should be vacated within two months of the General Election, the office shall remain vacant until the election is held.

ARTICLE 7 DUTIES of OFFICERS

General All officers in the GTRCC are expected to maintain the highest ethical and moral standards that would be expected of an officer in any organization. Officers are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and present themselves in a non-biased fashion.

Section 1 The President shall preside over all regular and special meetings. The President is ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating committee.

Section 2 The vice-president shall act in place of the President should the President become unavailable. It is the duty of the vice-president to prepare and update (on a monthly basis) a calendar of events for the GTRCC and schedule them accordingly.

The Vice-president shall schedule field maintenance, recruit, and maintain a record of those members that participate in maintenance of the club field.

Section 3 The Safety Coordinator shall:

- 1) Provide a communications link between AMA and GTRCC members in matters related to safety.
- 2) Act as a safety adviser and resource manager for the club and its members.
- 3) Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents.
- 4) Develop, promote, and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the club.
- 5) Inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable.
- 6) Conduct safety awareness training and related programs during club meetings.
- 7) Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public.
- 8) Act as a liaison with the local EMS/Fire Department.
- 9) Establish a club emergency action plan to handle serious accidents/incidents.
- 10) Develop an appropriate communications plan to assist club officers and members.
- 11) Immediately report to AMA Headquarters any incident that required medical services and/or caused property damages that exceeded the insured deductible.
- 12) Review emergency procedures (fire and rescue) with club members on an annual basis.

Section 4 The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the GTRCC. He shall handle all GTRCC correspondence when necessary. The Secretary shall work in conjunction with the Treasurer to maintain an up-to-date GTRCC roster.

Section 5 The Treasurer is responsible for the GTRCC's finances. He shall collect all moneys due the GTRCC. He shall dispense all necessary funds to pay club debts as follows:

a. All receipts received in any given month that total \$100 or more must be approved by a majority of the members voting.

b. At any given time, any single expenditure of \$100 or more from the club treasury must be approved, in advance, by the members voting. He shall establish an account in the name of the GTRCC in a recognized banking institution and shall deposit all funds received by the GTRCC within one week of receipt. He shall report all GTRCC financial transactions conducted during the prior month to the membership at its monthly meetings. The Treasurer will display his report to the membership along with the current monthly statement from the financial institution, where the money is deposited, and will answer any questions posed by the membership regarding said report and statement. The Treasurer shall prepare and present a final Annual Financial Statement to the membership at the November meeting. When the new officers take office they shall state their acceptance or rejection of the Treasurer's Annual report. If the Treasurer's Annual report is rejected by the new officers, the President shall appoint an Auditing committee to investigate the former Treasurer. Within one month, the Auditing committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the President who will take any necessary action. The President shall make a report to the membership at his earliest convenience. The members must vote to accept or reject, by a simple majority of the members present, the President's report.

ARTICLE 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the duly elected GTRCC officials plus the immediate past President and each may exercise voting privileges. Ex officio members of the BOD shall include all committee chairpersons. Ex officio members shall have no voting privileges. The BOD shall have general supervision over the affairs of the GTRCC between its meetings.

Section 2 All GTRCC members, in good standing, are welcome to attend BOD meetings but only the BOD may exercise voting privileges.

Section 3 Whenever possible, announcements regarding the time and the place of BOD meetings will be made in advance during any regular monthly GTRCC meeting.

Section 4 BOD meetings will be held on a regular basis or whenever deemed necessary by the BOD to perform the duties prescribed in these bylaws and by any other authority over the BOD.

ARTICLE 9 MEETINGS

Regular business meetings will be held on a monthly basis at a time and place determined by the Members. Special meetings may be called at any time as deemed necessary by any three officers or by at least twenty percent of the Members. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be sent to each Member, notifying them of the call. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call and shall include the date, time and place of the meeting.

ARTICLE 10 COMMITTEES

The President shall, upon taking office, appoint chairmen to all standing committees. He may appoint members or accept volunteers to work on committees. The President may, from time to time, create committees (both standing and special) as the need arises. The President may dissolve a committee once it has fulfilled its purpose. Committee chairmen (or a committee spokesperson) may be asked to make progress reports at regular GTRCC business meetings. The Members must vote to accept, by simple majority, or reject a committee's final report.

ARTICLE 11 FLYING SITE

Section 1 The GTRCC shall lease or purchase a flying site to be used by all members (and their guests) in good standing.

Section 2 Use of the GTRCC flying site for any special events, aside from everyday flying, shall be granted upon the approval of the event by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at any regular business meeting. In the case of an AMA sanctioned event, the CD in charge of the event shall be responsible for setting date(s) for the event and for sanctioning the event with the AMA.

Section 3 For events that will require funds in excess of \$100 from the GTRCC treasury, a written proposal and estimate of event expenditures shall be made either by the event committee or the CD. The proposal must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at any regular business meeting before any funds from the club treasury will be released for the event. Changing or modifying a previously approved event without GTRCC membership approval is prohibited.

ARTICLE 12 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised will only be used as a guide to govern the GTRCC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which

they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the GTRCC may adopt.

ARTICLE 13 DUES

Dues Rate Structure: (excludes Initiation Fee, unless noted).

LIFE MEMBER: \$1,500, onetime fee, includes the Initiation Fee.

GENERAL MEMBER: \$100 per annum, with early bird renewal credit*: \$75.

YOUTH MEMBER: \$25 per annum (no field maintenance fee).

FAMILY MEMBER: \$25 per annum (no field maintenance fee).

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$75 per annum (no field maintenance fee).

CLUB OFFICER: \$100 renewal credit, applied to the year following their term in office.

*Early Bird Renewal: \$25 credit for members renewing during, or before the adjournment of September meeting.

Field maintenance work credit: \$25 (awarded by the Vice President or Field Maintenance Officer**)

Any GTRCC member in good standing who has significantly participated in scheduled field maintenance, club events and promotion of the GTRCC on at least eight occasions (dates listed) within the previous 12 months shall receive a \$25.00 discount toward his annual dues.

ARTICLE 14 DISSOLUTION

In the event that the GTRCC is dissolved, the assets of the GTRCC shall be distributed as follows:

Section 1 All liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged; in case its properties and assets are not sufficient to satisfy or discharge all of the corporation's liabilities and obligations, the corporation shall apply them so far as they will go to the just and equitable payment of the liabilities and obligations.

Section 2 Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements.

Section 3 The remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed only for tax exempt purposes to one or more organizations which are exempt under Section 501 (c)(3), Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986.

ARTICLE 15 AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended only once per year at the regular, scheduled November business meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present; provided that the amendment has been presented to the members at the previous monthly business meeting. A written copy of the proposed amendment may be obtained, by any member, from the Secretary upon request.

ARTICLE 16 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

Section 1 A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Coordinator. At least one witness is required. The President will appoint a Safety Committee to review the case.

Section 2 FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

Section 3 SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Committee. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.

Section 4 THIRD VIOLATION

Safety Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said

expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

Section 5 The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

Section 6 Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Club Officers.

Section 7 The Grievance form is available from the Safety Coordinator. If a grievance form is not available at the time of the violation, take note of the following items to fill in on the form when one is made available. The date and approximate time that the incident occurred. The Nature of the Violation (please, be specific). The signatures of both the complainant and at least one of the witnesses along with their contact information.

