

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

Established and last amended September 20, 2006

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, 98092.

All correspondence should be directed to the President. Contact information can be obtained on the Club web site at www.flaminggeyserflyers.com.

Article II - Purpose

We, the members of RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geysers State Park, have established a non-profit organization for the purposes of maintaining and improving the Flaming Geysers State Park RCA Flying Site, enforcing the rules as designated in the Management Plan of the Flaming Geysers RCA 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 encourage activities in the club consistent with the aims and ideals of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

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 members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

There are no dues required to join the club. Members must register by completing a membership application for the purpose of establishing and maintaining 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

A. Officers

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

B. Term of Office

Officers' terms will be for a period of one year from January 1st through December 31st.

C. Duties

1. President

- a) He shall preside at all Club and Executive Board meetings.
- b) He shall act as spokesperson for the Club.
- c) It will be his privilege and duty to call Executive Board meetings, appoint committees not otherwise provided to and fill committee and protem vacancies.
- d) Ensure that all records, reports, and certificates required by law or regulations are properly maintained or filed.
- e) He shall perform such other duties as his office may require.
- f) He shall perform the duties of the Vice-President in the absence of that officer.
- g) He should attend all meetings of the Advisory Committee.

B. Vice-President

- a) He shall perform the duties of President in the absence of that officer.
- b) He shall oversee and coordinate the efforts of all appointed committees.

C. Secretary

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

D. Treasurer

- a) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all financial transactions of the Club.
- b) He shall be responsible for all funds of the association, receive and disburse all money.
- c) Disbursements shall be made by check only. A checking account will be set up. The bank will honor no check unless signed by the Treasurer and the President.
- d) He shall submit an annual financial report to the State Parks Department Regional Division.
- e) He shall make a report of all financial transactions at each monthly Club meeting.
- f) He shall review the financial records with any Officer, State Parks representative, or Club member upon request.

E. Safety Coordinator.

- a) The Safety Coordinator shall be responsible, with the assistance of all members, for ensuring existing rules are enforced.
- b) Maintain a current E-mail address for providing a communications link to the AMA for matters related to safety.
- c) He shall investigate all incidents by RC aircraft pilots of rules infractions, bodily injury, and property damage for which either an incident report or a citation is written by the Parks staff and make a report to the Executive Board.
- d) Develop, promote, and encourage a climate of safety awareness within the Club membership.
- e) Ensure that all flying site safety equipment is maintained in working condition.

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 shall set date and time of the meetings.

All official business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. A simple majority of the total Executive Board shall decide general club business.

The Executive Board can approve expenditures of up to \$200. A report of these expenditures will be made to the membership at the next regular Club meeting. Expenditures in excess of \$200 requires the majority approval of the Club members attending a regular or special Club meeting.

In the event of an emergency, the Executive Board may approve expenditures of \$201 to \$500 for an expense which cannot reasonably wait to be approved by the members at the next regular meeting. A warrant outlining the amount and reason for the expenditure will be drawn up by the Treasurer, and all members of the Executive Board must sign it before the check is written. As with other Executive Board expenditures, a 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 to be held at the State Parks Regional HQ in Auburn, WA, unless otherwise designated at the discretion of the Executive Board.

B. Special Club meetings

Meetings to conduct business which cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting may be called by the Executive Board. A reasonable effort shall be made to inform all members of the meeting in a timely manner. There must be a minimum of 20 Club members in attendance to be able to conduct any business which requires a majority vote of members present.

Article VI – Record Keeping

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

Article VII - Nominations, Elections, and Recalls

The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Safety Coordinator shall be filled by election at the regular Club meeting in December.

Nominations will be taken at the regular Club meeting in November. Nominees must have been a member of the Club for at least 6 months prior to nomination for office, and have attended 4 of the last 6 regular Club meetings.

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 vote of the board at a special meeting held for that purpose only. The action of the board 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 web site and by posting on the bulletin board at the flying site. No name will be published. The effected 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 protem officer to fill the position, if necessary, until the election can be held.

Any Officer may resign his/ her office by giving a written notice to the Club.

Article VIII - General Provisions

All funds received, including donations and through fund-raising activities, will be deposited into the Club checking account by the Treasurer. In accordance with 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 to 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, but shall be property of the RCA Flying Friends of Flaming Geyser State Park.

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 in a suitable manner until further group interest and use is 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 official logo shall be an eagle with the flag behind it with the wording "Flaming Geyser Flyers".

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 normally resolve the issue. However, if the violation is of a more serious nature, 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/or issue a citation. In this case, the Safety Coordinator will investigate the incident, and make a report to the Executive Board. The Safety Coordinator will also assist the pilot involved in making any required accident reports to the AMA in a timely manner.

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 as to the length of any suspension of flying privileges within the scope of the appropriate WAC.