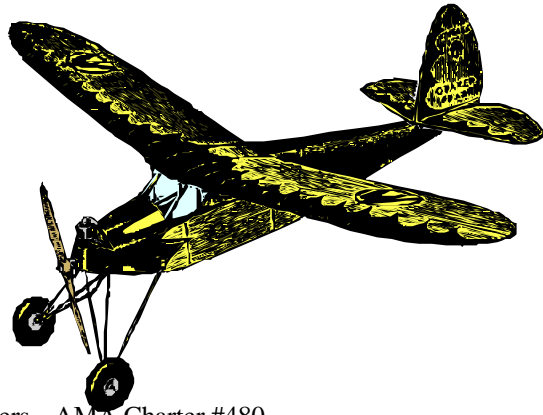


# Gaston RC Flyers Rules and Regulations



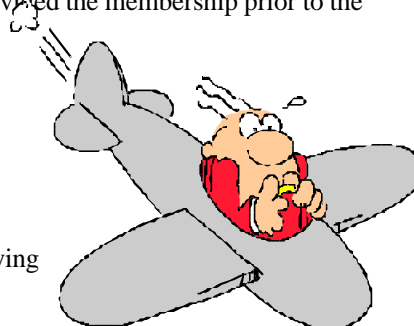
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**I. Organization:**

- A. The club shall be known as the Gaston RC Flyers – AMA Charter #480.
- B. On all matters that come before the Club for action each member present is entitled to vote.
- C. Normal Club business shall be conducted at the regular monthly business meetings held the last Saturday of each month. The President may call other meetings when unusual circumstances dictate, provided written notification is given to the membership. A quorum shall consist of those members present and voting at any properly called meeting.
- D. Parliamentary procedures shall be followed for all meetings. Motions, seconds, discussion and voting by the members will be strictly adhered to. Each member in good standing shall be given the opportunity to be heard on all matters. A simple majority vote of those present and voting shall prevail in all matters voted upon.
- E. Club officers shall include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition to the administrative officers a member is also elected to serve as Newsletter Editor. Term of office of all elected positions shall be one year (Jan 1 through December 31). Duties of the Club officers shall be as follows:
  1. President: Shall be the executive officer of the Club and shall preside at all meetings. He shall appoint standing and special committees as necessary. He will cast the deciding vote in any case where a tie vote is encountered.
  2. Vice-President: Shall assist the president in all matters and shall assume the duties of the president if for any reason, the president is not able to perform his duties. He chairs the Safety Committee.
  3. Secretary: Shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and a record of attendance. He is responsible for maintaining a current list of all members, to include name, mailing address, copy of AMA membership card, telephone number, and signed receipt of Rules and Regulations. He prepares and provides reports and correspondence to the membership, AMA, and others as needed. He shall provide a copy of minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the monthly mailing.
  4. Treasurer: Responsible for collection of dues and maintaining appropriate records of all Club monetary transactions. Dues or any money collected by the Treasurer shall be used solely for the benefit of the club. The Treasurer is authorized to pay any and all obligations out of Club funds provided those obligations have been voted on and approved by the membership. Routine, ongoing expenditures such as mowing, meeting supplies, mailings, newsletter costs, etc. are also authorized and should be paid as needed. The Treasurer shall make a monthly statement to the membership of all receipts and disbursements and other pertinent facts pertaining to the financial status of the Club.
  5. Newsletter Editor: Shall publish a monthly newsletter. The newsletter should include a copy of latest Club meeting minutes, any special announcements, and other information as seems appropriate.

- F. Officers shall be elected at the regular November business meeting of each year. The President shall appoint a nominating committee at the October meeting. This committee shall present a proposed slate of officers at the November meeting. Any member at the November meeting may make other nominations. Election shall be by majority vote of those present and voting.
- G. A Safety Committee shall consist of the Vice-President and two members appointed by the President to actively promote safe operation of all activities. Appointment shall be for a one-year term. Specific duties are outlined in a later section of this document. The President-elect shall announce his appointees at the December meeting.
- H. Amendments to these rules and regulations may be made only in a regularly scheduled business meeting. Written notification of proposed changes must be provided the membership prior to the meeting in which the changes will be considered.

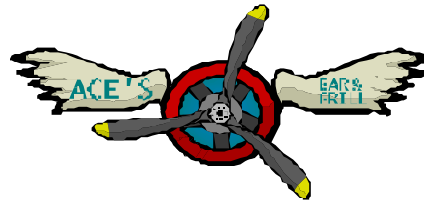


## Membership:

- A. The Club is open to all persons interested in building and/or flying radio controlled model aircraft.
- B. Pilot members must maintain active membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Each member must provide the Secretary two copies of current year AMA membership card to retain flying privileges. One copy to be retained as file copy by the Secretary and second copy to be forwarded by the Secretary to Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department.
- C. Adult membership dues shall be \$48.00 per year. Junior membership (age 16 and under) is free. Members are encouraged to pay dues in annual or semiannual payments but monthly installments are acceptable. Club officers and the Newsletter Editor are exempted from paying dues during the calendar year for which they have been elected.
- D. Members whose dues are delinquent more than 90 days shall be notified in writing. Members shall have an additional 30 days to bring their dues current. If dues are not current within 30 days of written notification membership shall be terminated. Later reinstatement shall be made under new member rules.
- E. A member in good standing who voluntarily leaves the Club may be reinstated upon request to a Club officer.
- F. Persons seeking membership must request nomination by an active Club member. Applicants must be voted on and accepted by majority vote at a regular Club meeting. Upon acceptance and payment of 6 months dues (\$24.00) and proof of AMA membership, the new member shall be given a key to the field and granted flying privileges.
- G. Each member shall be given a copy of the current "Rules and Regulations." Each member shall sign a receipt acknowledging receipt of said copy of the "Rules and Regulations" and his/her agreement to abide by the provisions contained therein. The Secretary shall maintain a file copy of member acknowledgements.
- H. The Club welcomes non-flying members. Except for AMA membership requirements and associated documentation, all rules, regulations, and procedures apply to non-flying members also.

## Field Rules:

- A. Gaston County zoning regulations and restrictions apply. All activities must comply with county ordinances/regulations and the current agreement between Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department and the Club. Said agreement may be reviewed by any member and is available by contacting the Secretary.
- B. Club has exclusive use of field Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Field is open to the public on all other days. Flying hours are Monday through Saturday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Sunday hours are 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM.
- C. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs allowed at any time.
- D. No smoking allowed at any time.
- E. Children must be supervised at all times and in most cases should remain behind the pit area or under the shed.
- F. Absolutely no pets allowed.
- G. Trash must be picked up at the end of each day and taken off the premises.
- H. The last member to leave the site is responsible for securing the gate at the entrance of the field.
- I. Parking is permitted in designated areas only.
- J. Everyone is expected to be safe and courteous.
- K. No radio controlled cars or other surface vehicles allowed.
- L. A member causing damage to another's property that is a result of said member's negligence is required to make appropriate restitution. See the Safety Committee section of this document for specific remedies for such damage.

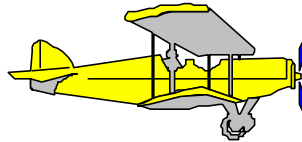


## Flying Regulations:

- A. All flying must comply with the Official AMA Safety Code as published in the current AMA Membership Manual.
- B. All fliers must be active members of AMA.
- C. Flying is not permitted over or behind the pits. Flying must be contained within the park boundaries. A map of the park boundaries and acceptable flying area is posted near the frequency control board.
- D. All radios must be 1991 Gold stickered or comply with current FCC narrow band frequency regulations. Use of Amateur Radio frequencies is permitted provided the pilot has the appropriate license.
- E. Transmitters must not be turned on unless the pilot has possession of the appropriate frequency pin. It is the responsibility of each pilot to know, understand, and observe Gaston RC Flyers frequency control procedures when operating any radio system at the flying site.

- F. All transmitters must be **turned off** and placed in the impound rack when not in use. Transmitters must not be left in the pit area or in automobiles.
- G. Pilots must fly from the pilot stations only.
- H. All model aircraft engines must have a muffler of a suitable design to minimize noise.
- I. No takeoffs from the pit area are allowed. After landing, no taxiing is permitted between pilot stations and the pit area.
- J. All pilots flying gas-powered aircraft must have a suitable fire extinguisher as part of their pit/flight line equipment.
- K. Safety is the responsibility of every member. Violations of safety regulations are serious and could result in injury of pilots and visitors. Violations of safety regulations should be reported to a member of the Safety Committee.
- L. Failure to comply with flight regulations may result in suspension of flying privileges and/or termination of membership.

### Safety Committee:



- A. The Vice-President shall chair the committee and coordinate its activities including annual review of the Club's Rules and Regulations.
- B. Safety Committee members shall function as Field Marshals at all Club events where flight operations occur.
- C. The Safety Committee has the authority and duty to notify any member of infractions of existing rules and/or safety violations. Repeat violators will be brought to the attention of the Club membership at a regular meeting. The Club shall have the authority to suspend flying privileges and/or terminate membership by simple majority vote of those members present and voting in a regularly scheduled meeting. Action to terminate membership of any individual can be voted upon; provided said member and club membership have been given 30 days notice that termination is being considered.
- D. The Safety Committee shall have the authority to ground any aircraft found to be unsafe and not airworthy.
- E. The Safety Committee is charged with the responsibility to settle disputes when two members cannot agree on a settlement after an accident where neglect or negligence is charged. Neglect or negligence includes only those situations where the Committee determines the damage occurred as a direct result of a significant safety violation by one or more of the parties involved. The Committee shall determine fault and resulting compensation for damaged property. If the offending member does not agree to this judgment and refuses to settle the claim, the damaged member shall be paid out of the Club treasury and the offending party's membership will be terminated. Due to limited funds available to the Club, payment by the Club shall not exceed \$300.00.

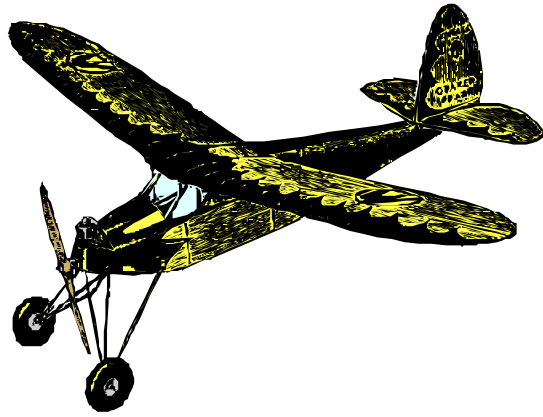


## **Safety Recommendations:**

The following guidelines are included as suggestions for safe operation and enjoyment of RC flight operations. While not intended to become extensions of official safety rules, they constitute good general safety practices that all pilots should observe.

- A. Stay clear of the propeller arc while starting or running any engine or motor. Exercise extreme caution in adjusting needle valve settings on engines. Most adjustments should be performed from behind the model; avoid reaching around a spinning propeller.
- B. Perform a range check before each flying session and a check of flight functions before each flight.
- C. All model liquid fuels need to be stored and handled properly. In particular, gasoline should only be stored, transported, and dispensed from specifically designed containers.
- D. All pilots should take off and land according to the flight pattern established for the day.
- E. When taking off or landing, the pilot should announce his intentions to other pilots on the flight line.
- F. Be courteous to other pilots by avoiding running up large displacement engines in the pit area.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge receipt of "Gaston RC Flyers Rules and Regulations" dated July 1, 1998 and will follow said rules and regulations to the best of my ability.

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Member's Signature