

**GENESEE VALLEY AEROMODELERS, INCORPORATED  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - OFFICERS AND ADVISORS**

- Section I** The officers of the Genesee Valley Aeromodelers shall be:
- a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. The Board of Directors consisting of five members (four elected officers of the club and the past President)
- Section II** Any person elected or appointed must abide with the following to hold their office:
- a. Be a paid-up member in good standing.
  - b. Abide by the Club rules.
  - c. Attend at least 80% of the meetings.
- Section III** An exception to this rule may be made by his presentation of a reasonable excuse accepted by the majority of the membership.
- Section IV** There will be two technical advisors appointed by the Board of Directors.
- a. Radio
  - b. Safety

**ARTICLE II - DUTIES**

- Section I** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesman for the Club in all matters pertaining to it.
- Section II** The Vice-President shall act for the President when he is unable to serve.
- Section III** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and the attendance roll of such meetings. He shall provide himself with an official minutes book for this purpose. He shall be responsible for handling all correspondence concerning the Club.
- Section IV** The Treasurer shall collect all moneys and shall keep a record of moneys received and moneys disbursed by the Club.
- Section V** The Board of Directors shall act on all matters of general policy.
- Section VI** The technical advisors will keep themselves and the Club informed on matters regarding safety, radio systems (transmitters and receivers) and radio frequency usage in accordance with Academy Guidelines.

### ***ARTICLE III - TERM OF OFFICE***

- Section I*** All officers of the Genesee Valley Aeromodelers shall be elected for a two-year term, beginning in January.
- Section II*** A nominating committee will be selected by the membership at the September meeting prior to the election. They will present their nominations at the October meeting. Individual members may make additional nominations following the committee's report. The Election of Officers will take place at the November meeting
- Section III*** Technical advisors will be appointed for a two-year term.

### ***ARTICLE IV - VACANCIES***

- Section I*** Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors. Such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

### ***ARTICLE V - MEETINGS***

- Section I*** Regular meetings shall be scheduled on the second Thursday of each month from September through April.
- Section II*** Special meetings of the Club shall be at any convenient time upon call by the President or upon call signed by the Board of Directors of the Club, provided that any such call shall name the time and place of such meeting and shall be issued at least three days in advance of the date set. Notice shall be sent in the case of biannual meetings for the election of officers as stipulated in Article III, Section II. The Secretary shall notify all members by mail of biannual elections.

### ***ARTICLE IV - REGULAR BUSINESS***

- Section I*** All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by the Club shall be directed by the Board of Directors. The President of Board may call a special meeting of the membership, as they deem necessary, to act on problems of business activity.
- Section II*** All Club policies, elections, etc., must be voted on with a quorum present and a majority rules.
- Section III*** At any Club meeting, a quorum shall be at least 20% of the active membership. at any Board of Directors meeting, a quorum shall be three members of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII - FEES AND DUES**

- Section I**    Initiation Fees
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| a. New members, under 19 years (Junior) | \$00.00 |
| b. New members, over 19 years (Senior)  | 30.00   |
| c. Social Members                       | 0.00    |
| d. Returning Junior Members             | 5.00    |
| e. Returning Active Members             | 15.00   |
- Section II**    Dues
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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Members under 19 years (Junior) | \$1.00 per year |
| b. Members over 19 years (Senior)  | 45.00 per year  |
| c. Social Members                  | 15.00 per year  |
- Section III**    Payment of dues for the current year must be made by January 1. If renewal is made after the February meeting a \$10.00 late fee will be charged.
- Section IV**    Members joining during the year will only pay dues apportioned for the half year they join.

## **ARTICLE VIII - SPECIAL FUNDS**

- Section I**    The Treasurer of the Club is authorized to receive contributions of specially obtained funds from any individual or institution to be applied to the operating expenses of the Club.

## **ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES**

- Section I**    The standing and/or temporary committees shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

- Section I**    Amendments may be made to the Constitution and to these By-Laws at any general meeting of the Club membership provided the members have been notified in writing at least three days in advance. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all Directors or to any member who may request same.

**GENESEE VALLEY AEROMODELERS, INCORPORATED  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

**Section I** The name of this Club shall be the Genesee Valley Aeromodelers, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

**Section I** The objectives of this Club shall be to promote model building and flying in the Western Finger Lakes area of New York with special emphasis on attracting youth to the multiple phases of model aviation. This will be done under the guidance of the Academy of Model Aeronautics to advance the sport of model aviation.

**ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I** Any person is eligible to membership in the Genesee Valley Aeromodelers provided they meet qualifications prescribed by the Club and by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and hold a valid AMA License.

**Section II** An Active Member is an individual 19 years or older who participated in Club duties, functions and holds a valid AMA license.

**Section III** A Junior Member is an individual under 19 years of age who has the same obligations and privileges of an Active Member.

**Section IV** A Social Member is an individual having all privileges of an Active Member except:

- a. Not eligible to vote.
- b. Not eligible to use Club field for personal flying.
- c. Not required to participate in work details.
- d. Exception to a, b, and c are subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

## **Club Rules / Flying Field**

**FLYING HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM**

**"FAILURE TO ABIDE BY CLUB RULES COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP."**

- All pilots must have a valid AMA license and abide by the AMA Safety Code.
- AMA license or reasonable copy will be required as part of the frequency control system.
- All pilots will have an observer to assist in spotting for full scale aircraft, other model aircraft and general safety purposes and pilots must not fly alone without said observer/spotter. Junior members, 15 years old or less, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Drive and park in designated areas.
- Parking along roadway considered, only when field parking inaccessible.
- All transmitters must comply with the frequency display rules. They must have a certified R/C MA-AMA gold sticker affixed, indicating that it was manufactured or modified for operation at 20 kHz frequency separation (except 27 MHz and 53 MHz).
- All airplanes (to be flown) must be identified by AMA number and owner's name and address, per AMA.
- Before operating any transmitter, operator must have Frequency Control device, clothespin, etc.
- All 2-cycle engines .15 and/or above must be equipped with a suitable muffler. Engines below .15 must use mufflers if originally provided by manufacturer for the engine, notable exception, i.e., COX .049 and .09's.
- "4" stroke engines above .60 will require mufflers.
- Any flyer flying a new or unflown, untested airplane must advise all other flyers and request use of entire field when convenient and available.
- Maximum number of craft in the air at one time shall be limited to 3. Any extended motor adjustment will be done at a designated area. If unable to fly, relinquish frequency control as soon as possible.. All flyers **must** conform to same take-off and landing direction. Direction to be determined by prevailing wind direction. Any emergency landing must be announced by pilot, including dead stick.
- **ALL FULL SIZE AIRCRAFT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY.**
- All RC aircraft in flight must land as soon as possible when FULL SCALE aircraft approach. If a landing is impossible, the RC aircraft must be flown as far away from full size landing strip as possible.
- **DO NOT FLY OVER PIT AND SPECTATOR AREA. DO NOT FLY OVER BUILDINGS. AVOID FLYING OVER ROAD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**
- Any new member or visitor who has no or limited experience must have help from an experienced Club member.
- All litter and debris will be picked up from flying field, etc. and disposed of properly.
- **NO SMOKING** in Pit and/or Display area.
- Any visitor wishing to fly must have a valid AMA license and abide by all Club rules. Visitors allowed three flying sessions, at the end of which he may join the Club or lose facility privileges.
- All accidents will be reported immediately to the Club secretary.
- A non-member's plane must be flown with the member's AMA number and his name and address displayed thereon.

- Flyer must relinquish Frequency pin after 20 minutes if another flyer is waiting for use of frequency.
- ***Planes may not taxi back into the pit area.***