

BYLAWS

Thompson Propbusters

12/5/16

ARTICLE I: NAME

A. Name

Thompson Propbusters

B. LOCATION

Flying Site:

8233 Sidley Road

Thompson, Ohio 44086

Mailing Address:

7062 Rushmore Way

Concord Twp., Ohio 44077

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- *To promote all aspects of radio controlled model aviation.*
- *To encourage friendship and cooperation among all members and other RC flying clubs.*
- *To have fun and to encourage safe flying at all times.*

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS

- *AMA membership required*

- *Completed and signed membership application*
- *Limited to 75 members (Except as noted in the DUES section)*
- *All members and guests will have a current AMA membership card with them at all times.*
- *Guest flyers (must be accompanied by a member) are welcome.*
- *Guests are expected to join the club after five visits.*
- *Applications to join must be approved by the Board.*

B. DUES

- *Adult dues are \$100.00 per year. Members are required to sign up for the lawn mowing of the field OR pay a \$30 opt out fee if they do not want to participate in the lawn mowing schedule (see Attachment #1, below)*
- *Youth dues (Under 18 years of age) are \$25.00 per year.*
- *Dues are to be paid by the close of the first meeting in March for the current year. If the dues is not paid by the close of the first meeting in March, the member will forfeit their membership. Former Members wishing to join must re-apply and pay the annual dues and a \$25 late fee.*
- *New members will not be required to mow during their first season. New Memberships started after July 31st of any year will be charged at 1/2 of the annual rate for the current flying season*
- *Extraordinary circumstances relating to dues arrearage may be considered by the Board on a case by case basis.*

C. RESIGNATION

Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written Notice

to the Club.

D. TERMINATION

If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

E. EXPULSION

This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities or any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the Club by a two -thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership if in the officers' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Bylaws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the Club, the AMA, or to model aviation.

F. REINSTATEMENT

A two -thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. OFFICERS

President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer

B. TERM OF OFFICE

Officers are elected annually

C. DUTIES

President shall preside at meetings, VP shall preside in the absence of the president, Secretary records minutes, and Treasurer handles club funds.

D. APPOINTED OFFICERS

Committee Chairman, Program Chairman.

E. VACANCIES

Officer vacancies are to be filled by vote of the remaining officers.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

Membership meetings will be held for all members on the first Monday of every month. Locations will be announced at a previous meeting.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called at any time for the Board of Directors or General Membership if needed.

ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

All records are passed on when new officers are Elected.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees, Special committees, committee Membership.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL

A. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officer position can be from the floor or by mail/email.

B. ELECTION

The membership will elect a Board of Directors each year consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Safety Officer.

Board elections will take place on the first meeting in March. Only members present will choose the seats on the Board by written ballot and return to the Board appointed ballot counter. The existing Board members will break ties; however, Board Members are not

permitted to enter a ballot. Ballots will be distributed at the February meeting. Each year the membership will have the option of forgoing written ballots and proceeding with a "show of hands" instead.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Capital Projects

From time to time, the club may desire to initiate a special project or capital improvement, which is beyond the capability of the treasury. In such cases, the project will be voted on by the majority of the membership and each adult member will be expected to contribute his share of the amount needed to complete the project or improvement.

B. Field Maintenance

All members are expected to participate in general field maintenance when called upon. Spring grounds maintenance is a club requirement for all members.

General field maintenance is covered under Attachment #1 - Work Program (see below).

C. Dissolution of Club

The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two-thirds vote of the membership. Any funds remaining in the treasury will be donated to the AMA, or a local flying club. This decision will be made by vote at the final meeting. In the case of a tie, the President will break the tie.

D. Field Safety

Members are responsible for damage to another aircraft or the personal property of others and must accept financial responsibility. A mid-air collision is assumed to be of equal responsibility and each member accepts the loss only for his/her own airplane.

It is strongly suggested that two or more planes in the air fly in the same pattern.

Flight line limited to five (5) pilots.

Helicopter pilots may practice hovering at the West end of the field between the fence and the runway.

Flying over the Concession area, children's play area, or the parking lot adjacent to these areas is prohibited. No one will be permitted to fly south of the flight line to the West or East. Flying beyond 200 feet of the West end of the runway is prohibited. This 200 foot boundary is marked by a large white pole. This 200 feet limit extends north to the end of the property. Violation of this rule WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

All gas powered airplanes are to be tied down or held by an assistant during starting and engine run-up.

Taxiing in the pit area will not be tolerated.

Jet powered aircraft (turbo) are not allowed to fly at the field.

AMA cards will be used at all times.

Members are responsible for making sure that transmitters do not interfere with other operations on the field.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages prior to or during participation in any model operations is strictly prohibited and may result in loss of flying privileges.

A first aid kit will be maintained by the Safety Officer for use by all members and guests.

As a result of some serious concerns over safety at our field, some flying restrictions are required. These restrictions will be in effect anytime that there is drag racing or any other activity that involves cars parked to the West (left end) of our runway. These restrictions are required to allow us to fly safely during these times and they avoid having to restrict our flying times.

1. During restricted times no flying what so ever is permitted past the West (left end) of the runway. Just pretend that the orange barrier fence goes north and south as far as you can see and is about 1000 feet high.

2. During restricted times no landing approaches may be made from the West (left end) of the runway. Only landings from the East (right end) are permitted. If this means a downwind landing, so be it. If you are not comfortable or conditions do not permit a safe landing from the East, flying is prohibited.

3. During restricted times the acceptable types of aircraft will be restricted:

Only aircraft, which have numerous flights by the member flying it, are permitted. This is not the time to try out, new planes, major rebuilds, new purchases, or planes that are not well within your skill level.

4. Really fast planes are prohibited. This includes planes such as, most prop driven jets, speed demons like the shrike, all internal combustion powered ducted fans, and any turbine powered planes.

5. Planes that have a high stall speed, high wing loading, or a low efficiency wing; should be carefully thought about in relation to the pilot's skill level. This would include models such as Cap 232 types, Ultimate biplanes, and many war birds. If you are not positive you can maintain control and keep the plane within the prescribed air space, do not fly it.

The AMA safety code, current FAA requirements and the Club's by-laws will be adhered to at all times. Safety is the responsibility of all members. Please refer to Article XI GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE for instructions on reporting safety issues and flight boundary violations.

E. Cleanup

Members are responsible for removal of their own trash and are expected to police the field upon leaving for the day.

F. Access Gate

Members will enter and exit the club property via the northern gate immediately South of the house. When there are track activities, members must close the gate after entry.

The last member(s) to leave the field each day are expected to secure the first aid kit, the storage building and the entrance gate.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS

Bylaws can be changed by a majority vote of the members present at a club meeting. Proposed changes must be distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the approval vote is taken.

ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

(FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

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 Officer for consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form. The Safety officer/Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

a. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Officer/Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

b. 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 Officer/Committee, and this will be recorded in the Club records.

c. SECOND VIOLATION

Complainant's name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Club Safety Officer/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.

d. THIRD VIOLATION

Safety Officer/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.

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

f. 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

Club Grievance Form

Date: _____ **Time :** _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):

Attachment #1 - Work Program

The Thompson Propbusters work program was initiated by the club to insure that we have a clean, well maintained, field at all times and also to insure that all members of the club participate in that task. For those members that do not want to participate, for whatever reason, a \$30.00 opt-out fee was introduced. This opt out fee is payable with the annual dues.

To keep the maintenance of this program to a minimum the following will apply.

- 1) The work that is involved is: cutting all the grass including the path & parking area to the lake, trimming all around these areas except the lake area and picking up any trash.
- 2) To opt-out of the work program a member must fill out an opt-out form (Located on the website or in the shed) and present it to the club treasurer along with the \$30.00 fee no later than the March meeting of the year to be opted out. After the March meeting no opt-out forms will be accepted.
- 3) The roster requires two members per week during the flying season and if a member would like to perform their task with a certain other member they must submit it in writing no later than the March meeting.
- 4) Because of potential multiple cuttings during the spring season the bottom 16 names on the work roster will be moved to the top of the list each year so that the same members are not required to do the grass cutting in the spring.
- 5) Any member who is disabled & cannot perform the work as specified should contact the club President who will determine eligibility for deferral from the program. This will be required each new year.
- 6) Any member that cannot complete their work obligations on the required date may switch with another member but must sign in the space and date that they were originally assigned. This is up to the two members to make these arrangements. **There are no make up days in this program!**
- 7) After the March meeting the list will not be changed with the exception of adding new members or eliminating disabled members.
- 8) **The work list in the shed is the Bible of the work program and must be signed off to receive credit for work completed!**

Important!

Any member that does not complete their assigned work obligations as per the work roster and does not utilize the opt-out program will be assessed \$40.00 which will be added to their dues for the following year. A list will be kept and if the member does not rejoin and rejoins at a later date he will still be assessed the \$40.00.

