



# *El Paso Radio Controllers* **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**Article I: Name:** The Name of this Club Shall Be “The El Paso Radio Controllers”

**Article II: Purpose:** The purpose and overall objective of this club shall be to promote model building. To aid new members starting in this sport to support the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), and ROAR the sanctioning bodies for the Radio Control Sport and its activities for the continued advancement of the radio control sport.

**Article III: Membership:**

**Section 1.** All persons shall be eligible for membership in The El Paso Radio Controllers Club provided they meet the qualifications set forth in this constitution.

**Section 2.** All Members will be members of the **Academy of Model Aeronautics, or ROAR.**

**Section 3. Current** members will be charged dues in the amount of \$200.00. New Members will be charged \$200.00 for dues and a one time initiation fee of \$100.00 paid in full at the time they join the club. New members will receive a club patch and two stick on decals. The gate combination and key will be made available to those members requesting one with a \$20.00 deposit for open access to the field. Key deposit will be returned when key is returned once membership is resolved. . Dues will be paid on January 1, and no later than January 31. Should a new member joins after the first of the year dues will be paid on a prorated basis, at the rate of \$16.66 for all regular members, and \$2.08 for junior members for the remaining months in the year. The Officers and Newsletter Editor will not be required to pay dues for their tenure.

**Section 4. Special Conditions for Membership:**

**A. Life Membership:** In the EPRC may be bestowed upon members who have supported the EPRC and the model building sport. They must be voted into the honorary membership by a majority of members present, Member must have at least 20 years as a paid member to even be considered. 60% of the present membership must agree for approval. The other option to become a

life member with at least 12 years as a past paid member, may pay a onetime fee of \$1000.00 for a life membership, and must maintain an AMA/ROAR membership to qualify.

**B. Junior Membership:** New Members under the age of 18 will be required to pay \$25.00 for club dues and a one time initiation fee of \$25.00. And must be a member of The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) or ROAR.

**C. Non- Flying Members:** Will be those members who want to be active with the club but do not wish to fly. For these members due as will be \$25.00 with no initiation fee. These members will not be voting members, but will receive a membership card, club patch and 2 stick on decals and the monthly Newsletter.

**D. Visitors Pass:** Any current AMA/ROAR member not choosing to join the club may have access to the clubs field during the weekend while members are present. A \$15.00 fee or a \$25.00 weekend pass may be purchased at the field from any officer present or may make arrangements with club Secretary/Treasure. Note: Visitors must depart the field when the last member present leaves.

**E. Cooperative Modeling:** To encourage cooperative modeling activities in the El Paso area, the club, upon majority vote of its members present, may extend to individuals, Companies, Organizations or special interest groups membership in the EPRC at one-half the normal rate of dues. Such conditions shall apply for all members of the specified interest group whom apply for membership within one calendar year from the date of the meeting wherein such offer was voted

**Section 5. Club Standards:** Members who do not maintain the safety, morals, standards and ethics desired by the club and rules and regulations set forth by The Academy of Model Aeronautics and ROAR may be expelled by a majority vote. These persons shall be notified two weeks in advance of such a vote and shall be allowed to present different statements at the meeting where such voting takes place.

#### **Articles V: Duties:**

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at all club meetings and act as spokesman for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

**Section 2.** The Secretary/ Treasurer shall keep the minutes and a record of attendance of all the meetings in a minute book, and shall keep the club financial records, to include money collected and expended, and shall be responsible for the clubs funds.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall act upon any matters of general policy. All such matters acted upon by the Board shall be subject to approval by the general membership.

## **Article VI: Terms of Office:**

**Section 1.** All officers of the El Paso Radio Controllers shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the time of installation.

**Section 2.** The election of officers shall be held at the December Meeting.

**Section 3.** Installation of officers shall be at the meeting following their election, or at a time and place decided upon by the general membership. In all cases the installation will be as soon as is practical.

**Section 4.** Officers may be removed from office at any time by 2/3rds majority of the membership.

## **Article VII: Vacancies:**

**Section 1.** The Vice-President or Secretary/Treasure only in the absence of the President shall assume the duties of the President. .

**Section 2.** Should the President or any officer desire to vacate their office, such intention should be announced before a meeting of the general membership at which time a new officer shall be elected to complete the expired term of office.

## **Article VIII: Meetings:**

**Section 1.** A business meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday evening at 7: p.m. or Saturday morning at 10: a.m. of each month, or as directed by the acting President. Notification will be in the clubs Newsletter (The Pilot, or by e-mail).

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be held at the call of the senior club officer available provided the members available are so notified with a minimum of Five (5) days in advance of such special meeting or may be announced at a regular scheduled meeting.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall meet at such time as the President shall direct.

**Article IX: Special Assessment:** No special assessment shall be levied on the club membership without the approval of the general membership.

**Article X: Special Funds:** The Secretary/ Treasurer is authorized

to receive contributions from any individual, institution, or activities will be applied to the club treasury within a timely manner...

**Article XI Committees:** Working committees shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary for the conduct of club activities.

**Article IX: Amendments:**

**Section 1.** Amendments to the EPRC constitution and by-laws for the improvement or modification of club activities may be made at any general business meeting, or as policies change. .

**Section 2.** Proposed amendments shall be provided by the author(s) for the membership prior to calling for a vote on such amendments in writing within 2 weeks of the clubs next scheduled meeting, unless immediate attention is required....

**Section 3.** Amendments shall be voted in the usual manner and will become effective when approved by a majority vote of members present. Copies of newly approved amendments shall be made available in the clubs web page, mail or e-mail for the club membership as soon as practicable.

**Article XIII: Field and Safety Rules:**

**Section 1.** The Officers Present shall act as field directors to inform all visitors of and to enforce said Field and safety rules. All club members are responsible to insure the field and safety rules are enforced at all times. The clubs Safety Officer, and or Officer present have a right to ground any member for any safety, or hazardous infraction, violation, or unsafe action that may cause injury to other members or spectators.

**Section 2.** The pit area is established behind the yellow/white no taxi line. No person shall set up his pit activity on the runway or in its vicinity, except behind the yellow/white line in the staging area, or starting stands. All pilots will allow ample space between pits for safety of aircraft and pilots, and are responsible for cleaning their pit area prior to departure from the field.

**Section 3.** All pilots/drivers are required to have a red streamer (Flags) fastened to their transmitter antenna when a non 2.4 Transmitter system is in use. The frequency number must also be attached to the antenna, or radio at all times. The Safety officer will be responsible for enforcement of this section, as-well as any

officer present.

**Section 4.** No transmitter shall be turned on until it has been positively determined that no other flyer is operating on the same frequency including all 2.4 spectrum transmitters. Flyers using regenerative receivers will check with all other flyers prior to launching their aircraft. Pilots will then be granted flight priority not to exceed ten (10) minutes per flight. They will notify all other flyers when their receiver has been turned off. A suitable method of frequency control approved at a business meeting will be utilized. As of February 10, 2006 a new frequency board was provided listing all authorized frequency numbers. This is divided into 5 parts (red, blue, black). No more than then six (6) pilots may fly, or check radio at the same time. These six (6) pilots will consist of Four (4) aircraft pilots, one (1) helicopter pilot, and or one (1) electric aircraft, or one (1) radio being tested. A clip will be used on the frequency board with a current AMA, or Club Membership card when flying or testing and will display the frequency being used on their transmitter. When more than ten (10) pilot's aircraft are at the flying field, no more than 15minutes will be used by any pilot per flight. Those waiting will let the other pilot using the same frequency number that they are standing by to use said frequency. All transmitters will be turned off and put away by pilots/drivers. And AMA, ROAR or Club Membership cards will be removed from frequency board when not in use. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Section 5.** No Person other than the flyer and his or her caller, or trainer shall be on the flying line. (Total of four (4) pilots and four (4) callers, or trainers), plus helicopter/electric pilot and his or her caller, trainer. These are four (4) fixed wing positions on both the East/West and North/South runways. There shall be one (1) helicopter flight position on the runway not being used for fixed wing flight. The first pilot to fly will determine the runway to be used and the direction of take off. Any changes to this will be made only with the approval of all other pilots actually flying. Only one runway will be used at one time. The next scheduled pilot will be determined by the next AMA or membership card placed on the frequency board.

**Section 5 A;** Drivers track operating rules will be set in the near future, but Club and ROAR rules and regulations will be enforced for now.

**Section 6.** All pilots will control their aircraft from the designated flying area as described in section 5. All flying will be to the East/west runway, Flying will not be done over any part of the canopies, parking, pit areas or helicopter area. No flying over any public street or highway.

**Section 7.** Aircraft landing dead-stick and so announced by the pilot and or their caller or trainer, shall be given priority on the field at all times. Other planes in the air shall be kept clear of the approach and dead-stick landing until the aircraft is landed and retrieved by its pilot.

**Section 8.** All persons not engaged in actual flying, calling or training shall remain behind the posted area signs or in the canopy areas or the pit area. Should it be necessary to retrieve a down airplane on the field or behind the fence all flyers with airborne aircraft shall be so notified immediately and will maintain flight patterns that will not endanger the person or persons retrieving the downed aircraft.

**Section 9 Children** are always welcome. But must be kept in the canopy areas. Running around unsupervised will not be tolerated and members may be asked to leave the field if safety for the child or children becomes an issue. Children must be supervised at all times.

**Section 10.** Visitors are welcome and are encouraged to converse with flyers and to inspect their model aircraft. Visitors must remain behind the posted signs, canopy area unless invited by a trainer or officer to observe operations of the transmitter, in which case they will act as a caller as specified in section 5.

**Section 11.** High starts and winches for launch of gliders will set up directly to the east of the apron areas where flyers are standing. Operations of the high start/winch must be announced by the operator who must ensure all personnel flying and in the pits are aware of the launch immediately before hand and prior authorization by an officer is required to do so.

**Section 12** Pets are welcome to accompany the members, but more aggressive pets must have a restraint. Members that choose to bring their pets are responsible for their pets and cleanup. Otherwise you may be asked to leave them at home. Members that choose to bring their pets assume all responsibility for their pets in case of damage to the field or injury to members, member's property, spectators, or other pets.

**Section 13.** Members fly and drive at their own risk and are responsible for any and all damages and financial liability caused by their own actions, whether to club or other member's property.

## **Article XIV: Dissolution.**

**Section 1.** The club may be dissolved in one of two ways:

- A. Upon** 100% resignation of membership.
- B.** Upon a unanimous vote of membership.

**Section 2.** Upon dissolution of the club treasury will be turned over to the it's excisting members, after all outstanding debts have been paid.

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