

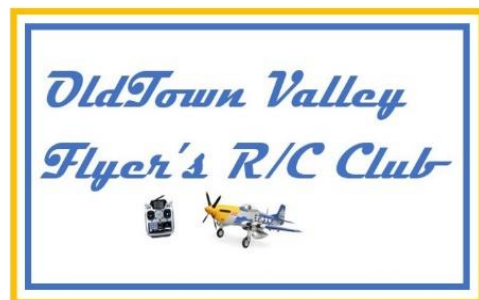
OLDTOWN VALLEY FLYERS R/C CLUB

Official Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME, LOGO & LOCATION:

Club Name: Oldtown Valley Flyers R/C Club (OTVF)

Address: 10141 Wilkshire Blvd. NE Bolivar, Ohio 44612



ARTICLE II – PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Oldtown Valley Flyer's R/C Club (hereafter known as OTVF in this document) is to promote the radio control hobby in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with the charter of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). OTVF will not discriminate memberships or members based upon race, color, sex, religion, or heritage. All members are expected to abide by the AMA Safety Code and agreed-upon and documented OTVF Club Bylaws.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP:

1. Qualifications: All flying OTVF Club Members will be active, valid Members of the AMA. No Exceptions.
2. Dues: Club Membership Dues shall be Payable by Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check by February 1st of each calendar year, or as new Members join. The Membership period is from 1 February to 1 February. There are no pro-rated Dues payments.
3. Memberships are as Follows:
 - a. **General Membership – \$70.00/year.** Entitles members to all rights and privileges of the club. General Membership also covers spouses and children under the age of 18. The adult club member's children, under age 18, will be identified on the club's roster as a Junior Member.
 - b. **Junior Membership – Under 18 years of age - No Dues.** Must always be accompanied and supervised by an OTVF Club Member. Flying Privileges still require Junior Members to be members of the AMA.
 - c. **Senior Membership - \$40.00/year.** Entitles member to \$30 off current General Membership. To be eligible for the Senior Membership, a member must be 60 years of age, or older on the date the dues are paid. Members with a disability are also entitled to the Senior Membership discount. The Senior Membership has all the club rights and privileges of the General Membership.

- d. **Family Members – Same Household.** Spouses and Children of existing club members living in the same household, can join the OTVF at a reduced membership rate of 50% of the Adult Members' Dues.
- e. **Lifetime Membership – No Dues.** Entitles members to all the rights and privileges of the club with the following disclaimer. Lifetime Memberships do not require the member to hold a current AMA Membership unless he/she will partake in flying model aircraft, in which a current AMA Membership is required. Lifetime Membership is based upon club member nominations at the first meeting of the year.

Current OTVF Awarded Lifetime Members:

There currently are no active Lifetime Members in OTVF. An established criteria as to what constitutes a Lifetime Member candidate is not established currently. The OTVF Officers hope to research other AMA Clubs and propose & vote on an established lifetime member criteria at a future club meeting. A simple majority vote of participating club members at a future club meeting will set the criteria. Also, at the first club meeting of the new year (January) upon nomination, and a second nomination of a given individual, the OTVF Club will vote (simple majority) to promote any future lifetime members.

- f. **Request for Special Assessment from Membership:** When the OTVF faces a critical funding need that the current budget does not cover, such as our current situation where the OTVF needs to find and setup another Flying Field, the Club Officers can decide to levy a one-time Special Assessment on the Club Membership to offset the budget needs. Be mindful and realize that this clause is for a special situation, not something that is or becomes routine, or something "nice to have".
4. OTVF has removed any prior limitations as to the max number of members.
 5. Resignations: Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club. No paid dues will be refunded.
 6. Terminations: 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. No paid dues will be refunded. An Example is a member that has allowed their AMA Membership to expire and has made no effort to renew. Upon paying for AMA Membership, that member will be considered for reinstatement as decided by the OTVF Officers. Depending upon the calendar year, re-payment of club dues might be required.

7. Expulsions: OTVF reserves the right to reject or revoke the membership of any member it deems detrimental to the club's best interests or in violation of the club's Bylaws or the AMA's rules and regulations. A simple majority vote of 51% of the members present at a regular club meeting is required to revoke membership. No refund of paid dues will be made to any member whose membership is revoked.
8. Discipline: OTVF also reserved the right to discipline members who repeatedly violate safety rules in accordance with the club field and AMA. An Example of disciplinary action would be to suspend the members flying for a duration as decided by the OTVF Officers.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS & Duties:

- A. Officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Coordinator
- B. Current Officers:
 - a. President – Bob Draman
 - b. Vice President – Matt Faiello
 - c. Secretary – Lucas Dummermuth
 - d. Treasurer – Bob Draman
 - e. Safety Coordinator – David Chenzoff
- C. Term of Office – There is no term of office currently defined for the OTVF. Term is ongoing.

D. Duties:

- a. **President** – The President is the executive officer of the club and shall preside at all meetings. He or she shall be the spokesman for the club and shall appoint standing and/or special committees and chairmen as required.
- b. **Vice-President** – The Vice-President shall assist the President in all matters and shall assume the duties of the President if, for any reason, the President is unable to perform his or her duties.
- c. **Secretary** – The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the club's proceedings. He or She is responsible for annually reviewing the club's Bylaws. The Secretary shall keep records of the club meetings and be able to reference those minutes and/or pass them on to any elected person who assumes the duties of Secretary. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the Treasurer if he or she is unable to perform their duties.
- d. **Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the club. He or She shall keep an exact record of all monies received or dispersed. He or She shall maintain financial records in such a manner that they may be open for inspection at any time. He or She shall make a report on the financial condition of the club at all meetings. He or She shall maintain the financial records and be able to pass those records to any elected person assuming the duties of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Secretary if he or she is unable to perform their duties.
- e. **Safety Coordinator** – The Safety Coordinator shall have the responsibility of maintaining a safe flying environment at our flying field. The safety Coordinator has the responsibility and the right to request any individual using the club's facilities to cease such use due to violations of either the AMA Safety Code or the OTVF Bylaws. The Safety Coordinator is responsible for supervising the flight line at the club field as well as maintaining control of frequencies on the 72 MHz band of any members flying. A valid Channel ID Pin is required to turn on the transmitter in the pits or fly on 72 MHz at the club field. This is strictly enforced. 2.4 GHz transmitters do not require frequency pins, or control of frequencies due to their frequency hopping, spread spectrum technology.

ARTICLE V – CLUB MEETINGS:

Club meetings will be held roughly bi-monthly, at either the club field or a designated inside location. The exact date/time/locations of Club Meetings will be decided by the Club Officers and communicated by email several weeks in-advance of the actual meeting.

The President has the right to call for an emergency meeting to discuss a critical matter if the need arises. Communications about date/time/location will be by email with as much lead time as possible.

ARTICLE VI – RECORD KEEPING:

All records need to be transferred to the newly elected OTVF Officers following an election. There should be a 30-day transition window that the outgoing Officer assists the incoming Officer so that smooth transition takes place.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES:

Standing Committees, Special committees, committee membership.

Safety Committee: Safety Coordinator plus Remaining Club Officers

Advisory Committee: Existing OTVF Officers plus the following:

- Jim Gowen
- Brian Bair
- David Chenzoff
- Tim Lohr
- Gary Zion

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND RECALL:

The current Club Membership is content with the current Officer's leadership and in the performance of their duties, as well as the Officers being willing to maintain their positions. This has historically been the case with the OTVF. As such, there is no defined term limit for the Officers or planned elections on an annual basis.

As a mechanism to facilitate desired change, if (3) or more Club Members sign a simple petition to request Club Wide Elections and submit that signed petition to the existing Club Officers, then the Club Officers will take steps to schedule an OTVF Officer Election within 90 days of receipt of the signed petition.

Club Bylaws will be reviewed at-least on an Annual Basis

Club Officers will state their willingness to serve in their position with the OTVF on an Annual Basis.

ARTICLE IX – MISCELANEOUS PROVISIONS:

- A. FISCAL YEAR – TBD.
- B. NEWSLETTER – TBD.
- 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. If the club is dissolved, then any assets will be donated to charity.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BYLAWS:

Any amendments to the Bylaws can be raised as a Motion during a Club Meeting. Any Member can raise a Motion to Propose a Change to the Bylaws. Another Member needs to Second the Motion (champion the motion) to enable debate and discussion to take place. The Second does not sanction the change, but merely allows for the follow-on discussion/debate. The President clarifies and restates the motion. Subsequent debates amongst all members of the club present takes place. At the President's judgement, he/she ends the debate, restates the motion to change the Bylaws clearly and then calls for a vote. A simple majority vote will carry the change to the Bylaws, else the motion fails, and the Bylaws remain intact.

ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: (CONCERNING FLIGHT AND SAFETY RULES)

For adjudicating a formal grievance, the OTVF Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Safety Coordinator form and make-up the ***Safety Committee***.

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. The inclusion of the grievance article in the OTVF Bylaws is not an act to focus on negativity, nor is there historical precedence that the article will need to be used in the future, but the AMA does recommend that club Bylaws include the Grievance Procedure Article, just in case. It's expected that most complaints can and will be resolved informally; however, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and sent to the Safety Coordinator. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

The Safety 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 Coordinator, who then disseminates the completed to the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee reads and then collectively decides on a course of action. At least one witness is required for the grievance form submission.
- B. **FIRST VIOLATION** - Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered. Complainant's name will be disclosed. If warranted, 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 decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and the information communicated to club members.
- D. **THIRD VIOLATION** - Safety Officer/Committee will notify the accused in writing and notify Club members 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 has lapsed.
- E. The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period.

- F. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, or the OTVF, 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 Officers also reserve the right to notify local law enforcement if the situation warrants.

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Official Grievance Form

Date: _____ Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Name of Plaintiff: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Witness: _____

Signature: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):

Name of Witness: _____

Signature: _____

ARTICLE XII: General Club and Field Rules

1. All Club Members must show their current AMA Card before renewing club membership.
2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the Club Field.
3. Club Members must always abide by the AMA Safety Code rules and the rules established by the OTVF RC Club.
4. Club Members must respect the Club Field and always clean-up after themselves before departing the field.
5. All Flight Operations must take place beyond the flight line (imaginary wall). No flying over pit area, spectators viewing behind the flight line or parking areas.
6. A maximum of 5 Club Members can be flying at any one time.
7. Absolutely NO turning-on of transmitters in the 72 Mhz frequency range without a Frequency Board Pin. The System requires the Club Member to take the Channel pin for his/her channel, and only he/her is authorized to power-on their transmitter on that specific channel. This is a CRITICAL rule that must always be followed. If another Club Member carelessly turns on the power to his/her transmitter at the field, while another Club Member is flying their plane on the same channel, the Club Member flying their plane will immediately lose control of their model. This poses a grave safety concern, in addition to the monetary loss of the Club Member's airplane while flying. If this situation happens, then the person that illegally turned on their transmitter, and caused a crash of a model airplane, is liable for the damages. If a dispute arises out of the situation, then the club will convene a meeting and settle the dispute. The frequency pin rule/control does not apply to 2.4 Ghz Club Members. 2.4 Ghz Spread Spectrum radios do not interfere with each other, nor the 72 Mhz frequency range.
8. The Initial Take-off climb and turn of your model airplane will be away from the pits and spectator areas.
9. All Landings and Takeoffs should be loudly announced. If Model Power is lost, or if there is a control emergency, then "Dead Stick" or "Emergency Landing" should be announced loudly. It is imperative that no one go beyond the flight line without loudly announcing "Man on the Field". Dead Stick and Emergency Landings take priority over any other situation.
10. Club Members are responsible for any guests they bring to the Club Field. If the guest is flying, then they must abide by the AMA Safety Rules as well as the OTVF Club Rules.
11. A Flying Guest Member is limited to 3-visits to the club field, and he/she must be a current AMA Member and must always be accompanied by a current OTVF Club Member. After the third visit, the guest is required to join the club and pay their dues if they continue to wish to fly. If the club is maxed-out at the 50-member limit, then the prospective new member will be added to the existing waiting list.
12. A non-AMA guest is permitted to fly 1-Time with a current OTVF Club Member on a Buddy/Trainer cord radio setup only. The OTVF Club Member is responsible for their guest.
13. There will be a \$150 Expenditure Cap on lawn mower and field maintenance per season. Routine expenditures above the Cap will require a simple majority vote at a club meeting. This rule does not include any voluntary Special Assessments to compensate for appropriating and setting up the new Flying Field in Bolivar.

14. The Bolivar Flying Field will expose our Club to potentially more visitors as well as car traffic on certain Roads and State Routes. It is imperative that each OTVF Member reads and understands these Rules, as well as the AMA Safety Code as we transition to the new Flying Field. The bottom line is we want to collectively, as a club, promote the Hobby, be Good Stewards of the Land, Observe Safe Flying practices and most importantly HAVE FUN!
15. For access to the Bolivar Club Field, under no circumstances is vehicular traffic permitted to cross the Bike Path from Wilkshire Blvd. There is no access to the Field from Wilkshire Blvd. All OTVF Club Field access must be from Arrowhead Road. DO NOT CROSS ANY BIKE PATHS!
16. The Academy of Model Aeronautics Official Safety Handbook can be accessed at the following URL:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf>