

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
ASTRO WINGS OF WISCONSIN**

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ARTICLE 01: Name and Objectives

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the "Astro Wings of Wisconsin"

SECTION 2. The objectives of this Club shall be:

1. Promote the hobby of model aviation.
2. To promote sportsmanship and fellowship.

SECTION 3. The Club shall be conducted as a non-profit organization and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall go to the benefit of any member of individual.

ARTICLE 02. Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes of this Club, and whom is in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), shall be eligible for membership in the Astro Wings of Wisconsin.

SECTION 2. Dues. Membership dues will be set at the January meeting and payable on or before the March meeting.

A \$50 initiation fee is required of a new member.

A new member's dues will be pro-rated at \$2 per month for the period from September to the end of the fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Types of membership.

Senior Full (emailed newsletter) (18 years and older):	\$50
Senior Full paper newsletter: (18 years and older):	\$60
Junior Full: (Under 18 years of age)	\$ 5
Family Membership: (Spouse and/or children of members under 18 yrs.)	FREE

SECTION 4. Membership Applications. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant

agrees to abide by these Constitution and Bylaws and the rules of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Such application shall state the name, address, AMA number, email address, if applicable, and home telephone number of the applicant. The application shall also carry the endorsement of two members in good standing.

SECTION 5. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated:

1. By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Treasurer, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurrent on the first day of each fiscal year.
2. By Lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid one month after the March meeting. However, the Board of Directors may grant an additional one month in meritorious cases. After the one-month grace period the \$50 initiation fee must be paid to gain Club membership. In no case may a person whose dues are unpaid for the current year be entitled to vote at any Club meeting on any motion or amendment.
3. Expulsion. A member may be expelled for flagrant and serious violation of the Club's field or safety rules (Article 10). The judgment concerning expulsion is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. It may be appealed at the next general meeting in which case a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting shall be required to overturn the expulsion decision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 03. Directors

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice President and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the membership. The Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Safety Coordinator appointed by the President, shall also be members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the conduct, management and supervision of all activities and business of the Club.

SECTION 2. Duties of Directors:

1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board. He shall have the duties and powers normally associated with the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these Constitution and Bylaws. He shall appoint and discharge all regular and special committees. He shall pay no annual dues. He shall present the previous year's and the proposed next fiscal year's budgets at the February meeting.
2. The Vice President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in the case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity. He shall pay no annual dues.

3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of all the meetings, conduct all correspondence and maintain attendance records. He shall pay no annual dues.
4. The Treasurer shall maintain a bank account in the name of the Club and shall deposit therein all monies received from every source, pay all bills approved by the Club and shall render complete financial reports monthly. He shall pay no annual dues.
5. The Newsletter Editor shall publish a monthly newsletter to all members, other modeling organizations and such other interested parties as the Editor deem appropriate. The newsletter shall, at a minimum, communicate official Club notices and meeting minutes. He shall pay no annual dues.
6. The Webmaster shall maintain the Club website as directed by the President. He shall pay no dues.
7. The Safety Coordinator duties are as follows:
 - a. Provide a communications link between AMA and Club in matters related to safety.
 - b. Act as a safety advisor and resource manager for the Club and its members.
 - c. Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents/incidents.
 - d. Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within AMA Clubs.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring in any elective office between elections shall be filled by a special election called at the meeting following the vacancy.

ARTICLE 04: Meetings

SECTION 1. The Club will meet the third Monday of every month unless otherwise previously stated.

SECTION 2. All general meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise previously stated.

SECTION 3. Special meetings of this Club may be called by the President when required.

ARTICLE 05. Club Year, Voting, Nominations, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the date of the February meeting and shall end on the day preceding the date of the following February meeting.

SECTION 2. Voting. Voting shall be limited to those members who are present at any meeting. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

1. No Senior or Junior Full member whose dues are unpaid on the due date specified in ARTICLE 2 shall be entitled to vote in the election of any Director.
2. Unless otherwise provided for to the contrary in the Constitution and Bylaws, all matters of business placed before the Board of Directors or the membership shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast.

SECTION 3. Nominations. Nominations will be accepted by the presiding officer at the November meeting or submit a statement to the membership that they are willing to perform the duties of an officer if nominated and elected. Members may be nominated for only one office.

SECTION 4. Elections. Elections will be held following the nominations. If only one candidate is nominated, the election will be accomplished by a secret ballot, tabulated by the election committee and recorded by the Secretary.

SECTION 5. Term of Office. Newly elected officers shall take office at the December meeting and remain in office until the following December meeting.

ARTICLE 06. Address, Records, Club Insignia

SECTION 1. Mailing Address. The mailing address of this Club shall be that of the incumbent Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Records. All Club records and ballots shall be made available by the Secretary for examination by any member in good standing upon request.

SECTION 3. Club Insignia. The official Club insignia as approved by the membership may be used for any purpose in representing the hobby for this Club. Any member in good standing may use the insignia for his or her personal use.

ARTICLE 07: Amendments

SECTION 1. Proposal of Amendments. Amendments to these Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by written petition addressed to the Secretary. Amendments proposed by such petition must be submitted to the membership for a vote at the following meeting after being promptly considered by the Board of Directors. Also, any proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be published in the next edition of the newsletter after which it shall be submitted to the membership for the vote.

SECTION 2. Majorities Required. The favorable vote of two-thirds of the members who vote on the issue shall be required to effect any such amendment to these Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE 08: Dissolution

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, after all debts have been paid, the property and proceeds and assets of the Club shall be donated to charity at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE 09: Order of Business

SECTION 1. At Club meetings. At a meeting of this Club, the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

1. Agenda modification
2. President's introduction
3. Introduction of guests
4. Vice President's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Committee reports
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Meeting program
11. Adjournment

At the discretion of the presiding officer, the program may precede the business portions of the meeting.

SECTION 2. At Board Meetings. At meetings of the Board of Directors, the order of the business shall be as follows:

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Reports of the Secretary
3. Reports of the Treasurer
4. Reports of the Committees
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

ARTICLE 10: Field Rules

SECTION 1. All members shall abide by the Official AMA Safety Code.

SECTION 2. All members shall abide by the safety rules established for the "Astro Wings of Wisconsin" flying site.

SECTION 3. All members shall abide by the Official Field Rules established by and for the Club.

SECTION 4. The field rules shall be set by and may be amended by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. All Club Fun-Flys shall be AMA sanctioned.

SECTION 6. The field rules shall include but need not be limited to the following:

1. A description of the permissible locations to be used for pitting, landing strip and flight activities.
2. Restrictions on hazardous materials; e.g.: certain propellers
3. Restrictions on engine noise.
4. Housekeeping
5. Respect for owner's property
6. Requirements for competency demonstration for solo flyers and for instructors.
7. Prohibition of flying by beginner without demonstrated competence and without aid of instructor.
8. Provision for liability insurance protection through the Academy of Model Aeronautics for the Property Owner.

FIELD RULES FOR WE ENERGIES SITE

A copy of current field rules is located in the field box on the frequency board for pilot review.

1. This WE Energies field may be used only by Astro Wings members and their guests (when accompanied by the member).
2. Each user flying aircraft must have current AMA membership with its accompanying liability insurance. Members shall have their current membership card and current AMA card in their possession while using this facility. Guests shall have a current AMA card in their possession.
3. At all times, the interests of WE Energies and neighboring residents must be respected.

4. Flying hours:
 - a. **Fuel powered:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 10 a.m. to dusk.
 - b. Friday 8 a.m. to dusk, **gliders and electrics only**. Grass cutting is scheduled for Fridays. No flying permitted during grass cutting or field maintenance.
 - c. **Fuel powered:** Saturday, Sunday and holidays – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Silent flight, electric power or gliders are permitted 8 a.m. until dusk.)
 - d. **Flying is not permitted at any time that WE Energies or contractor personnel are working the ash site.**
 - e. **As a condition for flying pilots must sign in and out of the field flight log located in the field box on the frequency board for each flying session. Field log records will be maintained by the President**
5. Parking shall be in the designated area. Entrance to the field will be from the south heading north and west of the pit area.
6. Pit areas shall be along the west edge of the N-S landing strip area.
7. Air space to be used is described on the map of the site. **It is particularly important not to fly west of the perimeter berm nor close to any residential farms.** Flying fields are lost when neighbors are annoyed.
8. Noise Control – Noise Source:

The Club's objective is to reach compliance with the AMA recommended noise maximum of no more than 90dB at 9 feet distance. The best way to achieve this is to use large, properly designed mufflers.

The Sound Control Officer is responsible for maintaining the Aircraft Sound Qualification Forms located in the field box. All aircraft flown must have a current Aircraft Sound Qualification Form on file with the Sound Control Officer. Instructions for completion are located in the field box. The intent is to reach AMA recommended noise maximums by aircraft modifications and improvements noted on the Aircraft Sound Qualification Form for each aircraft flown at the field.

If, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, an airplane/engine/propeller combination is too loud, it may be banned from the field.
9. Plastic propellers are not permitted on engines larger than 0/19 c.i.d. unless the propeller is fiber-reinforced.
10. All engine shafts shall be covered by a spinner or an AMA nut.
11. Because of interference by Channel 4 TV, Channel 20 shall not be used at the field.

12. Novice fliers shall not fly unless under direct personal supervision of an accredited instructor. Competence to fly alone, to graduate from the novice class, shall be in accordance with the Club's proficiency test.
13. The proficiency test consists of the following maneuvers:
 - a. Takeoff from ground
 - b. Straight flight out
 - c. Procedure turn
 - d. Two slow flybys, right and left
 - e. Land within landing strip area
 - f. Demonstration of proficiency to fly alone shall consist of performance of these maneuvers in a satisfactory manner during a single flight while being observed by two instructors. Instructors are designated by the Club President as listed in the current Club newsletter.
14. Pit operations are confined to the area behind the demarcation line (snow fencing). Pit operations include:
 - a. Airplane maintenance and adjustment other than simple external control trim and needle valve adjustment.
 - b. Transmitters may be removed from impound and switched on in the pit area for necessary maintenance operations only if the frequency flag is owned.
 - c. Parking of airplanes
 - d. Relaxing, eating, conversation
 - e. Fueling
15. Flight line operations are conducted only at the pilot stations and include:
 - a. Switching on transmitters
 - b. Starting engines
 - c. Engine tuning through adjustment of needle valve(s)
 - d. Start point for taxi out to runway
 - e. Flying airplane from the pilot station marker and nowhere else
 - f. If the airplane will not taxi successfully, a helper may take it onto the field and position it in takeoff position provided that "Man on field" is announced to other fliers.
16. The following operations are **always** prohibited:
 - a. Parking on the road
 - b. Standing on the road

- c. Hand launching from the road
 - d. High speed passes or dives directed toward the flight line
 - e. Flying over the pits or the car parking area
 - f. Flying to the west of the N-S runway except for takeoffs and landing patterns when the E-W runway is in use
 - g. Taxiing into or out of the pit area
 - h. Solo flying by novices. A qualified instructor must be present until the novice graduates to solo status by passing the flight proficiency test.
17. The following operations should **always** be performed.
- a. Pilots announce their intention to come in for a landing so that other fliers can hear the call.
 - b. Similarly, if it is necessary to go on to the active runway to retrieve an airplane, call out "Man on the field!", and don't proceed until it is clear that no one will land or takeoff during your presence on the runway. Get on and off fast avoiding long, diagonal strolls down the runway.
 - c. Turn on transmitter only after you are the sole possessor of the frequency flag. Your AMA card or Club membership card must be affixed to the proper frequency flag on the frequency control board.
 - d. Electric hand launch flyers can use the area just south of the sheds.
 - e. Fuel flyers can use the regular pit area.
18. **All members shall comply with the AMA Safety Code.**
19. **The last member to leave the site is responsible to see that the gate is locked.** Leaving the site unattended with the gate unlocked may cause the field agreement to be rescinded. If there any problems locking the gate, call WE Energies Site Supervisor.
20. The Club shall insure that all members, present and future, are fully aware of these rules.
21. The Board of Directors may expel any member it finds in violation of these rules.

ARTICLE 11: Special Assessments

Special fees may be assessed for purposes recommended by the Board of Directors only if:

- 1. Notice of such special fee proposal together with the date of the regular meeting at which a vote will be taken on the proposed fee assessment is published in the newsletter.

2. The proposal is approved by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the regular meeting.

Once such special fees are approved they shall become obligations of membership in the same sense as the dues described in Article 2 except that payment schedule shall be part of the fee proposal.