

SENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this club shall be SENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO SOCIETY (SIRS).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Purpose of this club shall be to promote the building and flying of model aircraft in Central Illinois, and to aid, in so far as possible, the national programs and activities of The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

All persons shall be eligible for membership in SIRS, provided they meet the eligibility requirements prescribed by this club's By-laws and the AMA Charter.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended in the following way:

1. The proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Editor and published in the News Letter.
2. The proposed amendment will be discussed at the first meeting after publication in the News Letter. The amendment in its final form would be published in the next months News Letter.

Section 2: In order for an amendment to be passed requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at the following two consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE V: CHARTER MEMBERS

Section 1: The Charter Members of SIRS shall be the first ten persons that joined this club by payment of the initiation fee.

Section 2: The following persons are the Charter Members:

James Koch	Francis Ohm
Denny Chestney	Gene Barker
Charles Cappis	Dave Lathrop
Louis Lavine	Hilton Moss
Bob Ogden	John Moss

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BY LAWS

ARTICLE I: OFFICERS

The officers of SIRS shall be:

- A) President
- B) Vice President / Historian
- C) Secretary
- D) Treasurer
- E) Editor

ARTICLE II: DUTIES / TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1: President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and shall act as spokesperson for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

Section 2: Vice President / Historian

The Vice President / Historian shall assist the President and will perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition the Vice President shall maintain a historical record (scrapbook) of all club functions to include pictures, articles, newsletters, and maintain the soda machine and supplies for the clubhouse.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and maintain an attendance roster of such meetings. The Secretary shall assist the President in handling all correspondence pertaining to the club.

Section 4: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of all monies received and disbursed by the club.

Section 5: Editor

The Editor shall publish, with the aid of the membership, a monthly newsletter. This newsletter shall contain, at a minimum, the date and time of all regular meetings and will be sent to all members, other clubs and national publications.

Section 6: Term of Office

The elected officers of SIRS shall serve for one (1) year from date of election.

Section 7: Executive Committee

The Elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve at the direction of the President.

ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS

Section 1: The election of officers shall take place, annually, during the October meeting.

Section 2: A Nominating Committee shall be appointed to prepare a slate of candidates for the various Officer positions.

Section 3: Newly elected Officers shall take office at the November meeting.

ARTICLE IV: VACANCIES

Section 1: A vacancy in any office, excluding President, shall be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the President's office. The vacant Vice President's office shall then be filled as proscribed in Article 4, Section 1.

Section 3: The person elected to fill a vacant office shall serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or upon a request by the executive committee of the membership. All members shall be notified at least three (3) days in advance of any special meeting being held.

ARTICLE VI: REGULAR BUSINESS

Section 1: All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by SIRS shall be directed by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FEES

Section 1: The annual membership dues shall be ninety (90) dollars. Dues must be paid annually by January 31st of the New Year.

Section 2: The dues may be increased in the following way:
The proposed change shall have been submitted in writing to the Editor and published in the News Letter. The proposed change will be discussed at the first meeting after publication in the News Letter. The proposed change in its final form would be published in the next month's News Letter.

Section 3: In order for a proposed change to be passed, it requires a 51% majority vote of the members present at the two consecutive meetings following publication.

ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL FUNDS

The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied toward the operating expenses of the club.

ARTICLE IX: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Each applicant must be sponsored by a current member of the club.

Section 2: A member will be considered in good standing only when dues are paid within thirty days of the date due.

Section 3: There will be three (3) categories of membership.

Regular Member:

- 1) Must be age sixteen (16) or older and otherwise meet qualifications set forth in these By Laws and Article III of the Constitution.

Junior Member:

- 1) A person is a Junior Member until the end of the year in which they reach their sixteenth birthday and otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in these By Laws and Article III of the Constitution.
- 2) Each Junior Member must be sponsored by an adult member already in good standing.
- 3) The dues for the Junior Member will be 1/2 the regular dues.
- 4) Upon reaching the age of sixteen (16) he/she will then be considered a Regular Member and at the time his/her dues are renewable must assume all of the responsibility of a Regular Member.

- 5) Junior Members will be allowed flying privileges at the field only when accompanied by an adult member in good standing and with the understanding that the adult assumes full responsibility of the Junior Member's actions the entire time the Junior Member is at the field.

Family Member:

- 1) Family Membership is available for anyone who lives in the same household as a dues paying Regular Member AND who is joining SIRS who EITHER holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007) OR who is a full-time college student. Family Membership can also apply to the spouse of a Regular Member. Family members can only get the newsletter via email.
- 2) The dues for the Family Member(s) are included in the dues paid by the Regular Member.

Section 4: For NEW members (Not previous members) of the club who join sometime during a calendar year, the dues will be prorated for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in the calendar year.

Section 5: All Regular, Junior and Family members must hold an AMA Membership card.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

The President shall have the power to appoint committees whenever feasible to perform special functions of the club.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: By Laws may be amended in the following way:

The proposed change shall have been submitted in writing to the Editor and published in the News Letter. The proposed change will be discussed at the first meeting after publication in the News Letter. The proposed change in its final form would be published in the next month's News Letter.

Section 2: In order for a proposed change to be passed, it requires a 60% majority vote of the members present at the following two consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE XII: DISCIPLINE

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for violation of the field safety rules.