

**ADIRONDACK A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**PO Box 1246**  
**Clifton Park, NY 12065**  
**As Amended 02/27/2018**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME:**

The name of this unincorporated association shall be the "Adirondack A's Model A Ford Club", here in after referred to as the "Club" and its principle office shall be in Clifton Park N.Y. in the form of a post office box. The Club will be affiliated with the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) 24800 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI. 48124, and the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631. This Club will be members of the above named national organizations but in no way controlled by them.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote all things pertaining to the Model "A" Ford including literature, technical, and historical information and to conduct a hands-on educational program for youth involving the restoration of a Model "A" Ford. These stated objectives and the purpose of this Club are exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) and no part of the net receipts of the Club shall ensure to the direct benefit of any of its members.

**ARTICLE III**

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

**Section 1)** Requirements: Membership shall not require the actual possession or ownership of a Model "A" Ford. Rather, an interest in the objectives of the Club and a desire to take an active part in Club activities shall be the primary requirement for membership. An applicant must be of good moral character as to be of benefit to the Club, its functions and objectives. Membership in MARC and MAFCA is encouraged but not required. Members' families are encouraged to participate in all Club functions, but only members shall be able to vote during Club meetings on Club issues.

**Section 2) Dues:** Membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year and shall be payable in advance of the first day of March each year. Dues paid after March first shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00). New members will pay twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for their first year. Any new member whose dues are paid after November first will be considered a paid up member for the rest of the current year and the following year. Dues for members over the age of 90 will be waived. Dues for the officers of the Club shall be waived during their terms of office. Any member may also have a business card advertisement in the Club newsletter for an additional annual fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

**Section 3) Sponsors:** Any organization or individual seeking to become a Club sponsor may pay thirty dollars (\$30.00) per year to help defray the cost of the Club's newsletter and for which they are entitled to a business card advertisement in the Club newsletter. Sponsors are not entitled to vote at Club meetings on Club issues. Sponsors who financially support the Youth Program will be granted free advertising in the Club newsletter.

## **ARTICLE IV**

**YOUTH PROGRAM:** The Club's Youth Program will introduce local students to all aspects of vintage automobiles, especially the Model A Ford. To provide hands on training, the Club will periodically conduct Model A Ford restorations with student participation and Club member mentoring.

**Section 1)** Student participants in the Youth Program will be recruited by the Youth Program Director. Students must be between 12 and 18 years of age, have parent's permission and be willing to work sessions every other week during the restoration project. Youth will be recruited from the Capital District of New York State. The restoration project will take place at an appropriate facility within the Capital District.

**Section 2)** Club member participation in the Youth Program is not mandatory. All Club members are encouraged to share their knowledge and expertise with the youth. All Club members are encouraged to attend Youth Program work days and to work and learn along with the youth.

**Section 3)** Participants in the Youth Program will learn to apply math and science skills to a practical situation. They will learn to form a team, how to work with their hands, the history of the automobile, work with metal and wood, set valid goals and learn from a wide variety of mentors, young and old.

**Section 4)** Funding for the restoration project will be primarily from the sale of the last project and will be subsidized by donations from Club members, interested organizations and the general public.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **MEETING OF MEMBERS:**

**Section 1)** The annual meeting of the Club will be the January regular meeting.

**Section 2)** Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the members shall be held the fourth Tuesday of each month from January to October for the purpose of transacting Club business and sharing knowledge and ideas pertaining to the Model "A" Ford.

**Section 3)** Quorum: A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) members of the Club. Voting may not take place unless there is a quorum.

**Section 4)** Club meetings will take place at various locations. Meeting locations will be published in the Club newsletter in advance of the meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **OFFICERS:**

**Section 1)** Officers: The officers of this Club will include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Youth Program Director. The officer's only compensation is the waiving of their dues.

**Section 2)** Terms of Office: Officers of the Club shall serve for the two-year period beginning the February following the meeting at which they were elected.

**Section 3)** Vacancy: A vacancy in office during the year shall be filled by appointment from the remaining officers.

**Section 4)** President: The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Club and shall supervise the business and affairs of the Club. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

**Section 5)** Vice-President: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-President shall also be the membership chairman and will keep a register of the Post Office address of each member. He shall compile and publish a membership roster each year, which should be distributed to the membership prior to the March meeting.

**Section 6)** Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of members, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

**Section 7)** Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Club. The Treasurer and the President shall have their names on the checkbook of the Club, so either may sign checks for the Club. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly report of both the Operating account and the Youth Program account at each monthly meeting. At the annual meeting in January a final report and proposed budget shall be submitted. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all IRS reporting and correspondence as required for the Club.

**Section 8)** Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall publish a monthly membership newsletter, "A"nnouncements, which will include an update of the Youth Program progress, Club activity schedules, meeting results, and other general information that may be of interest to the membership. "A"nnouncements is the official publication of the Club.

**Section 9)** Youth Program Director: The Youth Program Directors duties shall include, but not be limited to the Youth Program restoration projects, grant writing, fund raising, promotion of the Youth Program, recruitment of students, mentors, and professionals.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Section 1)** Sunshine: The President shall appoint one member to serve as chairman of this committee. The chairman may solicit other members to assist on this committee as deemed appropriate. This committee shall be responsible for expressing and communicating the best wishes and sympathies of the membership in the event of illness or death of a member (or family thereof), including arranging for cards, flowers, fruit baskets (for example) and visitations, as appropriate for the circumstances.

**Section 2)** Distinguished Service Committee: This committee is made up of the last three recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. The membership will be asked to send to any member of this committee, by the regular October meeting, the name(s) of any individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Club. This committee will make the selection decision and the decision will be final. The recipient will receive a certificate for distinguished service and will be awarded five years free membership. The Vice-President shall record and track this award in the membership database.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **ELECTIONS:**

**Section 1)** Time: The election of officers shall be held every two years during the annual meeting in January.

**Section 2)** Nominating Committee: Nomination for officers shall be submitted to the President

prior to January first. The nominations are to be presented to the membership prior to the annual meeting by publication in the January newsletter.

**Section 3)** Spouses of members may be nominated for officer positions, and if elected, shall become voting members of the Club when their term of office begins.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **FINANCES:**

**Section 1)** Budget: Prior to the annual meeting in January, the Treasurer shall prepare a Club budget for the following fiscal year and distribute it to the Club officers for review. The budget shall be approved by the vote of the membership at the January meeting either as proposed by the Treasurer or as amended by the membership. All non-budgetary expenditures in excess of Fifty dollars (\$50) shall be voted on by the membership.

**Section 2)** The Youth Program fund is limited to the funds in that account and expenditures can not exceed the balance in the fund. Youth Program funds are restricted to Youth Program expenditures and can not be used for the general operations of the Club.

**Section 3)** Dissolution: Upon dissolution of this Club, all of its assets shall be donated to a 501 (c) (3) charity as determined by the then remaining members.

**Section 4)** Audit: At the October meeting the President shall appoint an auditing committee of two Club members to audit the Club's books and to report their findings to the membership at the annual meeting in January.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FISCAL YEAR:**

**Section 1)** Fiscal year: The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **ADMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:**

**Section 1)** These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a two thirds majority vote of the Club members present at any membership meeting. The proposed changes will be published in the Club newsletter prior to that meeting.

Date Adopted: 02/27/2018

President: Marv J. Livingston  
Marv Livingston

Vice President: Bill Van Dorn  
Bill Van Dorn

Treasurer: Beth Keehan  
Beth Keehan

Secretary: Bill Gorman  
Bill Gorman

Youth Program Director: Henry Ashton  
Henry Ashton