

**ARKANSAS VALLEY FLYWHEELERS BY-LAWS
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ARTICLE I: GENERAL

SECTION I:

The name of this club shall be "Arkansas Valley Flywheelers", hereafter referred to as "AVF".

SECTION II:

AVF shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the state of Colorado.

SECTION III:

The principal mailing address shall be P.O. Box 173, Poncha Springs, Colorado 81242

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES –PURPOSES

SECTION 1:

The general purposes for which this club is formed are as follows:

- A. Join together to restore and preserve for posterity machinery that accompanied the machine age of the 19th and 20th centuries. Such machines may include animal powered, external and internal combustion, farm equipment, military equipment, autos, trucks, tractors, toys, crafts, and other complementary equipment, materials and collections.
- B. Provide a social setting in which members can share common interests and participate in activities which will be educational to themselves and others.
- C. Cultivate good fellowship through social and cultural meetings, shows, displays of equipment and tractor pulls.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1:

Membership in AVF shall be composed of those of good moral character and a sincere desire to support the organization.

SECTION II:

- A. Charter members are those who joined during the calendar year 1987
- B. Members who joined or will join after 1987
 1. Active members - those who attend at least one meeting every three months.
 2. Inactive members - those who do not attend at least one meeting every three months and who reside within a reasonable driving distance of the meeting place. Inactive members shall forfeit their voting privileges.

SECTION III:

Membership in AVF shall in no way limit any member in his or her membership in any other organization. All activities of this organization shall be conducted on a non-discriminatory basis in regards to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

SECTION IV:

You must be a club member to participate in club activities or pay an event insurance fee.

SECTION V:

Membership shall terminate on the death or resignation of a member, default in the payment of dues for a period of two months from the beginning of the period in which such dues became payable, or upon expulsion for cause by the Elected Officers. Upon such termination any right, title, or interest in or to, the property and/or assets of AVF shall cease.

ARTICLE IV- DISPLAY AREA

SECTION I:

Display area shall be used for exhibition of equipment and accessories.

SECTION II:

Display area will not be used for any personal storage

SECTION III:

All inoperable machinery will be displayed in designated area.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

AVF shall consist of the following officers:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer”

SECTION II:

New officers shall be elected each year in December for the following year.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

President: The President shall be the executive head and preside at all meetings, be ex-officio member of all committees, and shall perform such duties as required by these by-laws. The President shall appoint a nominating committee in September each year which will be charged with nominating a slate of officers *to* be voted on at the December meeting. The President shall conduct all meetings in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order. If any officer is unable to perform his/her duties or resign his/her position, the president will appoint a replacement person until the next election.

SECTION II:

Vice President: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and assume duties assigned by the president;

SECTION III:

Secretary: The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, have charge of all official records, and conduct all correspondence. The secretary shall provide a duplicate copy of all minutes and correspondence which will be kept at a designated location. All titles and other legal papers will be kept in a safe deposit box at the same bank as the AVF's bank account.

SECTION IV:

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep an account of all funds of AVF, arrange for payment of budgeted or otherwise approved expenses, prepare an annual report and provide reports to the Elected Officers as they may request.

ARTICLE VII: DUES

SECTION 1:

Dues, increases in dues, and special assessments shall be voted on by the membership.

SECTION II:

Payment of dues. Annual dues are payable on January 1 for the membership year. New members who join on or after Sept. 1st will not pay for the current year, but will pay in advance for the following year.

SECTION III:

Non-payment of dues for a period of two months after due date shall constitute an automatic suspension of membership from AVF.

SECTION IV:

Special situations of non-payment of dues such as illness, extended travel, etc., may be acted upon, on behalf of a member, by the Elected Officers.

ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL

SECTION I:

Amendments. The by-laws may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of the active members at the annual meeting of AVF or at a special meeting, provided the members have 7 days prior notice. The elected officers may elect to submit by-law changes via mail-in ballot sent to all paid up members.

SECTION II:

A special general meeting may be called by the President at any time and may be called by the President upon written request of twenty five percent of the membership. A majority vote shall bind the Elected Officers on questions submitted to the membership of AVF.

SECTION III:

The annual general meeting of AVF shall be held in December when all business will be conducted including election of officers and any other items which concern the ongoing activities of AVF.

SECTION IV:

Quorum. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of at least five (5) members, one of which shall be elected officer.

SECTION V:

Rules of order. Parliamentary procedural questions shall be resolved by reference to "Robert's Rules of Order".

SECTION VI:

All checks and vouchers drawn on AVF shall be signed by the Treasurer and/or the President.

SECTION VII:

The Treasurer shall submit accounts to such examination as may be required by the Elected Officers. The books and accounts shall be audited at least once a year by a committee appointed by the President and submitted at the annual general meeting.

SECTION VIII:

Place of Meeting. The Elected Officers may designate the place of meeting for annual, general or special meeting.

SECTION IX:

Each member shall be provided with a copy of the By-laws, Code of Conduct and general safety rules.

SECTION X:

The President and/or Treasurer shall have the authority to spend or commit a maximum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Any expenditure in excess of \$150.00 must have the approval of the membership. Individual members may not spend, commit club funds, or obligate the club in anyway without the permission of the President, his designate, or the Elected Officers. Budgeted expenditures may be disbursed as needed by the President or Treasurer.

SECTION XI:

Participation in any show, exhibit, or event as an activity sanctioned by AVF must have the approval of AVF.

SECTION XII:

All fund raising activities including, but not limited to, food sales, sale of advertising materials such as T-shirts, and caps, raffles, vendor fees, admissions, and assessments must be approved in advance by the membership. All promotion, publicity related activities, and commitments, including, but not limited to, paid advertising, club logo design and use, and club and show button designs must be approved in advance by the membership.

SECTION XIII:

The membership and mailing list of AVF are for the exclusive use of AVF and its active, paid-up membership and may not be used otherwise without the specific, case by case approval by the Elected Officers.

SECTION XIV:

The Elected Officers are empowered to rescind any membership for just cause including, but not limited to, safety violations and non-conformance to the Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE IX: CODE OF CONDUCT

SECTION I:

A set of "Code of Conduct rules shall be adopted by the Elected Officers and may from time to time, be modified as the Elected Officers deem - appropriate.

ARTICLE X: SAFETY RULES

SECTION 1:

A set of "Safety Rules" shall be adopted by the Elected Officers and may from time to time be modified as the Elected Officers deem appropriate.

SECTION II:

Each member has sole responsibility for the safety of equipment he or she brings to shows sanctioned by AVF.

SECTION III: (SAFETY RULES)

Members are individually responsible for adherence to conformance with all safety rules. Violations may, at the discretion of the Elected Officers, result in expulsion from AVF.

ARTICLE XI. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

SECTION I:

The Elected Officers shall maintain a list of property, including any real estate and equipment owned by or loaned to AVF.

SECTION II:

Donations of property, real or otherwise, will be accepted and documented by the Elected Officers. The Elected Officers will provide, if requested, a statement of value to the donor.

ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

SECTION I:

In the event of dissolution of AVF, all assets remaining after all liabilities and obligations of AVF are paid, satisfied, discharged, or adequate provision made thereof, shall be distributed to any other non-profit association or group of similar purpose as agreed upon by a majority of the remaining membership.

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