

**COLUMBIA BASIN CHAPTER  
MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA  
Bylaws as amended and revised, February 2015**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Columbia Basin Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, and its principal office shall be in Tri-Cities, Washington.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club shall be:

SECTION 1. To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford car, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness. This club will exercise general supervision, direction, control and assistance to its members in their restoration processes.

SECTION 2. To unite in a central organization, all owners of Model A Fords who are interested in restoring and maintaining the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community, and it shall further be the purpose of this club to help these owners become better acquainted, encourage, and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

SECTION 3. The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. There shall be (3) levels of membership in the club:

- a. Charter Members who founded the club in June 1970 and who pay annual membership dues.
- b. Active Members shall consist of those people who pay annual membership dues and who take part in the regular meetings and activities.

- c. Lifetime Members shall consist of long-time members who have shown exemplary participation in the club and its activities; however, find it difficult to attend monthly meetings due to health reasons. Lifetime members will have been held in high esteem by the club members and be elected to this membership status without dues by a majority vote of the club members.
- d. Lifetime Memberships shall be nominated by a club officer and is limited to 10% of the membership or a maximum of 4 Lifetime Memberships.
- e. REQUIREMENTS. Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America is a requirement to joining the Columbia Basin Chapter. Requirements for membership shall not insist upon the actual possession of a Model A Ford, merely 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. A membership shall consist of (a) married couples - one vote per person, or (b) single persons -- one vote, providing current dues are paid.

#### SECTION 2. DUES.

- a. The dues payable by members shall be determined at each annual meeting for the next year, payable in advance of the first day of January each year.
- b. Membership will automatically lapse at the end of March for active members who have not paid their dues.

#### SECTION 3. RESIGNATION

- a. Any member may resign by contacting the President of the Columbia Basin Model A Club.
- b. Dues will be forfeited upon acceptance of resignation.

### ARTICLE IV

#### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the membership shall be held during the month of December of each year. The purpose of said meeting shall be the election of officers and the transactions of such other business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 2. REGULAR MEETING: Regular meetings of the members shall be held monthly for the purpose of transacting business.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETING: Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, another officer, or not less than one-tenth of the membership.

SECTION 4. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING: A written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any special meeting shall be delivered to each member not less than five (5) days or more that forty (40) days before the date of

such meeting and the purpose for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

SECTION 5. QUORUM: The members holding one-tenth of the votes, which may be cast at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. If the quorum is not present at any meeting of the members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. OFFICERS: The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE: Officers of the club shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for the period of the following calendar year, with the exception of the office of Secretary, which may be held by the same officer for more than one (1) calendar year and the appointed position of Treasurer which has no restrictions for term of office.

SECTION 3. PRESIDENT: The President shall be the principal executive officer of the club and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

SECTION 4. VICE PRESIDENT: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall encourage and coordinate with club members the activities and events of the club, i.e., tours, parades, picnics, to name a few.

SECTION 5. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, keep a register of the post office addresses of each member, and in general perform all duties incident to the office,

SECTION 6. TREASURER: Shall have charge and custody, and be responsible, for all the funds of the club, and in general perform all duties incident to the office.

SECTION 7. Only one (1) member per family may hold an elected office during the same year.

SECTION 8. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: The President shall appoint at least three (3) members to act as a nominating committee. The committee will nominate officers for the upcoming year. Nominations from the committee will be made in November. Election of officers will be held at the December meeting. All elected positions will be decided by the majority vote of those attending. No

absentee or proxy votes will be permitted.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **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 VII**

### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any meeting of the members, provided at least ten (10) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new bylaws at such meeting.