

## **Country Cruisers Car Club**

### **BY LAWS**

#### **Article I**

##### **General**

###### **Section 1. NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Country Cruisers.

###### **Section 2. PURPOSE**

The Country Cruisers is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of all model years. To promote cooperation and social activity among its members is its prime objective.

###### **Section 3. LIMITATIONS OF METHODS**

The Country Cruisers is a not for profit organization.

The board of directors shall evaluate, approve, set limitations and determine the method and date of disbursement for all charitable donations, at a closed meeting before being proposed for membership vote.

No member or person shall use the Country Cruisers name, logo, supplies or equipment to: solicit sponsors or door prizes, advertise, organize, conduct or profit from any event for any reason without prior approval and the Expressed Written Consent of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article II**

##### **Membership**

###### **Section 1. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be designated as Family Membership, which includes both member and Spouse and children under age of 16, if applicable.

###### **Section 2. DUES**

Each family membership dues shall be \$25.00 per year, payable annually by January 31 of each year.

###### **Section 3. VOTING**

Each family membership, with dues paid, shall have **ONE** vote on all matters of business which includes both member and spouse, if applicable. Guests shall not have voting privileges.

All voting is to be done at regular monthly club meetings. No absentee ballots will be accepted. No quo-rum needed for club meetings to be official.

All issues, including club functions, are to be approved by the board of directors prior to membership vote.

###### **Section 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members, who do not pay their annual membership dues within the 30-day limitation, will automatically be dropped from the membership roster. Members who wish to reinstate after the allowable time for paying dues may do so with full current years dues. The board of directors reserves the right to terminate or deny membership.

**Article III  
Fiscal Year and  
Meetings**

**Section 1. FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall close on December 31st of each year. Dues will run concurrently from January 1 through December 31. Renewing member's dues must be paid by February 1st.

New members can join throughout the year.

**Section 2. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Meetings, social events or other activities shall be determined each year by the Board of Directors and / or majority vote of the club membership.

**Section 3. BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors shall meet soon after the installation of officers at the beginning of each fiscal year and thereafter as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the club.

The President may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors on his, or her, initiative when business matters warrant such activity.

**Article IV  
Officers and Board  
of Directors**

**Section 1. OFFICERS**

The membership shall annually elect and install the following officers for a one-year term as follows. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, - to include a minimum of a 5-member Board of Directors.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. The President shall appoint Committee Chairpersons at his, or her discretion. In the event the President cannot complete the term of office or is not in attendance at a regular or called meeting, the Vice President shall serve in that capacity.

Specific Duties for Each Office:

**President**

1. Preside over meetings.
2. Appoint committees and serve on them as an ex-officio (non-voting) member.
3. Coordinate the activities of the club and evaluate the progress of each division of the Program of Activities.
4. Represent the club in public relations and official functions.
5. Prepare, in advance, agenda for general meeting and board meeting. Make available to vice president in advance if unable to attend meeting.
6. Start the meeting on time, at 7:00 PM.

**Vice President**

1. Assume all duties of the president if necessary.

**Secretary**

1. Prepare and post the agenda for each club's monthly meeting.
2. Prepare and present the minutes of each club meeting.
3. Place all committee reports in the designated area in the Official club Secretary's Book.
4. Be responsible for club correspondence.
5. Maintain member attendance and activity records and issue membership cards.
6. Keep the Program of Activities wall chart up-to-date.
7. Have on hand for each meeting:

- a. Official Country Cruisers Secretary's Book including minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. Copy of the Program of Activities including all standing and special committees.
- c. Copies of the Country Cruisers bylaws.
- d. Maintain supply of all club forms.

### **Treasurer**

1. Receive, record and deposit club funds and issue receipts.
2. Present monthly treasurer's reports at Country Cruisers meetings.
3. Collect dues and special assessments.
4. Maintain a neat and accurate Official Country Cruisers Treasurer's Book.

### **Section 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The duties of the officers shall be such as their titles and usage would indicate. In the absence of the President or in the case of the inability of the President to serve, the line of succession would be Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasurer would receive and disburse funds upon the receipt of proper documentation or approval by the Board of Directors or membership vote and shall make a report each meeting to the membership of the financial state of the club. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to require a Surety Bond of the Treasurer or any elected officer. The cost of which, if necessary, shall be paid from the Treasury.

### **Section 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the founding members of eight or a minimum of 5. If a founding member should leave the club and not have contact with club for 6 months his seat will not be filled unless he is the 5<sup>th</sup> seat.

### **Section 4. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall act as the governing body of the Country Cruisers. Disputes or major decisions shall be determined by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall serve as an Arbitration Committee on any controversy between members relating to club activities.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to review and edit all written materials before publication.

### **Section 5. COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint all Committees and Committee Chairpersons and shall serve as an ex-office member on all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

## **Article V FINANCES**

### **Section 1. FUNDS**

The Country Cruisers shall maintain a checking account in a local financial institution.

### **Section 2. DISBURSMENTS**

No obligations or expenses shall be incurred and no money shall be appropriated or paid except with regulations set forth by the Officers and Board of Directors. Checks shall require signatures of the Treasurer and one of the appointed members of the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1. DISSOLUTION**

The Country Cruisers shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these By-Laws or as proposed and agreed upon by the Board of Directors and approved by membership vote.

Upon the dissolution of the Country Cruisers Corporation all belongings shall be sold at fair market value with an opening bid determined by the Board of Directors. The membership shall have the first option to a sealed bid before opening bids to the public. All proceeds shall be donated to an organized charity agreed upon by the Board of Directors and membership vote.

**Article VII  
AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by the Board of Directors and then presented to the general membership for approval by majority vote.