

**BYLAWS OF THE  
INDY 500 CHAPTER  
OF THE MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA**  
(March 2010 replacing all prior guidelines and/or bylaws)

**Article I  
Purpose**

The general purpose of the club shall be to preserve and enjoy the Model T Ford through collecting, restoring, driving, and sharing technical information, and to unite the entire membership in a central organization to promote fellowship, encourage participation in driving tours and to educate future generations about the Model T. The club is a recognized chapter of the "Model T Ford Club of America" and encourages its members to join the national club.

**Article II  
Membership**

Section 1: There shall be only one class of membership. This class shall be titled "Active". A member(s) shall be all adults age 18 and over living under one roof of a household where at least one adult pays dues and is in good standing.

Section 2: Application for membership shall be in writing, and accompanied by dues for the present year.

Section 3: Any member who has not paid their dues by February 1 of each year will be suspended by the club for non-payment of dues.

**Article III  
Meetings of the Members**

Section 1: The meetings of the members of the club shall be at a location determined from time to time by the membership.

Section 2: A regular meeting shall be held monthly.

Section 3: Each voting member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote each at any meeting at which they are present.

**Article IV  
Officers**

Section 1: The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publications Officer. When the duties do not conflict, one person may hold more than one of these offices at one time, except no one shall be President and Secretary at the same time. Officers shall serve one year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. The officers shall be elected by the membership during the December meeting. Officers may serve multiple terms, as long as they are willing to serve, and the majority of the members present vote them back into office.

Section 2: All officers shall be members of "The Model T Ford Club of America".

Section 3: Any officer may be removed for cause by a vote of two-thirds the membership.

Section 4: Vacancies shall be filled by regular election.

**Article V  
Duties of Officers**

Section 1: The President shall be chief executive officer of the club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall have the power to establish such committees as are necessary to the operation of the club. The President shall sign all contracts for the club, after such contract has received the approval of a majority of the membership. The President shall submit monthly content to the club newsletter.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, have all of the powers and duties of the President. The Vice-President shall maintain a list of club owned items/equipment and track who has what items and coordinate transfer of items between members. The Vice-President shall oversee the raffle/50-50 ticket sales. And the Vice-President may have such powers and duties as from time to time shall be prescribed by the members.

Section 3: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors and shall record all minutes and votes. The Secretary shall keep a register showing the names and addresses of the members. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings and events of the club to the membership through the newsletter and shall submit monthly minutes and meeting notes to the newsletter. The Secretary shall certify to the Executive Committee of the National Club the names and addresses of the Officers, and the names and addresses of the active club members.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall keep and maintain records of the money of the club. The Treasurer shall deposit all money in the name of the club in a timely manner. The Treasurer shall disburse funds as directed by a vote of the members. The Treasurer shall render a monthly account to the members of all transactions and of the financial condition of the club.

Section 5: The Publications Officer shall coordinate and publish the monthly club newsletter. The Publications Officer will promote the club through press releases to the local media and national club publications. The Publications Officer will also exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Directors, or the membership.

### **Article VI Board of Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Club.

Section 2: Vacancies shall be filled in the manner prescribed for the officers.

### **Article VII Nominating Committee**

Section 1: The nominating committee shall consist of 3 active members appointed prior to the September meeting by the President. The committee shall prepare a slate of officers consisting of one or more names for each position. This slate of candidates shall be presented to the club prior to the December meeting. If there is more than one candidate for a specific office there shall be a paper ballot vote. Majority vote of members present shall elect all new officers.

### **Article VIII Quorum**

Section 1: A simple majority of those present shall be required to constitute a quorum of either Membership or the Board of Directors.

Section 2: No official business may be taken without a quorum present.

Section 3: Once a quorum is established, all business carried out at that meeting shall be binding on the membership of the club.

### **Article IX Powers of Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall have powers to call meetings as deemed necessary.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall manage, control the affairs, relations and business of the club, and make rules not inconsistent with the laws of Indiana or the rules of "The Model T Ford Club of America" for the guidance and management of the club. The Board of Directors may NOT incur any indebtedness on behalf of the club without approval of the membership by vote of a majority of a quorum at a meeting of the membership.

### **Article X Contracts**

Section 1: No contracts may be executed without a vote at a membership meeting.

Section 2: Only the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, may sign a contract.

### **Article XI Revenues**

Section 1: Membership dues shall be such as are fixed by a vote at a membership meeting and will be revised annually thereafter.

Section 2: Dues shall be payable on or before January 1 of each year, and are delinquent as of February 1 of each year.

Section 3: If a new member joins the club between January 1 and June 30, the new member will pay the full annual amount for their dues. If a new member joins the club between July 1 and December 31, they will be required to pay ½ of the current annual dues.

Section 4: No delinquent member shall have a right to vote.

Section 5: It shall be the Treasurer's duty to keep records regarding who is delinquent and see that the secretary is supplied a copy of those records by February 2 annually.

### **Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the monthly membership meeting after thirty days notice of the amendment.

### **Historical**

During October of 1980, this club was formed by its charter members: Irving Carlisle, Richard Harold, Brent Holleran, John Hendrickson, James Robbins, and Gil Tempelton.

**Please read through these Bylaws. Then take the time to vote to approve or decline the proposed Bylaws and return the enclosed postcard.**