SCAT

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

I. NAME

This non-profit organization shall be known as the Southern California Aero Team, and may also be identified by its initials "SCAT".

II. BUSINESS OFFICE

The business office of SCAT will be located at the home of each secretary during his term of office.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of SCAT is to promote and otherwise encourage the building and flying of Federation Aeronautique International (FAI) classification model airplanes. Additionally, it is the intent of this organization to establish a precedent of good sportsmanship and friendly community relationship so as to be of benefit to all classifications of model builders.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. General Qualifications

Membership in the Southern California Aero Team is open to all persons actively interested in the sport of building and flying FAI free flight classification model airplanes.

B. Classification of Members

1. There shall be three classifications of members:
   a. Charter member
   b. Regular member
   c. Inactive member
2. A charter member is a person who was a member when SCAT was originally formed.
3. A regular member is a person who joined the club following the formation of SCAT.
4. An inactive member is a person whose inactive status is requested by him and approved by a majority of the members present. Inactive membership relieves the member of his club dues requirement and denies his taking part in any of the club activities. At the time of his request for status as inactive member, his dues must be paid up. Advanced dues will be returned to the person or credited as desired by the person.

   When a member's dues fall 12 months behind, the Treasurer shall inform that member of the fact. If no dues are forthcoming within one month, the treasurer shall inform the recalcitrant member that he is now on the inactive list and can apply for reinstatement at any time accompanied by payment of past dues.

C. Prospective Members

Prospective members shall be recommended by existing club members. To qualify for membership, these prospective members shall have entered into FAI free flight competition for at least one year. They shall attend three consecutive club meetings and, if then desiring membership, shall remain absent during the fourth meeting. During this meeting, a vote by secret ballot shall be taken of the members present. To be admitted for membership, the vote must be unanimous. A majority of the total membership must cast a ballot in order that the election be valid. The secretary shall inform the prospective member of the outcome of the election prior to the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

D. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of membership require the following:

1. Active participation in club activities.
2. Assistance in formulating club policy.
3. Thoughtful support of and advice to the Club Officers.
4. Willingness to act as a contest official.
5. Gentlemenly and sportsmanlike conduct at all club activities.

V. OFFICERS

A. Categories of Offices

There shall be four officers of the Southern California Aero Team as follows:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Contest Coordinator

B. Duties of Officers

1. President

The President shall preside over all club and executive committee meetings. He shall be responsible for club policy and programs with the advice and consent of the membership. In the event of a tie vote by the membership on an issue, he shall cast the deciding vote. As the need arises he shall appoint or otherwise cause to be created various committees, Contest Directors, et al from the membership. He shall call meetings of the executive committee for program planning purposes, etc., as the need arises. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

2. Secretary

The Secretary shall take minutes of all club and executive committee meetings. He shall assume the duties of the president in his absence and serve on the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for n notification of the membership of meetings, contests, etc.

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial records of the club. He shall serve on the Executive Committee.

4. Contest Coordinator

The Contest Coordinator shall be responsible for the conduct of all official club flying activities, being aided by all club members. He will make application for the contest sanction and flying site permit. He will ensure that contest-running equipment is brought to the contest. He will designate the contest directors for each meet. He will ensure accuracy of measuring equipment. He will be responsible for the retrieval of the club perpetual trophies and the ordering of nameplates therefore. He will ensure the purchase of trophies for contests sponsored by the club. Having many responsibilities, the Contest Coordinator may delegate any or all of the above duties and responsibilities bilities to the club members.

C. Terms of Office

The officers of SCAT whall serve for one year and cannot succeed themselves in office.

VI. ELECTION AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS

A. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting shall be called by the President during the month of January for the purpose of electing the officers of the club. Nominations for these offices shall be made in the month of December.

B. Qualifications of Electors

All members in good standing shall be considered electors. A member is not in good standing when his dues are six months or more behind schedule.

C. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership in good standing. A quorum must be present in order for any official business to be conducted.

D. Election of Officers

Election of officers will be by majority vote. The secret ballot voting procedure shall be used.

C. Support of, and participation in, FAI F.F. contests conducted by other clubs and organizations.

XIV. CLUB NEWS LETTER

SCAT will publish a monthly newsletter the "Scatter" containing news, opinions and technical information, which will be addressed to the world family of FAI F.F. flyers. The purpose of this newsletter is to overcome the lack of such information in current commercial modeling publications. The news letter will be staffed by volunteers from the membership. Contribution of material for publication will be encouraged on a world-wide basis. No fees will be paid for contributed material. The Scatter will be self-supporting through its subscription fees.

XV. AMENDMENTS

This constitution can be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

VII. FINANCES

A. Dues

The dues of the Southern California Aero Team is $1.00 per month or $10.00 per year if paid annually.

B. Assessments

If required to meet financial obligations of the club, assessments can be levied on the membership. However, assessments can only be made by a majority vote of the entire membership.

VIII. COMMITTEES

As the need arises various committees may be established by the President with the advice and consent of the membership. Standing committees may be established. All committee members will serve at the pleasure of the president. Meetings of all such committees will be called by the President, and will not conflict with regular meetings.

IX. BY LAWS

By Laws for the Southern California Aero Team will be written by a committee established for this purpose. Specific operating rules and regulations will be placed in the By Laws. Acceptance of each rule or regulation will be by majority vote of the membership at the time of presentation. Any member in good standing can submit By Law additions or deletions to the committee. The committee must present these submissions to the membership for considerations

X. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings will be held each month in member's home's. Meeting location will be by alphabetical rotation. Special meetings may be called by the President.

XI. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Roberts Rules of Order will be the established standard for conducting all club meetings.

XII. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SCAT shall conduct two regular social outings each year, as follows:

A. Annual summer picnic, for entire families.

B. Annual new officers installation dinner (adults only).

XIII. FLYING COMPETITION ACTIVITIES

The formal flying activities of SCAT shall be encouraged in three areas:

A. Membership participation in each qualification program for selection of a U.S. FAR Free Flight Team for the World Championships.

B. Sponsoring of, and participation in, an annual series of club sponsored FAI F.F. Contests.