

CONSTITUTION

LAKESHORE MODEL A FORD CLUB

A non-profit organization located in Rochester, New York

ARTICLE I NAME AND EMBLEM

SECTION A. Name

The name of this organization shall be: Lakeshore Model A Ford Club, in joint affiliation with the Model A Restorers Club and the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.

SECTION B. Emblem

The emblem shall be a silhouette of New York State with a circular line connecting the northern most tip with the western most tip of the state. A silhouette of a 1930 Ford Coupe and the words Lakeshore Model A Ford Club, Rochester, New York founded in 1974 are overlaid on the state map with a figure of a sailboat is in the area (lake) along the state map. Colors are yellow on the state map, blue on the upper (lake) part, and black is used for all figures and remaining detail.

SECTION C. Location

The principal office of this club shall be maintained at the residence of the Secretary, Director, or Chairman of Board of Directors in order of priority and depending on current club circumstances.

SECTION D. Newsletter

The official newsletter of this organization shall be called THE GRAVITY FEED and will be mailed to the membership bimonthly; Jan.-Feb., Mar.-Apr., May-Jun., Jul.-Aug., Sep.-Oct., Nov.-Dec.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

SECTION A. Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be: To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford automobile, and to aid members in their efforts to restore and preserve the automobile in its original likeness; to unite in a central organization all owners of Model A Fords and other parties 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, sociability and fair play through sponsored activities which will include the use of the Model A Ford with family participation leading to enjoyment based on pursuit of the Model A Ford hobby.

SECTION B.

To accomplish the above purposes, the Club shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian and nonpartisan.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Affiliation

All members along with their immediate families shall be members of the Model A Restorers Club, Inc. Members are also encouraged to be affiliated with the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.

SECTION B. Regional Director

The Regional Director shall have been a member of the Model A Restorers Club, Inc. as well as the local region one year prior to taking office.

SECTION C. Approval

All individuals shall be entitled to membership, upon receipt of a properly executed application, payment of annual dues to local chapter and Model A Restorers Club.

SECTION D. Founding Members

Founding members shall be those members who attended the first or second indoor meets dated May 6, 1974 and June 2, 1974 respectively. These include the families of Harlow Hoak, Ronald Hoak, Robert Indre, Carl Meier Jr., Carl Meier III, Robert Rheinwald, Howard Simmons, Jeffrey Stoneham, and Raemond Waugh.

SECTION E. Active Member

An active member is any member who has paid the annual dues of both this club and the Model A Ford Restorers Club. Active members are entitled to all Club privileges. All active members and their spouses have the capacity of casting one vote each.

SECTION F. Dues

The amount of annual dues for active membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any changes in these dues shall be announced at the November meeting and shall take effect the following fiscal year. Dues are to be paid to the Treasurer by the first meeting of the next fiscal year. Individuals joining this organization prior to October 15th will pay dues to the extent imposed for that given year and will be considered active members.

SECTION G. Social Membership

Individuals joining this organization on or after October 15th will pay no dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, but may take part in all Club functions. These individuals will have a social membership and therefore will not have voting rights during this period.

SECTION H. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Club shall be from January 1st. to December 31st.

SECTION I. Expulsion

Upon receiving a formal written, signed and witnessed complaint against any member, the Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel a member for cause. A minimum of four affirmative votes is required to effect suspension or expulsion. Notice of this change in a member's status shall be formally presented to such member and the member shall be given a period of ninety days to present their defense prior to any action taken against them to become effective.

SECTION J. National Insurance

One hundred percent membership in the Model A Restores Club, Inc. affords the Lakeshore Model A Ford Club eligibility for National Insurance at all driving meets and Auto Shows, and for this reason membership in the Model A Restorers Club, Inc. is mandatory. Members are asked to submit their national membership number when paying their local dues

SECTION K. RECEIVABLES

Each member will receive a Membership Certificate and a copy of the most recent Club Constitution.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

SECTION A. Meetings

A notice stating the place, day, time, and purpose of any meeting of the members, including special meetings, shall be given in THE GRAVITY FEED, the official newsletter of this organization, not less than thirty days before the date of such meeting.

SECTION B. Quorum

The members holding one-tenth of the votes (not less than five members), which may be cast at any meeting shall constitute a quorum at such meeting.

SECTION C. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held during November of each year. The purpose of said meeting shall be the election of officers, approval of next years budget drafted by Board of Directors, approval of annual dues for the following year proposed by Board of Directors, drafting a tentative schedule of events and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

**ARTICLE V.
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION A. Officer Names

Elected officers of this organization shall be a Regional Director, Regional Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Assistant Regional Director may elect to automatically become the next Regional Director by advising the Board of Directors.

SECTION B. Slate of Candidates

A slate of candidates shall be prepared by the Board of Directors and shall be presented to the membership for popular vote at the November meeting of each fiscal year. The slate of candidates shall be published in the September-October issue of The Gravity Feed. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted and included in the following election.

SECTION C. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall:

- 1) Meet at least twice per year,
- 2) Be responsible for establishment of the policies of the Club,
- 3) Establish an annual operating budget for the Club,
- 4) Establish a Slate of Candidates for Elected Officers,
- 5) Be available to advise the Regional Director.

The Club shall be governed by a Chairman of the Board of five Directors. They shall have general management and control of the affairs and property of the Club, and shall perform duties not specifically designated by this Constitution. At any Board meeting four members shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise restricted, a majority vote shall prevail.

The immediate past Regional Director shall become the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The outgoing Chairman of the board of Directors then becomes a Board Member.

The most senior Director's term ends either when a sixth member is added to the Board, leaving a five member Board. If the Board membership falls below five, for any reason, the most recent ex-board member shall be asked to resume the position as most senior Board Member. If that person does not accept appointment for any reason, the process passes to next previous ex-board member and the process continues until the Board again reaches five members.

The current Chairman of the Board of Directors, along with the Regional Director shall prepare an operating budget for the next fiscal year.

SECTION D. Regional Director

The Regional Director shall be the principal executive officer of the Club and shall in general supervise and control all the day-to-day business and affairs of the Club. The Regional Director shall preside at all meetings of the members and shall perform all duties incident to the office as regulated by this constitution.

- 1) The Regional Director shall have the power to decide all questions of equal division.
- 2) No funds of this Club in excess of \$200 shall be disbursed without the certification of the Regional Director.
- 3) An allotment of funds shall be made available to the Regional Director so as to attend National Club affairs. The amount of this allotment is to be voted by the Board of Directors on each year when applicable.
- 4) The Regional Director shall have custody of the Club Seal.
- 5) The Regional Director has the responsibility for appointing individuals and committees for certain club activities as required from time to time.

SECTION E. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members, and officers and shall record all minutes that will be submitted for publication in the Gravity Feed.

SECTION F. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge and custody and be responsible for all funds of the Club.

- 1) The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Club and deposit same in the Club accounts.
- 2) The Treasurer shall make all payments of the Club debts. Approval of the Regional Director is required for disbursements in excess of the amount specified in subsection D(2).
- 3) All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Club's Treasurer, (See ARTICLE IV, SECTION G-7).
- 4) The Treasurer shall give bond, at club expense, if required by the officers.
- 5) Payments, other than club operating expenses outlined in the operating budget, must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 6) When a case arises where a countersign is required (requested by the banking institution or payee), the counter-signer shall be either the Regional Director or the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

7) The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at monthly meetings, and if so requested, at any other meeting of the officers.

8) The Treasurer shall monitor all club expenses and consult the Regional Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors on all variances of this budget.

9) All outstanding bills and accumulated Club monies must be submitted to the Treasurer no later than December 15th of each fiscal year.

10) Maintain the “Master Copy” of the Constitution that is used to make copies for new members.

SECTION G. Special Elections

From time to time circumstances may arise where there will be a need for special elections. The Board of Directors will make the appropriate decisions concerning these elections when their need arises.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION A. Changes

This Constitution may be altered, amended, or replaced and a new one adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present, plus proxy votes received. All members must be given the opportunity to vote on all amendments to the Constitution. Changes to the Constitution along with a proxy voting form shall be printed in the next issue of The Gravity Feed following their written submission to the Board of Directors. Constitutional changes shall be entered into the meeting agenda as New Business at the membership meeting following publication.

SECTION B. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall review proposed constitutional changes and reject only those that are in direct conflict with the stated Club objectives. Proposed changes are then to be passed on to the Club Director as New Business.

SECTION C. Updates

Approved constitutional changes shall be published in the Gravity Feed and integrated into the official “Master Copy” of the Constitution that is used to make copies for new members.