# SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AIRSTREAM CLUB WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB

# CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

## SECTION 1

This organization is a chartered club of the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC) and shall be known as the Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club (SEMAC) of the WBAC.

#### SECTION 2

For a Club to continue to be chartered and supervised by the International Club, WBAC, and to maintain the WBAC's tax-exempt status, every 5 years, all Clubs shall prepare a Constitution and Bylaws and any amendments thereto, and send one copy, by email, to the International office for review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (WBAC Bylaws Article VI, Sec 2).

# ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

# SECTION 1

The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be:

- A. Increasing and strengthening our membership with active and dedicated people who are interested in joining and engaging with the members of our club.
- B. Maintaining financial stability of our club.
- Having an atmosphere at meetings and activities, which will attract new members and retain older members.
- Getting all members involved in some form of activity or project consistent with their ability and time.
- Encourage and assist in the development of the Club to afford socializing opportunities for owners of Airstream-manufactured recreational vehicles (RVs).
- F. Coordinate with and participate in the International and Region activities and events.

# SECTION 2

The <u>strategic priorities</u> of this non-profit organization are to ensure the long-term future of the SEMAC and to enhance our contribution and influence within the wider Airstream community by:

- A. Actively attract and retain new members.
- B. Exceed the expectations of the membership.
- Protect and enhance the reputation of SEMAC.

## SECTION 3

Our plan to achieve our strategic priorities include:

- A. Actively attract and retain new members:
  - 1. Identify opportunities to attract members.
  - 2. Actively encourage participation.
  - 3. Identify key ways to retain interest and membership.
- B. Exceed the expectations of the membership:
  - 1. Recognize the diversity and differing expectations of the membership.
  - 2. Plan a flexible and effective program of events.
  - 3. Respond rapidly to new ideas.
- C. Protect and enhance the reputation of SEMAC:
  - 1. Greater engagement with other Airstream Clubs and organizations.

# ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

#### SECTION 1

An adult who owns a hard-sided RV manufactured by Airstream, Inc. shall be eligible for membership.

#### SECTION 2

There are two classes of membership in this Club: Regular and Affiliate.

#### SECTION 3

An applicant for membership in this club must apply in writing, and upon the payment of International and Club dues, shall become a Regular Member of this Club.

# **SECTION 4**

Regular Members, who have sold their Airstream-manufactured RV may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members of this Club, according to the provisions in the International Constitution. Such Regular Members and their spouses or partners shall possess all the rights and privileges of the international Club, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.

## SECTION 5

Regular Members of another Club may become <u>Affiliate Members</u> in this Club by applying to the Membership Committee. Upon acceptance, he/she shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Club, <u>except</u>:

- The right to hold office in SEMAC.
- B. The right to vote in the selection or election of officers (Club, Region or International)
- C. The right to vote on any constitution amendment (Club, Region or International).

D. The right to vote on the dissolution, consolidation, or merger of the Club.

# SECTION 6

Applicants for <u>Affiliate Membership</u> in this Club must submit dues and show evidence of membership in the international Club through another duly chartered club.

#### SECTION 7

Failure to pay either Club or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the Club.

# **SECTION 8**

A co-owner, defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream recreational vehicle and where each pays International and Club dues, shall be deemed to include the spouses or partners of each co-owner. Each shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including voting.

# ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTTON

## SECTION 1

The officers of the Club shall be Regular Members of the Club and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### SECTION 2

The Officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Business Meeting and shall assume office upon installation. An officer, shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected, but in no case, shall an officer be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office except the Secretary or Treasurer provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

# **SECTION 3**

An officer who advances to an office pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of this ARTICLE shall not be deemed to have served a full term in such office unless said service is for a period of greater than one-half the term of such office.

#### SECTION 4

In the event of the death, resignation, or inability of the President to fulfill the duties of office, the Vice President shall advance thereto. All other vacancies on the Executive Board, except that of the immediate Past President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD

# SECTION 1

The executive Board shall consist of all the club officers plus the immediate Past President of the club.

# **SECTION 2**

The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Club, define the policies of, have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Club, and exercise general control and supervision of all officers and committees.

## SECTION 3

The President, or any two members of the Board, may call a business meeting of the Executive Board, with notice and rationale, any time deemed necessary.

#### SECTION 4

A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

# ARTICLE VI: CLUB BUSINSSS MEETINGS

## SECTION 1

The Annual business meeting of this club shall be held during the month of October. Additional business meetings may be called, at any time, by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The notice shall indicate the date, time, purpose, and location of the meeting and shall be announced to members, in writing, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any meeting, shall be not less than ten percent of the membership.

# **SECTION 2**

All Regular Members and their Spouse or partner voting, at the SEMAC annual business meetings and identified under the same Airstream number, shall be considered to have one vote each, except for co-owners who each pay International and Club dues to this Club as provided for in Article III, Section 8.

#### SECTION 3

Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting at a business meeting of the Club or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing, a notice containing the proposed amendment(s) has been mailed first-class or electronically to each member of the Club at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting. Ballots submitted by first-class mail or email may be accepted from Regular Members who are unable to attend regular or special business meetings. The President and Secretary shall ensure no member casts more than one ballot.

Votes allowed in this manner should be received, by the club, no later than two days before the meeting at which a vote is to be taken. These votes must be kept confidential until voting at a meeting has taken place.

# ARTICLE VII: BY-LAWS

# SECTION 1

By-laws consistent with this constitution and the Bylaws and Policy of the WBAC International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Club may be adopted by the Executive Board.

# ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

## SECTION 1

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board shall submit all such amendments to the members for their consideration.

## SECTION 2

Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a SEMAC Business Meeting, or a Special Meeting called for that purpose, providing, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been distributed to each member of the Club at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting. All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption. The voting results are recorded by the Secretary and entered into the legal records of the Club.

