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ARTICLE I

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

- Sec. 1 This organization is a chartered Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. and shall be known as the **Northern Illinois Airstream Club** of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

- Sec. 1 The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be:
- To furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Club and thus afford fraternization for recreational vehicle owners.
 - To encourage safe driving and assist in improving the general welfare of the recreational vehicle public through assistance and active participation of all its members in building a strong organization for the betterment of good will toward recreational vehicle travel. To coordinate with and participate in the interests and activities of the International and the Region.
 - To cooperate with other organizations and units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups.
 - To disseminate information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public.
 - To study, advise and recommend legislation which is in the interest of the recreational vehicle public and oppose all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the recreational vehicle public.
 - To encourage government and private agencies to provide more and better recreational vehicle parks and facilities.

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ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- Sec. 1 An adult who owns a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream; Inc. shall be eligible for membership.
- Sec. 2 There are two classes of membership in this Club; Regular Members and Affiliate Members.
- Sec. 3 An applicant for membership in this Club must submit an application in writing, or by e-mail, and, upon the payment of International and Club dues, shall be a Regular Member of this Unit
- Sec. 4 Regular Members who have sold their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members of this Club pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE VI, Sec. 2, of the International Constitution. Such Regular Members shall possess all the rights and privileges of the International Club, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.
- Sec. 5 Any member of Wally Byam Airstream Club may become an Affiliate member in this Club by an application to the Membership Chair and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Club except:
- The right to hold office in the Club.
 - The right to vote, through the Affiliated Club, in the selection or election of officers in the Club, Region or International or on any amendment to the Club or the International Constitution.
 - The right to vote on the dissolution of the Club, consolidation of the Club with one or more Local Clubs, or the merger of the Club with another club.
- Sec. 6 Applicants for Affiliate membership in this Club must submit dues and show evidence of membership in the International Club.
- Sec. 7 Failure to pay either Club or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the Club.
- Sec. 8 An owner of an Airstream and their spouse/partner who joins the Club as Regular Members will have one vote per person in the election of officers at the Local and International levels and amendments to their respective Constitutions.

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ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

- Sec. 1 The officers of the Club shall be Regular members of the Club and shall consist of:
- President
 - First Vice President
 - Second Vice President
 - Recording / Corresponding Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Four Trustees
- Sec. 2 The Club Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office on installation at the October rally. An officer, except for Trustees, 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 Recording / Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.
- Sec. 3 The Trustees shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of two years, but arranged so that only one-half such Trustees terms expire in any one year. No Trustee shall serve more than one two-year term consecutively.
- Sec. 4 An officer who advances to an office pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 5 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 (1/2) the term of such office.
- Sec. 5 In the event of the death or resignation of the President or the death, advancement or resignation of a Vice President, or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the next ranking Vice President (in the order first, second) 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

- Sec. 1 The Executive Board shall consist of all of the Club officers plus the immediate Past President of the unit.

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- Sec. 2 The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Club and shall define the policies of and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Club and shall exercise general control and supervision of all officers and committees.
- Sec. 3 The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.
- Sec. 4 A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

ARTICLE VI

CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Sec. 1 The annual business meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of October. Additional business meetings may be held during any rally of the Club, and also may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The date, time, location and purpose of all Club business meetings shall be announced to the members in writing, or by e-mail, at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at any business meeting shall be not less than 10 percent of the membership.
- Sec. 2 All Regular Members, including spouse or partner, voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this organization, shall each have one vote. Co-owners, including spouse or partner who pay International and Club dues to this Club as provided for in Article III, Section 8, shall each have one vote.
- Sec. 3 Ballots submitted by email, regular mail or facsimile may also be accepted from Regular members unable to attend regular or special business meetings. The President and Recording 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 (2) days before the regular or special meeting at which a vote is to be taken. These votes must be kept confidential until voting at a meeting has taken place. Such ballots also count as a part of the quorum for such a business meeting.

ARTICLE VII

BYLAWS

- Sec. 1 Bylaws consistent with this Constitution and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Club may be adopted by the Executive Board.

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ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

- Sec. 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.
- Sec. 2 Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a business meeting of the Club or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been mailed first-class, or by e-mail if preferred by the member, to each member of the Unit at least fifteen days prior to such a meeting.
- Sec. 3 All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption.

This Constitution, as last amended, was adopted by the membership on:

__01/14/2025__ at __Chicago, IL__
(Date) (City, State/Province)