

***Bylaws***  
***Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara***

**Article I**  
**Name and Status**

*Section 1-Name:* The official name of this organization shall be **Model A Ford Club of Santa Barbara**. This organization is affiliated with the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and may also be known as **Model A Ford Club of America, Santa Barbara Chapter**. Hereafter the organization shall be referred to as *The Club*.

*Section 2-Status:* The Club is a tax-exempt organization under California Revenue & Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701G and Internal Revenue Service code (IRC) section 501(c)(7). The Club is listed on the California Secretary of State's Web page as Business Entity Number C0570839.

**Article II**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of The Club shall be to serve as a medium for the exchange of ideas and information regarding the Model A Ford automobile and to help its members in the operation, maintenance, and restoration of their Model A Fords. The Club will also promote the use of the Model A Ford by providing tours and activities in which the members and their families may partake.

**Article III**  
**Membership**

*Section 1-General:* Membership in The Club is open to individuals who have an interest in the Model A Ford automobile—its preservation and operation—and who have a desire to participate in the activities of The Club. Actual ownership of a Model A Ford is not required. Club membership shall entitle members and their family to full Club benefits if annual dues are paid in full by the beginning of the fiscal year.

*Section 2-Non-discrimination:* The Club does not discriminate against individuals seeking membership on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.

*Section 3-Guests:* The Club encourages guests to attend a Club meeting to observe The Club “at work” and understand the special fondness members have for the Model A Ford. A guest will be encouraged to join as a full member.

**Article IV**  
**Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of The Club shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

**Article V**  
**Dues**

*Section 1-Payment:* Dues for The Club are payable in full by the start of the fiscal year and cover Club membership for the entire fiscal year. The amount of dues (or changes thereto) shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership at a general meeting.

*Section 2-Non-payment:* Individuals who have not paid dues in full by the first meeting of the fiscal year shall be deemed suspended and may not vote or participate in Club tours. Suspended members may be dropped from The Club roster.

*Section 3-Partial year:* If an individual wishes to join The Club anytime through September 30, full amount of dues will be payable. An individual joining during the months of October or November shall pay dues reduced by 50%. An individual joining during the month of December may become a full member immediately and for the next fiscal year by paying the full amount of dues.

**Article VI**  
**Meetings**

*Section 1-General:* Meetings are generally held monthly the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at a location specified in the General Information. Meetings are open to members, their guests, and the general public.

*Section 2-Other:* Several times a year a Club activity (such as a holiday party) may be held instead of the general meeting at a different location.

**Article VII**  
**Voting**

*Section 1-Quorum:* A quorum for voting purposes at a general meeting shall be defined as those paid members attending the meeting, with a minimum of 15. A quorum for voting purposes at a Board of Directors meeting shall be defined as a majority of directors.

*Section 2-One Vote:* Only one vote is allowed per paid membership at a general meeting since membership in The Club may include the member and another adult.

*Section 3-Restrictions:* Suspended members or individuals who have not paid the membership dues are not allowed to vote.

*Section 4-Voting:* Any business brought forth at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a meeting of the general membership may be voted upon as long as a quorum is present. Voting may be by a voice vote or show of hands unless any member requests a paper ballot. Determination of the vote will be at the discretion of the President or presiding officer. An item of business (with the exception of bylaws changes as set forth in Article XII, Section 1) will be considered passed if a majority of eligible voters casts a yes vote.

**Article VIII**  
**Board of Directors**

*Section 1-General Powers:* The affairs of The Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors.

*Section 2-Number and Tenure:* The number of directors shall be a minimum of 7 and directors shall begin serving January 1 and serve for a period of 2 years.

*Section 3-Nominations and Election:* The Club shall take nominations for the Board of Directors at a general meeting in October or November to serve for the following year. Any member in good standing may be nominated or may volunteer to be on The Board. Election for the Board of Directors shall be held at a general meeting with election by a voice vote or by paper ballot if more than 9 members have been nominated. All members of the Board of Directors must be members of the *Model A Ford Club of America* as stated in Article IX, Section 2 of that organization's bylaws.

*Section 4-Meetings:* Meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the President of The Club and shall be held a minimum of 4 times during the year.

*Section 5-Club Activities:* Club activities such as tours and meeting programs shall be discussed, planned, and organized at Board of Director meetings and agreed upon by general consensus of the Board.

**Article IX**  
**Officers**

*Section 1-Elections:* Officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors or appointed by the President at a meeting of the Directors. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An officer may serve in the same position for more than 1 year.

*Section 2-President Duties:* The President shall preside at all meetings of The Club and Board of Directors, serve as official spokesperson for The Club, and perform other such duties normally incident to such office as authorized by the Board. The President shall also be responsible for submitting the required annual filings.

*Section 3-Vice President Duties:* The Vice President shall preside over meetings of The Club and Board of Directors in the absence of the President and undertake any other activities which The President is unable to perform.

*Section 4-Secretary Duties:* The Secretary shall keep minutes of all board meetings and handle all correspondence for The Club.

*Section-5-Treasurer Duties:* The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds for The Club and shall maintain The Club's bank account(s) and petty cash in a fiscally responsible manner. The Treasurer shall collect all Club member's dues and deposit them into The Club's authorized bank account. The Treasurer shall give a report of finances at each meeting. The Treasurer shall disburse funds to any Club member for authorized Club expenses upon submission of a valid receipt by the member.

## **Article XII**

### **Amendments to Bylaws**

*Section 1-General:* These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any meeting of The Club provided at least five days notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal or adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

*Section 2-Proposal:* A proposal for an amendment, alteration, or deletion to the bylaws may be made by a member to the Board of Directors provided it is in written form and delivered to a board member to be discussed at a board meeting.

*Section 3-Board Discussion of Proposal:* Any proposal for amendment, alteration, or deletion to the bylaws must be discussed by the Board of Directors to ensure that such proposal meets the general purposes of The Club and does not conflict with other parts of the bylaws. The Board reserves the right to alter or reject any proposal before submitting the proposal to The Club.