

**Amended and Reinstated Bylaws**  
**Of**  
**The Monroe County Cruisers Car Club**

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**ARTICLE I-Club Address & Definitions**

Section A. Name - The name of this non-profit organization shall be “Monroe County Cruisers Car Club.” (Also referred to as MCCCC).

Section B. Bylaws – The official rules and code governing the internal affairs of the Monroe County Cruisers Car Club.

Section C. Location – The official location of the MCCCC shall be the address of the presiding club secretary.

Section D. Definitions:

“Board” – The Board of Directors of the MCCCC.

“He” – refers to any member of the MCCCC regardless of gender.

“In Good Standing” – refers to any member who is in compliance with the Bylaws/Show Car Rules and who has paid all financial obligations owed to the MCCCC.

“Officers” – refers to the “Elected Officials” of the Board of Directors of the MCCCC.

“Special Interest Vehicles” – shall refer to all vehicles 19 years or newer that are one of a kind, limited production, sports cars, special edition, updated versions of earlier muscle cars, heavily modified or customized, either Domestic or Non – Domestic which will be considered to fit our program.

“Majority” – more than fifty percent (50%) of the total number of members in good standing attending a meeting in which a vote needs to be taken.

**ARTICLE II-Purpose**

**Section 1-**To encourage the ownership and care of antique, classic, and special interest cars. To organize car shows, cruises, and membership in car clubs. To work with local business owners, township leaders, and authorities throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania in the support of worthy charities and youth programs.

**Section 2-**To have and exercise the right and powers conferred upon a non-profit organization under the laws of Pennsylvania or which may hereafter conferred, including the power of contract, rent, buy or sell personal and real property provided the organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers which do not further the primary purpose stated in section 1 of this article.

# **ARTICLE III-Membership**

## **Section 1-Eligibility**

- A. General Membership shall be open to all individuals 18 years or older with a valid driver's license and current automobile insurance.
- B. By signing the application they agree to be a responsible person and promise to follow all MCCCC Bylaws.
- C. The member must have ownership of a classic, antique, or special interest vehicle.

## **Section 2-Applicants**

A member in good standing must sponsor all applicants. It is in the best interest to all to make at least an attempt to attend as many meetings as possible. We would appreciate each member attend at least one meeting per year.

## **Section 3-Sponsorship**

- A. Each member in good standing may sponsor applicants. It is the responsibility of the member to sponsor applicants who show a genuine interest in MCCCC, its vehicles, causes, and events.
- B. It is the sponsor's duty to decide if the applicant is a serious and responsible person.
- C. New applicants will be voted on by the club members present at the next general meeting. If there is an objection from the membership, the vote will be tabled and the board will review the applicant and the objections for consideration for membership. The board will then make a recommendation at the next general meeting.
- D. A member in good standing may invite a perspective member to attend one meeting and only one meeting prior to filling out an application to join the MCCCC. Thereafter once the perspective member fills out an application to join the MCCCC Article VII – Section 3 shall be invoked.

## **Section 4-Attendance**

Members are encouraged to attend MCCCC meetings, functions and sponsored events.

## **Section 5-Member's Family**

(Refers to spouse, girl/boyfriend and children).

- A. All activities and /or social functions for members shall be open to all members and their immediate family only (unless authorized by a quorum of the Officers).
- B. All members, spouses, etc. are welcome to attend and/or help with all club functions. The club appreciates any and all help received.

## **Section 6-New Member Probation**

All new members of MCCCC will serve a six (6) month probation period consisting of six (6) consecutive months following the new member's application acceptance. If during this time period the new member proves unworthy of membership because of his actions or violations of the bylaws, he will forfeit his membership and his application fee shall be refunded.

## **Section 7-Grandfathered Member**

Any member in good standing who owned a vehicle as described in Article III, Section 1 and for some unforeseen circumstance loses said vehicle, he shall be granted membership under this clause.

## **Section 8-Lifetime Membership**

A motion must be made and a vote taken at the club's monthly meeting in order to grant a Lifetime Membership to a spouse of a deceased club member.

# **ARTICLE IV-Officers**

## **Section 1-Board and Term**

- A. A Board of Directors for the Monroe County Cruisers Car Club shall consist of six (5) elected officers who include the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant of Arms.**
- B. Elected officers shall hold office for a three (3) year term. Unless no other nominations are made, then the present office holder may continue in his position for another three (3) year term. If other nominations are made an election will be held as per Article V-Section 1.**
- C. No family members or significant others may be officers simultaneously.

## **Section 2-Duties**

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings, have general supervision over business affairs of MCCCC, preserve parliamentary order, and maintain observance of the Bylaws of MCCCC
  - 1. The President shall hold in his possession all items pertinent to the club's State Registration.
  - 2. The President will be responsible for running club cruises or assigning a member for that duty. The President will be responsible for door prize purchases and receipts. All monies and receipts will be given to the Treasurer at the end of the week. In the absence of the President, the person in charge of the cruise will hand over collected monies and a receipt to the Treasurer or other board member present to be passed along to the Treasurer.
- B. The Vice-President shall take charge in the absence of the President and shall perform certain duties delegated to him by the President.
- C. The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the meetings and is responsible for all correspondence for the club. He will give a report at each meeting and post edited minutes on the MCCCC website upon approval by the President.
- D. The Treasurer shall handle all the club funds, send bills, collect fees and dues, distribute club membership cards, and keep an accurate and up-to-date account of all receipts and expenditures. He will give a financial report at each meeting. Any expenses not voted on in a general meeting of MCCCC must be approved by the President and two other board members. All checks over \$100 must be approved by the President or an executive board member. An annual audit of the club's accounts will be conducted by an audit committee made up of two club members appointed by the President.
  - 1. All monies must be deposited and each deposit itemized and identified.
  - 2. An accurate written monthly report must be completed, read and displayed at the monthly meeting.

3. All expenditures or donations, etc, must be paid by check.
  4. A written receipt will be given to anyone giving the treasurer cash.
  5. All checks must be signed by two board members. (Treasurer, Secretary, or President)
- E. The Bylaws shall be reviewed every 3 years or as required to maintain relevance to present conditions.
- F. The Sergeant of Arms shall keep order at all meetings and club functions.
- G. Membership shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer and the Secretary who will collect dues, keep records, and hand out membership cards.

### **Section 3-Additional Duties**

The Events Committee Chair, the Apparel Chair, and the Bylaws Chair shall be appointed by the President and have a non-voting seat on the board

A. Events Committee Chairperson Duties.

1. Will look for activities and events and propose them to the members and the board.
2. Will put together a monthly event/cruise/show list and email to all members
3. Will make all reservations necessary.
4. Will be responsible for trophies.
5. Will be responsible for all advertising of club functions and events.

B. Apparel Chairperson Duties.

1. Will order club jackets, shirts, and hats.
2. Will keep a record of all sales and submit to the Treasurer.
3. Will order drag plates.
4. Will decide how many extra apparel to keep on hand.

C. Bylaws Chairperson will conduct a review of the club's Bylaws every three years (See Art. IV Sec. 2 E).

## **ARTICLE V-Elections**

Section 1-Nominations will be taken in November and voted on at the December meeting of each year. A member must be at the December meeting in order to vote. (Members who are not present for the elections have no voice in the elections.) The new officers shall start their positions **on January 1st of the year following the election.** The President will only vote if there is a tie.

Section 2-Any officers guilty of dereliction of duty may be impeached by the board's recommendation.

Section 3-Any officer wishing to resign his post must do so in writing. A temporary person will be assigned by the President and/or a quorum of board members until a nominee can be voted on at the next meeting. (Secret Ballot or Open Vote will be at the discretion of the president at the time of the vote.)

Section 4-If an officer cannot fulfill his duties due to illness, the President and/or a quorum of board members will choose a temporary replacement until a nominee can be voted on at the next meeting.

Section 5-A member in **“good standing” shall have one (1) vote. Secret Ballot or Open Vote will be at the discretion of the president at the time of the vote.** In the event that there are no new nominees for officers and no changes in the officers for the New Year, a show of hands (**Open Vote**) at the December meeting will be accepted. The President will only vote in the event that there is a tie.

**Section 6 – In order to run for elected office a potential candidate must be a member “In Good Standing” for 1 year (12 Consecutive months) and be at least twenty one (21) years old.**

## **ARTICLE VI-Membership Fee**

Membership fee shall be \$20.00 per year (January 1 to December 31). All members in good standing as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year have until February 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year to rejoin, or sponsorship will be required. (Refer to Article III, Section 2 & 3) Upon consideration of the Board, the grace period may be extended in the cases of a personal hardship.

## **ARTICLE VII-Vehicle Classifications**

**Section 1-**All vehicles for membership must be 20 years or older with the exception of special interest vehicles either domestic or nondomestic which may be less than 20 years old.

**Section 2-**All vehicles of special interest (trucks, vans, customs, etc.) must be roadworthy and pass annual state inspection.

**Section 3-** If an applicant owns a special interest vehicle his application must first be submitted to the Executive Board for their approval. Upon the approval of the Board, a vote by the membership by secret ballot will occur at the next scheduled meeting. Said applicant will not be allowed to attend the meeting. After the vote has been taken the applicant is to be notified by the secretary by letter or email as to the decision, and in the case of rejection for what reason, along with the refund of his application fee and the club’s apology. (Refer to Article III, Sections 1-3)

## **ARTICLE VIII-Club Trustees**

**A Club Trustee shall be a member in good standing appointed by the board and have a non-voting seat on the board. Club Trustees shall perform certain duties delegated to him by the President.**

## **ARTICLE IX-Meetings**

**Section 1-**A general membership meeting will be held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

**Section 2-**The club’s meeting shall consist of the following content,

- a. Call to order.
- b. Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- c. Reading of the minutes by the Secretary.
- d. Reading of the Treasurer’s report.
- e. Old business.
- f. New business.
- g. Any suggestions, comments or questions.
- h. Adjournment.

## **ARTICLE X-Charitable Organizations**

**Section 1-** MCCCC will choose, by majority vote, a non-profit charity or charities for its upcoming cruise season.

**Section 2-**A onetime donation of \$100 will be donated to a charity of the family's choice in the name of a deceased member.

## **ARTICLE XI-Violations, Dismissal, or Termination**

**Section 1-**If and when any member or probationary member violates any rules and or policies as stated in the MCCCC Bylaws and or by his actions jeopardizes the integrity of and/or embarrasses the club in any way, he will be subject to disciplinary action which may include dismissal from the club.

**Section 2-** Any action deemed necessary to be taken shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Board. In the event of a tie, the President shall have one additional vote that will be used to break the tie.

**Section 3-** Any member or probationary member dismissed from the club shall be notified by letter or email by the club Secretary.

**Section 4-**Any member that is terminated for any reason forfeits any fees, dues or any monies paid to MCCCC.

**Section 5-**In the case of a termination as a result of a Board vote, the terminated member shall have the right to request (in writing) a review of the Board's decision by a three member panel appointed by the President. The decision of that panel shall be binding on all parties.

**Section 6-**Any member caught drinking, fighting, or being just plain unruly will be asked to leave the function with a warning from the Sergeant of Arms. If it should happen a second time, the member will be subject to termination. (Refer to Article XI, Sections 1-5)

## **ARTICLE XII-Name**

It is unlawful for any person or persons to profit from the club's name, logo, insignia or anything related to MCCCC without a majority vote of the membership present at the next general meeting.

## **ARTICLE XIII-Owner Responsibilities**

**Section 1-**All members are responsible for their own vehicles.

**Section 2-**All members are asked to keep a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit in their vehicles at all times.

**Section 3-**All members will be required to shut down all stereo systems during club events.

**Section 4-**No reckless behavior such as burn outs, squealing tires, etc. will be tolerated at club events held on private property. (Refer to Article XI Sections 1-6)

## **ARTICLE XIV-Proposed Amendments**

**Section 1-**Proposed amendments or changes to the MCCCC Bylaws can be made by a member in good standing. The proposed change must be submitted to the President and Board in writing. The President will then present the proposed amendment to the membership at the next general meeting to be voted on.

**Section 2-**Voting on a proposed amendment can be done by secret ballot or show of hands. Type of voting is up to the discretion of the President at the time of the vote.



**Section 3-**Any amendments or articles previous to this document shall be considered null and void.

## **ARTICLE XV-Sponsors**

The following will apply to all sponsors both club members and non-club members:

**Section 1-** Sponsors are defined as a person, business or organization who contributes money, merchandise, or trophies to MCCCC for use at club cruises and events.

**Section 2-** Sponsors will have no say or control regarding the handling or distribution of any of the items as named above.

**Section 3-** The sponsor's name, business, or organization will be announced at each cruise or event (except when a sponsor wishes to remain anonymous).

## **ARTICLE XVI-Awards at Cruises**

Procedure for selection of trophy winners at cruises-

**Section 1-** The President, Board member, or the club member responsible for the cruise will select a person who is not a club member, does not have a car on display, and does not know anyone who has a car on display, and preferably does not know any of the club members, to select the trophy winner for that night. The selector will select three potential winners from the cars displaying the club card in the window.

**Section 2-** The name of the person who picked the winner, the winner, and the trophy sponsor will be announced when the trophy is presented.

**Section 3-** Winners can only receive one trophy per car, per cruise for the season.

**Section 4-** The secretary will maintain a list of winners and selectors for the season.

**Section 5-** The owner of the winning vehicle must be present at the cruise.

**Section 6-** At least 12 cruise cars must be present at a cruise at the time that a trophy is selected.

## **ARTICLE XVII-Disbandment Clause**

In the event that the club discontinues and is disbanded, all remaining MCCCC funds are to be donated to the local Salvation Army.

## **ARTICLE XVIII-Grievance Committee**

Shall be appointed by the club president.

The board will be responsible to review all grievances and complaints submitted in writing by any club member.

The Grievance Committee will review and consider any bylaws that may apply.