

BYLAWS OF WINAMAC OLD AUTO CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc.



ARTICLE II PURPOSES LOCATION INCORPORATION

Sec. 1 To promote interest in the preservation and restoration of antique and vintage automobiles, trucks, tractors, and motorcycles, and, the parts and literature pertaining thereto. The club shall function as a non-profit organization within the definition of the Indiana State Law.

Sec. 2 The club shall in name be centered from Winamac, Indiana, its tenure having begun there in October, 1950. Its current business or mailing address shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 The Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. shall be incorporated as a non-profit organization under Indiana Law. The official abbreviation for the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. shall be W.O.A.C., Inc. Its membership shall be non-transferable or non-assignable to any club or organization, and shall forever be deemed as "independent". The treasurer shall be "Resident Agent."

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The officers in the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. shall be elected annually, and shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall have three elected directors, one to be elected each year, to serve a three year tenure of office. No elected director shall serve two consecutive terms.

Sec. 2 Appointive offices may be filled by the Board of Directors acting as a group and shall provide for the additional chairs if the need arises. The appointive offices are that of Technical Chairman, Membership Chairman, Sunshine Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Historian, and Photographer, the specific duties of which shall be assigned by the presiding officer or President.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The President shall preside at all meetings and enforce a due observance of the bylaws and see that all members of appointed committees perform their respective duties. The President shall give the deciding vote on questions and matters before the Board of Directors. The President shall have the power to fill all vacancies that may occur among the Board of Directors until the next regular meeting, when such a vacancy shall be filled by election by a majority of the members present. The President shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office. He shall not make or second any motion, neither shall he partake in any debate while in the chair.

Sec. 2 The Vice-President shall assist the President and perform the President's duties in his absence. He shall, also be the Activities Chairman, choosing event chairpersons as needed. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President and/or an event chairperson to negotiate for paid activities and to see that these monies are collected and turned into the Treasurer.

All activities scheduled must be in line with the wishes of the membership at large, and with those of the President. In case of a dispute involving scheduling, the voice of the majority of the membership in attendance at a regularly called meeting shall be deemed as final voice in such a dispute. All officers may vote on any issue.

The Vice-President shall be concerned with scheduling club events.

Sec. 3 (a) The Secretary shall keep a detailed, written record of all meets and meetings held indoors and out, with or without cars, and shall serve a registrar for these gatherings.

(b) The Secretary shall record the minutes of the business meetings.

(c) The Secretary shall answer correspondence, as needed.

(d) The Secretary shall have the authority to issue club notices and invitations, and to purchase postage and duplicating service for same.

(e) The Secretary will, upon the request of the presiding officer, read minutes or reports to the club members at meetings.

(f) The Secretary will, also, serve as "Secretary" to the Board of Directors.

(g) The Secretary may vote at the Board of Directors meetings as well as regular meetings with the general membership.

Sec. 4 (a) The Treasurer shall have the custody of all money owned or collected by the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. He or she shall be accountable for the same.

(b) He or she must be bondable and shall be bonded for \$10,000.00, the expense to be paid by the club.

(c) The Treasurer shall have the authority to collect dues and other money owed to the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. He or she shall have the authority to issue receipts and membership cards.

(d) He or she shall have the authority to pay bills or refuse to pay bills until such claim may be voted upon in open meeting by the entire membership in attendance at any called meeting.

(e) The Treasurer shall strive always to protect W.O.A.C., Inc. integrity by paying justifiable bills promptly, or by presenting refused bills at the first called meeting of the entire membership following refusal of payment. A refused bill must then be allowed by the majority of the membership in attendance at said meetings.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, and the three elected Directors.

Sec. 2 The Board of Directors shall have all the powers of this club and shall exercise the law and bylaws to the fullest. They may appoint other officers, committees, agents, or employees, deemed necessary and shall fill all temporary or permanent vacancies that may occur during the year in any club office. They shall transact all business and finances of the club with the approval of the majority of the directors present at any regular or special meeting.

Sec. 3 The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting as soon as possible after the annual meeting of members in each year for the purpose of organization, appointment of committees, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. They shall also hold meetings at least quarterly at such time and place as the directors may decide by majority vote. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by any three Board members, giving reasonable notice of such called meeting to the other Board members.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 ELIGIBLE MEMBERSHIP

(a) Any person 18 years or over, being of good health and character may join the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. subject to the approval of the membership committee, however, members under 21 are not allowed to attend WOAC functions at which alcoholic beverages are served. It shall not be deemed necessary for a member to own any motor vehicle for membership eligibility. Cordially, the collectors of all transportation antiquity including auto literature, hub caps, lamps and other items of automobilia, particularly are welcomed by the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc.

(b) All new members will be on one-year probation, and may not sponsor another new member during this period. All new members are encouraged to participate in three club functions during their first year's probationary period.

(c) Before entering any car new or old, at club functions, members must show proof of financial responsibility if demanded to do so by the Board of Directors. This obligation shall be deemed as a basic requirement for participation rather than for membership. The Board of Directors, acting as a group, reserve the right to ban any unsafe, not roadworthy, or undesirable vehicle from club functions, including joint meets held with other clubs.

(d) All members wishing to sponsor a new member will request a set of bylaws and application blank from the membership committee. The sponsor will accept the application and the current new applicant's fee plus current annual dues, sign his or her name as sponsor, and forward same to the membership committee who will forward it to the treasurer.

(e) If a new applicant is not accepted his or her full fee will be returned. If the new applicant fails to abide by these bylaws, he shall forfeit his or her full fee.

(f) If any person is delinquent more than one year in paying his or her dues, he or she may only rejoin by filling the requirements of a new member along with paying the same first year fee as a new member.

Sec. 2 PERSONS INELIGIBLE The following people will not be considered eligible for membership into the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc.:

(a) Any person convicted of a felony and out on parole.

(b) Any person having a known record of dishonesty which can be proven.

(c) Any person legally adjudged insane or of unsound mind.

(d) Any person, being to any degree addicted to alcohol or narcotics.

(e) Any person subject to a chronically contagious disease which might be spread at picnics or on tours.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Sec. 1 Regular meetings will be held at a time and place decided by the Board of Directors. Notification of these regular meetings will be sent by the Secretary or newsletter editor by mail. The manner of conducting all meetings will be by the Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 2 Special meetings may be called, at such locations and time as designated by the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or by one-tenth of the membership, by written petition, upon the proper calling of such special meetings.

Sec. 3 An Annual meeting will be held in November. Election of officers and a board member will occur at this meeting. The payment of dues will begin with the annual meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

Sec. 1 Dues will be payable to the Treasurer in the period between the annual meeting and February 1. After February 1, a member who has not paid his or her dues will be considered delinquent. However, a member may reinstate himself or herself by paying the dues for the current fiscal year plus a one dollar delinquent fee. If a member is more than one year delinquent, he or she must then follow rules of a new member. The Spouse of a member will be considered as a member, for whom there will be no additional dues. Said Spouse will have the right to vote in all proceedings and have the right to hold office, and will be deemed as a full-fledged member.

Sec. 2 All new applicants desiring to join the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. must pay an application fee and the first year's dues. New applicants must fill the requirements under Article VI Membership.

Sec. 3 Any dues paying member that has been a member for 25 consecutive years in Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. shall receive a Gold Life Membership Card.

ARTICLE IX VOTING

Sec. 1 The President shall choose a nominating committee. The committee shall prepare a slate of names for nomination to each office. Also, nominations may be made from the floor.

Sec. 2 The election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting. The voting shall be by ballot. Each member of the club shall have but one vote for each office, and must be present at the annual meeting to cast the ballot.

ARTICLE X DISMISSALS

Sec. 1 Dismissals will be decided entirely by the Board of Directors. The action to be taken must be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at such meeting.

Sec. 2 An officer may be dismissed from his duties, but retained in membership, or in extreme cases, be dismissed entirely from the club. Grounds for chair dismissal may result from dereliction of duty, insubordination, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming to an officer, or incompetence.

Sec. 3 A member not holding office may be dismissed for insubordination, dishonesty, or unbecoming conduct. Any dismissed officer or club member may reserve the right to protest at a hearing before the Board of Directors and present witnesses and evidence on his or her own behalf. The expense of this will be born entirely by the defendant.

Sec. 4 Members must accumulate at least 2 points per club year or be put on probation. The following year members must accumulate at least 4 points (current year points and make-up points for the past year) or be dismissed for lack of interest or involvement.

Sec. 5 The preceding requirement may be waived by the Board of Directors for life-members for reasons of health or long distance change of residence.

ARTICLE XI ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Winamac Old Auto Club expressly prohibits the possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by any of the members, their guests or passengers at any meet or meeting involving the display or use of antique automobiles. The Board of Directors will reserve the right, on unanimous vote of their chairs, to dismiss any member who has been warned and persists with a second offense. Intoxication, on the part of members, their guests or passengers will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE XII MEMORIAL FUND

There will be a memorial given by the members of the Winamac Old Auto Club, Inc. The Sunshine Chairman must be notified at once upon the death of a member, a member's child, mother or father. The money will be paid out of the club's treasury, if funds are available, otherwise donations will be taken.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

The membership shall have the power to change, amend, or repeal the bylaws or any section thereof by 2/3 majority vote of those members in attendance at a regular or special meeting. Any proposed change shall be submitted in writing to the entire membership 30 days prior to such a meeting.

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These Bylaws have been amended and approved on Nov., 2008

President _____

Vice-Pres. _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Directors _____
