

## Twin State Cruisers – Bylaws

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### CONSTITUTION OF THE TWIN STATE CRUISERS CAR CLUB

#### ARTICLE I

- A. Club Identification 1. The name of the Club is Twin State Cruisers.
2. The Club colors are red, white, and blue.

#### ARTICLE II

- A. Club Purpose and Philosophy 1. To promote and support interest in old and unusual vehicles.
2. To gather as a group to share in activities relating to unusual vehicles.
3. To serve the community through events sponsored by the organization.

#### ARTICLE III

##### A. Members

1. Definitions: a. Active member: One who pays dues and attends one meeting per year and plays an active role in the ongoing operation of the organization.
- b. Charter members: Those members attending the first or second organizational meeting in the history of the club who have helped to form the basic principles by which this group will function.
2. Membership procedures: a. Any person or family wishing to become part of this group should be sponsored by one of the active members. The sponsor should be able to speak for the prospective member's interest in unusual vehicles and their willingness to follow the rules and philosophy of the club.
- b. To become a member in good standing, new members should pay one year's dues as listed in Article IV below.
- c. To become an active member, the applicant should be a licensed driver or be of legal driving age.
3. In all matters coming before the club, only active members may vote; individuals have one vote and family memberships have two votes.

#### ARTICLE IV

- A. Dues 1. Annual dues for Active Membership shall be \$20.00 for individual or family memberships.
2. Dues shall be paid annually, payments due by April 15th.
3. If the elected Treasurer finds this system unworkable during his/her term, the Treasurer may recommend changes which must be accepted by the membership.

#### ARTICLE V

- A. Expulsion 1. Membership will lapse if dues are not paid within two calendar months of their due date. (By June 15th)
2. Any member breaking club rules may be expelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the Officers and Directors.
3. Any member may resign upon written notice to the Club Secretary.

#### ARTICLE VI

- A. Meetings 1. Annual Meeting: held in April for the purpose of receiving annual reports, accepting dues and making amendments to the Club Constitution.
2. Other meetings: held when necessary to conduct club business. Election of officers will take place in the Fall.
3. All scheduled meetings should have established time, date and location as far in advance as possible.
4. In all votes to come before the membership, a simple majority vote carries the motion

except for constitutional amendments which shall be a two-thirds majority. Voting by absentee ballot shall only be allowed when all officers present agree that extenuating circumstances exist to warrant accepting such a vote. Otherwise, only members present at the meeting will be allowed to vote.

5. All elections shall be held by secret ballot except when a nominee runs unopposed.

#### ARTICLE VII

A. Officers 1. The Officers of the Organization are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for a term of two years and all other Officers are elected for a term of one year.

2. A Board of Directors will consist of five members. The Past President is automatically appointed as one member. In the 1994 election, 4 members will be elected. Two will be elected to a one year term and two will be elected to a two year term. In subsequent annual elections, two members will be elected to a two year term. Chairperson of the Board will be the Past President.

B. Officers Duties 1. President: Presides over all meetings of the membership and the Officers; may call special meetings and is the Chief Officer of the organization.

2. Vice President: Shall fulfill all the responsibilities of the President in the event he/she cannot act on behalf of the Club. The Vice President shall act as committee chairperson overseeing all committees.

3. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and the Officers and will record all minutes and votes taken. The Secretary will keep an accurate roll of Club Members, keep custody of Club records, and give notice of meetings as provided in the Constitution.

4. Treasurer: Has custody of all monies, debts, and obligations belonging to the Club. Shall make all payments of Club debts upon approval of the Executive Board. All financial transactions must take place upon the signature of the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or the Vice President. He/she must be ready to report on the finances of the Club at scheduled meetings and will not incur any debt, liability or obligation without written approval from the President.

5. Sergeant-at-Arms: Will enforce Club rules and regulations and the Articles of the Club Constitution. He/she is in charge of Club properties and acts as Safety Officer at Club functions.

6. Board of Directors: Duties may include:

- a. to establish meeting agenda.
- b. to hold pre-meetings for business transactions.
- c. to facilitate basic discussions of new Club issues.
- d. to act as directors of all Club functions and activities.

7. Executive Board: Shall consist of the Club Officers and the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII

A. Committees 1. The President shall appoint committees and outline duties and responsibilities for such committees. All reports or actions taken by a committee shall be voted upon by a majority of the committee members. Finances of the committees should be checked and approved by the President or Treasurer.

B. Activities 1. The activities of the Organization shall include: meetings, touring in groups, attending car shows, trading newsletters with other auto clubs, educational activities, club projects, running the Club's own car show, community benefit projects, social activities, etc.

#### ARTICLE IX

A. Fiscal Year 1. The fiscal year of the Organization shall be April 15th through April 14th.

#### ARTICLE X

A. Personal Liability 1. All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the Club or the Officers, shall look only to the funds of the Club for payment of any such contract or claim or for payment of any debt, damage, judgement or decree or any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them for the Club or the Officers; so that neither the members of the Club or the Officers - past, present or future - shall be personally liable.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### A. Amendments to the Constitution

1. The Officers of the Club or any ten active members in good standing by written proposal submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to this Constitution. Upon such proposal being made, the change shall be explained at the meeting prior to the annual meeting. Written wording of the proposed amendment shall be made available to all active members 14 days or more before the annual meeting.
2. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the active membership.

#### ARTICLE XII

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1. By a simple majority vote, the Officers and Directors, excluding the President, may vote to dissolve the Club. In case of a tie vote, the deciding vote will be cast by the President.
  2. Upon dissolution of the Club, it shall be the responsibility of the same Board to determine which charitable organization(s) will receive any funds remaining in the Club treasury.
  3. It shall also be the responsibility of the same Board to notify in writing all appropriate state and local agencies.
  4. It shall be the responsibility of the Club Secretary to notify all Club members in good standing of the dissolution of the Club.