

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS



# MEMORY LANE CRUISERS CAR CLUB

Effective April 1, 2019

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(Prior Versions Retired)

### Article I Name and Emblem

- Section 1. The name of the club is the **Memory Lane Cruisers, Inc.**, (“Club”) located in Clarksville, Tennessee. Memory Lane Cruisers is a non-profit organization and should be registered as a 501(c)7 Social Club in the State of Tennessee.
- Section 2. The colors of the Club shall be blue and white.

### Article II Purpose

- Section 1. To promote maximum interest in all types of vehicles.
- Section 2. To create and promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among all Members of this Club as well as all members of this sport.
- Section 3. To uphold the principles of good government.
- Section 4. To conduct Club functions and activities in a manner befitting members of this sport, and to encourage a better understanding of the restoring of vehicles as a constructive family sport, among members of the public, press, and law enforcement agencies, and to benefit the needs of our community.
- Section 5. To promote and stress safety in driving, automobile maintenance, and overall vehicle operation.

### Article III Membership

- Section 1. There shall be two types of membership (“Membership” or “Member”) in this Club: Annual and Lifetime.
- Section 2. Any person of good character interested in all types of vehicles is eligible for Membership.
- A. Club Membership is a family membership.
- B. A family member, other than a significant other sharing the same residence, being over the age of 18 will need to sign up as a separate Member.
- Section 3. All candidates desiring Membership to this Club must:
- A. Fill in information on an application form and submit it to any current officer of the Club with dues.
- B. A significant other person’s name (if desiring to be a Member) must be written on the application for Membership along with the applicant’s name.

- Section 4. All Members will strive to obey traffic laws and maintain their vehicle in all areas of safety to sustain their Membership.
- Section 5. The Membership of this Club will not tolerate any excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages, the use of drugs, and/or any form of street racing while involved in any activity of this Club.
- Section 6. A lifetime Membership maintains membership in the Club until you resign, until death, or are removed from Membership as a result of actions by the Board of Directors (“Club Board” or “Board”) under the provisions of these Bylaws. The surviving spouse or significant other will retain the lifetime Membership.
- Section 7. The duration of a regular Club Membership is from the date the individual joins the Club until December 31<sup>st</sup> (January 1 through December 31).
- Section 8. Voting privileges of Club Membership will be for the family (husband and wife or significant other as defined in these Bylaws) excluding children under 18 years of age.
- Section 9. Removal of Club Membership: Club Membership is a privilege which requires an appropriate commitment from each Club Member within their ability. Each Club Member will accept the responsibilities of Club Membership, and by acceptance agrees to the Club and its activities and will attempt to attend at least one Club meeting during the calendar year. In the event a Club Member fails to meet these requirements, they may be asked to relinquish their Club Membership in accordance with the following conditions:
- A. Any Club Member, who by intentional negligent or reckless deed or action, harms or jeopardizes the reputation or assets of the Club or assets of other Club Members, may be called before the Club Board for review. Upon conclusion of the review, the Club Board may, upon finding reasonable cause, recommend to the Club Membership that said Member be removed from the Club. Said Member may then be removed by a majority vote of eligible Members at any regular Club Membership business meeting (“Business Meeting”). If the Club Member being considered for removal is a Member of the Board, the review will be conducted at a regular Business Meeting. Such action will be announced at the prior regular Club Business Meeting.
  - B. Any Club Member who fails to remit their Club Membership Dues, as defined in these Club Bylaws, shall be considered removed from the Club Membership.
  - C. Resignation: Any Club Member may resign their Club Membership at any time by delivering a letter of resignation or e-mail resignation to any Member of the Board. The effective date of acceptance will be the effective date placed upon the resignation. In the absence of a date, it will be assumed that the date it is delivered to any Member of the Board is the effective date of the resignation.
  - D. All written resignations will be final. Should a person desire later to rejoin the Club after they have resigned, they shall appear before the Board to plead their case before reinstatement can be considered. The decision of the Board concerning reinstatement is final.

## **Article IV      Membership Dues**

Section 1.      Dues for Club Members are \$25.00 per year, and will be prorated for new Members only.

A. Fee Schedule:

January 1 thru June 30	\$ 25.00
July 1 thru September 30	\$ 20.00
October 1 thru December 31	\$ 15.00
Lifetime Membership	\$350.00

Section 2.      Dues are to be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> for the next Membership year.

Section 3.      If Dues are not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>, Membership will be terminated.

Section 4.      When new Members join the Club, Dues are payable at that time.

Section 5.      Dues for a Lifetime Membership is \$350.00 payable one time. A Lifetime Membership may be bestowed to any current Club Member who has served in a Club leadership position for two years followed by a recommendation of such award by a Member of the Club at any regular Club Meeting and voted on by the Members present with a majority vote.

## **Article V      Club Officers**

Section 1.      The elected officers (“Officer”) of the Club include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and Chaplain. Club Officers are elected for a term of one year with the office of President not to exceed two (2) consecutive years.

Section 2.      A majority of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

## **Article VI      Election / Voting**

Section 1.      The Club President may appoint a nominating committee (the “Committee”) made up of at least three (3) Club Members. The Committee will then canvas the current Club Board Members to determine if they wish to seek re-election to their current position or be nominated for any other position. The Committee shall also canvas the general Membership roll to seek those who may be interested in an elected position.

Section 2.      All nominees for office must be a current Member in good standing.

Section 3.      All elected Club Board Members must remain Members in good standing for the duration of their term in office.

Section 4.      All Club Board Members are elected at the November meeting.

Section 5.      Nominations must be made by the Nominating Committee or from the floor during the regular October Business Meeting.

- Section 6. All voting in this Club will be a show of hands or secret ballot. A majority of the Membership present will carry. Amendments to the Bylaws will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Membership present to carry. Absentee voting will be allowed only on a case by case basis, and will be approved only by the Board.
- Section 7. At a general Membership Business Meeting, a majority vote on any motion made by a Member of the Club and seconded, will carry.
- Section 8. In the event there are no nominees for President for the November election, the current President will remain in place until such time a new President is selected by the current Board, or someone volunteers for the position. In any case, and at a regular Business Meeting, a majority vote by the Members present shall determine if that person is placed into office.

## **Article VII Duties of Officers**

- Section 1. The President will preside over all the Meetings of the Club; serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors; act as ex officio member of all committees; issue the call for regular and special Board Meetings; schedule regular elections and be sure they are held in accordance with this Constitution; and carry out directions of the Board.
- Section 2. The Vice President will perform all duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice President will annually recruit three regular Club Members to verify that the financial records of the Club are in order. A written report will be delivered to the Board upon its completion.
- Section 3. The Secretary will record and maintain the minutes of the Club Meeting; maintain Membership records; record Members present at Meetings, give notice of all regular and special Meetings of the Membership and Board of Directors based on directives from the President; and supervise all records of the Club. In the absence of the President and Vice President will act on their behalf. The Secretary may delegate the Membership record maintenance if needed.
- Section 4. The Treasurer will collect dues; collect all other income due to the Club; maintain the Club accounting books; make payment from Club funds when so ordered by the Board for repetitive organizational business matters, and as ordered by the Club Membership on all other financial situations; and make monthly reports of the Club's financial status to the Board and Club Membership.
- Section 5. The Activities Director coordinates all Club social activities. He/she will make reports at the Club Meetings. The Activities Director may use selected Members to assist in planning activities or suggestions.
- Section 6. The Board of Directors constitutes the Executive Board of the Club, responsible for the execution of the authorized policies by majority vote; fills vacancies in any office of the Board; and submits to the Club during regular Business Meetings any recommendations affecting the policies of the Club.
- Section 7. The Club Chaplain will be responsible for the aid and comfort of the Membership that may be experiencing difficulties or illnesses in the family.

## **Article VIII Meetings**

- Section 1. A majority vote of Members present is required for passage of any business brought before the Club at the Membership Business Meetings.
- Section 2. Regular Membership Business Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, except for the month of December. The Meeting time and location shall be published on the Club Social Media Page and the Club website at [www.memorylanecruisers.net](http://www.memorylanecruisers.net). The annual Christmas party shall replace the December monthly Meeting.
- Section 3. Special Membership Meetings and special Board of Directors Meetings may be called by the Board President.
- Section 4. Roberts Rules of Order shall be applied during Meetings to effect Parliamentary Procedures; unless otherwise amended and provided for in these Bylaws.
- Section 5. The order of business for all Meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors is as follows:
- A. Call to Order
  - B. Introduction of Visitors
  - C. Special Announcements
  - D. Approval of Minutes from previous Meeting
  - E. Approval of Treasurer Report
  - F. Reading of Correspondence
  - G. Committee Reports
  - H. Unfinished Business
  - I. New Business
  - J. Adjournment

## **Article IX Delegations**

- Section 1. Delegations of one or more Members may be appointed by the President, but are subject to approval by the Board, to represent the Club at a convention, meeting, or assembly that may be deemed necessary. Any and/or all delegations are authorized to exercise only those powers specifically vested in that Member(s) by the Board.

## **Article X Amendments**

- Section 1. An Amendment to the Club Constitution and Bylaws can be requested at any regular Club Meeting. Notice will be published by e-mail to all Members at least one week prior to the next monthly Club Meeting, at which time the proposed amendment will be voted upon. Passage of a change in the Bylaws will require a majority vote of the Members present.

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