

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
FOR THE
MILITARY VEHICLE COLLECTORS
OF COLORADO

ARTICLE I - NAME:

The name of the Organization shall be Military Vehicle Collectors of Colorado. Short title of and all references made to M.V.C.C. or Organization shall have the same effect and meaning as the full name of the Organization stated above. The area of interest and influence is hereby extended to encompass the other sections or regions of the Rocky Mountains, by, through which, and within individuals or automotive groups of the same type in other sections or regions may petition for affiliation or membership. This Organization shall be strictly non-profit in nature and will operate as an incorporated non-profit Organization. Funds necessary for its function and operating expenses shall be levied on the Members, raised through Organization-sponsored activities, and received through donations from within or without the Organization.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:

The purposes of the M.V.C.C. shall be those enumerated below:

1. To encourage the acquisition, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of collectible, old and special-interest military vehicles.
2. To serve all Members in a spirit of cooperation and fraternity. To promote good fellowship, pride of ownership in collectible vehicles, family fun and enjoyment through participation in events and tours.
3. To serve as a clearinghouse and repository for historical and technical information regarding military vehicles and pertinence deemed beneficial to and required by the Members.
4. To publicize our hobby, to bring favorable public reaction to bear upon the hobby, and to make legislative authorities and the general public aware of the existence of the hobby, its historical value and preservation.
5. To perform such promotional and community service programs as will reflect the credit and success of this automotive hobby.
6. To aid other such clubs, groups, and individuals as may require or request our assistance.
7. To collect, restore, and preserve articles, specimens and material things illustrative or demonstrative of military vehicles.

8. To perpetuate the memory of those, who by their labors and heroism, contributed to make the history of military vehicles.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

Membership in the M.V.C.C. shall be open to any individual, nationally sponsored or local club operation, functioning or being formed.

Section 1.

Payment of dues shall constitute application of Membership and unless said dues are returned within 30 days, the application is approved.

Members joining any time within the current year will pay dues for the full year, entitling Applicant to receive all of the current year's back issues of the official publication.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall establish such rules and regulations governing admission to Membership as it may from time to time deem advisable.

Each regular Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, as determined by the status of his Membership.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1. Designation of Officers.

Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. There shall be five (5) members on the Board of Directors, consisting of the duly elected President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one (1) member elected at large, from the Woman's Auxiliary.

Section 2. Term of Office.

The term of office for officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be one (1) calendar year. Officers may be re-elected to succeed themselves as needed, there are no term limits. Each candidate for an office must express his willingness to serve before his name may be placed in nomination for an office. Nominations for office may be made at the November meeting in writing, E Mail, or from the floor by any member in good standing. Nominations for office will be seconded by another Member. Before balloting online, the floor will be open for further nominations. New Officers will be announced at the M.V.C.C. Christmas Party.

Section 3. Election of Officers.

(a) The election of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot online in December, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the Members present.

Section 4. Duties of Officers.

The duties of Officers shall be those usually recognized and considered incident to the Office.

(a) The President shall conduct each regular and special meeting of the M.V.C.C. , shall maintain order, and shall serve as public spokesman for the M.V.C.C.

(b) In the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice-President shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the President. The Vice-President shall be the official delegate to all outside clubs, associations or organizations to which the Organization may belong unless the Board of Directors appoints another Member.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings, record all votes and minutes of meetings; register the names of Members, and keep at all times, a complete list of all Members and their addresses open to any Member for inspection at his request on any day designated by the Board of Directors; issue all notices required; maintain records of all M.V.C.C. properties, make such reports to the Directors of the Organization of his activities as may be required from time to time.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a true and correct record of all monies received and expended, and make reports thereof from time to time as required by the board of Directors; receive and pay out monies of this Organization as may be directed by the Board of Directors; account for all funds and disbursements at such times and in such manner as the Board of Directors may specify; render a report of all receipts and disbursements at annual meetings; make additional reports from time to time as directed by the Directors; supply a bond in such sum as the Board of Directors, in its discretion may fix, at the cost of the M.V.C.C. and do and perform all other duties incident to the office of the Treasurer as may be required by the Board of Directors.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Member at Large, being a Member of the Woman's Auxiliary, to report to the Board, requests, actions, and other business deemed necessary by them.

Section 5. Duties of the Board of Directors.

(a) The Board of Directors shall have authority to formulate policies, interpret, and enforce the Constitution and By-laws of the Organization.

(b) The Members of the Board shall be members ex-officio of all committees.

(c) The Board of Directors shall have the power to employ an Executive Officer or Secretary, prescribe their duties and fix the compensation for such Officers, subject to the consent and approval of the Members.

(d) The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage and control the business, property, and affairs of the Organization. They shall, in the usual course of business, employ any clerical help necessary for the proper functioning of the Organization, and prescribe the duties of such employees. The Board of Directors shall, subject to the consent and approval of the Members, make rules and regulations for the government and for promotion and advancement of the objects of this Organization, and for the guidance of the officers thereof.

(f) The Board of Directors shall appoint the Editor of the Organization, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at any regular or special meeting, and prescribe those duties necessary for the production of the official M.V.C.C. publications (OD NEWS) and their distribution to those persons or organizations authorized to receive them. If an appointment is not feasible, the Secretary shall assume this responsibility

The Editor is designated an ex-officio member of all committees but without voting privileges on said committee.

Section 6. Removal or Resignation of Officer(s).

Any incumbent Officer may be removed from his office for malfeasance in office or for failure to perform his duties well and properly as provided above.

Any Officer or Director may be removed from his office or committee ship for the good of the Organization upon a two-thirds vote of the members, but not less than ten (10), present at any regular or special meeting, provided due notice of such impending action shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to holding such meeting. Any Member of any committee may be removed from his office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any time.

The Officer charged with malfeasance or non-performance of duty will have the right of appeal and a hearing on the charges made, a presentation of facts, and to legal counsel engaged by and paid by himself (or herself), if desired. Any Officer of the M.V.C.C. may resign his office and surrender his responsibility as an Officer at any time by providing the President and the Secretary with written notice of such resignation thirty (30) days prior to effective date of resignation. Vacancy so created shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors, until the next regular meeting where nominations will be received; election to take place at the succeeding meeting.

Section 7. Suspension of Members.

Any Member can be suspended for just cause by the Board of Directors for thirty-five (35) days or until the next regular meeting. Wherein a hearing by Members present shall take place. By a two-thirds vote, but not less than ten (10), said Member may be expelled from the Organization. The current

year's dues shall be prorated to the nearest month and the excess shall be returned to above Member.

Any Member who shall be suspended, expelled, or who shall cease to be a Member for any reason, shall surrender all rights in and to any office he holds, and in and to all assets and property of the Organization.

Failure to deliver to a duly elected Officer the aforementioned assets and property within ten (10) days of this action shall constitute prima facie evidence of intent to steal said items. Full legal action may be instituted to recover this property.

Members suspended for abusing or destroying M.V.C.C. equipment may be subject to a fine equal to the cost of repairing or replacing said property before being reinstated. All persons, in joining the Organization, agree to the above conditions as fair and just.

ARTICLE V - PROCEDURES:

The following procedures and policies will be followed:

1. Meetings will be held monthly at the home of a member or in a place provided for such purpose by private or public organizations, or in facilities owned or rented by M.V.C.C. Meetings will be held during the first week of each month, if practicable, at a time (day and hour) set by the Membership. All special meetings require a minimum of seven (7) days advance personal or written notice to all Members of record, with time and location specified.

2. Should the presiding Officer wish to take a partisan position on any given subject, it will be incumbent upon him to step down, appointing a temporary successor pro-tem to succeed him and manage the meeting while he is on the floor.

3. The Society shall not be bound to any amendments proposed or passed by any group, organization, or other affiliation unless said amendment has been ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Members at a regular meeting. But in no case, will said action cause it to forfeit its rights to function as an independent entity, and to retain all real and personal property.

The right of M.V.C.C. by this name or any other to disassociate itself without recourse from any association, organization, group, etc., which may call upon its name, assets or Members, cannot be abridged without specific amendment to these By-laws.

ARTICLE VI - DUES:

Section 1. Schedule of Dues.

A scale of dues and initiation fees shall be fixed by the Board of Directors on a budgetary basis so that sufficient revenue shall be derived there from to defray the expenses of the Organization. When a schedule of dues and

initiation fees shall have been established by the Board, the same shall thereupon be presented to the Membership at any regular or special meeting for ratification. A majority vote of the Members present at such meeting for ratification of the schedule of dues shall be necessary. Upon ratification, the schedule of dues and initiation fees shall be effective and payable by the Members at such time as may be provided elsewhere within this Constitution and By-laws.

Section 2. Failure to Pay Dues.

Failure to pay dues within forty (40) days from January first each year shall subject the delinquent member to suspension or expulsion, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Said date may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at a regular or special meeting called within a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCIAL LIABILITY:

Section 1.

All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having a claim against the Organization or any of its Officers for any valid performance or proper commitment shall look only to the funds and/or property possessed by the M.V.C.C. for payment of any debt, damage, or damages, judgment or judgments, decree or decrees, or any monies which may otherwise become due and payable from the Treasury of the M.V.C.C. or from its Officers, acting in good faith and honor, so that neither M.V.C.C. Officers, or the Members themselves, present and future, shall be personally, jointly, or severally liable therefore.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors may incur nonrecurring expenses not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars a month without a vote of the Membership. Expenses beyond this limit must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote, but not less than ten (10), of those present at a regular or special meeting called for this purpose to be binding upon the M.V.C.C.

ARTICLE VIII - CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

The use and operation of this document for governing the M.V.C.C. is considered to be sufficient government and direction as to obviate the need for a separate Constitution and By-laws. Hence, with the adoption of this document, there is no separate Constitution or By-laws for the M.V.C.C.

ARTICLE IX - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

In the event of the dissolution of the Organization, its assets shall be disposed of to any similar non-profit organization or to the support and

maintenance of collections of memorabilia of military vehicles in any museum or institution interested in gathering such material. The disposition shall be determined at a regular or special meeting called for this purpose by majority vote of the members of the Organization at the time of dissolution or by previous agreement if certain assets were received contingent to such agreements.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT:

The Constitution and By-laws may be amended upon a two-thirds vote of all Members present at any regular meeting. Any proposed amendment shall be filed in writing with the Secretary, at least forty (40) days before presentation for adoption at any regular meeting. The Secretary, in his notice, by E Mail, for the holding of a meeting at which an amendment to the Constitution and By-laws shall be presented, shall set forth therein the nature of the proposed amendment.