

# *Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club*

## By-Laws

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## Definition of Bylaws:

These Bylaws constitute a code of rules adopted by the Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club, Inc., for the regulation and management of affairs.

## Article I - Name, Purpose, And Goals

### Section 1: Name:

The name of the club will be Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club.

### Section 2: Purpose:

- A. The Mission of this club, and hereinafter called The Club, shall be to provide a social organization for those interested in the restoration, preservation, and promotion of classic First and Second Generation Camaros of the model years 1967 to 1981.
- B. Promote the "Classic Camaro" lifestyle by providing a catalyst for members to meet, associate, and form new and continuing friendships, and to have FUN. This will be accomplished by attending car show events, road trips, and social gatherings, i.e. dinners, meals, etc. for members of Classic Carolinas of the Carolinas and their guests.
- C. Encourage careful and skillful driving on public highways.
- D. To encourage interest in said Camaros to the general public and bringing together all those with similar interests.
- E. To encourage family participation in such sport.

- F. To promote friendship and fellowship and support organization functions held by The Club, as well as others who have such interest.
- G. Our main goal is to provide an outlet for owners of classic First and Second Generation Camaros to enjoy their personal Camaros by participating in car shows and cruises, etc. and introduce Classic Camaro enthusiasts to the hobby of owning a classic first and second generation Camaro.
- H. A secondary goal is to raise funds for charitable organizations. Such funds shall be raised by yearly dues assessed to full members.

### Section 3: Goals:

- A. Collect, restore, preserve, drive, and display to the public first and second generation Camaros.
- B. Showcase our passion for the first and second generation Camaros to the public by attending area shows and cruise-ins as a group and displaying our Camaros.
- C. Encourage the continued restorations of first and second generation Camaros.
- D. Pass along the knowledge members have gained during the restoration of their individual Camaros to other club members who are in the process of restoring a first and second generation Camaro.
- E. Provide an outlet for owners of first and second generation Camaros to meet as a group to enjoy their Camaros.
- F. Pass down our passion, hobby, and interest for the first and second generation Camaros to the future generations. We have a member who is the original owner of his Camaros and others whose first car was a first or second generation Camaro. We also have members whose occupation is restoring first and second generation Camaros.
- G. Establish a mechanism similar to those used in national events for each member to have their Camaros judged to a standard for different certification levels rather than members competing against each other for a trophy or award. Several club members have attend the Camaro Nationals and The Antique Automobile Club of America Regional National Shows to have their Camaros judged.
- H. Create a website and establish a Facebook Page to showcase club members and their Camaros.

- I. A future goal of the club will be the return and hosting of a regional Camaro show to the area.
- J. The ultimate goal of the Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club is to have the best first and second generation Camaro club in the area.

## Article II - Membership

### Section 1: Members:

- A. Membership in The Club shall be restricted to owners of a classic Camaro defined as either a first or second generation Camaro vehicle or an enthusiast of first and second generation Camaros
- B. To retain voting privileges, a member must attend six (6) meetings / events per year.

### Section 2: Applicants:

- A. Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
- B. Prospective members must submit a completed membership form.
- C. Applicant must reside in North or South Carolina.

### Section 3: Membership Classification:

- A. **Full Member** - Member paying the annual dues.
- B. **Family Member** - Spouse or significant other of a Full Member. The Family Member will not be required to pay membership dues.
- C. Any member may be a general member in any other car club at any time.

### Section 4: Types of Membership:

- A. **Founding Member** - These members are defined as persons who started Classic Camaros of the Carolinas.
- B. **Charter Member** - These members defined as persons who became a member prior to January 1, 2012.
- C. **Member** - Any member who joined on or after January 1, 2012.

- D. **Honorary Member** - This special membership is given for the recognition of, interest in, support of, member who has moved out of the states of North or South Carolina, or contribution to Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club. This special membership does not require payment of dues and does not include any voting rights.
- E. **Member of the Year** - One male and one female will be selected by the President and Vice President at the end of the year as Member of the Year. The President will select the Male Member of the Year and the Vice-President will pick the Female Member of the Year.
- F. **Highlighted Member of the Month** - The President will pick a Highlighted Member and Member Car of the Month each month. A photograph of the member and the member's Camaro will be posted on the club's Facebook Page and website by the administrators of the Facebook Page and club website.

### Section 5: Dues:

- A. Annual dues will be \$20.00 per year. The fiscal year for Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club is January 1 through December 31.
- B. All dues will be paid to the president or treasurer, either in person or by mail to the club (president's address) or treasurer's address. If paid by mail, an email will be send to the member acknowledging receipt of the dues payment.
- C. For all current members dues must be paid by not later than January 31st in cash or check payable to Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club. The Club will not accept or use any online banking or app for the payment of dues. There will be a grace period of 30 days to pay annual dues. After 90 days the member will be dropped from the membership roster for non-payment of annual dues.
- D. New members joining in November and December will pay the full amount of \$20.00 but the annual dues for the following new year will be waived.
- E. Should any member make a check payable to Classic Carolinas of the Carolinas Car Club and that check be returned by the bank for any reason, the member shall reimburse The Club the full amount of the check plus a \$25.00 returned check fee or the fee amount charged by the bank for the returned check at the next scheduled meeting after notification of the returned check. Failure to do so will result in the member being dropped from the membership roster.
- F. Any member with unpaid dues for ninety (90) days shall be dropped from the membership roster.

- G. Annual dues must be paid before a member can display their Camaro at the AutoFair.

### Section 6: Flower Fund

- A. The club shall have and maintain a flower fund made by voluntary contributions by club members.
- B. The flower fund's express purpose is to make a memorial donation to the charity of choice of a club member or a club member's family in the event of the death of:
  - 1. An immediate family member such as a parent, son, or daughter.
  - 2. Death of a club member.
- C. The maximum amount of the memorial donation is set at \$50.00.
- D. The memorial donation will be made by the club treasurer and a record of the memorial donation will be kept by the treasurer.
- E. The club treasurer will maintain a record of the members who donated to the flower fund.
- F. The club secretary or a designated member will send a "get well card" in the event of a sickness of a member to the member / member's family.
- G. The club secretary or a designated member will send a "sympathy card" to the family of a member in the event of his or her death.
- H. The club secretary or a designated member will send a "sympathy card" to the member in the event of the death of an immediate member of the member's family.
- I. The cost of sympathy and get well cards will be paid out of the flower fund.

### Section 7: Annual Charitable Contributions

- A. Upon a vote of the membership, a donation not to initially exceed \$500.00 will be made in December of each fiscal year to a charity recommended by the membership.
- B. The donation can exceed \$500.00 upon a vote of the membership.

## Section 8: Conduct:

- A. During club activities and other events, members shall:
  1. Conduct themselves in a manner that promotes cooperation among members.
  2. Respect each other's opinions during meetings and allow each member the opportunity to present his / her views.
  3. Refrain from making personal attacks and leave personal disputes outside of The Club's activities.
  4. Conduct themselves in a manners which promotes a favorable opinion of The Club and its activities/events.
  5. Refrain from using vulgar, profane language during club activities/events.
  6. Not make commitments on behalf of The Club without the approval of the officers.

## Section 9: Membership Responsibility:

- A. As a member of The Club, you, the member, will promote The Club by helping with the promotion of club events, handing out event fliers, wearing club apparel, and talking to owners of First and Second Generation Camaros to promote The Club and what it is trying to accomplish.
- B. Members must operate their Camaro in such a manner that it will not cause embarrassment to The Club, its officers and members. If such a case arises, the offending member will be removed from The Club.
- C. All club members who drive while involved in club functions or are traveling with said club going to or from a club function, shall abide by the laws of the State of North Carolina when representing The Club.
- D. In order for club events to be successful, members are asked to be as much help as possible during club events.
- E. Any club member while driving and representing The Club, shall have a valid operator's license.

## Section 10: Membership Type Camaros:

- A. In order to facilitate the general purpose and be a member of The Club, the member must own or be an enthusiast of the Chevrolet Camaro, First and Second Generation models, model years 1967 to 1981.



- B. It is preferred that to be in line with the name of the club, the member's Camaro should be stock appearing but can be modified with automotive equipment; built or stock depending on the owner's taste. Camaros that are equipped with non-automotive "gadgets or appliances", no matter how innovative, may not meet the club's standards of a serious Camaro enthusiast. These additions may require a vote by the members for approval of membership.

## Article III - Meetings

### Section 1: Business Meetings:

- A. Regular meetings of members will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM, at a location designated by the club officers, preferably a restaurant.
- B. The meeting date and time can be changed in the event of a conflict.
- C. Door prizes, donated by club members, are encouraged, to be awarded at business meetings by a random drawing to encourage attending business meetings.
- D. New member(s) are introduced to the club membership with information about their Camaro.
- E. Club members will introduce themselves to a new member present at the new members' first meeting to include information on the Camaro(s) they own.

## Article IV - Fiscal Year

- A. The club's fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

## Article V - Liability

- A. All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claims against the club or the officers of the club, shall only look to the funds and property of the club for payment of such contracts or claims for payment of an debt, damage, judgment, or decree.
- B. No officer or member shall be personally liable for any club debts, contracts, or damage, judgment or decree.

## Article VI - Liability Insurance

- A. The club will maintain an annual liability insurance policy through a reputable licensed insurance company.

## Article VII - Social Media

### Section 1: Website:

- A. The club will have a website titled Classic Camaros of the Carolinas Car Club.
- B. The website will be maintained by one or more administrators appointed by the club President, preferably with experience in social media.
- C. The President will be one of the administrators on the club website.
- D. The website hosting fees will be paid from the club checking account.
- E. Photographs taken at club meetings and club events will be posted on the website.
- F. The President will maintain the website email list, members@classiccamaros.org.

### Section 2: Facebook Page:

- A. The club will have a Facebook Page titled Classic Camaros of the Carolina Car Club.
- B. The Facebook Page will be maintained by one or administrators appointed by the club President, preferably with experience in social media.
- C. The administrator(s) will be the only club members who can post to the Facebook Page.
- C. Photographs taken at club meetings and club events will be posted on the Facebook Page.
- D. The Facebook Page will be solely used to promote Classic Camaros of the Carolinas and not for the personal and political opinions of the administrators. Failure to adhere to this policy will be removed from the club..

## Article VIII - Officers

### Section 1: Officers

- A. Officers of the club may include:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice-President
  - 3. Secretary
  - 4. Treasurer
  - 5. AutoFair Coordinator (Appointed by the President)

### Section 2: Election of Officers

- A. Election of officers shall be at the January meeting.
- B. All officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote.
- C. The total number of members voting must be at least three-fourths (3/4) of all the members who are qualified to vote.
- D. One vote per active member in good standing.
- D. No absentee ballots will be accepted.
- E. No vote by proxy will be allowed.
- F. Honorary Member(s) do not have voting privileges.
- G. A member whose dues are delinquent for the year preceding the vote will not be allowed the privilege to vote.

### Section 3: Resignation of Officers:

- A. In the event that any of the aforementioned officers shall resign or become unable to hold office before the end of his/her elected term, the club members shall nominate and vote on a member to fill said vacancy.
- B. The President position shall be filled by the Vice-President.
- C. A special election for the purpose of filling a vacant officer position must be held no later than two (2) meetings after said resignation.

## Article IX: Officer Duties

### Section 1: President:

- A. The President shall act in a manner that puts the club's interest above his/her own.
- B. The President oversees and provides leadership and direction as to the on-going operation of Classic Camaros of the Carolinas.
- C. The President meets a minimum of once a month, as needed, with all other officers to discuss issues, events, and future activities of the club.
- D. The President delegates various duties to officers and provides appropriate follow-up.
- E. The President conducts monthly business meetings with the membership to keep them apprised of upcoming events and activities.
- F. The President shall have the authority to sign checks and authorize payment of club debts.
- G. The President, when warranted, puts for vote to the membership any suggested changes that would significantly impact the club as a whole.
- H. The President meets and greets members and guests at all events, meetings, and activities.
- I. The President shall nominate the Male Member of the Year.
- J. The President picks the Highlighted Member of the Month.
- K. The President will receive and review all membership applications.
- L. The President or his designee will maintain the roster of all members on an Excel spreadsheet. The roster will include the member's full name, date joining the club, year and model of Camaro(s) owned, address, phone number(s), email address, and name of spouse (if applicable).
- M. The President or his designee will maintain the roster of all dues paid to include the date paid and manner of payment (cash or check) on an Excel spreadsheet

- N. The President will prepare a monthly newsletter with all information pertinent to club members to include upcoming events / activities, balances in the club's checking account, sickness of members, deaths in member's family, death of a member, introduction of new members, information on potential new member(s), etc.  
The President will email the newsletter to all members.
- O. The President will be responsible for making the arrangements for the monthly business meeting.
- P. The President will be responsible for preparing, producing, and issuing the member identification badge.
- Q. The President and/or the Secretary in his behalf, will be responsible for notifying the membership of the death of a club member or the immediate family member of the club member via email.
- R. The President and/or the Secretary in his behalf, will be responsible for sending the obituary of the death of a member or the death of a member's immediate family to the membership via email.
- S. The President and/or the Secretary in his behalf, will be responsible for sending a sympathy card with the signature of the club members to the immediate family upon the death of a club member or to the club member upon the death of an immediate family member
- T. The President and/or the Treasurer in his behalf will be responsible for making a memorial donation from the club flower fund to the charity designated by the club member's family upon the death of a club member or by the member upon the death of an immediate family member.

### Section 2: Vice President:

- A. The Vice-President shall act in a manner that puts the club's interest above his/her own.
- B. The Vice-President represents the President in the President's absence.
- C. The Vice-President nominates the Female Member of The Year.

### Section 3: Secretary:

- A. The Secretary shall act in a manner that puts the club's interest above his/her own.

- B. The Secretary has custody of and / or is responsibility for all club records and communications.
- C. The Secretary shall attend meetings of the members and officers, and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for this purpose. In the event attendance is not possible, an alternative will be assigned to record the minutes
- D. The Secretary meets and greets members and guests at all events, meetings, and activities.

#### Section 4: Treasurer:

- A. The Treasurer shall act in a manner that puts the club's interest above his/her own.
- B. The Treasurer shall prepare all checks for payment of club debts.
- C. The Treasurer shall not be allowed to sign checks without the approval of the President.
- D. The Treasurer shall have custody of and responsibility for all monies, debts, and obligations belonging to the club.
- E. The Treasurer shall issue payment for the club's debts upon approval of the President.
- F. The Treasurer shall be bonded, at the club expense, if required by the officers.
- G. The Treasurer shall maintain a monthly Treasurer's Report and give a report on the financial status of the club at each monthly meeting.

#### Section 5: AutoFair Coordinator:

- A. The AutoFair coordinator will be selected by the President from a pool of volunteers.
- B. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for all communications and correspondences between the club and speedway AutoFair officials.
- C. The AutoFair coordinator will attend all coordinator meetings at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

- D. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for obtaining sponsors of club award plaques / trophies.
- E. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for ordering the club awards from a vendor approved by the club membership.
- F. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for the collection of monies for the AutoFair award plaques / trophies and delivering the monies to the award vendor.
- G. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for collecting the monies from AutoFair participants for the cost of the car pass and tickets.
- H. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for picking up the AutoFair car passes and tickets from the Charlotte Motor Speedway and distributing the car pass and tickets to the AutoFair participants.
- I. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for preparing and distributing the information packet to the AutoFair participants.
- J. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for obtaining judges for the judging of member's Camaros at the AutoFair.
- K. The AutoFair coordinator will tabulate the judging scores and award the award plaques / trophies based on the individual scores. The AutoFair coordinator will not disclose the judging score to the member or a member's score to any other member(s).
- L. The AutoFair coordinator will be responsible for obtaining a photographer from the membership to photograph the activities at the speedway and forwarding the photographs to the website / Facebook Page administrator
- M. The AutoFair coordinator will maintain the judging scores in a record book following the AutoFair. The AutoFair coordinator will not divulge the member's score to either the member or other club member(s).
- N. The AutoFair coordinator will insure that members attending the AutoFair have paid their annual dues

## Article X: Events and Activities

### Section 1: Club Events and Activities:

- A. Activities of the club shall consist of road trips, gatherings, attending car shows, cruise-ins, and events for First and Second Generation Camaros owners and can be planned by an member wishing to coordinate such activity with the club President.
- B. The member coordinating the event shall prepare a brief description of the event to be distributed to the membership
- C. If a flier of the event is available, the member coordinating shall make copies of the flier to be presented to the membership.

### Section 2: Car Shows:

- A. Each member participating in a car show must be present to win an award.
- B. Car show rules shall be at the discretion of the Show Committee with the approval of the President.
- C. Car show rules shall be distributed to all members and show participants prior to each car show event.

### Section 3: Road Trips

- A. During road trips, all participants shall abide by the posted speed limit.
- B. On all secondary roads, during inclement weather and in heavy traffic, all cars shall drive in a single-file formation.
- C. No reckless driving shall be tolerated at any time.
- D. Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be tolerated at any time.
- E. Before each trip, the lead car and the last car shall be appointed by the member coordinating or the member charged with leading the event.
- F. Any changes in plans shall be authorized and announced by the member coordinating the event prior to departure.



G. Before departing for each trip, the rules shall be brought to the attention of all present by the member coordinating the event or one of the officers present.

H. Any member breaking the rules shall risk suspension of their membership.

#### Section 4: Cruise-Ins

A. While attending a cruise-in which has been previously designated as a Classic Camaros of the Carolinas event, members participating in the cruise-in will abide by all traffic laws of the State of North Carolina or South Carolina.

B. Reckless driving while at the cruise-in will not be tolerated at anytime.

C. Operating a motor vehicle (driving) at the cruise-in while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance (drugs) will not be tolerated.

D. Use of an alcoholic beverage or a controlled substance (drugs) while at the cruise-in will not be tolerated.

E. A member participating in a cruise-in designated as a club event, shall be aware that any conduct outlined in Article II: Membership, Section 8, that could bring an unfavorable opinion and/or embarrassment to the club as a result of the club member(s) actions will not be tolerated. Such conduct includes and not limited to, the use of loud vulgar/profane language, revving of engines, spinning tires, and doing burn-outs.

F. A member(s) involved in such conduct will be asked to leave the cruise-in and could face expulsion from the club.

### Article XI - Club Logo

#### Section 1: Club Logo

A. The club logo is the intellectual property of Classic Camaros of the Carolinas.

B. The logo will be copyrighted through the N.C. Secretary of State Office if fiscally feasible.

C. Any member who wishes to use the club logo for his private use must request permission from the club officers each time it is used.

- D. Any member who wishes to use the club logo for private beneficial commercial purposes, must pay a fee to the club which will be set by the club officers each time it is used..

## Article XII - Amendment to the By-Laws:

### Section 1: Amendment to the By-Laws:

- A. The officers of the club or any ten (10) active members in good standing may propose an amendment to the By-Laws by written proposal submitted to the Secretary.
- B. Upon receipt of such submitted proposal, a copy thereof shall be distributed to the membership, read to the members present at the next meeting, and included in the minutes of the next meeting of the members.
- C. If a majority of all members present and qualified to vote, vote in favor of the proposed amendment at the next meeting, the proposed amendment shall thereby be approved and adopted.