## **GEORGETOWN TEXAS AREA CAR CLUB**

## **Bylaws**

# As Revised 29 September 2018

Common terms and acronyms that may be included in the bylaws include:

- 1. "Member" -- shall refer to a member in good standing of the Georgetown Texas Area Car Club.
- 2. "GTACC" (pronounced "G-Tack") is an acronym for the Georgetown Texas Area Car Club.
- 3. The pronoun "he" encompasses both genders.

## ARTICLE I - Name, Location

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be "Georgetown Texas Area Car Club" (GTACC).

SECTION 2. The place in this state where the principal office of GTACC is to be located is the City of Georgetown, Williamson County.

# ARTICLE II - Organization Purpose

SECTION 1. GTACC is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION 2. No part of the net earnings of GTACC shall inure to the benefit, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that GTACC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein, provided that any monetary benefits which flow to members shall be incidental to the operations of GTACC. No substantial part of the activities of GTACC shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and GTACC shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, GTACC shall not except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of GTACC.

## ARTICLE III - Membership

SECTION 1. Membership is open to all individuals without discrimination as to race, religion, color, sexual orientation or national heritage, 16 years of age or older, who own or have a genuine interest in current, classic, antique, vintage, street rod, or special interest vehicles. By entering into a membership with GTACC, the individual agrees to be a responsible person and follow GTACC's bylaws.

SECTION 2. Membership shall require an annual membership fee as established by GTACC officers and approved by the membership. Members in good standing shall enjoy all rights and privileges of GTACC, and have one vote on matters submitted to the vote of the membership.

SECTION 3. Eligible family members of a single household are required to pay only one membership fee per household. Households that elect to pay only one membership fee per household will have only one vote on matters submitted for vote to the membership.

SECTION 4. Members are encouraged to attend all meetings and GTACC sponsored events.

SECTION 5. All activities and/or social functions for members paid for partially or in full by GTACC monies shall be open to members and their immediate family only (Family is defined as a spouse or significant other and children under their legal quardianship).

SECTION 6. Any member may resign his membership by providing a written resignation, via USPS or email, to GTACC's Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt of such notice and upon payment of any and all indebtedness to GTACC. There will be no refund of unexpired membership dues.

SECTION 7. Membership shall be terminated for failure to pay dues when due. Infractions of GTACC rules and/or other actions may also be cause for expulsion from GTACC. If and when a member violates the rules and/or policies outlined in these bylaws, or engages in actions which may otherwise reflect unfavorably on GTACC, he may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from GTACC. Members being considered for such action will be notified in writing, via USPS or email, by GTACC's Secretary, and be provided the right to submit his position to GTACC officers. A majority vote of GTACC officers will prevail.

SECTION 8. A member, probationary member, or prospective member dismissed from GTACC will be notified in writing, via USPS or email, by GTACC's Secretary.

#### ARTICLE IV - Officers

SECTION 1. The governing body of GTACC shall consist of the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same GTACC member.

## SECTION 2. Officer Duties

- A. President. The President shall preside at all meetings, have general supervision over business affairs of GTACC, preserve parliamentary order and maintain observance of the bylaws. The President's vote shall count as two (2) in case of a tie vote on all matters except elections.
- B. Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and perform certain other duties delegated to him by the President.
- C. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all GTACC meetings, maintain GTACC's membership roster and be responsible for writing and distributing all correspondence of GTACC.
- D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall handle all GTACC funds, send bills, collect dues, prepare required documents to various governmental agencies and keep an accurate and up to date account of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer or his designee will give a financial report at each meeting.
- SECTION 3. A quorum for a meeting by the governing body will consist of a majority of the governing body.
  - SECTION 4. Standing committees will be appointed by the President as required.
  - SECTION 5. Duties of the committee chairpersons will be to coordinate all activities of said committee.
- SECTION 6. GTACC officers and/or working committee members shall be able to claim reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred while performing GTACC functions. These expenses are subject to approval of GTACC's Treasurer prior to payment.

#### ARTICLE V - Elections

SECTION 1. Nominations for all elected GTACC officers will be taken one meeting prior to the election. Election of GTACC officers will be held at the December business meeting. An individual must be a member of GTACC for one year before the nominations meeting and in good standing to be eligible for an elected office.

- SECTION 2. Special elections may be called by majority vote of the membership at any meeting. Nominations will be taken at the same meeting, with the election being held the following meeting.
- SECTION 3. When an election ends in a tie, the membership will continue to repeat the vote until the tie is broken. All nominees will remain in the election unless they voluntarily withdraw.
- SECTION 4. Officers or elected committee chairpersons guilty of dereliction of duties may be impeached by recommendation of GTACC officers.
- SECTION 5. Officers or elected committee chairpersons who choose to resign his duties may do so in writing. Replacement of these individuals will fall under Article V, Section 2.
- SECTION 6. When an officer temporarily cannot fulfill his duties, he will be temporarily replaced by a Presidential appointment. If the officer is the President, his position will be temporarily assumed by the Vice President. If the President is permanently unable to fulfill his position, the Vice President will assume his position. All other vacancies will be filled according to Article V, Section 2.
- SECTION 7. All voting for officers or committee chairpersons will be done by either secret ballot or voice vote.

## ARTICLE VI - Dues and Benefits

- SECTION 1. Annual membership dues will be determined by GTACC officers for the subsequent membership dues year no later than October 1 of the current year. The membership dues year is defined as December 1 to November 30 of the following year.
- SECTION 2. Annual dues shall be payable in advance of the beginning of the membership dues year or when applying for membership. New members joining GTACC between September 1 and November 1 will have the current annual membership dues reduced by 40% and will then be required to meet the financial obligation of the annual membership dues after December 1 for the subsequent year. Members joining between November 2 and November 30 will be required to pay the full annual membership dues and will receive credit for the subsequent annual membership dues.
- SECTION 3. Delinquent payments may carry an automatic \$5.00 late charge. In order to be considered for reinstatement, all back dues and late charges must be received by the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VII - Meetings

- SECTION 1. Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the members shall be held in the month of December each year for the purpose of electing GTACC officers to serve in the upcoming year, and for the transaction of such business that may come before the meeting.
- SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or at the request of five (5) or more regular members.
- SECTION 3. Regular Meetings. GTACC will normally hold one business meeting per month. Regular meetings will usually be held on the first Saturday of each month. During the course of the year, meetings may be held at other dates and announced sufficiently in advance to the membership. The majority of voting members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.
  - SECTION 4. The President shall designate the time and place of annual, regular or special meetings.
  - SECTION 5. GTACC's monthly business meeting will follow the following outline:
    - A. Call to Order
    - B. Welcome New Members and Guests

- B. Secretary's Report with minutes from last business meeting
- C. Treasurer's Report from the close of the preceding month
- D. Old Business
- E. New Business
- F. Activities Report
- G. Committee Reports
- H. Good and Welfare (remarks for the good of GTACC)
- G. Adjournment

SECTION 6. A member entitled to vote but unable to attend a meeting may do so by proxy, executed in writing by that member and delivered to GTACC's Secretary by USPS or email.

SECTION 7. A majority of votes entitled to be cast on a matter to be voted upon by the members present or represented by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption thereof.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments or changes to the bylaws can be proposed at any time by a member in good standing. The proposed amendment must be submitted (written, signed, and dated), via USPS or email, to GTACC's Secretary. The amendment or change will be read to the membership at the next business meeting for a ratification vote.

SECTION 2. Balloting for amendments to GTACC's bylaws will be done by either secret ballot or voice vote if requested by the member proposing the amendment.

SECTION 3. Any amendments or articles previous to, but not printed in this document, "Bylaws – Georgetown Texas Area Car Club", as revised 29 September 2018 will be considered null and void, passed or not, recorded or not.

ARTICLE IX - GTACC Name, Logo, Insignia, etc.

SECTION 1. It shall be prohibited for any person or persons to profit from the name, logo, insignia, or other related things of GTACC without prior written approval of the governing body.

## ARTICLE X - GTACC Dissolution

SECTION 1. Upon the dissolution of GTACC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in Williamson County, Texas, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 29 day of Septembon, 2018.

Signed by:

Kent Ďidriksen – President

Signed by:

Gordon Vermillion – Vice President

Signed by:

Don Landry - Secretary-Treasurer