

THE CONSTITUTION

PICK-UPS LIMITED OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PREAMBLE

THIS CONSTITUTION WAS CREATED TO ALLOW FOR A LOOSE CONFEDERATION OF INDIVIDUALLY GOVERNED CHAPTERS HELD TOGETHER BY MUTUAL GOALS AND INTERESTS, AND A NATIONAL COUNCIL THAT WILL CONDUCT GENERAL "CLUB" BUSINESS.

THIS DOCUMENT TRIES TO PROVIDE A CHECK AND BALANCE SYSTEM WHEREBY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER, WHO DOES NOT HOLD AN ELECTED OFFICE, CAN BE ASSURED OF HAVING A VOICE IN THE "CLUB'S" GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A NATIONAL COUNCIL THAT MAY CONDUCT "CLUB" BUSINESS AND/OR ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "CLUB," BUT IS LIMITED IN ITS POWERS.

CONTAINED WITHIN THESE PAGES WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND PICK-UPS LIMITED'S SORELY NEEDED CONSTITUTION. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CREATE A DOCUMENT THAT ALLOWS FOR A LOOSE CONFEDERATION OF INDIVIDUALLY GOVERNED CHAPTERS, WHO ARE HELD TOGETHER BY MUTUAL GOALS AND INTERESTS, AND A NATIONAL COUNCIL WHO WILL CONDUCT STRICTLY "CLUB" BUSINESS.

THIS PROPOSED DOCUMENT TRIES TO PROVIDE A CHECK AND BALANCE SYSTEM WHEREBY THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER NOT HOLDING SOME ELECTED OFFICE CAN BE ASSURED OF HAVING SOME SAY IN HIS "CLUB'S" GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A NATIONAL COUNCIL WHO MAY ONLY CONDUCT "CLUB" BUSINESS, ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "CLUB" AND WHO IS LIMITED IN ITS POWERS.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO, BECAUSE OF ITS FORMAT, IS VERY EASY TO FOLLOW, YET WE BELIEVE, VERY COMPLETE. WITH YOUR APPROVAL WE FEEL IT CAN BE A FAIR AND WORKABLE CONSTITUTION ACCEPTABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

THE CONSTITUTION

PICK-UPS LIMITED OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I - NAME AND PURPOSE

A - NAME - PICK-UPS LIMITED OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B - PURPOSE

- 1 - To encourage planned truck events and activities for all members, their families and guests.
- 2 - To encourage popular acceptance of the 53 to 56 Ford Y1/2 ton pick-up and panel trucks as unusual and classic motor vehicles (including 1948 F-1 through 1966 F-100, Step sides, Long (8'), Short (6') Beds, and Flat beds). Each Chapter may exclude any year or model EXCEPT 1953 TO 1956 F-100 PICK-UP AND PANEL. (passed 2-3-2008)
- 3 - To encourage safe vehicles and safe driving practices.

II - NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

A - Pick-ups Limited of Southern California, hereinafter referred to as the "CLUB", shall be a non-profit corporation. In the event of dissolution, all Chapter assets remaining for disposition shall be assigned to a charitable organization to be specified by each Chapter's membership at the time of dissolution. All corporation assets remaining for disposition shall be assigned to a charitable organization to be specified by the NATIONAL COUNCIL at the time of dissolution.

B - The principal source of funds for carrying out the CLUB administration shall be obtained from assessments approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

III - ORGANIZATION

A - The **NATIONAL COUNCIL**, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNCIL", shall represent the CLUB and conduct the business of the CLUB.

- 1 - The COUNCIL shall be composed of two (2) elected delegates from each Chapter. The term of all delegates shall be one (1) year commencing on January 1st, no term limits. (Passed 9-17-00)
- 2 - In the absence of any delegate, an elected alternate may attend and fully represent his Chapter; or, in the case of a resignation or removal for good cause of any delegate, the elected alternate will become the delegate and a new alternate will be elected by the Chapter.
- 3 - The officers of the COUNCIL shall be elected by a majority ballot vote of all COUNCIL delegates. This method shall also be used when replacing a COUNCIL officer who resigns or is removed.
- 4 - **OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THEIR DUTIES:**

A - CHAIRMAN

- i - The Chairman shall preside over all COUNCIL meetings, CLUB activities, and oversee all CLUB functions. He shall accept honors or liabilities on behalf of the CLUB, shall care for all CLUB awards, and sign Chapter Charters.
- ii - When the National Council Chairman is absent during a scheduled meeting, the Treasurer will substitute (passed 6-28-73).

B - SECRETARY

- i - Take and keep a true record of all COUNCIL proceedings and publish them in the next official CLUB publication.
- ii - Keep and preserve all important documents, papers and letters received or sent by the CLUB
- iii - Receive applications for and issue Charters in the form prescribed herein, on the approval of the council.
- iv - Be custodian of the Corporation Seal of the CLUB (Appendix B) and, when so ordered, affix the seal to any document, and sign the Chapter Charters.
- v - Keep an up-to-date roster of the entire membership of the CLUB.

vi - National Council will supply a Constitution to the Chapters and / or pages from the Constitution (i.e., Application Forms). (Passed 4-13-75)

C - TREASURER

- i - Keep, or cause to be kept, full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the CLUB in books kept for that purpose.
- ii - Receive and deposit all monies and other valuables of the CLUB in such depositories as may be necessary.
- iii - Disburse the funds of the CLUB as may be directed by the COUNCIL and take proper vouchers for such disbursements.
- iv - Be responsible for collecting any assessments due from Chapters.
- v - Collect necessary financial data from the Chapters in a standard form prescribed by the COUNCIL for the purpose of filing all necessary CLUB tax returns.
- vi - Render to the Chairman, the COUNCIL, or the Chapters, accounts of all transactions of the CLUB whenever required by any one of them.
- vii - Be vested with all obligations and perform the duties of the Chairman in case of his absence or inability to serve.
- viii - Insure that all monies sent to National Council are payable to "National Council- Pick-ups Limited". (Passed 11-1-73)
- ix - National Council checking account shall be a joint. account with Chairman and Treasurer, and either may sign. This is because of distance and time required to obtain two (2) signatures. (Passed 11-11-73)

5 - MEETINGS.

- a - The COUNCIL shall meet at least once each quarter for the purpose of conducting the business of the CLUB. Official notice of each regular meeting of the COUNCIL shall be published in the CLUB's official publication, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such publication shall constitute formal notice of such meeting.
- b - At any meeting of the COUNCIL, a quorum is required for all purposes.
- c - Three-fourths (3/4) of all elected delegates shall constitute a quorum.
- d - At any COUNCIL meeting, a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the quorum is necessary to carry a motion.

- e - Bonding. The officers of the COUNCIL shall be bonded at the expense of the CLUB.
- f - National Council will donate one dollar (\$1.00) per delegate, per chapter, to the host chapter. (Passed 2-29-76)
- g - At least two (2) delegates or representatives will attend every National Council Meeting or Chapter will be fined \$25.00 for each missing Delegate. (Passed 2-27-77)
- h - If only one Chapter Delegate is present (no alternate), the Chapter will be allowed only one vote. (Passed 6-28-73)

6 - COUNCIL SHALL:

- a - Have authority to grant charters when application for charter membership and proposed by-laws have been duly presented to COUNCIL.
- b - Have the authority, with good cause, to suspend the Charter in question thirty (30) consecutive days with opportunity to be heard.
- c - Have the right to exclude any Chapter that incurs indebtedness or otherwise obligates the CLUB.
- d - Take any matter to the respective boards of the affiliated Chapters for ratification by the general membership.
- e - Have the obligation to air any Chapter's suggestions, accommodations or grievances.
- f - Have the responsibility to adopt forms of insignia, publications, and any other device which is representative of the CLUB, subject to approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the CLUB membership. Each Chapter may choose to adapt a jacket and T-Shirt unique to their chapter as an alternative to a standardized club jacket and T-Shirt on approval of National Council. (passed 2-03-08)
- g - Be obligated to provide a vehicle of communication in the form of a monthly publication and any other means deemed necessary.
- h - Determine the necessary operating costs for the COUNCIL separately from the newsletter and present each to the membership by July 30 for approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. (Passed 7-91)

- i - Review the constitutionality of application Chapter's by-laws and review those of existing Chapters, upon request of any individual, through his COUNCIL delegate.
- j - Insure that the COUNCIL officers perform in the manner set forth in this Constitution Failure in an officer's performance constitutes reason for removal by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all COUNCIL delegates.
- k - Interpret the Constitution as it may pertain to any question which might arise.
- l - Collect a \$25.00 fine from any Chapter not paying assessments within 30 days of receipt of billing or not returning required information (ballots, rosters, etc.) to the designated meeting. (Passed 7-91)

B - THE CHAPTER

- 1 - The Chapters of the CLUB shall be unincorporated. They shall be chartered by the CLUB. The Chapter Charter (see Appendix A)
 - a - Requirements. Applicants for a charter must have ten (10) members with a decreasing membership of five (5) to comply with the existing standards set forth for membership. (passed 3-2-03)
 - b - Each chapter applying for Charter must pay a fee per member truck of \$4.00. The Chapter must assume the expense of the plaques and jackets for each member's requirements, and any other expenses incurred by the COUNCIL in providing the Charter. (Passed 7-91)
 - c - Chapter By-Laws. Each Charter applicant shall provide the COUNCIL with by-laws expressing proposed operating procedures. These by-laws shall be reviewed by the COUNCIL for constitutionality only.
 - d - Not to interfere in Internal By-Laws. Interruption of Chapters, as long as they are accepted by the full Chapter and safety requirement beyond those prescribed by the CLUB Constitution are the sole responsibility of "Chapter By-Laws". (Passed 4-24-77)
 - e - A Chapter whose Charter has been suspended by the COUNCIL may be reinstated or revoked by a simple majority vote of the CLUB membership.

2 - CHAPTER OFFICERS

a - **ELIGIBILITY** - Any active member in good standing shall be eligible for office.

b - **THE CHAPTER OFFICERS SHALL CONSIST OF:** President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms.

i - These officers shall be elected as provided in the Chapter's by-laws and shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. Vacancies shall be filled according to the provisions in the by-laws.

ii - The Executive Officers of the Chapter may be bonded at the expense of the Chapter.

c - **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

i - The President shall preside at all meetings, act as Chairperson and spokesperson for the Chapter, oversee all Chapter functions, and certify the membership of every new member.

ii - The Vice President shall assist the President, and perform the duties of the President in his absence.

iii - The Secretary shall record the minutes of each scheduled meeting, handle all correspondence, keep and preserve all important documents, receive applications for membership, and provide the Chapter insignia on letterheads and business cards.

iv - The Treasurer shall handle all monies pertaining to the Chapter, prepare a monthly statement and keep an accurate record of all Chapter liabilities and assets to be open for inspection at each scheduled meeting, open a checking account in the Chapter's name, execute checks as prescribed in the By-Laws, and reconcile said account upon receipt of the statement.

v - The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain attendance records, maintain official voting rolls for all CLUB and Chapter business, announce verifications of monies received from Chapter activities as prescribed in Chapter By-Laws, preside over the conduct of the membership at all meetings and functions of the Chapter, and take whatsoever steps reasonable to restore order.

3 - CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL:

- a - Be a counseling and advisory body.
- b - Consist of all elected officers and COUNCIL delegates. The President, as chairperson, may provide for any additional members.
- c - Hold meetings at such times as its members deem it necessary to properly carry out its functions.

4 - MEETINGS

- a - Regular meetings may occur at least one per month. If either of these meetings falls on a holiday, the Secretary must notify the general membership at the previous meeting. (passed 2-3-2008)
- b - OUTINGS: There shall be at least one scheduled outing each month.

5 - MEMBERSHIP LIMITS:

- a - A limit in membership may be established, but in no event may any Chapter have more than eighty (80) active member/trucks, nor less than ten (10) active member/trucks.

C - MEMBERSHIP

1 - APPLICANT. An applicant shall:

- a - Be eighteen (18) years or older and any race, color or creed.
- b - Have submitted a standard application form (Appendix C)
- c - Hold a valid driver's license.
- d - Own a currently registered 53-56 Ford 1/2 ton F-100 pick-up or panel truck; pick-ups with a standard bed not to exceed six and one-half (6 1/2) feet or 1948-F-1 through 1966 F-100, step sides, Long 8', Short 6'beds and Flat beads. (passed 2-3-08)
- e - Meet the basic safety and application requirements as specified in the Chapter By-Laws.
- f - Have a copy of the CLUB Constitution and Chapter By-Laws.

2 - ACTIVE MEMBER. An active member is defined as a member/truck, and shall:

- a - Have met all the requirements of an applicant.
- b - Have been accepted by membership as provided in Chapter By-Laws.
- c - Have paid the initiation fee as specified in the Chapter By-Laws.

- d - Keep current in the monthly assessments as specified in the Chapter Bylaws.
- e - Receive a membership card and a plaque (Appendix D); and a CLUB jacket (Appendix B).
- f - Attend meetings and outings according to Chapter By-Laws.
- g - Know he/she may transfer from one Chapter to another if he/she meets the membership requirements as stated in the accepting Chapter's By-Laws and if he/she has been accepted by that Chapter's Board and membership.
- h - Know that the spouse of an active member/truck shall be considered an active member and be accorded all rights and privileges of a member/truck.
- i - Each Member/Truck will have 2 votes. (passed 2-3-2008)

3 - **INACTIVE MEMBER.** An inactive member is defined as one whom:

- a - Is unable to attend scheduled meetings and/or outings, who shall keep current in the monthly dues and assessments, but who shall lose voting rights until he/she returns to active status.
- b - May be reinstated to active status as specified in the Chapter By-Laws.
- c - May transfer from one Chapter to another in the same manner as an active member.

4 - **SPONSORED MEMBER.** Member other than a spouse shall, subject to Chapter Board approval, be accorded all rights and privileges of an Active Member truck and/or Active Member in all chapter affairs.

5 - **ASSOCIATE MEMBER.** One who resides at a distance too great to attend meetings/outings regularly, but who has the privilege of attending any meetings or activities.

- a - Shall receive the CLUB Newsletter.
- b - Shall receive the CLUB decals and emblem.
- c - Resides sixty (60) miles or (60) minutes from the nearest Chapter meeting place.
- d - Shall not display a plaque on their vehicle and will be asked not to wear a CLUB jacket if they have one. (Passed 11-11-73)

e - Transfer. Associate members wishing to become an active, chapter member. A percentage of his/her Associate Member fee is transferable toward Chapter Initiation fee. The percentage is based on expiration of Associate Membership. (Passed 6-29-75)

6 - **HONORARY CLUB MEMBER** - The CLUB, at its discretion, may elect any individual as an Honorary Member. The candidate must be approved by two thirds (2/3) of the membership and shall receive CLUB publication at CLUB expense and whatever other privileges as deemed by the Constitution.

7 - **REMOVAL OF MEMBER**

a - If a member has missed a prescribed number of consecutive Chapter meetings, minimum of three (3), and/or outings as specified by the Chapter By-Laws, a certified letter shall be sent to the said member by the Chapter Secretary informing him of his suspension. If there is no response to the inquiry within two (2) weeks from the date of mailing, the membership will be revoked.

b - If a member is in arrears in monthly assessments, a minimum of three (3) months, the matter shall be handled as prescribed in the Chapter By-Laws.

c - Any member may be removed from membership in the CLUB if a request to do so is made by a petition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the member's Chapter. Such a petition passed by the Chapter shall place the member on a sixty (60) day suspension commencing on date of notification. During these sixty days, the member may defend his case before the Chapter Board and membership. At the end of sixty days, the member shall either be automatically reinstated, or be removed from the CLUB by a vote of eighty percent (80%) of the Chapter membership.

8 - **MEMBERSHIP IS NON-TRANSFERABLE.**

IV - OFFICIAL CLUB PUBLICATION

- A - The CLUB shall provide an official publication which shall be published and mailed to the members monthly.
- B - The publication shall contain accurate CLUB communications as required by the Constitution.
- C - The Editor-in-Chief shall organize this publication, shall be an active CLUB member, and shall be elected by the COUNCIL delegates.
- D - Each Chapter shall provide the Editor-in-Chief with no less than one (1) reporter.

V - AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

A - **PROPOSALS.** Any active member may propose an amendment by a petition signed by twenty (20%) of the CLUB's active members, and present it to the COUNCIL for administration.

B - ADMINISTRATION

- 1 - COUNCIL must present to each Chapter a written statement showing the old Constitution wording and the proposed changes (was/is).
- 2 - Ratification must follow the procedure as specified in Section III. A 6. e of this Constitution and must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of ballots submitted by all active members, and the results will be published in the official publication.
- 3 - The COUNCIL will prepare and reissue the pages amended and distribute these pages to the Chapter Membership.
- 4 - Any amendment petition dealing with an issue previously submitted in proper amendment form and administered in accordance with amendment procedure, may not be resubmitted, regardless of wording, for a period of twelve (12) months from last vote taken on that issue. (Passed 1984)

VI - PLAQUES

- A - All plaques shall be painted black. (Passed 2-29-76)
- B - National Council shall pay for all 5-year pins.
- C - Each Chapter shall pay for all 10, 15 and 20 year plaques for members in their respective Chapters, and any thereafter.
- D - National Council will supply all plaques to Chapters.

VII - INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

- A - Committee to investigate charges received in writing for National Council action. Letter to be sent to complaint originator. Acknowledges receipt of complaint.
(Passed 11-11-73)
- B - Shall consist of three appointed National Council Delegates. Duties to verify petition signatures and provide National Council recommendations (pro and con).
(Passed 11-11-73)