

AMERICAN THUNDER CHARTER

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PREAMBLE

American Thunder (hereafter referred to as "AT") was founded by its members in the year 1993. AT was instituted to offer motorcycling benefits and services to Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts and to develop close relationships between Harley-Davidson riders, AT sponsors, and the community at large.

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of AT is to promote responsible motorcycling activities for National Harley Owners Group members by conducting local area AT activities and events, as well as to encourage participation in National Harley Owners Group events while maintaining a family-oriented recreational philosophy.

ARTICLE II – SPONSORSHIPS

AT may develop relationships with sponsors who desire to donate to AT, various products, services, and/or gift certificates to help AT build and maintain its operating and event expense funds, and help AT grow as a community and family-oriented recreational association of motorcycling enthusiasts, as well as promote and encourage participation in responsible motorcycling activities and charitable fundraising events. AT may have one Major Sponsor relationship and up to eighteen Associate Sponsor relationships. Interested Sponsor prospects may apply to AT's Board-of-Directors for a Sponsorship. The Board-of-Directors will determine the Associate Sponsorship relationships: AT's members will determine, by majority vote, the Major Sponsor relationship. Sponsors have no authority in governing AT. Major and Associate Sponsor programs are described in the attachments forthwith.

ARTICLE III – HARLEY-DAVIDSON AFFILIATIONS

AT is not affiliated or associated in any way with the National Harley Owners Group ("HOG") organization, nor is it affiliated or associated with Harley-Davidson, Inc. and/or Harley-Davidson Motor Company. AT, however, will require proof of HOG membership from each new AT member at the time of application for membership, and it will encourage each of its members to hold and maintain a current HOG membership. AT will promote activities and events, which may include participation in HOG events.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Elected AT Officers will be elected through 'free elections' as described in AT's By-Laws. It will be required that the following Elected Officers, and only one of each of these Elected Officers, will serve under AT's By-Laws: Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. Appointed Officers shall be appointed as needed and as outlined in AT's By-Laws.

Below is a list of Officers and their designated responsibilities.

Section 1. Director

The Director will oversee and facilitate all meetings of the Board-of-Directors and AT's general membership, and shall ensure that AT By-laws are upheld. The Director will ensure that all AT activities and event responsibilities are delegated to AT membership committees and are supervised by AT Officers.

Section 2. Assistant Director

The Assistant Director will assist the Director in carrying out his/her duties.

Section 3. Treasurer

The Treasurer will be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all funds for AT and will provide the Board-of-Directors with written financial statements as often as may be required to conduct business. The Treasurer shall maintain adequate financial records and produce appropriate records for audit, as requested by the Board-of-Directors.

Section 4. Secretary

The secretary will be responsible for the administrative needs of AT, including maintenance of AT rosters and taking minutes of the meetings of the general membership and the Board-of-Directors. The secretary will be responsible for maintaining all AT records, except those records that are the responsibility of other Officers.

Section 5. Activities Officer

The Activities Officer will oversee the administration of all AT activities and events and will provide schedules of events for publication on the web site and in the monthly AT newsletter. The Activities Officer shall also coordinate the signing of Waiver Forms on all AT rides and maintain such forms through the term of his/her office.

Section 6. Publication Officer

The Publications Officer organizes all written materials for AT (i.e., newsletters, press releases, articles for the web site, etc.). All written material is subject to approval of the Board-of-Directors.

Section 7. Legal Affairs Officer

The Legal Affairs Officer is responsible for providing information regarding the legal jurisprudence of all business relationships, agreements, and contracts AT may be pursuing and/or negotiating.

Section 8. Safety Officer

The Safety Officer is responsible for providing information relating to the availability of rider training to all AT members and may be requested from time to time to provide safety articles of interest to the general membership for publication in the monthly newsletters.

Section 9 . Group Photography Officer

The AT Photographer will take photos at various AT functions and will be responsible for collecting and organizing AT photos for the inclusion in the monthly newsletter and/or web site.

Section 10 . Road Captain (s)

The Road Captains(s) assist(s) in planning and controlling routes for AT rides.

Section 11. Group Historian

The Group Historian shall maintain history albums and a collection of all publications.

Section 12 . Vacant Appointed Officer Positions

Elected Officers may take on the duties of Appointed Officers, only when Appointed Officer positions are vacant. Elected Officers will not make this accommodation permanent. Their temporary support may only be used to facilitate the responsibilities of a vacant post while an aggressive recruitment effort, to fill the vacant post, is being pursued.

ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP

Upon initial application for membership in AT, each applicant must show proof of current HOG membership. An individual's membership in AT may be suspended or revoked for any reason by a decision of the Board-of-Directors. If such a membership should be revoked, the individual's prorated AT membership dues will be fully refunded.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

Membership dues will be used solely for the administration of AT affairs consistent with the AT Charter and By-Laws and subject to approval by the Board-of-Directors. AT may conduct various fundraising events or use cash sponsorship and/or the AT newsletter advertising revenues to assist in supporting AT's financial needs.

ARTICLE VII – NEWSLETTER

All information printed in the AT newsletter is subject to approval by the Board-of-Directors . AT newsletters will be mailed or electronically mailed to the residences of all AT members, as well as all Associate and Major Sponsors.

ARTICLE VIII – TRADEMARKS

Trademarks belonging to National Harley Owners Group, Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, and all AT Sponsors, may only be used on promotional materials relating to AT activities and events when approvals from the trademark owners are granted in writing prior to any such use.

ARTICLE IX – BY-LAWS

The AT By-Laws may not replace, supersede or conflict with the Charter. A copy of the AT By-Laws and Charter are available to all AT members.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER

AT may review AT developments and needs, and may see fit to amend this Charter at any time, under the following criteria: proposed changes to the Charter will be introduced at monthly meetings and presented in the AT newsletter prior to the introduction of such changes at AT meetings. Amendments shall be voted upon at the following monthly AT general membership meeting or prior to such meeting via e-mail or USPS mail. Charter ratification's will be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the ballots cast for that amendment.

ARTICLE XI – DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The disposition of AT assets upon dissolution of AT will be conducted as follows: After all AT expenses have been paid, any remaining assets shall be donated to a charitable organization, as selected by the Board-of-Directors.

ARTICLE XII – DISCLAIMER

While AT may participate in HOG and sponsor-supported Group events, AT remains a separate and independent entity . All AT members participate voluntarily and at their own risk in AT activities. The National Harley Owners Group, Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, AT, all AT Officers, and AT Sponsors are and shall be released and held harmless by each and all members for any injury or loss to any member or damage to his/her property which may result during participation in a HOG and/or sponsor-supported AT event.

ARTICLE XIII – NATIONAL, STATE, LOCAL LAWS

This Charter shall be in effect unless in conflict with national, state, or local laws. Should AT become aware of conflicts, the Board-of-Directors may review such conflict and amend this Charter as required.

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