

# Strait Air Volksgruppe

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND PREAMBLE

Section A: The title of the club is Strait Air Volksgruppe and hereafter will be referred to as SAV.

Section B: The Strait Air Volksgruppe (SAV) is organized as a non-profit making club to promote Volkswagens and to cultivate the friendships arising thereof. Although the club name honors the air-cooled heritage of VW, any VW (air or water cooled) is welcome. Membership is primarily open to any VW enthusiast (car owner or not) living along the Strait of Juan de Fuca or the North Olympic Peninsula. Each member shall strive to foster a good public image of SAV and to develop new memberships and will respect the individual rights of each member. With each member contributing to the club's continued success, the organization shall attain its primary goal for each member to have fun and enjoy the benefits arising thereof.

### ARTICLE II AFFILIATION

The organization will affiliate with other organizations of like purpose for specific events in a manner to be determined by elected officers and a majority of the membership.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section A: A member in good standing, by definition, is one who is currently on record as a member of the organization and has no indebtedness to the organization in dues and/or fees.

Section B: In addition to complying with Sections A and B of Article III, all members are expected to adhere to all laws, state and federal, governing personal conduct and activity while participating in SAV activities. Beyond this it is expected that each member will respect individual rights of other members and adhere to the constitution and by-laws of the organization.

Section C: A member in good standing will receive all publications and voting privileges established in the constitution and by-laws.

Section D: Any member can bring an issue to discussion at a regularly scheduled meeting if a proper motion is made.

Section E: The officers of the board are directly accountable to the membership of SAV.

Section F: No issue directly affecting SAV policy, events, or finances will be decided by the board of officers without a vote of the membership, with the exception of provisions set forth in Article III, Section E of the by-laws.

Section G: Members in good standing may participate in any event.

Section H: The organization will in every way attempt to provide activities representative of the membership's interests.

### ARTICLE IV MEETINGS AND RULES GOVERNING SAV

Section A: Regular club meetings will be held the first Sunday of each month.

Section B: The board of officers may call a special meeting if deemed necessary and the membership is so notified.

Section C: The president shall bring each meeting to order and will not close a meeting until all agenda on the floor has been disposed of.

Section D: Any member in good standing can make a motion for a vote on a particular matter on the floor but each motion must be seconded before a vote can be taken.

Section E: Each matter brought to the floor shall be thoroughly discussed before a vote is taken. An officer of the board may state an objection to a vote being taken on a particular issue but may not block a vote.

- Section F: The secretary shall poll all eligible members present at a meeting when a vote is taken and immediately announce the results of the vote.
- Section G: Votes shall consist of Yes, No, or Abstain.
- Section H: A motion shall pass or fail with a simple majority vote.
- Section I: Once a matter has had a motion made pertaining to it or has been brought to a vote, it must be moved from the floor before another matter can be brought to the floor.
- Section J: The only methods to dispose of a matter on the floor is by a vote or for the person making the motion to rescind it.

#### **ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

- Section A: Three elected officers shall make up the executive board, specifically President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer.
- Section B: Elections will be held at the December meeting.
- Section C: The term of office shall be one year starting at the January meeting.
- Section D: Any member in good standing may hold office.
- Section E: Any member in good standing may nominate another person for office, nominee must be present, or submit a written or vocal acceptance of his/her nomination. Nominations must be seconded before the nominee becomes a candidate.
- Section F: Elected officers assume office the following meeting upon final vote count. In case of a tie, the presiding president shall select the best qualified candidate.
- Section G: Officers shall serve without compensation or reward.
- Section H: No person shall hold more than one office at a time.
- Section I: No office may exercise power which violates any section of the constitution or by-laws or impinges on the rights of any member in good standing.
- Section J: The duties of each officer are detailed in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE VI PROVISIONS FOR AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION**

- Section A: Amendments to the constitution may be brought up at any regularly scheduled meeting but no vote can be taken on the proposed amendment at that time.
- Section B: The proposed amendment must be submitted to the secretary/treasurer in writing by the person making the motion. The proposed amendment must be signed by the motioner, seconder, and the secretary/treasurer.
- Section C: Proposed amendments must be brought to the attention of every member in good standing through proper notice explained in Section D.
- Section D: Proper notice of a proposed change to the constitution will require the following:
1. Notice to the membership by e-mail or USPS mail at least three weeks prior to the vote.
  2. The date, time and location of the proposed vote to be clearly set forth.
  3. The exact nature of the proposed amendment be clearly set forth.
- Section E: The proposed amendment will pass or fail with a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION**

The organization may dissolve by a majority vote of the membership present. In case of dissolution of the organization whatever funds are contained in the treasury at that time will be used to satisfy any outstanding debts. The balance of the assets will be donated to the charity to be decided on by the membership present.