

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the organization shall be: **The Northern California Rover Club.**

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE and AIMS

1. This organization shall be non-profit in character. The purpose of the club is communication between northern California Land-Rover, Land Rover, and Range Rover owners. This communication is to be at minimum cost with maximum activity pursued in reasonable safety. The activities the club will engage in are "off road" trips of varying character and location, automobile shows, and similar events relevant to the enjoyment of the marque.
2. The organization emphasis will be on maintaining contact among members with the secondary emphasis of providing, where necessary, formal organization to permit events not possible for informal groups. The primary means of communication shall be a newsletter issued every other month (frequent enough to provide fresh information and serve as a catalyst for events, both formal and informal, and substantial enough to provide some reading/information of interest). However, the aim of the club is to foster communication rather than publish.
3. The club will publish an annual directory focused on encouraging informal communication between individuals; the directory will contain voluntarily submitted information (name, address, tel.#, vehicle info., interests, skills, etc.) relevant and useful to the club goals.
4. As much as possible, all club discussion and decisions on club activities and direction will be published for communication to members including summaries of minutes.
5. Financial statements will be openly and fully published annually.
6. As far as possible, the club will have its events be financially self supporting (for example, rallies will have separate participation fees). This is to avoid having all members pay for the particular interests of others. Membership fees will support primarily the communication between club members in the form of newsletters and flyers, organization costs, and minor club materials (forms, displays).
7. The club is intended to function with a minimum number of officers and be as informal as possible while trying to balance informality vs. restricting formal participation to a small number of active officials.
8. Participation in club events, organization, and production is to be entirely on a voluntary basis. The club will not pay officers, members, or others for contributions of time. All expenses will be reimbursed unless volunteered.
9. The newsletter will be non-commercial (no paid advertisements).
10. Membership information will never be sold or knowingly distributed to non-members.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP and DUES

1. Membership is open to owners of Land-Rover, Land Rover, or Range Rover vehicles, including vehicles based predominantly on components of these vehicles.
2. The club will focus on the Northern California community (loosely defined), but will accept members from any location.
3. The minimum age for membership shall be eighteen (18) years.
4. Members participating in club events involving vehicles must have valid driver's licences and vehicle insurance.
5. The number of members shall not be limited except based on other criteria.
6. There will be one vote per membership. Membership is limited to one membership per individual. Membership is to be as egalitarian as possible. There will be no membership numbers or other ranking or ratings. All members will have an equal say in club activities through formal voting on substantial issues and informal discussion at club meetings.
7. To remain in good standing a member must pay dues within 60 days of the due date. The due date shall be on the anniversary of attaining membership.
8. All members must conduct themselves in an orderly, responsible, and respectable fashion at all times.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS and DUTIES

1. The officers of this club shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and Public Affairs Officer.
 - a. The President shall be the executive officer and shall guide the club, schedule and preside at meetings, oversee and coordinate other officers, organize (or delegate responsibility for organizing) events, ensure timely production of the newsletter and flyers, temporarily appoint replacement officers if others resign. The president shall have secondary responsibility for the club account and will co-sign checks with the Treasurer. The President will carry out the policies and decisions of the members.
 - b. The Secretary shall record all minutes of the meetings, maintain the club records, write any correspondence as directed, and notify the membership of meetings and events. The Secretary is responsible for production of the newsletter and flyers, maintenance of the club directory.
 - c. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, be responsible for the bank deposits and accounting, disburse funds as authorized, co-signs checks with the President and have the books open for inspection by authorized auditors or club members. The Treasurer shall track membership and project budgets.
 - d. The Vice President shall assist the President and act on the President's behalf in case of absence. The Vice President shall provide a focal point for internet communication on club issues.
 - e. The Public Affairs Officer shall act as the central point of contact for both inbound and outbound communication to the media and other entities where appropriate. The Public Affairs Officer will also inform the membership of trail closure and land use issues related to off-roading driving. Additionally, The Public Affairs Officer will be responsible for casting a tie breaking vote in the event of an equal split vote among officers and for counting of votes in all club elections and votes.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The club is not currently organized to have a board of directors. If and when establishment of a board of directors is deemed necessary of advisable, whether for non-profit incorporation, club operation, or otherwise and appropriate assignment of responsibilities and structure will be developed.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Membership meetings shall be held every other month with date time and place at the discretion of the membership. Meeting information will be supplied by the secretary in a timely fashion prior to the meeting, ideally in the club newsletter. Special meetings may be called prior to the regular meeting at the discretion of the officers.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS and VOTING

Election of officers shall be held once every two years at the regular club meeting. Nominations for positions will be accepted from the floor or by written letter four months prior to elections. Notification of the elections, candidates, and procedures will be provided in the club newsletter. A simple majority of all membership votes cast and allowed will be the rule for election of officers. Should an officer resign office a simple majority of votes cast amongst all the remaining officers will appoint a replacement. A majority of 3/4 of all membership votes cast and allowed will be the rule for all changes to club by-laws. A minimum of ten (10) percent of all members must vote on open issues for an issue to be passed.

NCRC BYLAWS REVISION HISTORY

04/1997 Bylaws written and adopted

07/2001 Changed Member at Large office to Public Affairs Officer in accordance with
bylaw amendment adopted 10/27/2000

Changed elections to every two years and added provision for officer resignation
in accordance with bylaw amendment adopted 07/11/2001