

New USUA Club

Application Form



CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB NAME _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE CLUB PRESIDENT) _____

CONTACT PERSON MAILING ADDRESS _____

CONTACT PERSON CITY _____

CONTACT PERSON STATE _____

CONTACT PERSON ZIP _____

LOCATION OF CLUB; CITY (if different than above) _____

LOCATION OF CLUB; STATE (if different than above) _____

CLUB TELEPHONE # _____

CLUB E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CLUB WEBSITE ADDRESS _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

USUA Club Annual Dues: \$45.00

PAYMENT (Payable on U.S. Bank in U.S. Funds)

Check Money Order Credit Card No. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____
 Discover/MasterCard/VISA Cardholder's Printed Name: _____

Mail completed application and fee to:

USUA, P.O. Box 3501, Gettysburg, PA 17325

***Thank you for your participation in the USUA Club Network and support of USUA,
We Couldn't Do It Without YOU!***

How to join the USUA Club Network

Dear Flying Club:

Thank you for your interest in the United States Ultralight Association Club network. The goals of USUA and the Club network are to promote, protect, and represent ultralight flying. The club network provides a way for clubs like yours to communicate with other ultralight enthusiasts and to work together to further our mutual goals.

The USUA Club program provides your club with national recognition, and useful information designed to enhance your club activities. Specifically, enrolling in the USUA network offers your club the following benefits;

- **USUA Club List/Referral Service** USUA constantly refers individuals and groups to its clubs for information and help about ultralights in their respective area. The club list is also disseminated to media, businesses, and other associations that effect our sport. Whether it is at airshows, industry meetings, trade shows, or the home office, USUA promotes its clubs to help generate activity and participation for them.
- **Coverage in USUA's Official Magazine - Ultralight Flying!** Once your club is added to the USUA Club list it will automatically appear monthly in USUA's official magazine, *Ultralight Flying!*. This publication is distributed to thousands of ultralight enthusiasts and offers full coverage of ultralight aviation in the United States.
Also, information from your Club newsletter will frequently be published in **"Around The Patch"** on the USUA website-www.usua.org -which features items of interest from club newsletters around the country.
- **USUA Club Video Library** A collection of VHS videos, provided by recreational airplane manufactures and clubs like yours. The library showcases the latest in sport flying and accessories as well as flying events and club projects around the country. These tapes are listed in the Video Library Catalog and are available for club viewing free of charge.
- **USUA Information Data Base** The offices of USUA are packed full of useful information on products, services, the latest news from FAA, and more. Much of this information is available for your club's use. What your club looks for could be on written record, video, or tape that USUA has on file. USUA personnel are always happy to assist you to find what you need.
- **Club Event Kits** USUA event kits are designed to provide general ultralight information for those who attend your recreational flying events. Each kit contains reference materials, handouts, information on how to publicize your event in *Ultralight Flying!*, and a thank you package for those who give their time to promote our sport.

What is expected from clubs participating in the club network.

1. USUA does not require clubs to incorporate, have minimum membership/officers or require individual members to fly any particular type of ultralight or join the national association. USUA encourages clubs to promote their members' participation in:
 - a) FAA-recognized ultralight pilot and vehicle registration programs,
 - b) internationally recognized microlight flight achievement programs,
 - c) regional ultralight fly-ins, rallies and contests; and,
 - d) club-sponsored local community awareness events and programs.
2. Provide USUA and *Ultralight Flying!* one copy of each of your club's newsletters beginning with the current issue when you apply for USUA Flying club recognition. USUA and *Ultralight Flying!* will monitor the newsletters for information which is interesting for other clubs. Send the newsletters to:

usua@usua.org

3. Send the enclosed application along with annual dues to USUA.

USUA welcomes you to the club network of people who FLY FOR FUN!

Looking forward to working with you,

Dale Hooper

Executive Vice President, USUA

How To Organize Your First Club Meeting

Listed below are some suggestions for the start-up phase and early operation of a club, with emphasis on the establishment of an ultralight

club. While these processes have been successful, they are only guidelines to be modified to suit your circumstances.

1. *Locate A Meeting Place*

A free meeting room is best, with most facilities already present (lighting, restrooms, ample seating in an area easily accessible yet sufficiently private to be free of distractions, noise or extremes of temperature). Libraries, schools, churches and restaurants work well. A room at an airport is especially suitable providing that outside activity does not cause interference. Noise from aircraft operations can interrupt your meeting especially during the summer.

2. *Get The Word Out*

Make it known that an organizational meeting will be held. Place ads in local newspapers and flyers. Post invitations in likely places, not forgetting colleges and hobby shops. Nothing fancy - date, time, location will do. Emphasize that members do not have to be ultralight owners or pilots, just having an interest is enough.

3. *Have A Contact Person*

A name and phone number should be prominent on all announcements so that prospective members will have a point of contact.

4. *Get There Early*

On the big night you need to be there ahead of time so the attendees do not find an empty room when they arrive.

5. *Use Name Tags*

Make a name tag for yourself and your helpers. Write big. You want those folks to be able to find you easily. If any of the early contacts or your friends will agree to help at these first meetings, so much the better.

6. *Use A Sign-In Sheet*

You'll want to get names and addresses as well as phone numbers. This is important as it will provide the nucleus for your club and you will be needing new member's help as the club is starting.

7. *Have A Goal*

The goal is simple; to start a club that will promote ultralight flight and related activities while having fun safely. All this really means is that you are establishing the initial direction the club will take. This will do until the club is established enough to do this by consensus.

8. *Get Club Members Involved*

Ask for a show of hands. How many are FAA certificated airplane pilots? USUA registered ultralight pilots? Own an ultralight? Own an aircraft? Subscribe to *Ultralight Flying!* magazine? The idea here is to provide a relaxed atmosphere to encourage involvement.

9. *Set The Date For The Next Meeting*

Try to pick a regular time each month to establish continuity early. This way everyone can have a say in this decision.

10. *Solicit Volunteer Officers and Decide On Club Dues*

Anyone who volunteers will do a job you won't have to do. Don't force it though. More than likely someone will come forward later. So if no one steps up immediately it is not a catastrophe. Setting dues or at least "passing the hat" will help you from having to foot the bill for the postage for the next notices.

11. *Club Name*

Have everyone bring a suggestion to the next meeting for a club name. You now have a goal for your next meeting! Hint - .It makes it a lot easier if the club name is short. The Association of Heart of America Ultralight Flyers would be difficult to fit on a T-shirt and the initials don't spell anything!

12. *Thank Everyone For Showing Interest*

Show prospective club members your appreciation for their attendance and that you look forward to the next meeting.

13. *Don't Get Discouraged*

Whatever the result, don't get discouraged. It may take several meetings to really get underway. That's not unusual. Just hang in there and it will shape up.

As the club develops don't forget that the United States Ultralight Association has a world of experience. You can obtain plenty of support materials which will help your group plan activities from the informal week-end Fun Fly, to the internationally recognized Colibri award events. In addition, membership in USUA will keep your group informed on issues relating to ultralights, be it aid in getting access, or receiving updates on the status of legislation at local, state, and federal levels.

Participating in the USUA Club Network by exchanging newsletters with other clubs allows you to see what works for other groups. There are lots of interesting important events taking place right now in the ultralight community. USUA offers you the opportunity to have your say with the added emphasis that comes from the weight of numbers speaking as one.

Good luck and fly safely!