

THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE PHOENIX AUTO MOTO CLUB OF DESERTINES



Article 1 - Name

On 22nd July 2009, the “**Phoenix Auto Moto Club**” of Désertines (hereafter referred to as the Club) was created which is ruled by the law dated 1st July and a decree dated 16th August 1901.

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Article 2 – Constitution and Statement of Purpose

The primary aim and purpose of the Club is to bring together bike and car enthusiasts and to organise related events. In addition, the Club will periodically participate and attend bike and car shows, runs, road trips, charity events, displays of vehicles and recreational activities.

Article 3 – Head Office

The Club shall have its head office at **the Red Lion. Place de la Mairie, 53190 Désertines.**

Article 4 – Club Members

The Club includes regular members and life members. Regular members are those who have paid the club membership fee as agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Life members are those who have rendered or do render significant services to the club as recognised by the committee. Life members do not pay the membership fee.

Article 5 – Admission

Members of the Club should:

- Be approved by the Committee;
- Endeavour to attend the monthly meetings and events;
- If at all possible, contribute to the overall success of the Club;

Article 6 – Membership Cancellation

Membership will be terminated upon resignation OR for non-payment of the membership fee when due.

Article 7 - Funding

Club funding may include:

- Membership amounts and entrance fees;
- Grants from the Government, local authorities or communes;
- Donations from companies or others;
- Any legal, fund-raising activities.

Article 8 – Website Advertising

Member's cars may be advertised for six months for free after which they are removed. Members can then request re-advertising if required and start another six months, et seq.

Non-members can also advertise their cars at €10 per six months or part thereof.

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Article 9 – Committee

The Club is managed by a committee of members elected at a General Meeting.

The committee is made up of at least eight members, including:-

- A President
- A Vice-President (motor bikes)
- A Vice-President (cars)
- A Secretary
- A Treasurer

In the case of a vacancy, the committee may temporarily appoint a member until the next General Meeting.

Article 10 – Meetings

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings will be held at the discretion of the committee but not less than every three months.

Decisions are made by a majority vote; in case of a tie the President has the casting vote.

Any member of the committee who fails to appear at three consecutive committee meetings will be considered as having resigned from the committee.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM is open to all members of the Club and will take place every year in January. At least two weeks notice will be given and the agenda circulated in advance by the club secretary.

Voting will be carried by a majority. In case of a tie the President has the casting vote.

Committee members must either stand down or put themselves up for re-election after serving two years.

Members willing to stand for election to the committee should advise the secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

On request of half of the registered members, or by the President or by committee vote an Extraordinary General Meeting may be called. This meeting must adhere to the format etc. of an AGM (above).

Monthly Club Social Meetings

A Club meeting will normally be held every last Thursday of the month at the Red Lion, Désertines.

Article 11 – Communication Policy

The club communicates with its members in four ways:

- Via the club website and social media (e.g. Facebook)
- By email
- With an informal verbal bulletin at the monthly social meeting
- Formally once a year at the Annual General Meeting

Members can ask questions of committee members at any time by using the “contact” page on the club website, or of course directly at club socials or the AGM.

The club website will include a list of club supported events, a list of other/unsupported events, plus updates or bulletins re club members (where appropriate and authorised by those members or their partner/family). The website will also be used to advertise items for sale (with relevant approval). The website should be considered as the primary source of information regarding all club matters.

A monthly email will be sent about three days before the social meeting, highlighting upcoming events which the club are supporting. This will also include a link to a list of other events on the club website. Special emails may occasionally be sent in addition to the monthly email to highlight exceptional information to members, at the discretion of the club secretary.

At the **monthly social meeting** a representative from the committee will outline upcoming events that the club is supporting. He/she may also give bulletins re club members (new joiners etc.) where appropriate.

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Article 11 – Communication Policy (continued)

Club members will be notified in advance of the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. At the AGM the committee will summarise the activity of the club over the past year and plans for the future. The financial position of the club will be presented and the committee will be elected. Members will be invited to contribute their thoughts and feedback on anything to do with the club, although any formal changes to the club constitution need to be advised in advance.

Article 12 – Dissolution

In case of dissolution decided upon by at least two thirds of the members present at a General Meeting. One or more liquidators will be appointed and any Club assets will be redistributed as per the law of 1st July and decree of 16th August 1901.

Article 13 – Privacy Policy and GDPR Compliance ('General Data Protection Regulation')

The club publishes its privacy policy on the club website.

Membership of Phoenix requires acceptance of and agreement with this privacy policy. This acceptance will be made upon joining or re-joining by explicit consent on the completed membership form.