



**NASSAU WINGS MOTORCYCLE CLUB**  
**PROSPECT/NEW MEMBER**  
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## **Welcome & Thank You For Your Interest With Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club**

The Officers and Members of the Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club would like to thank you for your interest in becoming a member. We are a family of friends with a common bond that makes us all smile – Motorcycles & Riding. If you need any further information, you can head to our website ([www.nassauwingsmc.org](http://www.nassauwingsmc.org)), contact an officer ([officers@nassauwings.org](mailto:officers@nassauwings.org)) or just attend a meeting to check things out.

### **About Us**

With over a 30 year history; the Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club was first established in 1986 as an American Motorcyclist Association Club (AMA Charter # 5797) plus we are an active member of AMA Road Riding District 34. The Club was incorporated as a Not-For-Profit organization in the State of New York in 1989.

The Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club is a riding group open to men and women of all riding skill levels plus we welcome all brands of motorcycles. Our membership consists of a wide range of riding types and backgrounds. Riding with an approach to safety and skills are our top priority. We have been fortunate to have several past and present members that are Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) RiderCoaches that have supported our organization with riding information and techniques. Newer riders have noticed their own skills improving between riding with the club and discussing riding/skill techniques with the other members.

Our rides include local roads throughout Long Island as well as many rides to Upstate NY, PA, NJ, CT, VT and beyond. We maintain a regular schedule of meetings and rides plus we also incorporate rides “Just to Eat” that are normally mid-week to an area eatery. The Nassau Wings also attends area motorcycle club events. Besides riding, we maintain a social schedule with various activities.

# Membership Information

Membership requirements are rather minimal, in keeping with the loose nature of the organization. We encourage those who are interested in our club to meet and ride with us as guests before requesting to be considered as prospects.

**Prospects** are required to attend two (2) club rides to give the active members a chance to evaluate their general riding skills as well as their ability to ride in a group. This also gives prospective members an opportunity checkout our riding as well.

**Prospects** are required to attend four (4) meetings. This gives the membership an opportunity to see if the prospective member's personality is a mesh with the rest of the riding club and also give the prospective member a chance to evaluate the club prior to committing for membership.

After fulfilling the two rides and four meetings, the club officers will decide on whether to bring the vote to the active membership on accepting the prospect into our club.\*\*

Membership fees are \$50.00 which are required upon acceptance as a member and by the beginning of each calendar year. Members who join late in the year (date to be determined by the club officers) will still pay \$50.00 for a year, but the next year will only have to pay \$25.00 to renew\*\*\*\*Thereafter, each member's fee is \$50.00 per year.

The non-riding spouse or significant other of a member may also join the club as an Associate Member at a reduced membership cost of \$25.00 per year. There are no ride or meeting requirements for Associate Members.

*\*\*Depending on schedules, the prospects riding abilities and other considerations, the decision of the vote may not be directly after the fore mentioned requirements have been completed. Each decision for voting a prospective member to Full Membership is based on each individual basis.*

*\*\*\*\*This amount is subject to calendar date and the Officers decision.*

## Club Meetings

Our Schedule for Club Meetings is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and we meet at Anthony's Luck Duck Restaurant, 9 Nassau Blvd, Garden City @ 8pm. Many members typically show up any time after 7pm to order dinner before the meeting.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the Month we have a Ride to Eat ride (weather pending) and meet at Cycle Gear of Hicksville, 137 N. Broadway, Hicksville @ 7pm.

## Club Rides

Safety of our members is of the highest priority. Our club works on maintaining a regularly scheduled agenda which includes rides lead by members as well as attending area motorcycle club events. We follow the AMA Ride Straight program and do not allow alcohol or other substances while we are riding. We follow the basic guidelines of the MSF Group Riding Module, but each ride may require adjustments pending road, weather, traffic, etc. conditions. Prospects/New Members should be able to ride within a group scenario and maintain the traffic pace – whether the rides are local, parkways, interstate, etc.

We have members that with skill levels that vary in a wide range as well as different style/types of motorcycles and adjust for those conditions.

## Points Program & Awards

We have point system in place where members receive points for each meeting, ride or event they attend with the club, wearing club colors (patch) and at the end of the year, the members with the highest points will receive their next year's membership at no cost. There are also awards recognizing highest mileage ridden for the year as wells as awards given in fun & jest.





# Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club By-Laws

## Articles

- I. This club shall be known as the **Nassau Wings, Inc.**
- II. The officers of the club shall be **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chief Legislative Officer, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Club Referee.** These officers preside over scheduled club meetings only and have no responsibility during road events.
- III. The **Duties of the President** shall be:
  - A. To preside at all meetings of the club.
  - B. To have general supervision over the affairs of the club.
  - C. To appoint any person or committee not otherwise ordered by the club.
  - D. To personally represent the club on proper occasions and business contacts.
  - E. To assist all other members of the club in their records, correspondence, and other duties.
  - F. To promote interest on the part of each member in club life and activities.
  - G. To vote only when necessary to break a tie.
- IV. The **Duties of the Vice-President** shall be to perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- V. The **Duties of the Secretary** shall be:
  - A. To keep a record of all meetings of the club.
  - B. To send out notices of regular or special meetings.
  - C. To handle all club correspondence.
  - D. To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.
- VI. The **Duties of the Chief Legislative Officer** shall be to monitor local and state legislative activities affecting motorcycling, to assist the Secretary with correspondence regarding the above matters, and perform the duties of the Secretary in his/her absence.

VII. The **Duties of the Treasurer** shall be:

- A. To collect dues from all the members.
- B. To collect all other money due the club.
- C. To keep records of all money transactions of the club.
- D. To keep a list of all active members.
- E. To give financial reports annually and when requested.

VIII. The **Duties of the Executive Board** shall be:

- A. To act for the club in all matters ordered by the club.
- B. To make final decisions upon member expulsions.
- C. To properly investigate and present to the club all business or important activity situations.
- D. To have general control over all club affairs.
- E. To arouse interest in activities.
- F. To assist in holding club socials, parties and other functions.
- G. In place of Executive Board, the officers of the club shall act upon said responsibilities.

IX. The **Duties of the selected Road Captains** shall be:

- A. To lead the club in formation riding or parades.
- B. To enforce all rules of group riding.

X. The **Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms** shall be to have general supervision at all club functions and to retrieve and reclaim outstanding club property.

XI. The **Duties of the Referee** shall be to maintain records regarding road run performance and to forward same to the appropriate AMA District Representative.

XII. All elective offices shall be filled at an annual election to be held in December of each year and all officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

XIII. The regular meetings of the club shall be held twice a month, but the President or Executive Board may call a special meeting at any time by advance notice.

XIV. Two-Thirds (2/3) of the active members of the club in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction of club business.

XV. The bylaws may be amended or added to, providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing at a regular club meeting. It shall then be voted upon at that meeting. A (2/3) majority of all active members in good standing is required to pass an amendment.

XVI. Motions will be brought up and seconded at a meeting but not actually voted on until it has been documented in the newsletter. Once the newsletter is published and circulated, the motion will be voted upon at the next meeting. This is to allow members not present at the first meeting the chance to be informed of the issue and to be present at the vote.

XVII. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in a single position. The officer may switch offices if he/she likes but cannot hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.



## By-Laws

1. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary proceedings of this club unless otherwise provided in these bylaws. The order of business shall be:
  - a. Roll Call.
  - b. Reading of minutes of previous meeting, if deemed necessary.
  - c. Report of officers.
  - d. Unfinished business.
  - e. New business.
2. The Activities Committee, together with the Road Captains, shall have general charge of all tours, runs, and club social functions, subject to such orders as the club may give.
3. The club dues shall be \$50.00 per year to be paid at the first meeting in January. Any member one month or more behind in his dues shall be considered not in good standing and shall not be entitled to vote at club meetings and shall be approached by one or more members of the Executive Board as to his membership. Exception: with special permission of President and Treasurer; extension of payment of one month based on a individual's situation.
4. All bills must be checked and approved by the Executive Board before they are paid. All checks should be signed by both the Treasurer and an additional club officer. If transaction is done in cash, in ledger the transaction must show two signatures.
5. Applications for membership must be by two active members of the club in good standing. Applicant must attend four meetings, make two rides and be voted in by 100% of quorum. Upon payment of dues, applicant will be placed on probation for a period of three months, and applicant will receive a patch (*colors of club*).
6. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the club.
7. Any member who is over three months behind in his dues may be expelled from the club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members in good standing present at any meeting and said members will return the club's patch.
8. A member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the club, but charges must first be made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall take evidence and report its findings to the club with the recommendation that the charges be considered proven and the accused member be expelled, or that the charges be considered not proven and the accused member remain a member of the club. The club shall thereupon take a vote to decide whether or not the recommendation of the Executive Board shall be adopted. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members in good standing present to veto the recommendation of the Executive Board.
9. Club colors shall be worn at all club functions by members and their riders only. Colors shall be worn in such a fashion so that they will always be visible.
10. There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of any drugs or riding while impaired on any club rides.
11. Every committee shall be supervised by an officer of the club.
12. Anyone becoming a member of the club will, throughout the year, attend as many club functions as possible.

13.If a member leaves the club for any reason, he must return the club patch to an officer.

14.On all rides, members will abide by motor vehicle laws.

15.Explanation of **Associate Member**:

a. Non-riding dues paying member.

b. No voting rights.

c. An Associate member may become a full member by:

i. Making two rides with the club on his or her own motorcycle.

ii. Must be voted in by 100% of quorum.

iii. Must pay the balance of the difference between Full Membership and Associate Membership.

16.Dues for Associate Members per year will be:

a. Half of present dues.

b. Associate members must pay \$5.00 to receive a patch.

17.The colors shall always be the dominant patch

18.Explanation of **Absentee Member**:

a. A member who is unable to participate in club functions due to extenuating circumstances (*i.e. relocation or health*).

b. No voting rights.

c. An Absentee Member may continue receiving the newsletter.

d. An Absentee Member may return to Full or Associate Member status by paying the difference between the Absentee Membership and the desired updated status.

19.Dues for Absentee Members per year will be:

a. Half of the present Associate Member dues, payable the first month of every year.

b. Absentee Members must pay the full price (*market price*) for additional patches.

# Nassau Wings Club Point Competition

## Point Guidelines

**Points will not be awarded unless colors are worn.**

**“Colors”** mean the **club patch** and/or the **club touring jacket**.

Club T-shirts are acceptable as colors **ONLY at meetings**, not rides.

**Full Members get riding points only if they pilot a motorcycle.**

No riding as passengers. No points for any other mode of transportation.

Bike's in the shop? Tough titties!

### Meetings

- Full Members get **2 Points** just for attending and get an additional **2 Points** for riding a bike.
- Associate Members get **2 Points** just for attending and get an additional **2 Points** for arriving by motorcycle.

### Rides to Eat

- **2 Points** to Full Members for riding a bike.
- **2 Points** to Associate Members for riding as passengers.
- **No Points** for any other mode of transportation.

### Club Rides

- **To be a points-earning ride**, the ride must be on the club calendar and have had a start time and a meeting place noted in the newsletter or meeting minutes.
- **5 Points** for riding a club ride.
- **An additional 5 Points** for winning a trophy at a club ride.
- This includes Associate Members riding as passengers.
- **The ride MUST be completed** to earn points.
- **The Road Captain** is responsible for keeping track of who gets how many points during each ride and to give that information to the **Referee**.
- Multiple day events that meet club ride criteria will award **5 Points** per day, including travel time.
- Maximum of **25 Points** per multi-day event.
- Solo or private trips to major rallies do not count.