

Decency Guidelines

for Posts to ASA Discussion Forum and Facebook Group

Purpose: To promote the sport of soaring and support the ASA by communicating topics of interest to soaring pilots such as contesting, cross country soaring, turn points, safety, training and the ASA. *These guidelines are intended to limit discussions and postings detrimental to that goal.*

Definitions:

Forum	ASA Discussion Forum ¹ and/or ASA Facebook group page ² .
Individual	Person or member who has been approved to join the ASA Facebook group
Member	Person who is a current paying member of the ASA.
Moderator	Member(s) responsible for maintaining and monitoring the content of the forum.
Post	Any entry made by a member or individual to the forum.
Poster	Member or individual creating a new Discussion Forum or Facebook group thread, new post or reply.
Public	Any person who is not a member or individual. <i>May include children, spouses and other casual observers of any forum post.</i>
Thread	A single Discussion Forum topic or Facebook group entry and all of its associated comments and replies.

Guidelines:

1. Poster acknowledges that flaming, personal attacks, argumentative, vulgar, profane, sexually explicit or offensive posts do not serve the stated purpose and will be avoided and further agrees to observe decency and fairness to all other posters and the public.
2. Poster will not attach or reference pictures in posts that are vulgar, profane, sexually explicit or considered offensive.
3. Poster acknowledges that posts voicing political (non-soaring related), religious or highly controversial social events do not serve the stated purpose and will be avoided.
4. Poster will not start a thread or make posts to further a personal business venture³.
5. Poster acknowledges that the moderator has sole discretion in determining if a thread or post violates any of these guidelines and has the right to remove thread or post immediately without notice.
6. Poster acknowledges that repeated violations of these guidelines may result in immediate termination of member privileges⁴ and/or removal of the individual from the ASA Facebook group by the moderator without notice.

Notes:

¹You must be a current paid ASA member and logged in to post to the ASA Discussion Forum.

²Moderator must approve Facebook requests for entry into the group. *Third party requests will be ignored.*

³The only exceptions would be something like the group PowerFlarm purchase in 2010 (must be board approved) or a casual inference in support of the Stated Purpose such as "Tows will be available throughout the holiday weekend at <airport-name>." or "<vendor-name> is having a sale on transponders this month!" or "I'm selling my SN-10B for \$xxx."

⁴Subject to Board review, the member may be expelled from the ASA resulting in forfeiture of any fees paid to the ASA.

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