

**PPSS MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM**

Pikes Peak Soaring Society Enrollment Form for \_\_\_\_\_ year membership

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: Soaring \_\_\_ Electric Powered \_\_\_ Free Flight \_\_\_

New members who join after Sept. 15th will be valid for the remainder of that year and the following year.

Membership Fees: Open: \$25.00

Senior: 60+ \$17.00

Student: up to 18yrs. \$ 5.00

Family Open: \$30.00

Active Military: Complimentary

Payment may be made at flying fields, club meetings, or mail to the club Treasurer;

Please make check payable to: **PPSS**

Mail to:

**Barry Welsh Treasurer  
10565 Hungate Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80908**

"I agree to comply with the AMA Safety Code and the PPSS - Field Rules for all model operations". "I am aware that modeling may present hazards to participants and spectators". "I have read and understand the provisions above and agree to be bound by them".

Signature of enrollee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature (required if enrollee under age 18)

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pikes Peak Soaring Society - Field Rules**

Updated January 15, 2020

### **General (All Sites)**

PPSS flying field rules embrace the AMA Safety Code. AMA occasionally makes small changes to the code. It is every pilot's personal responsibility to know the Safety Code and abide by it.

It is highly recommended that new members arrange to be accompanied by an experienced member the first few times you go to any of our sites.

**Frequency pin use** – Pilots flying 72 MHz are required to either check out a frequency pin from the channel tree or identify to all other pilots **before** energizing their transmitter that they are flying 72 MHz and stating the frequency that they are using.

**Trash** – All of the fields we use are owned by others so please pick up your trash and take it with you. If you see trash left by others, be a good tenant and pick it up.

**Permitted users** – All current AMA members are welcome to visit our fields and fly with us. Regular use will require that they join the club to help support our operations. Visitors are welcome! Come fly with us!

**Vehicles on Field Surfaces** – Except for medical emergencies, vehicles should not be driven on any flying field surface. Exceptions are the drop off and pick up of launching and retrieval equipment at Irma Lane and the Boy Scout Ranch soaring field. Care will be taken to minimize damage to *all* field surfaces. **Each of our flying fields has characteristics that require specific rules to provide for safe and considerate operation of each field. The privilege of flying at these fields depends upon each individual member knowing and respecting those rules!**

### **Sod Farm**

The Sod Farm is a premier flying site located just east of Falcon, CO. It is reached by turning east at the junction of Hwy. 24 and the Falcon Hwy, traveling 11.4 miles and turning left (north) for two miles.

The Sod Farm, like all our sites, presents its own unique requirements in terms of flying. Accordingly, the following regulations will govern our use there:

1. **Respect all on-going commercial operations!** The sod farm is a viable

commercial business, and any interference with business operations could result in us no longer being allowed to fly there.

**2. Site use is permitted every day of the week.** However, because the sod farm is a commercial operation, you must find a way to avoid any interference with any work taking place on the field.

**3. There are four designated entrances:** Two turning east off McClelland Road (#1 & #2). Be sure to reattach the barbed wire gates when leaving.

(#3) Turn south through the iron gates on Judge Orr Road.

(#4) Turn west from Ellicott Hiway. Avoid using the entrance from the Ellicott Highway, as it passes near a residence. See the map (online) for clarification. Drive slowly and use caution at all times.

**4. Park only in the designated areas (P1, P2, & P3),** one at each designated entrance. (See map) Based on expected winds, the event coordinator may indicate a proposed launch area and preferred entrance.

**5. DO NOT DRIVE ON THE TURF AT ANY TIME!** Keep all vehicles on the perimeter road. Note that this means that you cannot drive around the north or south ends of the field.

**6. Do NOT use or walk on the turf if frost, ice, or snow are present** as this will damage the turf.

**7. All launch equipment** (spikes, rods, nails, tools, etc.) will be tagged and/or painted for visibility.

**8. Take special care to see that all equipment taken onto the field is recovered** before leaving. The damage to mowing machines from a single spike could result in our loss of flying privileges. Count and keep track of all items used to anchor winches, etc. It is the responsibility of the event coordinator to ensure that nothing is left on the field.

**9. Do not litter!** We are guests here, and our goal is to leave it in better shape than when we arrived. Pick up your trash (rubber bands, tape, etc.)!

**10. No IC motors are permitted,** with the exception of gasoline powered (not nitro, which will damage the turf) tow planes used specifically for aero towing and

in a manner that does not interfere with other soaring activities on the field. Aero towing will not occur during contest activity.

11. The AMA Safety Code and PPSS Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules will be followed.

### **BS Ranch Lake**

To get to the field, travel 5.1 miles northeast on Hwy 24 from Falcon, and turn left (north) on Elbert Road. Travel 13 miles on Elbert Road. Entry into the ranch is marked as the South Entrance to the Peaceful Valley BS Ranch, particularly Camp Dietler and Camp Dobbins. If you are traveling north on Elbert Road, this is a right turn. The gate is to be left in the position found upon arrival, i.e. if a gate is closed it should be closed after passage and vice versa. If the gate is chained shut, one of the club members who is authorized to unlock the gate will do so. At the "Y", bear right toward Camp Dobbins until you see Silver Lake and the boathouse on the left (north) side of the road.

This site is generally used on Monday only. Use on other week days is permitted if there is no BS activity. The Ranger may come by to watch your activity. If he asks you to leave the Ranch for any reason, please do so, and report the incident to one of the club officers. Flying is not permitted during camping season – June through mid-July. Flying after Delta Dart building is permitted. Flying at the lake Sunday mornings is permitted during camping season. At all times, availability of the site is subject to Boy Scout activities.

The lake is the **only** club flying site where suitably muffled I.C. engines are allowed on float equipped aircraft. Electric powered sailplanes, Sport Flyers, HLG planes are also allowed. All pilots are to fly from the general area of the beach near the boat house.

PPSS is authorized by the BS Ranch to use canoes to recover overturned aircraft from the lake. Anyone using a canoe or other vessel to retrieve an airplane is **required** to **wear** (not just have in the vessel) a life vest per BS rules. The boat house will be unlocked by a member with the code.

Parking at Silver Lake is restricted to the marked area just before the boathouse, outside the post/rope area. No vehicles are allowed inside the restricted area even for equipment drop-off or pickup. The sand has been put in place specifically as a site for beach type activities and would be disturbed by vehicle traffic.

Should the number of vehicles exceed the capacity of the marked area, the overflow will park adjacent to the established road. **Do not** park on the grass because of fire danger and possible environmental damage.

**The Boy Scouts do not allow smoking anywhere on the Ranch.**

### **BS Ranch Soaring Field**

Entry to the BS Ranch soaring field is along the easement entered from Road 35. To get to the field, travel north on Elbert Road 12 miles from US-24. Turn right on Road 74-82. This is the first cross road into the trees on Elbert Road. Travel approximately 2 miles east on 74-82 then turn left up the hill on Road 35 for ½ mile. The entrance is located adjacent to 20189 Road 35. The gate on the end of the easement should be left in the position found upon arrival. The entrance to the flying field is approximately ½ mile into the easement on the right. Vehicles may be driven into the field to drop off winches, retrievers, shades and models. Vehicles must be parked in the easement.

RC controlled electric powered aircraft and gliders are the only aircraft types that may be flown on this field.

**The Boy Scouts do not allow smoking anywhere on the Ranch.**

### **Irma Lane Soaring Field**

The field is reached by driving approximately 4 miles north on Elbert Road from US-24. Turn right on Murphy Road and drive east for approximately one mile to the second (eastern) Tiboria Loop. Turn left, drive approximately ½ mile to Irma Lane on right. Please park only on the road.

Vehicles may not be driven on the field except to drop off winches, retrievers, tents etc. The Irma Lane field may be used any day of the week.

The roads into the field, Tiboria Loop and Irma Lane are dirt. Members and visitors are requested to drive slowly on them in the vicinity of houses to prevent raising undue dust. Note; A map to the field may be found by clicking the “Flying Field” button on the left navigation of the main PPSS web page, then selecting the “Click for Google Map” link.

**Due to the risk of wild fire, smoking is permitted *only* on the gravel road. Please dispose of used smoking material in a responsible manner. No butts to be discarded on the ground.**

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