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Welcome to your USA Club

You are encouraged to participate in and contribute to club activities to get the most out of your membership. We have put together information that will help you use the USA club site, communicate and understand club SOP as well as provide excellent reference materials that our club members have produced.

For questions, comments or concerns about Club activities, the USA website lists the club officers' contact information under the "Board of Directors" link on the "utahsoaring.org" website.

Important Documents

Go to "Flight Operating Rules" under "Flight Info" on the "utahsoaring.org" home page first for a wealth of information that you need for flying club sailplanes. You can get a release form from Cedar Valley Airport (if you will be flying there) by going to "About Us" under "Club Info". To fly at Morgan County Airport, click on "Elk Mountain Soaring" under "Other Links".

There are four airport area information documents for Heber City, Cedar Valley, Morgan County and Logan-Cache airports. You will need these for your initial check out in club aircraft at whatever site(s) you intend to use. These documents are accessible from both the left side main menu on the club website, as well as at the bottom of the flight training page.

We suggest you read Paul Schneider's (Senior Club Instructor and Member) Grob 103A characteristics and his other articles that are very important, as is Dean Carswell's article on PIO's. Go to "utahsoaring.org" then click on "Articles" at top of the page. Earlier this year, Lynn Alley gave an excellent presentation on how to avoid the Grob 103 Twin II PIO on landing. The slide show has been made into readable document available on the same page.

To obtain weight and balance information etc. on all club sailplanes go to the homepage, then "Club Ships" under "Flight Info".

Once your application for club membership has been accepted and you have paid the initial fee, the club president will provide you the club id and a password. Then, when you wish to schedule a glider, respond to or send club e-mails go to utahsoaring.org. Click on "Reserve Glider; input the club ID, your first name, your last name and password. Now you will be able to use the entire site. Remember, club bylaws limit glider scheduling to a maximum of 6 hours on the schedule for any member, as well as a 3 hour daily limit during weekdays, and a 2 hour daily limit on the weekends.

To get to club email which has addresses and phone numbers of all members click on "Aircraft Clubs" under "Other Links", then on "Flight Schedule" in upper left hand corner of page. Then click then on "My Club" on the left hand side drop down Menu. Wow! You are there and can write to anyone individually by selecting name(s), or the entire membership if you like.

When you send an e-mail, or receive one from another member, the sender will be indicated as "Your Flight Scheduler" which is really whoever in the Utah Soaring Association sent you the mail or club notice.

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Club Glider and Tow Pilot Scheduling Etiquette

The summertime schedule for USA gliders can very busy. To further complicate things, Morgan County and Cedar Valley have unique tow pilot scheduling issues. If your soaring plans change and you need to re-schedule or cancel a flight, let the appropriate individual listed below know as soon as possible. In some cases the tow pilot may be driving a substantial distance in order to supply you with the tow. Please be respectful of their time and schedule by making your changes clear to them. As always, update the USA scheduling calendar as well. Thanks.

Operator/Tow Pilot Contact Information:

Cedar Valley

Brent Davis: 801-228-8590

Morgan County

Stan McGrew: 801-389-4281

Mike Royall: 801-573-9861

Mike Alley: [801-541-4022](tel:801-541-4022)

York Zentner: 801-673-0303

Aaron Thomson: 801-458-4885

Heber City

David Robinson 435-654-0654 (Notification to the tow pilot not usually necessary unless special arrangements were originally made. Tows at Heber are from a commercial operator during normal business hours.)

Tow Costs

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Heber City (36U) - Flat rate of \$2.00 /100 feet. A 3,000' tow is \$60

Morgan (42U) - First 1,000' is \$25.00, then \$2.00 / 100'. A 3000' tow is \$65

Cedar Valley (UT10) – First 1200' is \$28, then \$2.25 / 100'. A 3,000' tow is \$68.00. Cedar Valley is a private field and requires an additional release form.

Logan (LGU) Same cost as Cedar Valley AND if aircraft capable 2,000' winch tow for \$25.00. They will train you if not presently qualified.

Oxygen

The club sailplanes each have oxygen systems. Refill bottles are available at each club gliderport. If you don't know how to safely fill bottle ask for help! In Heber City, contact Soar Utah who is our tow provider and sailplane FBO. The club oxygen refill cart is located in Soar Utah's hanger. At Morgan County, club oxygen is available at Lynn Alley's hanger. The Cedar Valley cart is in one of the hangars on the north side of the field.

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Do not hesitate to ask questions or seek advice from other club members or pilots at any of the three airports, you will find everyone willing to help or explain, answer your questions and give necessary assistance.