



Malibu M-Class Owners & Pilots Association

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MMOPA.com Forum Protocol

The MMOPA website forums are one of our most valuable member benefits and an excellent means of instantly sharing valuable information among the entire association. Our goal in providing and managing the forum is to optimize its benefit to all our members with freedom of expression within a structure of respect for others through a published protocol. To that end, the following guidelines are provided to encourage widespread member participation and benefit.

APPROPRIATE POSTING TO THE MMOPA FORUMS

- Posts to the MMOPA Forums should be of general interest to MMOPA members.
- Other than Vendor Forums, do not post commercial announcements, solicitations, offers of goods and services for sale, etc. See below about responding to commercial inquiries.
- All postings must be civil and/or professional in tone. Inflammatory, offensive, libelous, derogatory, or other ad hominem personal attacks or postings intended to intimidate or embarrass another member are not permitted and will be removed.
- Posts must be germane to the MMOPA forum to which posted. Responses to previous posts that are not germane to the substantive topic are discouraged and may be removed or relocated to an appropriate topic or other forum.
- Do not use the forum for private communication. Posts that are more appropriately sent to specific recipients should not be posted to the MMOPA forum. This includes specific requests for information or documents, congratulatory notes, comments on the suitability of postings, and thank you messages.
- The forum is for the exclusive use of association members in good standing. A posting by members of messages from non-members as a surrogate is not allowed. Anonymous postings, or postings using someone else's member ID or account are prohibited. If a membership is shared by marriage, partnership, etc, the individual author must sign the posting.
- If you have a message that you believe may of interest to a small group of MMOPA members, post a general description and request members to contact you privately.
- Posts should be in plain text format (not html) to facilitate uploading by members.
- Attachments may accompany posts.
- Do not use ALL CAPITAL LETTERS in your messages; this is viewed as shouting and is a breach of "netiquette." Occasional capitalized word or two for emphasis is fine.

- Don't consume forum resources with excessive courtesies (i.e., "Thank you" posts, or sending a post to the entire MMOPA forum apologizing for accidentally sending a posting that was intended as a private email) is discouraged;
- If you wish to send an off-topic post, make certain that it is worth everyone's time.
- Always endeavor to differentiate fact from opinion. If your statement is intended to be factual, cite your source. If it is your opinion, please say so.
- Bear in mind that the forum audience is international. Avoid using abbreviations and acronyms that may not be known or understood by others, such as airport identifiers.

REPLYING TO MMOPA FORUM POSTS

- There will invariably be some question as to whether some posts belong on the forum. Posters are expected to use good judgment when posting such messages. Discussion on the MMOPA forum as to whether the post was placed on the proper MMOPA forum is deemed not germane to the substantive issue and it is prohibited.
- Replies to the MMOPA forums are appropriate only when the reply is of general interest to MMOPA forum members and when the reply is germane to the topic being discussed;
- ***Replies must relate to the subject of the original post.*** DO NOT reply to a posting about "Subject A" with a message regarding "Subject B." Start a new thread on Subject B where appropriate. (This is especially important, as forum postings are archived and searchable by keyword.)
- When replying to a previous post, quote only the relevant portion to which you are replying, rather than repeating the entire message.
- Replies to commercial or business inquiries are allowed but should be brief and direct further questions or discussion off the forum, or to a vendor forum if established.

SHARING OF MMOPA FORUM POSTS

MMOPA forums are for the use of our members only. MMOPA forum posts and emails may not be forwarded to non-MMOPA forum members without prior Board approval. MMOPA reserves the right to terminate MMOPA forum privileges of anyone who violates this rule.

COMPLIANCE WITH MMOPA FORUM PROTOCOL

This MMOPA Forum Protocol serves as the "traffic rules" for the MMOPA forums. They apply to all members to provide a welcoming venue to preserve the maximum member participation. The Association's objective is to minimize censorship, preferring that other members address offending posts when they occur. However, the Board may elect to remove posts or threads that do not comply with this objective and protocol, in which case an email to the author or the post/thread will be sent within 48 hours to inform that the action has been taken and state the reason. Those who do not comply with the MMOPA Forum Protocol will receive a private reminder. If the problem continues, the Board may withdraw forum posting privileges from the member for a period of time to be determined by the Board.