

## **Code of Conduct ensures that future photographers will be welcomed.**

Inland Empire Chapter, P.S.A. endorses the code of ethics of respect for private property and for the privacy of individuals. Our P.S.A. sponsored field trips insist that participants stay on public roads and sidewalks unless specific permission has been received to enter property. Give grain trucks & farm implements the right-of-way on farm-to-market roads. Receive permission before photographing an individual person. The courtesy of “staying back and using a longer lens” to photograph a subject also keeps us out of the viewfinder of fellow field trip participants.

Farmers, ranchers and mine owners have legitimate concerns about over zealous photographers:

- 1) Gates left open and fences breached allow livestock to stray.
- 2) Worries of legal liability of people entering “attractive nuisances” may cause owners to flatten old buildings.
- 3) Trampled crops.
- 4) Noxious weed seeds innocently carried from roadside by our cars and clothing.

The people of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Canada have been most gracious in giving advance permission for photography in and on their property, and have also extended the courtesy of directing us to their favorite scenics.

Inland Empire Chapter of P.S.A. has invited free field trip participation by other camera clubs, whether members of P.S.A. or not, to stimulate interest and knowledge in the art and science of photography. Well over half of field trip participants have NOT been members of P.S.A. The result has been the development of fellowship and enduring friendships and the sharing of Photo Opportunities with Spokane Camera Club, Spokane Valley Camera Club, Blue Mountain Camera Club in Walla Walla, Chung Ai Photographic Society of Vancouver, B.C., West Kootenay Camera Club, B.C. and many other individuals.

Gifts of slides, prints and background information to the property owners, individuals, and charitable organizations have opened doors to choice Photo Opportunities - historic sites, churches and even sled dogs - and encourage invitations to return again. It is equally important for us to follow this “Code of Conduct” during individual photo outings as during group field trips.