



Thermals

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Vice-President's Message

Ah October – pleasant weather, not too hot, not too cold. But with this tempering of weather, we find that winter is not far away and the competition season is winding down. We have two contests scheduled for the remainder of the year, one this month and one in November. The November contest is always iffy so this month may be your last good chance to get some points for the year end totals.

October is also NOMINATIONS meeting and volunteer for one of the Dr. Dan Williams has volunteered for volunteered to continue as the club Secretary. That officially leaves the step down. In addition, we need a I will continue to provide the club year-end totals. Official voting for the board will be done in

Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships.
Renew with the application in this
newsletter, or online at
<http://www.jmccconsulting.com/rmsa>

month. Please attend the October club club positions. Here is what is known so far. the President's office, John Pearson has Treasurer, and Bob Rice will continue as Office of VP unaccounted for, as I intend to volunteer to produce the newsletter for 2002. scorekeeping as much as I can and will keep nominations will occur this month and November.

This month is the annual Visalia contest and we have several club members attending, including Skip Miller, Dr. Dan, Lenny Keer and Shannon Bingham, Charlie Miller, Bob Johnston and there may be others that I am unaware of. Good Luck gentlemen! This year Visalia is on the same weekend that our normal contest is scheduled for, so you will notice that our regular contest is October 14th not the 7th.

The Challenge Cup was a great contest again, Bob Rice did an excellent job running and coordinating it. RMSA again took top honors, and so retains home field advantage for next year. Many thanks to Tony O'Hara who came out, not to fly, but to simply help out running the contest. He did a great job on handling the scoring all day! See the details in Bob's write-up.

As the end of the year approaches, so does renewal time. Get you membership in early to ensure that you continue to receive these newsletters. You can now fill out the application online at <http://www.jmccconsulting.com/rmsa>. Note that you can even pay via credit card if you have a Paypal account, or join Paypal. A paper application is included in this newsletter – please be sure to print, sign and include the field ruled page.

Jim

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: October 2, 2001 - 7:00PM

Location: Broomfield Advanced Chiropractic
26 Garden Ctr
Broomfield CO 80020-7012



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October Club Contest

October 14, 2001 CD – Jim Monaco

Registration: 8:30 AM

Pilot Meeting: 9:00 AM

First Round: 9:15 AM

Entry Fee: \$5.00 (\$3.00 for Juniors)

Current AMA membership is required and must be shown at registration

Tasks: T1 International Duration – Duration set by conditions.

Landing: L4 Spot landing with standard (25') AMA landing tapes.

Scoring: Man on Man, random flight group assignment.

No fly prior to start of event.

Novices limited to **RES** type sailplanes.



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Colorado Challenge Cup Bob Rice - CD

A beautiful blue sky, without a cloud in sight, greeted the 30 pilots from RMSA and PPSS as they gathered at the Sod Farm to contest for the Challenge Cup. With first launch about 9:30 and six man flight groups (thanks to Jon Padilla for the use of his winch), five rounds were flown with only the most minor of problems. As usual, some flight groups got great air, others El Stinko. The man on man scoring evened the air out.

In the end, RMSA retained the Cup and bragging rights for another year. But, PPSS is getting closer. RMSA score was 23919, PPSS totaled 20388. Skip Miller was the individual winner followed by Tom Gressman, Jack Zika, Don Ingram, and Mark Howard. Congrats to all the fliers.

A special thanks to Jim Monaco and Tony O'Hara for their assistance with the scoring and winch duties. See you all next year!
Bob

Colorado Challenge Cup Results

Name	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Total	Norm by	Norm by	
RMSA								Team:	23919
Skip Miller	1000	1000	1000	983	1000	4983	1000	1000	
Tom Gressman	998	982	1000	987	935	4903	984	984	
Jack Zika	1000	961	792	994	1000	4746	953	953	
Don Ingram	784	990	976	1000	994	4744	952	952	
John Kappus	565	1000	1000	1000	978	4543	912	912	
Phil Jones	996	976	1000	1000	400	4372	877	877	
Lenny Keer	1000	595	1000	1000	684	4279	859	859	
Bob Lewan	550	457	997	995	995	3993	801	801	
Jim Monaco	1000	476	986	278	983	3722	747	747	
Byron Blakeslee	1000	533	997	95	997	3622	727	727	
Bob Moffett	659	618	963	335	841	3417	686	686	
Kevin Moffett	0	491	916	987	946	3341	670	670	
Gary Lewan	601	362	964	331	961	3219	646	646	
Bob Johnston	392	0	986	857	920	3154	633	633	
Shannon Bingham	994	992	248	236	193	2663	534	534	
Mike Verzuh	968	467	706	250	271	2662	534	534	
Marc Monaco	246	581	960	307	0	2094	420	420	
PPSS								Team:	20388
Mark Howard	683	1000	987	991	1000	4661	935	1000	
Rich O'connell	1000	963	491	965	963	4383	880	940	
Chris Keller	513	748	992	998	1000	4251	853	912	
Larry Laughlin	1000	832	932	348	959	4071	817	874	
Dave Meyers	673	1000	1000	247	960	3880	779	833	
Austin Cleis	390	616	989	969	839	3803	763	816	
Bob Vixie	486	906	967	943	411	3712	745	797	
Steven Tarza	490	413	941	1000	790	3635	729	780	
Gordy	613	557	994	250	1000	3414	685	733	
Barry Welsh	829	636	937	823	129	3353	673	719	
John Read	779	1000	414	193	503	2889	580	620	
Jack Dech	474	716	976	162	221	2549	512	547	
Dr. Dan	360	974	263	335	379	2312	464	496	



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Challenge Cup Pictures



Three Musketeers



Intense Competition



Jones hits the spot



Visitor Gordy Stahl



PPSS Top 5



RMSA top 5



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RMSA Class Points For Colorado Challenge Cup

Class	Name	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Total	Norm by Contest	Norm by Class
M	Masters								
M	Skip Miller	1000	1000	1000	983	1000	4983	1000	1000
M	Tom Gressman	998	982	1000	987	935	4903	984	984
M	Jack Zika	1000	961	792	994	1000	4746	953	953
M	Don Ingram	784	990	976	1000	994	4744	952	952
M	Mark Howard	683	1000	987	991	1000	4661	935	935
M	Phil Jones	996	976	1000	1000	400	4372	877	877
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M	Bob Moffett	659	618	963	335	841	3417	686	686
M	Gary Lewan	601	362	964	331	961	3219	646	646
M	Bob Johnston	392	0	986	857	920	3154	633	633
M	Shannon Bingham	994	992	248	236	193	2663	534	534
S	Sportsman								
S	John Kappus	565	1000	1000	1000	978	4543	912	1000
S	Kevin Moffett	0	491	916	987	946	3341	670	735
S	Mike Verzuh	968	467	706	250	271	2662	534	586
S	Dr. Dan	360	974	263	335	379	2312	464	509
S	Marc Monaco	246	581	960	307	0	2094	420	461

For Sale

Xantipa

Volz servos RTF \$395.00

Tom Gressman Office 303-744-3535 X3101 Home 303-979-8073 email tgressman@aol.com

Silent Dream 2.2 meter by FVK Models. Has Spoilerons on two-piece wing, V-tail, and geared Velkom motor with folding prop on 7-cells. Can sell with or w/out servos. (new Airtronics) The Silent Dream uses a gel-coat white fiberglass fuselage with built up wing and V-tail.

One of the best things about this model is its versatility. You can slope or thermal this plane. I have a hard-shell gun case that I have modified to hold the entire model. I travel on airlines with it and have sloped it off the coast of California, thermalled it in Oregon, Georgia, Alabama, and of course Colorado.

I think I have about \$500 in the plane, motor, gear drive, speed control, and servos. I'd like to get \$250 or would consider trades.

Please call Bill Moxon at 970-304-9008

or Email billmoxon@vehiclesys.com

Curved tip Eraser \$325.00. With extra flat tips \$400.00.

Bob Lewan Bobless@bwn.net or 303-655-1649 Eves



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Lost and Found

A winch turnaround was found at the sod farm. It's not one of the club's turnarounds. If you're missing one please contact me to claim it.

Lenny Keer (Lenny970@AOL.com) (970 352-1194)

RMSA Open Class Standings

	Mar	PI	Apr	PI	May	PI	F3J	PI	June	PI	F3J	PI	July	PI	Aug	PI	Sep	PI	Nat.Lvl.	PI	Best 6	Place	Prev Pts	Prev Wins	01 Pts	01 Wins	Tot Pts	Total Wins	Promo		
Masters																															
Miller Skip	1000	1	1000	1	1000	1	886	6	1000	1	886	6	866	8	996	3	1000	1	996		5996	1									
Howard Mark	983	2	958	4	997	2	1000	1			1000	1			629	13	935	5	928		5873	2									
Lewan Bob	980	3	993	2	976	3	901	5	856	7	901	5	994	2	724	10	801	7	974		5818	3									
Padilla John	966	6	906	5	688	11	942	3			942	3	647	14	1000	1			959		5715	4									
Bob Moffett	972	5	802	11	690	10	957	2	838	8	957	2	873	7	978	5	686	10	953		5690	5									
Miller Charlie	961	7	876	7	935	4	849	8	747	11	849	8	932	5	808	7			970		5523	6									
Shannon Bingham							908	4	924	5	908	4	953	4	798	8	534	13	957		5448	7									
Keer Lenny			894	6	909	6	860	7	890	6	860	7	858	9	737	9			986		5399	8									
Phil Jones			812	10	895	7			798	10			990	3	988	4	877	6			5360	9									
Gressman Tom	918	11	961	3	792	8			960	4					722	11	984	2			5337	10									
Don Ingram	939	10	863	8	680	12	639	11	991	2	639	11	769	12	580	16	952	4			5194	11									
Monaco Jim	946	9	749	13	926	5	803	9	683	12	803	9	732	13	516	17	747	8			4974	12									
Miller Dusty	974	4							980	3			1000	1	1000	1			989		4943	13									
Zika Jack	873	13	696	15	692	9			813	9			799	11	614	15	953	3			4826	14									
Blakeslee Byron	949	8	735	14	571	14			633	13			917	6	850	6	727	9			4811	15									
Gary Lewan			828	9	480	15	799	10	633	13	799	10			624	14	646	11			4329	16									
Rice Bob			795	12	361	16			523	15					428	18					2107	17									
Pederson Bob					648	13			476	16			840	10							1964	18									
Jeff Burg	898	12																			898	19									
Bob Douglas													615	15							615	20									
Barr Jim			183	16																	183	21									
Bob Johnston															631	633															
																					0										
Sportsman																															
																					0										
Dr. Dan Williams	1000		938	2	704	4			1000	1			743	2	1000	1	509	4			5385	1	0	0	10	2	10	2			
Bob Johnston			1000	1	1000	1			834	3			1000	1							3834	2	6	1	10	3	16	4	P		
Kevin Moffett							619	2	865	2	466	2			895	3	735	2			3580	3	7	1	9	0	16	1			
Ali Ghaffari			665	4			1000	1			1000	1									2665	4		0	6	2	6	2			
John Kappus					773	2							617	4			1000	1			2390	5	13	2	5	1	18	3			
Monaco Marc					758	3	375	3	468	4	220	3					461	5			2282	6	2		3	0	5	0			
Wayne Hollenbeck	655				427	5									602	4					1684	7	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Mike Verzuh															991	2	586	3			1577	8		3	0	3	0				
Joseph Newcomb			844	3									711	3							1555	9		2	0	2	0				
NOVICE																															
																					0										
Ryan O'Hara					1000		1000				450		1000	1	1000						4450	1			3	1	3	1			
Art Ries								1000							545						1545	2			0	0	0	0			



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Mountain Soaring Association - 2002

RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBER _____ SPONSOR _____

Please complete the following information for our records:

Family Memberships - Please make and complete a copy for EACH flying family member!

Name : _____ Need name badge? ? Yes

Address: _____ Year Joined RMSA: _____

_____ Home Phone: _____

_____ Work Phone: _____

AMA #: _____ AMA Contest Director? ? Yes ? No

AMA Class ? Open ? Youth ? Family Birth Date: ___/___/___

LSF #: _____ LSF LEVEL: ___ NSS #: _____ E-Mail: _____

RMSA Membership Class ? Senior Only ? Senior W/Family ? Associate ? Family
(Note - Senior W/Family receive THERMALS - other Family members check Family Box)

Non-Flying Family members: _____

RMSA Competition Class ? Novice ? Sportsman ? Master

RMSA Offices Held _____

----- MODELS OWNED -----				
PLANE	SPAN	COLOR (Top,Bott.,Fuse)	CLASS (Open,HLG,Std..)	FREQUENCY

Interests: ? Sports Flying ? T/D contests ? HLG Contests ? NSS Soar-ins ? F3J
? F3B ? X-C contests ? Slope contests ? Other _____

Past Achievements: _____

Dues: \$ 5.00 New Member Initiation Fee
\$ 5.00 Junior - under 17
\$ 25.00 Senior - individual 17 and over
\$ 30.00 Family - any number (same address)
\$ 8.00 Associate (newsletter only)
Make checks payable to RMSA

Comments and suggestions are ENCOURAGED! Please include these with your form!

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE FIELD RULES!!!

Please send to: RMSA
% Bob Rice
1123 S. Oakland St.
Aurora, CO 80012



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOARING ASSOCIATION FIELD RULES

1. The sod farm operations take precedence over **ALL** activities. We use the field at the convenience of the owner.
2. All members will follow **ALL** instructions from **ANY** sod farm personnel without question.
3. When sod farm operations are occurring during a flying session it is **OUR** responsibility to ensure that we will not interfere with operations. If it is unclear as to what is happening or where they intend to mow or work try to talk to workers or management and always move equipment or vacate the premises if necessary. Some workers do not speak very good English – in that case you must make every effort to avoid conflict or interference with operations.
4. Park only in the designated parking area on the southwest corner of the field. Do not park on grass, dirt or roads.
5. Avoid setting up on newly seeded areas or young grassy areas. The nice grassy areas are better to land on anyway!
6. Establish a frequency control pole and tag system! Frequency control is to be in effect at all times!! All members will post their frequency control tags on the pole and if there are conflicts, please exercise safety sense as well as share the flight time.
7. Parking and pit areas should be as condensed as possible for the safety of launch and landing.
8. Establish flight line areas for winch launch, high start launch, and hand launch that are separate for the sake of launch, flight & landing safety.
9. Flying over the parking/pit areas at less than 30 feet is prohibited. Doing so in competition **WILL** result in a zero flight score and during R/R flying a disciplinary action by the club.
10. No aerobatics or speed runs over the parking/pit/Launch/Landing zones.
11. Do not launch if a plane is circling in a launch zone: vacate the launch zone as soon as possible if someone is waiting to launch.
12. When entering a thermal occupied by other aircraft, enter in the same direction as the first aircraft
13. Landing aircraft have the right of way!
14. In the event of no mechanical retriever, please shag your own chute/line for the flight
15. Please share the usage of club equipment so that all have equal flight time.
16. Please be courteous and helpful to your fellow flyers as well as informative to all guests/spectators. Enjoy yourself and others!!
17. Absolutely no debris or trash is to be left on the field! Please take it home with you for disposal.
18. Make sure that your plane and electronics are airworthy before each flight. Exercise good safety sense in your flight
19. The aircraft will have an identification name/address or AMA number on or in the model in case of loss.
20. Please tag your winch/high start spikes or stakes with fluorescent tape so they are easily spotted on the field by all concerned.
21. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be consumed, prior to or during participation in any model event on the flying field.

I understand and will comply with all RMSA field rules:

Signature



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2001 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Event	CD	Notes
Jan. 2	RMSA Meeting		
Feb. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Feb 2-4	<i>Southwest Classic</i>		<i>CASL Southwest Classic - Phoenix AZ</i>
Mar. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Mar. 11	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
Mar. 18	Pro-Am	Jim Monaco	Fourth annual Pro-Am
Mar. 24- Sat	PPSS OPEN	Greg Tarcza	March Madness
Apr. 3	RMSA Meeting		
Apr. 8	Open*	Jim Barr	
Apr. 15	HLG**	Shannon Bingham	
Apr. 22	PPSS OPEN	Dave Kurth	Humps & Bumps
May 1	RMSA Meeting		
May 6	Open*	Lenny Keer	
May 12	HLG**	Bob Lewan	Saturday event
May 19 - Sat	PPSS OPEN	Austin Cleis	May Fly
May 26, 27, 28	F3J*	Mark Howard	Special National Event
June 2-3	IHLG		International HL Contest Torrey Pines CA
June 5	RMSA Meeting		
June 10	Open*	Bob Moffett	
June 16	HLG**	Bob Lewan	Saturday event
June 24	PPSS OPEN	Jack Dech	Summer Solstice
June 30	LSF Day	Dr. Dan Williams	Work on LSF Tasks (Saturday)
July 3	RMSA Meeting		
July 8	Open*	Bob Pederson	
July 14 - Sat	PPSS RE	Barry Welsh	Memorial Fly
July 21 - Sat	PPSS RES	Rich O'Connell	Height of the Season
July 28	LSF Day	Dr. Dan Williams	Work on LSF Tasks (Saturday)
Aug. 7	RMSA Meeting		
Aug. 12	Open*	Jim Monaco	Kinda-F3J
Aug. 18 - Sat	PPSS OPEN	Frank Deis	Night Fly
Aug 19	HLG**	John Kappus	
Aug. 25	LSF Day	Dr. Dan Williams	Work on LSF Tasks (Saturday)
Aug. 26	PPSS OPEN	John Read	Dog Daze
Sept. 4	RMSA Meeting		
Sept. 9	Open*	Bob Rice	AKA: Colorado Challenge Cup
Sept. 22- Sat	PPSS OPEN	Bob Avery	Soar Bash
Sept. 29	LSF Day	Dr. Dan Williams	Work on LSF Tasks (Saturday)
Oct. 2	RMSA Meeting		
Oct 6&7	Visalia		Visalia California
Oct. 6 - Sat	PPSS HLG	Milt Woodham	HandLaunch
Oct. 14	Open*	Jim Monaco	
Oct. 21	PPSS RES	Mike Fritz	Witches Brew
Oct. 27	LSF Day	Dr. Dan Williams	Work on LSF Tasks (Saturday)
Nov. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Nov. 11	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
Nov. 17 - Sat	PPSS OPEN	Dave Meyers	Turkey Shoot
Dec. 9	Awards Banquet		
Dec. 15	PPSS OPEN	John Read	BAM Fly

*Club Open points contest ** Club HLG points contest

Italics indicates major national level contests available for points and PPSS events



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Directions to Field

Take I-76 to exit 16. Turn left and follow the frontage road through the circle onto 120th eastbound towards the airport. Take 120th East to Tower Rd. Continue straight through traffic light and look for the sod sprinkler on the left. We are on the southwest corner of that part of the sod farm.

Flying for RMSA members and accompanied guests only.



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First Class Mail

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