

Thermals

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President's Message

Greetings Everybody. Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving depending upon when you get this. Last week, the club lost long-time member Ray Marvin to a

household accident. Many of you may not know Ray as he had been concentrating on his interest in scale soaring and full-scale flight instruction. Well into his 80's, Ray retained a keen interest in Soaring and was engaged as a volunteer flight instructor. Ray was my flight instructor at Meadowlake Airport until I withdrew from lessons due to a motion sickness problem I

just couldn't get under control. I noticed a big scale RC model in the back of Ray's truck and decided my interest in flight could be pursued from the ground – at least for the time being. I was always impressed as were many of those involved with Meadowlake Soaring with Ray's skill as a pilot and kindness as a person. There is a white staging line on the airstrip at Meadowlake that Ray would always bring the big 233 trainer to a rolling stop right over – no brakes needed. Ray has trained hundreds of pilots since World War II and I'm sure many of them have the same memories of being instantly at ease once strapped into the cockpit with Ray. Ray lived a long and fruitful life, but will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his family and many friends. Fly high Ray, and thanks for the smooth ride. **F5J World Challenge** – Lenny Keer and I had the pleasure of attending the Central Arizona Soaring League's (CASL) F5J World Challenge in Phoenix last weekend. With about 50 pilots in attendance, it was a well run, fun contest combining the "all up, last down" (AULD) contest structure with the

Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships. Renew with the application in this newsletter, or online at http://www.jmccconsulting.com/rmsa international F3J rules. After the first two days, Lenny was in first or second place in the two events he entered, 7cell and unlimited. I landed tenth in Speed 400 and both of us went to the fly-offs. The fly-off competition was tough, however, and neither of us placed, but we both had a great time. I learned more about electric flight than I ever dreamed at this contest by

observing Lenny and Ron Schark and Don Richmond from Torrey Pines Gulls. What a blast, and the logistics are so simple given the lack of winches and tow persons. I'd like to propose that we run one of these as a one-day event at RMSA. Let me know if you guys are interested.

Officers and Banquet – The end of the year banquet is coming up and its time to renew memberships. See the Banquet information later in this newsletter. Dr. Dan has stepped forward as a candidate for President, I'm not sure there are any other candidates. I'll step forward for VP if no one else does. Let Jim or I know if any of you would like to self-nominate as candidates for officers. See you at the next contest. Shannon

Next Meeting:

Date/Time:November 6, 2001 - 7:00PMLocation:Broomfield Advanced Chiropractic
26 Garden Ctr
Broomfield CO 80020-7012Program:Endless Lift Video Series



November Club ContestNovember 11, 2001CD – Shannon Bingham

Registration: 8:30 AM Pilot Meeting: 9:00 AM First Round: 9:15 AM Entry Fee: \$5.00 (\$3.00 for Juniors)

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.

Newsletter Production

Matt Curtis has been doing our newsletter production this year and we thank him for his efforts. Matt will no longer be able to do the production so we need a new volunteer. We need someone to coordinate the reproduction, labeling, stamping and mailing of the hardcopy newsletters. I was hoping to get out of the newsletter business this year myself, but I suppose I will continue to create the newsletter each month for 2002. Bob Rice produces the labels and gets them to the production person for printing and mailing. We need someone to please volunteer to help with this very important job. The basic process is:

- 1. Jim Monaco creates the newsletter and creates a PDF ready for printing.
- 2. Bob Rice prints the hardcopy master and the labels and delivers to the production person.
- 3. Production person generally takes the masters to Kinkos or other copy facility and makes the appropriate number of hardcopies.
 - a. Two sided print
 - b. Collated
- 4. Production person buys stamps and labels, stamps and mails the newsletters.
- 5. Production person sends receipts for stamps and reproduction costs to Treasurer for reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report

October 23, 2001

The balance in the Checking account is at It's lowest point this year. Year end Contest Awards will wipe out the checking account.Please send in your 2002 dues ASAP so I don't have to take money out of Savings. Thank you.

Savings	\$656.51
Cash	\$105.53
Checking	\$270.26
Total	\$1032.30

John Pearson.



Club Elections

November is the time for Club Elections. We need to ensure that we have an adequate number of members available at the meeting to vote and ratify the election results. PLEASE attend so we can conclude this business. All of the offices are uncontested so ratifying the election is just a necessary formality. Officer Candidates are:

- ?? President Dr. Dan Williams
- ?? Vice-President Shannon Bingham
- ?? Treasurer John Pearson
- ?? Secretary Bob Rice

Please show your appreciation for the members that step up and help run YOUR club by attending the meeting, voting and expressing your appreciation. These volunteers do a lot of work so you can concentrate on flying!

CD Meeting

I have volunteered to coordinate the contest schedule for next year. As such I will be calling a meeting in November to discuss the calendar and the contest program for 2002. If you have a preference for the meeting time please let me know if you would like a weeknight, weekend day or evening for scheduling this meeting. All members are welcome to attend this meeting and I will put out an internet announcement when it is scheduled, but if you are NOT a CD please contact me if you intend to attend so I can ensure adequate seating. At this meeting we will discuss all of the contest guidelines and clarify any rules that need to be addressed. **Jim Monaco**

Falling Leaves Open – October 14 Jim Monaco - CD

A beautiful fall day was predicted, the downside being predictions for wind out of the north over 20mph! We arrived early and the winds were light out of the northwest. After much debate I instructed the winches to be set up launching to the NW since that was also the predicted direction. After 2 of the winches were set up the wind swapped 180 degrees and was stronger out of the Southeast. Another hurried discussion and we decided to set up into the wind so we at least would have a few upwind launches. As luck would have it the wind stayed light out of the southeast the entire day – no winch swaps..! About ½ way into the contest the farmer started the sprinkler – and he set it to go AWAY from us – must be our lucky day.

The first flight group set the pace – all of the flyers were within 2 seconds on time and above 90 on their landings – it was gonna be a tough day. There was some good air and some tough air. More than a few folks got pounded by last minute saves. I saw Tom Gressman following the crowd in for an early landing (well before the 8 minutes) and just over the final approach turn he hit a bubble and worked it beautifully to a max. Unfortunately Tom succumbed to the pressure of everyone watching his landing as the last one down and managed to miss the tape! He took a lot of ribbing for that. Mark Howard also had a great save. Both of those flights pounded the rest of the flight group.

Novice Ryan O'Hara had some nice flights and some tough flights. As the only Novice class competitor he won the Novice class top award. We need a few more novices to challenge Ryan! Dr. Dan won the Sportsman class top honor, followed closely by Ali Ghaffari who flew very well for not flying much recently. Peter Baur took third place in his first appearance at a contest in a long time. The finish order for Masters class was in doubt right up to the last round. Jack Zika had a very difficult 5th round that dropped him down to 4th place in the finals results. Mark Howard was his consistent self and won Masters class winning all of his flight groups except one. Your CD flew his best contest ever, finishing in second place just in front of Phil Jones. Phil Jones has been flying very well lately and I was lucky to beat him this day! All in all it was a great day of flying. We had tough air and some specouts. We ran very smoothly with everyone fetching and timing as necessary and we got 5 rounds in in record time!

A special thanks to Tony O'Hara for his assistance with the scoring -I think his help running the contest let me concentrate on my flying. I would also like to thank Doc Williams and the others that ran the flightline while I was flying or retrieving. See you all next time! Jim



Class	Name	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Total	Norm by Contest	Norm by Class
Ν	Novice								
Ν	Ryan O'Hara	421	715	814	218	180	2348	471	1000
S	Sportsman								
S	Dr. Dan	1000	954	1000	940	1000	4894	981	1000
S	Ali Ghaffari	987	995	974	561	721	4237	850	866
S	Peter Baur	936	852	827	678	666	3959	794	809
S	Mike Verzuh	976	616	637	471	520	3219	646	658
Μ	Masters								
Μ	Mark Howard	1000	1000	986	1000	1000	4986	1000	1000
Μ	Jim Monaco	949	1000	1000	1000	1000	4949	993	993
Μ	Phil Jones	1000	991	940	1000	1000	4931	989	989
Μ	Jack Zika	984	1000	1000	1000	769	4753	953	953
Μ	Bob Lewan	1000	979	1000	750	998	4727	948	948
Μ	Gary Lewan	952	384	988	1000	997	4320	867	867
Μ	Byron Blakeslee	976	937	798	945	543	4198	842	842
Μ	Tom Gressman	976	1000	984	639	435	4034	809	809
Μ	Lenny Keer	1000	949	528	598	891	3966	795	795
Μ	Bob Moffett	927	390	1000	368	1000	3685	739	739
Μ	Bob Johnston	996	1000	517	536	508	3557	713	713
М	Don Ingram	786	995	306	974	446	3508	703	703

Falling Leaves Open Results

For Sale

Emerald

White with Black bottoms. Beautiful condition, built by Lenny Keer. No electronics \$600 Dan Williams (303) 420-8687 drdandc@juno.com

Omega 3 - F3J/TD class.

(Look at NSP's web site under F3J) 129" span, proprietary airfoil (8% thick) 6 servo wing, V-tail, 66 oz., includes special SR TE battery, switch, 4 JR-341's, 2 JR 241's and 2 Volz XP's for the flaps. Excellent thermal ship. Drop in your receiver and fly for \$795.00.

Tom Gressman Home 303-979-8073 Office 303-744-3535 X3101 tom@newhorizonsccu.org

Yellow/Blue Escape

It was built by Lenny and includes: 2 XP Micro Maxx in Flaps, 2 Micro Maxx in Ailerons, 2 Micro Maxx in Fuse, 2 JR 241 for Trileron. Includes Ballast Bars. Includes Jaro padded bags for wings, fuse and v-tail. Stylus programming available. It has only been flown 4 times. Ready to Fly W/O Rx Price \$ 1350 Ready to Fly with Multiplex 9 Ch, Dual Conversion IPD Rx Price \$1450

Jon Padilla Tel 303-271-1899 ext. 24 Jon.Padilla@VECO.com

Club Trainer

It has been brought to my attention that our web page advertises that we have a club trainer for use in flight instruction. If anyone knows who might have this plane and radio – please call me or drop me an email. I had an inquiry recently from someone who wanted to take advantage of this service. Call (303) 464-9895 or email me at JimMonaco@earthlink.net.



RMSA Frequency List Updates

For those of you with internet access, I have created an application on the web page that allows you to see the RMSA member frequencies and to update your own set of frequencies on the web. The web URL is http://www.jmccconsulting.com/rmsa/freqman.htm. There are 5 functions on the left side of the page.

- 1. "All Frequencies Sorted by Frequency" shows all of the RMSA frequencies and who the owners are.
- All Frequencies Sorted by User Name" shows all of the RMSA frequencies organized by owner. 2.
- 3. "List my Frequencies" shows all of your personal entries in the frequency list. You must enter your AMA number see your personal frequencies – the system will prompt you for your AMA number.
- 4. Add a Frequency" allows you to add a frequency to your name. If you have not already entered your AMA number you will be
- prompted for it. "Delete a Frequency" allows you to delete a frequency from your name. If you have not already entered your AMA number you 5. will be prompted for it.

There are now 2 types of classifications for each frequency – Activity Level and Primary Purpose.

- ?? Activity Level indicates how actively you use that frequency
- ?? Primary Purpose indicates the main activity for the frequency

The purpose of this list is to help new and existing members select frequencies that minimize conflicts. Indicating the Primary Purpose for the frequency helps to define when and how the frequencies are used. I will be adding a function to display a list of frequencies by Primary Purpose and Activity level to help find unused frequencies, but currently none of this data is filled in so the report is not useful. In the future you will be able to ask for a frequency report that will show (for any Primary Purpose) sorted by Activity Level including unused frequencies for that purpose.

Please take some time to fill in the data for your planes. This is only as useful as it is accurate. The data can help each of you, not only in selecting a new frequency, but helps to ensure that others do not buy a transmitter (module) on your frequency.

For those of you that do not have internet access please call me and I will be happy to do the update for you. Please note that some member left a message about frequencies on my answering machine while I was out of town and it got erased before I updated the data, so please call me again, whoever you were.

Thanks for your help. Jim Monaco

RMSA Banquet

Once again we are planning our year end Awards banquet. The banquet will be held December 9th at Cinzetti's Italian Marketplace – the same place we had it last year. I had only great comments about the food and facility last year. All meals are "all you can eat" plus unlimited standard beverage (coffee, soda etc). There will be both breakfast and lunch foods available along with some great desserts.

Prices are: Adults \$17.95 Kids 8-12 \$ 6.85 Kids 4-7 \$ 5.60 Prices include the meal and standard drinks plus taxes and required 15% gratuity.

We will have the room from 11:00 until ??? Please be aware that Cinzetti's opens at 11:00 so there is no need to be early. Unlike last year where they did separate checks, this year the entire bill will be on one check for me to pay. Please include any nonstandard orders like drinks or wine that you order separately when you pay me and don't forget tax and gratuity. You can pay me in cash or check. Please pay me at or before the banquet - I do need an accurate count by the Friday before the Banquet so please call me or email me to confirm your attendance as soon as possible so I can get a preliminary count to size the reserved area..

We will have a great time – plan on attending with your families! Jim Monaco (303) 464-9895 or email JimMonaco@earthlink.net



RMSA Open Class Standings

										Nat.									
	Mar	Apr	May	F3J	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Lvl.	Best 6	Place	Prev Pts	Prev Wins	01 Pts	01 Wins	Tot Pts	Total Wins	Promo
Masters																			
Miller Skip	1000	1000	1000	886	1000	866	996	1000		996	5996	1							
Howard Mark	983	958	997	1000			629	935	1000	928	5873	2							
Lewan Bob	980	993	976	901	856	994	724	801	948	974	5865	3							
Bob Moffett	972	802	690	957	838	873	978	686	739	953	5571	4							
Phil Jones		812	895		798	990	988	877	989		5551	5							
Miller Charlie	961	876	935	849	747	932	808			970	5523	6							
Padilla John	966	906	688	942		647	1000			959	5461	7							
Gressman Tom	918	961	792		960		722	984	809		5424	8							
Keer Lenny		894	909	860	890	858	737		795	986	5397	9							
Don Ingram	939	863	680	639	991	769	580	952	703		5217	10							
Monaco Jim	946	749	926	803	683	732	516	747	993		5164	11							
Zika Jack	873	696	692		813	799	614	953	953		5087	12							
Shannon Bingham				908	924	953	798	534		957	5074	13							
Blakeslee Byron	949	735	571		633	917	850	727	842		5020	14							
Miller Dusty	974				980	1000	1000			989	4943	15							
Gary Lewan		828	480	799	633		624	646	867		4397	16							
Rice Bob		795	361		523		428				2107	17							
Pederson Bob			648		476	840					1964	19							
Jeff Burg	898										898	20							
Bob Douglas						615					615	21							
Barr Jim		183									183	22							
Bob Johnston							631	633	713		1977								
Sportsman											0								
Dr. Dan Williams	1000	938	704		1000	743	1000	509	1000		5681	1	0	0	13	3	13	3	
Bob Johnston		1000	1000		834	1000					3834	2	6	1	10	3	16	4	Р
Kevin Moffett				619	865		895	735			3114	3	7	1	7	0	14	1	
Ali Ghaffari		665		1000					866		2531	4		0	5	1	5	1	
John Kappus			773			617		1000			2390	5	13	2	5	1	18	3	
Mike Verzuh							991	586	658		2235	6			3	0	3	0	
Monaco Marc			758	375	468			461			2062	7	2		2	0	4	0	
Wayne Hollenbeck	655		427				602				1684	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Joseph Newcomb		844				711					1555	9			2	0	2	0	
Peter Baur									809		809	10			1	0	1	0	
Novice											0								
Ryan O'Hara			1000	1000		1000	1000		1000		5000	1			3	1	3	1	
Art Ries					1000		545				1545	2			0	0	0	0	



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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 RMS	GA:	
		Home Phone:	
		Work Phone:	
AMA #:	AMA Contest	Director? ? Yes ? No	
AMA Class ? Ope	n ? Youth ? Family	Birth Date://	
LSF #:LSF	LEVEL: NSS #:	E-Mail:	
		Senior W/Family ? Associate ? Fa S - other Family members check Fami	
Non-Flying Famil	y members:		
-	Class ? Novice d	? Sportsman ? Master	
		Bott.,Fuse) CLASS (Open,HLG,Std) FRE	
	? X-C contests ? Slo	sts ? HLG Contests ? NSS Soar-ins ope contests ? Other	
\$ 5.00 Junior \$ 25.00 Senior \$ 30.00 Family	r - individual 17 and ov v - any number (same ado .ate (newsletter only)	ver	
REMEMBER TO S Please send to:	IGN THE FIELD RULES	Please include these with your for	cm !



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

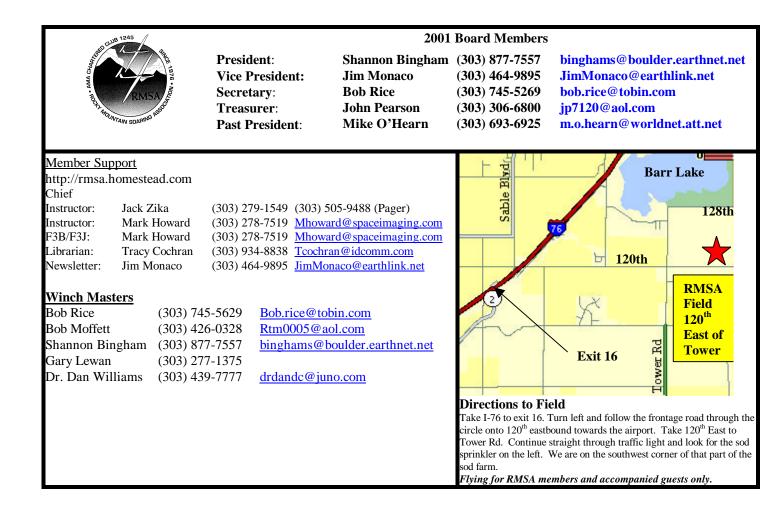


2001 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Event	CD	Notes
Jan. 2	RMSA Meeting	~-	
Feb. 6	RMSA Meeting		
Feb 2-4	Southwest Classic		CASL Southwest Classic - Phoenix AZ
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
Dec. 15	PPSS UPEN		Drum Tity

*Club Open points contest ** Club HLG points contest

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





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