



Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

March 2006

AMA Chartered Club 1245

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President's Message **Jim Monaco**

It has been a very busy few months for me. I have been traveling a lot for work, flying models less than I like and I'm trying to coordinate the US Team's adventure to the worlds. It appears I am not doing any of them very well... The good news is that a new season is upon us. I kick off the year with the annual Pro/Am event. This is your opportunity to get the rust off in a relaxed contest type environment. In this event we pair up the newer pilots with the more experienced pilots for a casual team event. I am going to run it open winch this year, and you can fly all you want after your counting flights are in. See the contest announcement for details. I hope to see many of our newer, less experienced pilots out for the opportunity to learn a lot working all day with an experienced pilot. I hope to see our veterans out helping the new guys and getting tuned up for the contest season!

Remember we are flying on the EAST field and have no access to the old WEST field any more. It's a new season and you need to renew your memberships. We (I) have just purchased all the awards for the contest season, so we need your membership renewals to be sent in promptly to help the treasury.

Renew online with your credit card at <http://www.rmsadenver.com> .

See you at the PRO/AM

Jim Monaco

US F3J Team Manager 2006

Contest Announcement

8TH ANNUAL RMSA PRO/AM - March 5, 2006

What is it?	A fun TEAM soaring event with 2-man teams picked randomly.
Who is it for?	Everyone - One Pro and one AM per team.
Why?	To help new and current non-contest fliers learn to fly better, for our Masters to pass on their fantastic knowledge, and to tune up for the coming soaring season.
Where?	Club Field – we will be using the EAST field. The one we finished the season on last year.

How will it work?

One Pro and one Amateur will be paired as a team for the entire day. The team scores will be combined at the end of the day to determine the winning team.

- This year we will be running an open winch event – the purpose of which is to break ease into the contest season.
- The first round of open winch is to get planes ready and trimmed. Am's can fly as many times as possible in the window – but only the LAST flight counts. Pro's get ONE flight in the window. All other rounds the pilot's first flight counts for the round.
- The CD will be the final arbiter of who qualifies as a PRO and who is an AM.
- After both the pilots in a team have completed their scoring flights, they can fly for fun on any open winch until the beginning of the next window.

Masters - *This is an opportunity to have some fun and help out our newest flyers and members... and tune-up for the contest season.*

Beginners/Novices - *This is your opportunity to work one on one with a Master for a whole day, and even if you never fly another "contest" this will improve your soaring skills a great deal. Come take advantage of it...*

Date:	Sunday March 5, 2006
Registration:	8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Pilot's Meeting:	9:00 AM
First Round:	9:15 AM
CD:	Jim Monaco (303) 464-9895 jimMonaco@earthlink.net

No Entry Fee, AMA Membership Required

Certificates will be awarded to the top 3 scoring teams and the top Pro and Amateur

March 19th Open Contest CD Mike Verzuh

First Open of the Year!

REGISTRATION	8:30 AM Seniors \$5.00 Juniors \$3.00
PILOTS MEETING	9:10 AM
FIRST FLIGHT	9:30 AM

Battery Masters - Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:45 AM.

TASKS T1 International Duration - man on man launching in rapid succession.

The task times for all rounds will be based on weather conditions but a priority will be for 10 min times...

Skegs can be used!

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

Scoring: Man on Man, random flight group assignment.

From The Secretary

The table below lists all the members that have renewed for 2006. If you have not renewed, you will not receive this newsletter. If you have sent in your renewal and your name is not on this list or there are any mistakes in the list, please contact me. My e-mail address and phone number are on the last page.

Bob Rice

full name	address	city	state	zip	phone
Bill Moxon	2626 W 6th St.	Greeley	CO	80634	970-304-9008
Bob Rice	1123 S. Oakland St.	Aurora	CO	80012	303-745-5629
Bob Vixie	3445 Possum Ct	Colorado Springs	CO	80918	719-528-6847
Byron Blakeslee	1448 W. Briarwood Ave	Littleton	CO	80120	303-738-1104
Charles Cadillac	880 S Dudley St.	Lakewood	CO	80226	303-985-9997
Clarence Dollmeyer	2513 E 104th Ave #1421	Thornton	CO	80233	303-457-2708
Cody Remington	1254 Harper Lake Ct.	Louisville	CO	80027	303-661-9244
Daniel Kuik	1150 Lilac St	Broomfield	CO	80020	303-465-4532
Dave Thompson	1740 W 102nd Ave	Denver	CO	80260-6386	303-438-5765
Denny Rosenberger	711 S. Holly St.	Denver	CO	80246	303-322-5616
Don Ingram	1345 Grant Ave	Louisville	CO	80027	303-666-9568
Douglas KuiK	1150 Lilac St	Broomfield	CO	80020	303-465-4532
Dr. Danny Williams	26 Garden Center Ste 1	Broomfield	CO	80020	303-903-2291
George Blair	448 Buffalo Bill Circle	Golden	CO	80401	303-526-5420
Guy Russo	PO Box 284	Coeurd'Alene	ID	83816	208-659-4747
Hal Remington	1254 Harper Lake Ct	Louisville	CO	80027	303-661-9244
Jack L. Dech	PO BOX 25188	Colorado Springs	CO	80936	719-590-7673
Jack Zika	2390 Braun Dr.	Golden	CO	80401	303-279-1549
James Asbury	5924 E 113th Ave	Thornton	CO	80233	303-255-2858
Jim Barr	1255 Ivy St	Denver	CO	80220	303-355-3833
Jim Monaco	103 Breckenridge Trail	Broomfield	CO	80020	303-464-9895
John Kappus	851 Lafayette St.	Denver	CO	80218	303-861-7121
John Lovins	5806 W 129th Pl	Thornton	CO	80602	303-254-9602
Jon Padilla	9515 S. Estes Wy	Littleton	CO	80127	303-932-2504
Keith Cox	21356 E 44th Ave	Denver	CO	80249-7060	
Ken Jochim	3865 Norwood Ct	Boulder	CO	80304	303-444-3206
Ken Roberts	11593 River Run Circle	Henderson	CO	80640	303-289-3977
Lenny Keer	5013 W 9th St	Greeley	CO	80634	970-352-1194
Mark Howard	19015 W. 62nd Ave.	Golden	CO	80403	303-278-7519
Mark Smith, Dist IX VP					
Mike Nelson	4050 Odessa St	Denver	CO	80249	303-562-5850
Mike Verzuh	616 S. CR 23	Berthoud	CO	80513	970-532-0638
Peter Baur	2522 Milwaukee St.	Denver	CO	80210	303-758-0422
Robert Moffett	8330 Zuni St #120	Denver	CO	80221-4674	303-426-0328
Robert Pederson	7130 Sedona Hills Dr	Berthoud	CO	80153	970-532-3437
Ryan O'Hara	5491 S. Youngfield Ct	Littleton	CO	80127	303-638-9913
Shannon Bingham	1750 30th St #424	Boulder	CO	80301	303-877-7557
Shawn O'Rourke	5907 South Hill St	Littleton	CO	80120	303798-1004
Skip Miller	2100 Emerald Rd	Boulder	CO	80304	303-442-6454
Steve Suntken	2689 Meade St.	Denver	CO	80211	303-477-6184

Tom Powers	10361 Tennyson Ct.	Westminster	CO	80031	303-466-2678
Tom Gressman	7753 Emerald Peak	Littleton	CO	80127	303-979-8073
Tony O'Hara	5491 S. Youngfield Ct	Littleton	CO	80127	303-948-2576
Tracy Cochran	680 S. Canosa Ct.	Denver	CO	80219	303-934-8838
Travis McGinnis	8028 W. 81 Circle	Arvada	CO	80005	303-422-5720
Wayne Angevine	4160 26th St.	Boulder	CO	80304	303-443-5165

Indoor Fun Fly from Kansas City Flying Circuits

Kansas City Flying Circuits
5247 Granada
Roeland Park, Kansas 66205

On behalf of Castle Creations and Kansas City Flying Circuits, we cordially extend this invitation to the 3rd annual Mid-America Indoor Fun Fly. The event will take place the 18th and 19th of March, 2006. Set-up day will be the 17th. The event website with details and on-line sign-up is at www.kcflyingcircuits.com/miff. For your convenience, a copy of the event flyer is attached.

The event this year will take place at the new home of our club, the fabulous 56,000 sq. ft. Business & Technology College Exhibit Hall, located at 1775 Universal Avenue Kansas City, MO 64120, just off of I-435 and Front Street. The host hotel for the event is just across the parking lot from the hall. Direct access from the airport to the hall by I-435.

Your support of this event as an exhibitor, vendor, and /or sponsor would be greatly appreciated. Located in the very heart of the country we draw participants and spectators from far and wide. This event is an excellent opportunity to showcase new products and technology for the RC community. Our heritage of mid-west hospitality will be extended to one and all. If there is anything we can do to accommodate your participation, please ask. Donations for event prizes and drawings can be sent to the club address listed above. Reservations for booth space and vendor tables can be emailed to larry@kcflyingcircuits.com, mailed to the club address listed above or call (816) 591-2808. Electronic banners in JPEG or GIFF format can be forwarded to the President of the club, Leonard Gaither daprez@kcflyingcircuits.com for inclusion in internet and print advertising. Questions about the event can be directed to me or Leonard (816) 820-2675.

Warmest regards,

Larry Wright
Club Secretary
(816) 591-2808

For Sale

No Items for sale this month

RMSA FINANCIALS

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Account Transactions
First Bank Checking

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance					1,692.66
Month Ending 01/31/04					
	01/08/04	AMA	Reimbursement	938.96	2,631.62
1800	01/08/04	Bob Rice	Newsletter	(165.40)	2,466.22
1801	01/24/04	Jim Monaco	Winch Stuff	(530.00)	1,936.22
Total Month Ending 01/31/04				243.56	
Month Ending 02/29/04					
1802	02/03/04	Jim Monaco	Winch Stuff	(147.00)	1,789.22
Total Month Ending 02/29/04				(147.00)	
Month Ending 03/31/04					
1803	03/10/04	Jim Monaco	Winch Stuff	(768.55)	1,020.67
	03/22/04	PayPal	Club Dues	506.34	1,527.01
1804	03/24/04	Charlie Miller	Repairs	(260.00)	1,267.01
1805	03/24/04	Jim Monaco	Repairs	(100.00)	1,167.01
Total Month Ending 03/31/04				(622.21)	
Month Ending 05/31/04					
	05/10/04	Jim Monaco	contest fees	85.00	1,252.01
	05/29/04	Bob Rice	Club Dues	455.00	1,707.01
Total Month Ending 05/31/04				540.00	
Month Ending 06/30/04					
	06/01/04	Jim Monaco	contest fees	95.00	1,802.01
1806	06/26/04	Dan Williams	Trophies	(642.04)	1,159.97
Total Month Ending 06/30/04				(547.04)	
Month Ending 07/31/04					
	07/10/04	Jim Monaco	contest fees	321.62	1,481.59
	07/16/04	Jim Monaco	contest fees	90.00	1,571.59
	07/17/04	Nelson	Club Dues	25.00	1,596.59
1807	07/17/04	Bob Rice	Newsletter/Supplies	(310.14)	1,286.45
	07/30/04	Jim Monaco	contest fees	85.00	1,371.45
Total Month Ending 07/31/04				211.48	
Month Ending 12/31/04					
	12/11/04	Jim Monaco	contest fees/members fees	373.00	1,744.45
1809	12/12/04	Dan Williams	Trophies	(588.64)	1,155.81
1810	12/31/04	Jeff Ellsworth	new winch	(250.00)	905.81
Total Month Ending 12/31/04				(465.64)	
Month Ending 03/31/05					
	03/04/05	PayPal	Club Dues	451.40	1,357.21
	03/07/05	John Pearson	Club Dues	25.00	1,382.21
1812	03/24/05	Jim Monaco	Bills : Membership Fees	(611.57)	770.64
Total Month Ending 03/31/05				(135.17)	
Month Ending 05/31/05					
	05/09/05	1st Bank	Revised Balance	17.60	788.24
Total Month Ending 05/31/05				17.60	
Month Ending 06/30/05					

Account Transactions
First Bank Checking

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
	07/10/05	F3J Team Selection Fees	Split/Multiple Categories	277.58	1,470.82
	Total Month Ending 07/31/05			277.58	
Month Ending 08/31/05					
	08/13/05	Jim Monaco	contest fees	84.92	1,555.74
1814	08/18/05	Jim Monaco	Bills : F3J, Winch supplies, sod farm gift	(885.97)	669.77
	Total Month Ending 08/31/05			(801.05)	
Month Ending 09/30/05					
1815	09/01/05	Bob Rice	Newsletter/Supplies	(228.49)	441.28
1818	09/01/05	Jim Monaco	Sod Farm Picnic	(87.00)	354.28
1816	09/15/05	JoElyn Newcomb	Raffle Stuff	(143.80)	210.48
1817	09/15/05	Jim Monaco	Awards	(121.42)	89.06
	09/28/05	Jim Monaco	contest fees F3J	598.08	687.14
	Total Month Ending 09/30/05			17.37	
Month Ending 11/30/05					
	11/09/05	Jim Monaco	contest fees	180.00	867.14
	Total Month Ending 11/30/05			180.00	
Month Ending 12/31/05					
1820	12/01/05	Byron Blakeslee	contest fees	(20.00)	847.14
1821	12/10/05	Jim Monaco	Awards	(326.86)	520.28
	Total Month Ending 12/31/05			(346.86)	
Grand Total				(1,172.38)	520.28

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Account Transactions
First Bank Savings

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Balance
	Opening Balance				678.16
Month Ending 03/31/04					
	03/31/04	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	2.27	680.43
	Total Month Ending 03/31/04			2.27	
Month Ending 07/31/04					
	07/17/04	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	1.69	682.12
	Total Month Ending 07/31/04			1.69	
Month Ending 10/31/04					
	10/31/04	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	0.58	682.70
	Total Month Ending 10/31/04			0.58	
Month Ending 02/28/05					
	02/05/05	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	3.60	686.30
	Total Month Ending 02/28/05			3.60	
Month Ending 04/30/05					
	04/05/05	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	0.52	686.82
	Total Month Ending 04/30/05			0.52	
Month Ending 11/30/05					
	11/03/05	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	5.75	692.57
	Total Month Ending 11/30/05			5.75	
Month Ending 02/28/06					
	02/04/06	1st Bank	Investment Income : Interest	2.36	694.93
	Total Month Ending 02/28/06			2.36	
Grand Total				16.77	694.93

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2006

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: \$ 7.50 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

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 areas 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. You **MUST** tag your winch/high start spikes or stakes with fluorescent tape so they are easily spotted on the field by all concerned. Members may be fined \$10 for each stake or nail not so marked. Previous damage to sod farm equipment from spikes left in the ground have made this rule **EXTREMELY** important.
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

2006 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
January 21	Combo (PPSS)	Joel Zellmer	Fun Fly
February 7	RMSA Meeting		
February 11-12			SWC - Phoenix
February 26	Combo (PPSS)	Bob Avery	Snow Fly
March 5	Pro/Am	Jim Monaco	
March 7	RMSA Meeting	Jim Monaco	
March 19	Open*	Mike Verzuh	
March 25	Combo (PPSS)	Chris Keller	March Madness
April 4	RMSA Meeting		
April 9	Open*	Don Ingram	
April 23	Combo (PPSS)	Mike Fritz	Humps and Bumps
May 2	RMSA Meeting		
May 7	Open*	Bob Moffett	
May 13	HLG**	John Kappus	SATURDAY
May 20	Electric	John Read	Watts O Fun
May 27-28	F3J in the Rockies*	Jim Monaco	
June 3-4			IHLG - California Event
June 6	RMSA Meeting		
June 11	Open* +2m + RES	Dr. Dan	Combination event
June 17	F5J	Steve Suntken	Electric - SATURDAY
June 24	HLG**	John Kappus	Saturday
June 25	Combo (PPSS)	Dave Kurth	Memorial
July 5	RMSA Meeting		
July 9	Open*	Mike Verzuh	F3J with winches
July 16	HLG**	John Kappus	
July 21-28			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
July 22	Combo (PPSS)	Greg Tarcza	Height O' the Season
July 28-Aug 5	F3J WC		Martin Slovakia
August 1	RMSA Meeting		
August 13	Open*	Steve Suntken	F3J with winches
August 19	Combo (PPSS)	Greg Tarcza	Howling Coyote (night fly)
August 20	HLG**	John Kappus	
August 26	F5J	Steve Suntken	Electric -SATURDAY
September 5	RMSA Meeting		
September 10	Open*	Bob Rice	Colorado Challenge Cup
September 30	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Also Family Day - SATURDAY
Sept. 22-24	MoM		Masters of Soaring (Muncie)
September 24	Combo (PPSS)	Bob Avery	Soar Bash
October 1	HLG**	John Kappus	
October 7-8			Visalia Fall Fest
October 3	RMSA Meeting		
October 15	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
October 21	Combo (PPSS)	Joel Zellmer	Witches Brew
November 7	RMSA Meeting		
November 12	Open*	Jim Monaco	
November 19	Combo (PPSS)	John Read	Turkey Shoot
December 3	RMSA Banquet		

*Club Open points contest (Best 6 Scores)

**Club HLG points contest (Best 3 including the PPSS HLG event)

Italics indicates PPSS events held at their location in COS



2006 Board Members

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Treasurer:	John Pearson	(303) 306-6800	mailto:JTP1006@earthlink.net
Past President:	Dr. Danny Williams	(303) 903-2291	drdandc@juno.com

Member Support

<http://www.rmsadenver.com>

Chief

Instructor: Mike Verzuh (303) 279-1549 (303) 505-9488 (Pager)

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Winch Master

Mike Verzuh (970) 532-0638 <mailto:mike@verzuh.com>

Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
 Skip Miller
 Jim Monaco
 Cody and Hal
 Remington
 Joseph and Jim
 Newcomb
 Steve Suntken (Temp)
 Mike Verzuh

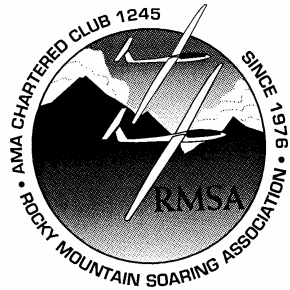
For Winch Use:

If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



Directions to Field

Take I-76 to exit 16. Turn left and follow the frontage road to the stoplight and turn east onto 120th eastbound towards the airport. Take 120th East to Tower Rd. Take 120th east of Tower Rd about 3/4 miles. We fly on the North side of 120th which is the SE quadrant of the sod farm. *Flying for RMSA members and accompanied guests only.*



Rocky Mountain Soaring Association
 1123 S. Oakland St
 Aurora CO 80012

First Class Mail

Forwarding Address Requested