



Thermals

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President's Message Jim Monaco

Mike Verzuh for Jim Monaco

I am subbing for Jim for this month's president's message as he and our US F3J Team are working on bringing home a championship. First off I want to share the latest news from the World Championships (WC). The preliminary event (Martin Cup) is in the books and our team finished very strong! Actually I think that is a bit of an understatement. We had two seniors (Joe Wurts and Tom Kiesling) and two Juniors (Joe Newcomb and Cody Remington) in the final flyoffs. This is out of a field of 175 – not bad. The final placing in the flyoffs were: Joe Wurts 1st, Cody Remington 2nd, Joe Newcomb 4th and Tom Kiesling (12th). Also of note our illustrious Pres bagged 19th overall. Skip had a couple of mishaps and finished 26th overall. It looks like this should be a great warm-up for our team, and lets hope they keep the strong flying going and the mishaps are all out of the way. For complete results here is the link to the WC site:

<http://www.rcmklub.sk/wcf3j2006/index.php?item=8>

I hope everyone is staying busy with lots of flying. Overall the hot weather continues, but we still have great soaring conditions. I want to put a plug in for the August 13th Contest. Dr. Dan will be running a combination event. Open, 2-meter, and RES. We should have the normal type of Open competition with some added flavor. This will be a great event for those wanting to get started in contest flying. There will be lots of help, and the 2-meter and RES formats should appeal to a broad range of flyers. Come out and have some fun.

With the WC travel we won't have an August club meeting. There is no club business outstanding. Hopefully we can entice our WC club competitors to come to the September meeting and share some stories with us. Other than that I would like to encourage any new flyers looking for assistance to give a call to one of the club support staff. We will be glad to help out. Until next month stay safe and enjoy the great Colorado soaring conditions.

Mike

Next Meeting: None this month

Date/Time:

Location:

Program:

July OPEN CONTEST REPORT

So.... I went so far as to predict we would have wonderful Colorado blue skies weather for the July contest. Mother Nature did deliver us blue skies, but we also got a 100-degree day. The good news is we had 10 fearless contestants arrive. The plan was to set out five winches so we could get in as many rounds as possible, and then allow our US World Championship team members (Skip, Cody and Joe) some launch practice. Everyone pitched in setting up the winches. The sprinklers looked like they would hold position, but of course they didn't. We repositioned the winches and got started.

The flying was good. We had good lift overall with moderate winds. Because we could run two groups per round we were able to get in a lot of fast paced flying. We had to adjust the winches one more time to avoid a tailwind, but we were still able to get in six rounds. At the end of the day only 6.5 raw points separated the top four places! Jim Newcomb has some bad luck on launch, Bob Vixie had receiver problems, but otherwise no other issues. In the end Skip prevailed for a 1st. I took second, Joseph took third, John Kappus corralled 4th and Dr. Dan came 5th. In the end we had a very nice day, even with the heat.

CD: Mike Verzuh

July HLG CONTEST REPORT

Our second contest was held under fabulous conditions of sunshine, low winds, and abundant thermals. Participation was sparse due to time demands of the F3J world championships for several of the normal flyers. Since we had only 3 competitors and no extra people to time, we had to get very inventive to have a contest at all. We ended up running 2 groups of 2 for each round with a single timer scoring and counting down for both pilots. One person had to fly twice in each round with their assigned group counting for their score and flying as a spoiler only for the other group. This second score didn't count for the spoiler pilot, but could lower the score of the person that they flew against. Timing was tough as you had to click the right watch for each flyer.

Steve was doing well, but broke his plane when a too short wing screw came loose. He finished the contest with my practice poly plane and adapted quickly. John Lovins flew strongly only giving up a bunch of points in round 4 when he couldn't find the 3 minute thermal after his 4 minute flight. I flew a 9oz aileron ship for the whole contest, but still can't quite make it go up like my 8oz poly.

Come on out next month for some fun. We really need the pilots!

John Kapus

Results

Name	1		2		3		4		5		6		Grand Total	Norm Score	Plc				
	norm score	total	norm score	total	norm score	total	norm score	total	norm score	total	norm score	total							
John Kappus	Ba	1000	A	921	1921	Ab	1000	2921	Ba	1000	3921	A	1000	4921	Ab	1000	5921	1000	1
John Lovins	A	950	B	1000	1950	B	1000	2950	B	679	3629	B	1000	4629	B	980	5609	947	2
Steve Suntken	B	864	Ab	1000	1864	A	661	2525	A	913	3438	Ab	688	4126	A	850	4976	840	3

Contest Announcements for this month

SUNDAY AUGUST 13 th Combination Contest CD Dr Danny Williams

Model Sailplane Contest



**Rocky mountain soaring
association announces
August club open contest**



Come and enjoy premiere sailplane flying. Novices to expert welcome all launch winches are provided.

Three classes will be flown: 2 Meter, RES (rudder elevator spoiler) and OPEN (> 2 meter). All events will be flown Man On Man, and each class flown separately if enough contestants per class, otherwise Open will be flown separately and RES and 2 Meter will be combined.

This event provides no interference with the OPEN Class Championship and still allows fun classes to be flown the same day. So dust off the 2 Meter and RES ships and come out and have some fun.

Sunday August 13 th. Location: Scienturfc Sod Farm, north side of 120th just 1 mile past 120th and tower road. Time: Pilots meeting 8:45 AM

For more information contact: Dr. Dan (Cell 303-903-2291 or Home 719-488-3680) Or Mike at (970) 532-0638



SUNDAY AUGUST 20th HLG Contest CD John Kappus

The Season's 23rd Hand Launch Event This is a SUNDAY Event

Entry Fee: \$2.00

Registration: 9:00 AM

Pilot's Meeting: 9:15 AM

First Flight: 9:30 AM

Tasks: Tasks derived from the International Hand Launch Contest. 6-7 rounds will be flown. There will be a 1st timer friendly format! New flyers get 1st choice of their timer/coach. Others pick in reverse order of last years standings. Alternate throwers OK for anyone outside the top 5.

Come on out and have some fun! We really need the pilots!

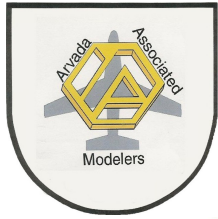
SATURDAY AUGUST 26th F5J ELECTRIC Contest CD Steve Suntken

NO COST "fun fly"

Saturday, August 26--we will once again be holding an F5 J comp at RMSA's field. Three Classes...sp400..7 cell, & open.. This will be the final comp of the year and warm-up for the three pilots who will compete in the ESWCs, Moriarty NM. September 8-10. Bring out your plane and play with us. It DOES NOT have to be a top of the line competition model to have fun with us. No entry fees...No wood, just braggn' rights

We'll start around 9:00 AM. -**Steve**

Second Annual AMA District IX “Vintage Radio Control Society” & “Old Timers” Fun Fly



AMA Sanction #6-202

Host: Arvada Associated Modelers

When: August 26 & 27, 2006
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Arvada Associated Modelers Airpark
7608 Highway 93, Golden, Colorado 80401

For map and information go to: www.arvadamodelers.com

Vintage* & Old Timer* R/C Aircraft

(* See websites below for plane descriptions)

Who can enter: Any AMA member having an R/C model that's listed on the eligible VRCS list. *Go to: www.vintagercsociety.org for list of planes, classifications and definitions. Events include: Open, Pattern Class I-II-III, and Concours for Vintage models designed or kitted prior to 1970, including the featured VR/CS “One Design-Falcon 56” for this year as a Class II plane. Electric and/or glow power allowed and will be flown together. Scaling up and/or down allowed (no battery/motor restrictions apply).

A Timed Climb and Glide event for “Old Timer” models kitted or designed prior to 1943.

*Go to: www.antiquemodeler.org for Old Timer “R/C Assist” list of planes.

Original model engines of this era will have the muffler requirement waived if originally manufactured without a factory muffler. Engines manufactured after 1970 will use mufflers. **Glow and/or Electric power as well as scaling up and/or down allowed. Electric powered planes will fly in separate Limited Motor Run (LMR) event (no battery/motor restrictions apply).**

Contest director:

Travis McGinnis AMA L-418 (303) 422-5720 e-mail: travismcgnn@comcast.net
Contact Contest Director after March 15, 2006 for pre-registration materials.

Pre-Entry fee: \$15/pilot 1st event + \$5 for 2nd event until August 19.

Entry fee after Aug. 19 (postmarked) or at event: \$20/pilot 1st event + \$10 for 2nd event.

Awards & Prizes: Plaques - 1st 2nd 3rd place in all events + merchandise prizes

Overnight parking spaces available at the Field for self contained campers/motor homes, no hookups avail.

Flying Field will be open Friday, August 25 for practice 10:00 AM till dark.

Open flying after meet each day

AMA Membership required -See AMA website: www.modelaircraft.org

AMA District IX website: www.amadistrict-ix.org

Come join us and fly on this rare occasion to see Radio Control Model History repeated with many of the Great Models that created that History. (2-10-2006)

For Sale

WANTED BEGINNER (STILL AVAILABLE!)

Art Reis's old 2M poly Wanderer is available again for some new beginner to have, enjoy and learn from! It is old & battered, but flies well and is a complete system ready to fly at no charge to the taker!

I only ask that it get's passed on (if still viable!) to some new person when you're thru with it!

The last "owner" learned very quickly using it and has now graduated to a Super Scooter (He prefers slope!)

Contact Tony O'Hara 303-948-2576 or email me at tonyoco@peoplepc.com if you know someone who would benefit from this model.

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 (Revised 6-2-06)

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



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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.



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