

Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

November 2006 AMA Chartered Club 1245 Volume XXX Number 11

Presidents Message

The cold is rolling in, but there is still plenty of soaring time left. I hope you get out and take advantage of it. I have cancelled the Scienturfic Appreciation and Family Day event. We were rescheduled twice and I am unable to run organize the event myself due to travel. Since we had no volunteers to organize the event in my absence we will not have it this year. I will instead arrange for some gifts for the Sod Farm Staff.

There have been no volunteers or nominations for President and VP for next year. I am stepping down after several years so we need someone to continue to organize the club activities. I am not sure what will happen if no one steps up, so please consider volunteering for this job.

I will be again organizing the annual banquet for December (yes it's that time again). I will likely schedule it for Cinzetti's again unless I hear some complaints or other options are proposed. I am not against changing the venue if you like. Please let me know your preferences. I will distribute final details via email and in the December newsletter. Please check the RMSA Calendar and reserve that Sunday morning.

A final task of my presidency is to arrange a gift for the Sod Farm owner to thank him for his generosity. I will be getting him a ticketmaster gift certificate so he can attend the event of his choice.

On a happy note, I am please to let you know that I have always participated in raffles and always said "This is a donation, I never win anything". I can't say that anymore!!! I was informed that I was winner of the raffle held by the Canadian F3J team. I actually purchased ticket number 1 that was drawn as the grand prize winner. (they even sent me a video of the drawing...). The prize?? A brand spanking new Pike Perfect with an Airtronics RD8000 radio system. WOO HOO.... I had just completed my purchased Pike Perfect when the call came. What a sweet ship – and now I have a primary and a backup. I guess that settles the question of what I am campaigning next year!

This is the beginning of the Holiday season and I wish each of you a great holiday and hope you take some time off to enjoy it.

Jim

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: Sunday November 12th **Location:** On field after contest

Program:

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st HLG Contest Report

Our last contest for the HLG season was held on October 1st. We were once again blessed with a near perfect handlaunch day with unseasonably warm temps and light thermal breezes. Joseph and Jim Newcomb joined us for their first contest of the season. Dave Jenson and brother Garry came out again but this time sporting a new XP-4.

The level of flying continues to improve with the tightest scoring on record for a handlaunch contest. Most rounds had near max times for the time slot. Every throw had to count. 1st to 4th was separated by just 90 points and Steve was down 125 points in 5th just because he broke his plane in the final round. Dave and Garry were sharing the XP-4 but unfortunately they had airplane issues that forced their retirement after the 1st round. The plane exhibited pronounced flutter on launch, but it was the crashes from the receiver getting swamped when flying closely over other transmitters that finally toasted a servo. Their antenna was routed inside the carbon boom fuse which might have contributed to the problem.

Joseph flew brilliantly as usual, but his request to fly the dreaded (at least by me) ladder task finally got him. He ended up a few feet short of the boundary trying to stretch his last ladder flight which cost him 160 points. Even winning 5 of the next 6 rounds couldn't make up the points deficit. John Lovins flew solidly as usual to a close 3rd. Jim Newcomb impressed all with good flying and air reading. It seems like just yesterday that Jim was launching for Joseph. Now Joseph is asking if he can throw for his dad 'cause he doesn't throw high enough! Steve was right in the mix until plane issues in the last round dropped him down. Dave and Garry stayed around to help and learn and vow to come back prepared next year. They even have been asking about other regional contests.

Build or buy a plane this winter so you too can be ready for the exciting 2007 season!

Results

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John Lovins	В	1000	В	1000	2000	Α	926	2926	В	958	3884	В	847	4731	В	883	5614	Α	1000	6614	956	3
Jim Newcomb	Α	800	В	983	1783	В	934	2717	В	930	3647	Α	956	4603	Α	691	5294	В	1000	6294	910	5
Steve Suntken	Α	1000	Α	924	1924	В	853	2777	Α	1000	3777	Α	1000	4777	В	821	5598	В	455	6053	875	4
Dave Jensen	В	800																		800	116	6
Gary Jensen	Α	714																		714	103	7

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th Open Contest Report

The October contest featured the kind of weather we all dream about for contests. Perfect. Thanks to everyone who made this such a perfect event. Jim for scoring and all of the winchmasters. This was probably one of our closest contests ever as evidenced by the scores below. thanks to everyone for the intense competition and fine camaraderie. See you in November.

Shannon

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12	М	Bob Lewan	4	1000	1000	991.68	990.39	996.7	1000	5978.77	6	1		4988.38	997.83	997.83	4
11	M	Charles Mill	5	992.7	998.57	999.52	993.95	994.82	1000	5979.57	6	1		4986.87	997.53	997.53	5
13	М	Dr. Danny W	6	994.28	998.89	1000	998.76	993.18	984.27	5969.38	6	1		4985.1	997.18	997.18	6
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th Open Contest CD Jim Monaco

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM Seniors \$5.00 Juniors \$3.00

PILOTS MEETING 9:00 AM

FIRST FLIGHT Flying as soon after as possible **TASKS**: Standard T1 Thermal Duration

Landing: AMA landing tapes

Scoring:

Times to be announced before each round

Battery Masters - Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:45 AM and "topped-up" charged

RMSA 2006 STANDINGS (YTD)

Please check that your out of town contest data is the correct one. No changes will be allowed after the November contest date. (Nov 12th)

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For Sale

Pike Superior X-tail. Supra white/red

Contact Tom Gressman

303-979-8073 or at tgressman@aol.com

After the worlds sale--pro level stuff

1.ready to fly Sharon pro 3.7,(has "skip miller" molded into wing).. flown on short hi start plug and play 1250 perfect all Volz....a masters winner!!!

- 2. lucky yelo red superior, carbon 80 center /68 tips plug and play (made the team with this one) scratch free 1350
- 3. 2 tempests v-tail mh 32, one tree ding(3 inches and repaired, plug and play 850 and 650..unsung model --very cool 2 piece removable vtails MH32 airframes are \$1095!
- 4. space pro with tow hook in the right spot, scratch free, plug and play \$950(airframe is 1095)

All above models have \$300-\$400 in servos in them and are all "Lenny or Skip built"...you do the math

RMSA MEMBERS ONLY DEALS

- 1. XANTIPA 2 X Tail ..the only one in the universe, beautiful 3.7 meter, just got last week mh32, 3.44 M model will sell for \$1175, but will sell to club member for \$975, if I am allowed to fly it. He made the x-tail specifically for skipmillermodels 2200g
- 2. RES VISALIA WINER TOPAZ kits \$425(norm 639) for Reg (2 avail) and \$495(norm 779) for Topaz L(3avail)...these are well below cost...and you can go beat up on PERFECTS and ESPADAS with them AND if you go to PHEONIX you can fly TWO Classes!!!

Contact Skip Miller

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Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships. Renew with the application in this newsletter, (below)

Or on-line at http://www.rmsadenver.com

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2007

RENEWAL	_ NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
	Please complete the	following information for our records:
Family Memberships	- Please make and complete a cop	y for EACH flying family member!
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOARING ASSOCIATION FIELD RULES

- The sod farm operations take precedence over ALL activities. We use the field at the convenience of 1. the owner.
- All members will follow ALL instructions from ANY sod farm personnel without question. 2.
- 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.
- Park only in the designated parking areas Do not park on grass, dirt or roads. 4.
- Avoid setting up on newly seeded areas or young grassy areas. The nice grassy areas are better to land 5. on anyway!
- Establish a frequency control pole and tag system! Frequency control is to be in effect at all times!! All 6. 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.
- Parking and pit areas should be as condensed as possible for the safety of launch and landing. 7.
- Establish flight line areas for winch launch, high start launch, and hand launch that are separate for the 8. 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.
- You MUST tag your winch/high start spikes or stakes with fluorescent tape so they are easily spotted on 20. the field by all concerned. Members may be fined \$10 for each stake or not not so marked

	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.
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2006 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar (Revised 6-2-06)

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^{*}Club Open points contest (Best 6 Scores)

Italics indicates PPSS events held at their location in COS

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



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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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