



Thermals

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President's Message Jim Monaco

Presidents Message

Happy Holidays!

It's getting cold now and the soaring opportunities are getting more limited. I can deal with the cold, but the snow lasts longer and that is the real problem. I'm hoping for a warm-up to get rid of this stuff. I may get a chance to get some soaring in soon while I am in Albuquerque to see my new granddaughter. While she is still in the oven, the labor has started and I am on red alert for departure! It will be an exciting Christmas for me.

An acquaintance of mine recently gave me some gliders that his father used to fly and asked me to find a good home for them. I have no idea what they are; Skip is trying to identify them now. These are free to some beginner that could use a new ship. See the descriptions in the for sale section.

Just before Thanksgiving I bought a bunch of turkeys and brought them out to the staff at the sod farm. Since we were not able to get the picnic in this year I brought them some turkeys to distribute to the staff. It was much appreciated by them and is a small price to pay for the good will of workers and owner. We have a great location there and the staff has been very good about making sure the sprinkler is out of the way for our events. If you see the staff – be sure to thank them for their cooperation!

The annual banquet will be **next Sunday**; details are later in the newsletter. Be sure to make time to come and enjoy some great food and the company of your friends. Please email me (jimmonaco@earthlink.net) ASAP if you intend to come – I need a rough count so we can ensure we have a big enough room.

At the banquet will be voting on the new officers. All candidates are running unopposed so the voting should be easy. Tony, Bob and John are continuing as newsletter editor, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Mike Verzuh is the candidate for President and Steve Suntkin is the VP candidate.

If you are intending on going to the Southwest Classic in Phoenix there are some terrific fares right now. Frontier is offering flights as low as \$120. We should have a good RMSA turnout this year and we hope to capture the Team award.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year and I hope to see you at the banquet.
Jim Monaco

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: Sunday December 10th at 11:00 AM

Location: Cinzetti's Italian Marketplace.

Program: **ANNUAL AWARDS & ELECTIONS BANQUET**

IOnce again we will be having the RMSA awards Banquet at Cinzetti's Italian Marketplace.

Please note the new date: Sunday December 10, 2006 at 11:00AM.

The cost is the same as last year for adults and a little cheaper for the kids:

Adults \$19.00

Child 4-12 \$7.50

Please let me know ASAP how many in your party are coming. I just need a count by Dec 2 – I do not need payment.

As usual you can pay me in cash or check made out to ME on the day of the banquet. The prices above include the buffet, and bottomless pop or coffee plus tax and tip. If you have any other extras your server will keep a separate check for you that you are responsible for.

Be sure to clear your calendar. This is a fun event with good food. Plan on being there.

281 West 104th Avenue
Northglenn, Colorado 80234
(303) 451-7300

Note that it is in the back of the parking lot at the NW corner of 104th Ave – just to the North of Lowes Home Improvement store.

See you there...

Jim

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th Open Contest Report

While only 7 pilots showed up for the event that did not diminish the fun. It was a great day for November and while it was a little cold when the wind blew, it was a perfectly flyable day. While one pilot had locked up the championship and did not need to attend, 2nd place was in play and the results of this contest would determine the 2nd and 3rd place. Mike and Cody battled it out the entire day. The air was fickle and no pilot went unscathed. The trick was to minimize your losses. In the end Cody had smaller hits than the rest of the group and wound up taking first place, with Mike in 2nd. This ensured that Cody would have the club 2nd place award and Mike would be in 3rd. Jim Asbury was out flying novice and did quite well and is improving a lot. We need to get him to move up so that Steve Suntkin has some competition in Sportsman class!

Jim Monaco

Results

Class	Name	FD1	FD2	FD3	FD4	FD5	FD6	FD7	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Masters													
M	Cody Ferrington	1000.00	1000.00	992.22	1000.00	695.27	1000.00	987.83	6675.32	7	6675.32	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Mike Verzuh	1000.00	1000.00	756.81	1000.00	1000.00	889.08	1000.00	6645.89	7	6645.89	995.59	995.59	2
M	Jim Monaco	964.13	1000.00	1000.00	972.82	1000.00	693.77	994.78	6625.50	7	6625.50	992.54	992.54	3
M	Lenny Keer	950.56	988.21	922.18	984.38	908.93	411.76	986.14	6152.16	7	6152.16	921.63	921.63	4
M	Shannon Bingham	735.43	817.29	1000.00	524.27	980.70	1000.00	1000.00	6057.69	7	6057.69	907.48	907.48	5
S	Sportsman													
S	Steve Suntkin	539.33	618.68	587.55	453.13	635.09	829.23	986.14	4649.12	7	4649.12	1000.00	696.47	6
N	Novice													
N	Jim Asbury	401.35	756.39	241.25	304.85	105.08	614.19	85.22	2508.31	7	2508.31	1000.00	375.76	7

For Sale

Pike Superior aluminized wing and stab covers.

Samba factory product with red lettering Pike Superior. \$50

Contact Tom Gressman

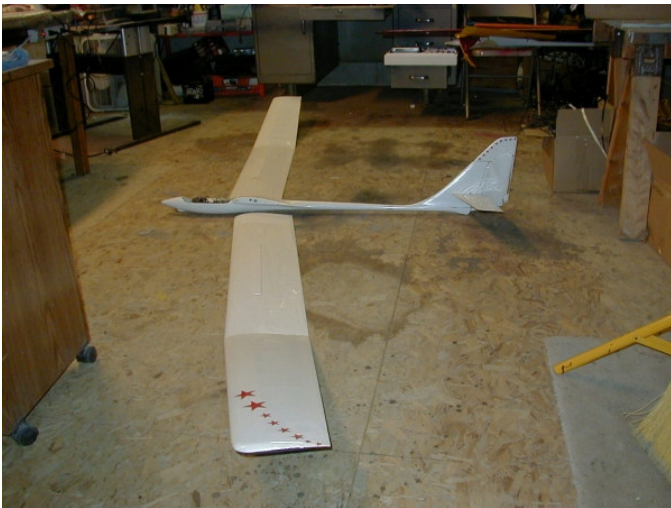
303-979-8073 or at tgressman@aol.com

FREE TO GOOD OWNER

I have 2 RES planes that were donated to be given to a newcomer who promises to take good care of them. I have no idea what they are; Skip is currently trying to ID them. One is a larger plane (>100") and is in quite good shape. It needs some work on repairing the rudder. The second needs a little more work. It looks like a 2m and the root rib of a tip is broken out on one side and it needs some covering work. They come complete with all electronics including transmitters. I suspect that everything will need new batteries. If you or anyone you know could use one or both of these planes, please let me know.

Pictures are below.

Contact Jim Monaco jimmonaco@earthlink.net





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 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
<i>January 21</i>	<i>Combo (PPSS)</i>	<i>Joel Zellmer</i>	<i>Fun Fly</i>
February 7	RMSA Meeting		
February 11-12			SWC - Phoenix
<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			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
<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
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			Visalia Fall Fest
October 3	RMSA Meeting		
October 15	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
October 21	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Cancelled for 2006
<i>October 21</i>	<i>Combo (PPSS)</i>	<i>Joel Zellmer</i>	<i>Witches Brew</i>
November 12	RMSA Meeting		After competition
November 12	Open*	Jim Monaco	
<i>November 19</i>	<i>Combo (PPSS)</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>Turkey Shoot</i>
December 10	RMSA Awards/Elections Banquet		Cinzetti's

*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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Chief

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Winch Master

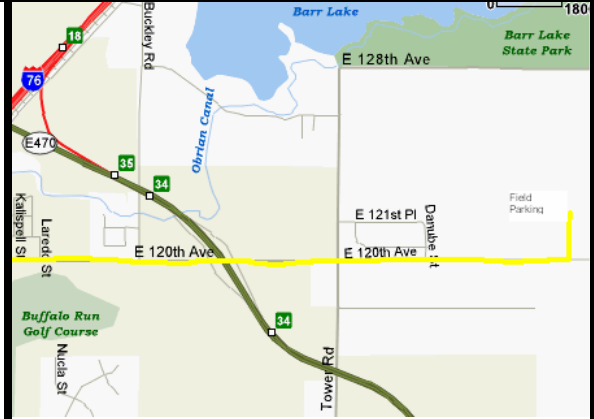
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Battery Masters

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