



Thermals

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President's Message Mike Verzuh

I hope everyone has had great Christmas and New Years holidays this year, and that Santa was good to everyone, with lots of new planes to get airborne this year. There are quite a few new models making the scene and last year's strong entrants (Pike Perfect, Espada and Supra) are continuing strong for F3J – lots of options for everyone. Skip is also in the middle of exciting F3B and Dynamic Soaring models. Once again we are very lucky to have Skip Miller with Skip Miller Models in our area as Skip remains on the forefront of new model acquisition. Ok I know it is a shameless plug, but seriously Skip is really expanding his business and we all benefit from it. Thanks for all your support of this great hobby Skip!

I want to start off by thanking the entire RMSA leadership for re-upping for another year. Thank you Steve, John, Bob and Jim. A very special thanks goes to Tony O'Hara. Tony has agreed to continue the newsletter production this year. Please give Tony your own "thank you". The newsletter requires a lot of attention to produce and Tony does a great job! In addition I want to recognize that both John and Bob have been in their positions for over a decade! Their support really helps keep the wheels on our great club! Steve Suntken did a really great job last year and as a result won the "Star Award". Our relationship with the fine Sod Farm folks has never been better and Steve gets most of the credit for this. In addition I think Steve manned the winch trailer for most of the contests last year and really looked after its condition. Finally I want to acknowledge last year's Star Award winner, our Web-Master, Chief Score Keeper, returning board member and overall "If it needs done he'll Git-er-Done guy" Jim Monaco.

Last year was another strong year for RMSA, and I would like to recognize several key accomplishments. The list is very impressive. Here it is.

- * Cody Remington reigns this year as the Junior F3J champion and will return to Turkey this summer to compete as a Senior
- * Lenny Keer makes the US F5B team and will compete in the World Championships this summer
- * Cody Remington wins RMSA club championship and F3J in the Rockies
- * RMSA takes 1st place team honors at the South West Classic
- * Skip Miller wins RES at the South West Classic and wins The JR Aero tow for the 3rd consecutive year in a row with a 49 mile run
- * Steve Suntken wins the RMSA Star Award
- * RMSA Mentor program is launched and draws in new flyers
- * RMSA has strong representation at the F3J team selections placing three guys in the top 10 and five in the top 20 with Skip just a mere 1.2 points away from making the team.

- * Both Skip and Cody were invited and competed in a very prestigious Tournament of Champions in Turkey, unfortunately the contest was rained out after 3 ½ rounds

I also want to pass on a big thank you to all the Scienturfic Sod Farm crew and to Don Schlup the owner. The Denver area is still in a drought period, and that has limited the amount of water that can be used on the farm. Because of that we have had to move between fields quite a lot and the Scienturfic team were incredibly accommodating – Thanks Everyone!

We have some new members that joined in 2007. Please give a welcome to Frank Chao, Jim DeGroot, Jamye Fraser, Gary Jensen, Richard Huttenhow, Chris Keller, Bruce Martin, Louis and Mickie Nigro, Doug Semon and Gary Slocum. Welcome guys and I hope you will continue in 2008.

Relative to club business, first off this year we need to establish the 2008 contest schedule. We will have the January club meeting mid month to work out the contest plans. The date will be announced shortly. It will be important to have all our past and future CDs attend, and remember even if you have not run a contest before please don't hesitate to volunteer. There is lots of support and help. We will also set the Mentor Days. This is a very important meeting as we will set the schedule for the year and we need everyone's support – thanks in advance for your attendance.

The Mentor program debuted this year. Jim Monaco brought the concept to us. We had a bit of bad weather that shot down a couple of days, but the rest were a success. It looks like we will run the program again this year. We will need help to pull off the program again so please put your name in the hat for a few hours of giving back to new members as a mentor.

In other club business I want to remind everyone to get your renewals in for the year.

I'll close with thoughts of sailplane flight - because with the snow and cold that is all I can do is just think about it... Wait a minute it is still 70 degrees during the day in Phoenix and they have a contest there in February (SWC). We took first place team last year, and I know we can repeat with a good club turnout. It is a great way to start the season. Rumor has it that Dr. Dan is going to bring his trailer again, and for a bit of gas money he can bring your planes safely to Phoenix.

All the best, and I look forward to a great year of fun and flying!

Mike Verruh

Next Meeting: TBA (To establish the 2008 contest & Mentor days schedule etc)

Date/Time **January**

Location: **TBA**

2007 Open Final Standings.....Jim Monaco

2007 Open Final Standings

	Mar	Apr	May	June	F3JR	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	PI	Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place	Prev Pts	Prev Wins	07 Pts	Tot Pts	Total Wins
Masters																				
Cody Remington	998.33	993.51		997.01	1000.00	844.11	876.93	1000.00				999.20	F3JNATS	5988.05	1					
Mike Verzuh	996.02	985.35		928.35	928.35	1000.00	1000.00		997.08	975.97		997.00	F3JNATS	5951.42	2					
Bob Lewan	923.33	976.17	928.55	990.69	966.96	1000.00	993.66		1000.00	976.66		981.99	F3J TS	5943.00	3					
Skip Miller			1000.00	993.94	999.78	874.13	996.74	926.07	954.02			997.80	F3JNATS	5942.28	4					
Jim Monaco	995.90	876.93	998.56	1000.00	954.02	965.29	894.08	980.32	817.35	872.81		993.40	F3J NATS	5933.47	5					
Dr. Dan Williams	997.65	929.36	972.74		880.97		844.56	930.19	988.01			970.54	SWC	5788.49	6					
Charlie Miller	954.02	994.54	874.06	893.16	934.49	924.32				986.49		971.60	F3JTS	5765.46	7					
Lenny Keer	995.35		665.91	776.67		665.97	904.71		747.97	747.72				4838.39	8					
Shannon Bingham		880.73		924.38					817.16	930.71		951.28	SWC	4504.26	9					
John Padilla	958.32			803.84	918.35	924.60						878.78	SWC	4483.89	10					
Joseph Newcomb	1000.00	1000.00		964.13								992.30	SWC	3956.43	11					
Tom Gressman	977.53						926.89		909.51	1000.00				3813.93	12					
Byron Blakeslee	969.37								753.04	883.00				2605.41	13					
John Kappus							992.05		958.40					1950.45	14					
Bob Vixie	984.70	552.21												1536.91	15					
Phil Jones						939.82								939.82	16					
Don Ingram		904.20												904.20	17					
Bob Moffett		275.11												275.11	18					
Jim Barr		267.39												267.39	19					
															20					
Sportsman																				
Steve Suntken	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00		1000.00	1000.00		1000.00	1000.00	1			6000.00	1	4	1		4	1
Garv Slocum		694.65	935.39	881.36	781.72									3293.12	2	0	0			
Hal Remington								1000.00		976.52	2			1976.52	3			2	2	
Jim DeGroot								597.94	430.57					1028.51	4	0	0			
Bruce Martin										891.47	3			891.47	5		1			1
Ryan O'Hara	723.85													723.85	6	3			3	
Jim Newcomb														7	10	1			10	1
Peter Baur														7	1				1	
Wayne Hollenbeck														7	4	1			4	1
														7						
NOVICE																				
Gary Slocum	1000.00													1000.00	1					
Jeff Smith						1000.00								1000.00	1					
Tony O'Hara														3		1				1
Brad Riegler														3		2				2
John Jaugilas														3						

HLG 2007 Final Standings

John Kappus

Name	6/17	7/1	8/26	9/30	06 Season Points Total		
	norm score	norm score	norm score	norm score	Best 3 Total	Normalized	Place
John Kappus	965	967	926	1000	2932	1000	1
Steve Suntken	785	856	1000	958	2814	960	2
Dave Jensen	801	797	971	909	2681	914	3
Gary Jensen		710	922	762	2394	817	4
Cody Remington		1000			1000	341	5
Joseph Newcomb	1000				1000	341	5
John Lovins			949		949	324	7
Bob Pederson		769			769	262	8
Jim Newcomb	750				750	256	9
Jim Monaco		91			91	31	10

Potpourri

These cartoons were created by Jack Zeka's brother and are courtesy of Jim Monaco. I'll be adding more to the newsletter each month as space is available. (Tony)



For Sale

Resolution RES **\$350**

Complete ready to fly-includes Airtronics RX. Just plug in your crystal and fly.

Shadow F3J **\$1200**

New in box. 143 ", yellow/blue, cross tail.

Tom Gressman
303-246-3194

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>

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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 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
\$ 7.50 Junior - under 17
\$ 35.00 Senior - individual 17 and over
\$ 40.00 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



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Vice President: Steve Suntken
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: John Pearson
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Winch Master

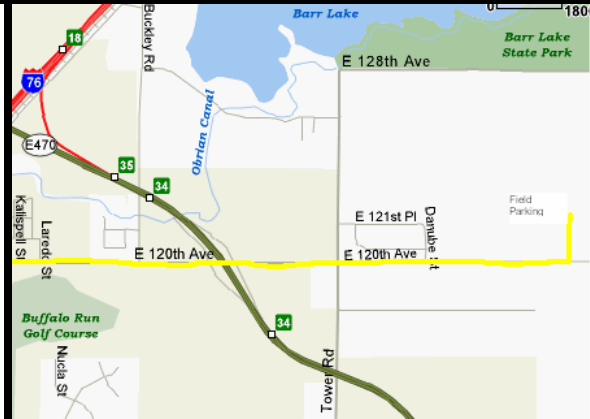
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 Joseph Newcomb
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For Winch Use:

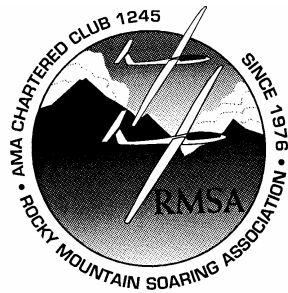
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



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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