

Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Well, it really looks like we got the 2009 soaring season off to a great start. The first meeting went really well. I believe that we had 20 plus people at the meeting. Everyone really enjoyed the demonstration of indoor electric flying. Thanks' to all who flew and gave us a great show. We are going to shoot for several meetings this year with the ability to do more indoor flying. The contest calendar has been set as you will see in the newsletter. We have a mentor day someone needs to step up for on Sept 12. There are two RES contests on the schedule and if someone would like to C/D another one we can add one more. Please also note that a few of the contests are on Saturday as well. Thanks to all the people that volunteered there time to be a C/D. It is really very much appreciated.

A special thanks to Jim Monaco for helping to coordinate our bid for the F3J team selects. We are putting a bid for Sept 5-7. Please keep that date open to either fly or help out. It will be a very labor intensive operation.

Also note on the calendar for one of the mentor days we have it set as an LSF task day. Anyone who wants to get more active in LSF please talk to Dr. Dan about what is all involved. It's really a great program and a lot of fun. It will be an introduction to cross country for some and there is not much in soaring that is that much fun.

Everyone should be gearing up for the Southwest in PHX. RMSA has a huge contingent going, so I expect nothing but 1st in the club standing. I have heard a rumor they are doing runway landings so everyone try and practice those type. They allow for more control over time and the RES ships can definitely compete for great landings.

For the Feb club meeting we will not have an official meeting. On Feb. 8th (Sunday) I am trying to get approval to fly in the gym again at the same time. (1.30 pm) I will send out an email early next week confirming that. Here is the address again. If you wish to fly the cost is 10.00 per hour divided up among everyone that flies. It's a real bargain.

Vista Ridge Academy

Ridge View Dr

Erie, CO 80516

http://www.larkridgechurch.com/Larkridge_Church/Larkridge_Church_%7C_Gathering-Directions_%7C_Gathering_Information.html

Well, that is all I have for now. I am really looking forward to this season. If you have not renewed your membership please do so when you can.

Thermals,

Bruce Martin

RMSA President

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Next Meeting:	Indoor Flying-Tentative-See above for details
Date/Time	Feb 8^h 1:30 PM—SUNDAY
Location:	Vista Ridge Academy, Erie (See above)

POTPOURRI

None

FOR SALE

1. DS Bee personal model

\$235.00

Made by the master Karl.

Front side up to 50 mph wind. Back side goes over 100 easy. Great DS starting model ready to rip.

2. BLASTER NIB

\$349.00

Has aileron servos installed. Complete kit. All new (you might even be able to talk Cody into finishing it...!)

3. Click indoor F3P

\$325.00

Ready to fly State of art and one of best. All right stuff. 4 oz gently flown twice!

Contact Skip

720 231 4400 cell

1. JARO MULLER ESPRIT

\$495.00

The original F3J ship; Perfect in all respects; 123" SD-7037 Optimized Section; Continuous flap-pylon design-V tail; Airtronics servos; 2.4 compatible; Drop in your receiver and join the novice F3J competition!

2. HYPER 1.8 F3J ELECTRIC

\$285.00

Speed 400; NIB; Graphite Composite Super Light- 10.5 oz; Drela section; Ailerons; Flaps; \$399 New

Contact JIM BARR

303-355-3855

Carbon Supra

\$1200.00



Pro Built, Has JR 368 greening servo mount in wing. The servo's, Rx, and battery were pulled for another project. Wiring harness included and ready for equipment installation. Fuselage is 2.4 friendly with ballast tube installed. This ship was specifically made for Darryl Perkins for the 2008 World Champs. Center section has improved flap horn modifications. The only imperfection is center section repair due to mid-air. This was cosmetic and not structural and expertly repaired to almost new.

This plane lists for \$1980. Will Sell to RMSA member for \$1200.

Call Jon Padilla @

303-847-2300.

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>

This is the last issue you will receive unless you renew your membership for 2009.

If your name is not in the list (see page 7) and you have sent your renewal in, please contact Bob Rice at 729-581-3099 or e-mail at briceflyer@comcast.net

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2009

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

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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

The sod farm operations take precedence over **ALL** activities. We use the field at the convenience of the owner.

All members will follow **ALL** instructions from **ANY** sod farm personnel without question.

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.

Avoid setting up on newly seeded areas or young grassy areas. The nice grassy areas are better to land on anyway!

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.

Parking and pit areas should be as condensed as possible for the safety of launch and landing.

Establish flight line areas for winch launch, high start launch, and hand launch that are separate for the sake of launch, flight & landing safety.

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.

No aerobatics or speed runs over the parking/pit/Launch/Landing zones.

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.

When entering a thermal occupied by other aircraft, enter in the same direction as the first aircraft

Landing aircraft have the right of way!

In the event of no mechanical retriever, please shag your own chute/line for the flight

Please share the usage of club equipment so that all have equal flight time.

Please be courteous and helpful to your fellow flyers as well as informative to all guests/spectators. Enjoy yourself and others!!

Absolutely no debris or trash is to be left on the field! Please take it home with you for disposal.

Make sure that your plane and electronics are airworthy before each flight. Exercise good safety sense in your flight

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 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.

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

2009 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar (Revised 1-29-09)

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Mike Fritz</i>	<i>Fun Fly</i>
Feb	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 21-22			<i>SWC - Phoenix</i>
Mar 03	RMSA Meeting		
Mar 08	Open*	Skip Miller	
Mar 21	RES and 2 meter	Dr. Dan Williams	
<i>Mar 22</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Joel Zellmer</i>	<i>march madness</i>
Apr 07	RMSA Meeting		
<i>Apr 18</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Milt Woodham</i>	<i>humps and bumps</i>
Apr 19	Open*	Mike Verzuh	
Apr 25	Mentor Day	Blayne Chastain	
Apr 26	H/L	Dave Jenson	
May 05	RMSA Meeting		
<i>May 09</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Jack Dech</i>	<i>Watts 'o Fun</i>
May 09	Open*	Blayne Chastain	
<i>May 17</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>May Fly</i>
May 17	H/L	Gary Jenson	
May 23-24	F3J in the Rockies*	Jim Monaco	
Jun 6-7			IHLG - California Event
Jun 02	RMSA Meeting		
Jun 14	Open*	Bob Rice	
<i>Jun 20</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>Summer Solstice</i>
Jun 20	Mentor Day	Jim Asbury	
Jun 27	H/L	Dave Jenson	
Jul 07	RMSA Meeting		
Jul 11	Open*	Don Ingram	Saturday
Jul 18	RES and 2 meter	Bruce Martin	
<i>Jul 19</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Height o' the Season</i>
July 19-26			<i>Soaring NATS - Muncie ID</i>
Jul 19	H/L	John Kappas	
Aug 01	Mentor Day	Dr Dan	LSF task day
Aug 04	RMSA Meeting		
Aug 09	Open*	Bruce Martin	
<i>Aug 22</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Frank Deis</i>	<i>Howling Coyote and picnic</i>
Aug 22-23	HLG**	Dave Jensen	Blue Skys Series
Sep 01	RMSA Meeting		
Sept 5-7	US F3J Team Select	Jim Monaco	
Sep 12	Mentor Day	?	
Sep 13	H/L	Dave Jenson	
<i>Sep 20</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Soar Bash</i>
Sep 19	Open*	Dr. Dan Williams	SATURDAY - NOT
Oct 3-4	Visailia		
Oct 06	RMSA Meeting		
Oct 16-18	Texas TNT in Dallas	TBA	H/L, RES and two days of Open

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Oct 11	Open*	Hal Remington	Colorado Challenge Cup
<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	Barry Welsh	<i>Witches Brew</i>
Oct 24	Scienturfic Apprec. Day		Also Family Day -
Nov 03	RMSA Meeting		
Nov 08	Open*	Steve Suntken	
<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jerry Murphy</i>	<i>Turkey Shoot (Members Only)</i>
Dec 10	RMSA Banquet		
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>HLG etc</i>	<i>John & Jo-Anne</i>	<i>Barn Fly (Members Only)</i>

***Club Open points contest**
****Club HLG points contest**
Italics indicates PPSS events

Last Name	First Name
Angevine	Wayne
Asbury	James
Blakeslee	Byron
Curry	Shawn
Dech	Jack
DeGroot	Jim
Gary	Jensen
Howard	Mark
Kappus	John
Lewan	Bob
Magree	Glen
Martin	Bruce
McGinnis	Travis
Miller	Skip

Last Name	First name
Monaco	Jim
Pearson	John
Pederson	Robert
Powers	Tom
PPSS	Editor
Rice	Bob
Roberts	Ken
Rosenberger	Denny
Slocum	Gary
Smith	Mark
Suntken	Steve
Thompson	David
Verzuh	Mike
Vixie	Bob
Williams	Danny



2008 Board Members

President:	Bruce Martin	303 963 5019	mail to: rbrucemartin@aol.com
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Chief

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Winch Master

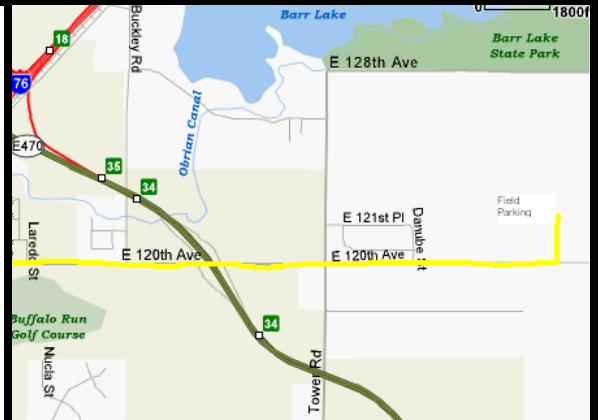
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Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
Skip Miller
Joseph Newcomb
Cody Remington
Dr. Dan Williams
Steve Suntken

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 20th 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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Forwarding Address Requested

First Class Mail