

# **Thermals**

**Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association** 

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### **President's Message** Bruce Martin

Wow, does RMSA know how to throw a contest or what?! Thank you to all of the hard work from; C/D Jim Monaco, Co C/D Hal Remington, Steve Suntken field mgr, Tony O'Hara scorekeeper. Sue Remington food and Phil Jones for great pictures. Also thanks to all of the RMSA members that helped move and setup gear and participated in anyway. We pulled off a great contest even with weather making things un-predictable. RMSA made a very respectable showing in the flying department as well. Out of 25 fliers with 10 fliers competing we had no flier place below 15th. Every one of our fliers had a shot at making the finals and were not out of the running. 15th place was only around 275 points away out of 9000 for a place in the finals. Only 5 fliers that were non-RMSA member sneaked in ahead of any RMSA flier. Great job all fliers!! I think we have established ourselves as the premier F3J club in the country. Keep up the good work and lots of flying, team selects will be here before you know it. I think it just would be incredible if we could sweep the team selects. That will be a monumental task and the competition will be fierce. So again, keep practicing!!!

We have a mentor day coming up on June 20th. Jim Asbury will be heading it up. Please come out if you can so we can show people that show up that we are an active club. I am going to bring my Radian out barring unforeseen events. So if you ever wanted to try it, come on out.

At a contest that I will be running in the future I am thinking about running a seeded MOM/F3J style event. I propose to do it seeded to put the extra pressure on the top fliers to get them ready for team selects. I think the small help the mid level flier gets out of the seeding is worth making the top fliers fly there best every round. Let me know if you have an issue with this.

I have not heard from anyone wanting to fly indoor. I think I have opened up the Erie middle school gym as a place to fly. Thanks to myself and John Lovins doing a demo out there for there MESA group. The place at Larkridge is still available as well. Let me know if there is any interest.

I would like to encourage everyone to think about something they could submit to the newsletter. It could be a plane, radio, or some other equipment review or anything else that is of common interest to the group. Maybe a technique that you learned flying that has really stuck in your head. It does not have to be long just something that would benefit the group. We have a wealth of knowledge in this club. (Look at F3J in the Rockies) Start sharing it!! As an example for me I have really learned how to use the rudder on launch. I barely touch the ailerons going up now. I have seen my launches improve significantly from this simple practice. Learn to use the left thumb on launch the altitude you save is your own! So get those ideas in to Tony to be put in the newsletter.

Because of the busy month last month and the mentor day this month I am not going to have a separate meeting. I just ask that you go to mentor day. Next month I am looking at doing a regular meeting with a topic to discuss. I will keep you informed.

Thanks again to the F3J in the Rockies crew, Fantastic job!!!!!!!!!!! Thermals, **Bruce Martin** 

## SUNDAY June 14<sup>th</sup> Open Contest CD Bob Rice

**REGISTRATION** 8:30 AM Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00

PILOT'S MEETING: 9:00 AM FIRST FLIGHT: 9:30 AM

Tasks: Round 1,2,4,5 AMA T1 International Duration

Time to be announced, MOM Flight Groups Round 3 15 Minute add-um-up, Open Winch

Landing: AMA Landing Tape, Skegs Allowed

No Flying prior to the start of contest.

Battery Masters – Please have batteries at field by 8:15AM, fully charged

# SATURDAY JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> MENTOR DAY Jim Asbury

Our second mentor day of the season will be held on Saturday, June 20th from 9am to 2pm at the sod farm. You are encouraged to bring anyone you know who is curious or interested and come fly. I will have a couple basic two meter woodies with me, and will put anyone up in the sky who wants to try. This is a great opportunity to introduce people to our hobby and club.

Even if you can't make it on June 20th find a little time to take a friend flying. You might just spark some excitement.

What: Bring a friend, bring a sailplane, and have some fun!

**Date**: 6-20-2009 **Time**: 9am - 2pm

Location: Scienturfic Sod Farm, 1/2 mile east of 120th & Tower Rd

See you at the field, **Jim Asbury** 

## SATURDAY JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> HLG Contest CD Dave Jensen

Our June DLG contest will be on June 27. We'll start with our pilot's meeting at 8:45.

If you've been interested in getting started with DLG, come on out and spend some time with us. Our contests are newbie-friendly, and are a great place to pick up some insight into the sport. And, after the contest is over, enjoy some ice cream and fun-flying.

Also, reminding you that the Blue Skies Over Colorado contest is coming up at the end of August. Be making plans for a great 2-day event with pilots coming from Arizona to North Carolina, and Texas to North Dakota. It's shaping up to be a really nice contest, and it'd be great to have a good showing of support from fellow RMSA pilots.

## F3J in the ROCKIES Report Jim Monaco

F3J in the Rockies is in the books and by all accounts it went very well. The forecast threatened rain all weekend, but we were blessed with decent weather for Friday and Saturday, with the rain coming after flying was over. We did get wet packing up the equipment on Saturday, but managed to get all the flying in. On Sunday the weather deteriorated earlier than expected. About 11:30 we were getting ready to start round 11 and a big thunder cell was approaching. I got everyone off the field and we broke for lunch to wait it out. It appeared for a while that once the big head cleared we might be OK, but another one started to approach from the West. At 2:00 the sky look ominous with occasional lightning, and I could not justify continuing the contest. I cancelled the finals and let the results stand as of the prelims. Many of the contestants and guests helped to tear down, and we got off the field in record time. It was a good thing because the deluge started as we finished packing up. We did the awards presentation under Barry Kennedy's tent. All in all we got 10 rounds of flying in and everyone was happy.

For the flying part, we had 3 F3J tow teams, 2 F3B winch teams and 2 TD winch teams. While different conditions slightly favored one launch type or another, generally the launches were pretty fair. We had several new entries this year with a team from Kansas and some folks from Michigan and California too. Since we have a bunch of new people, I decided that I would hold a clinic on Friday, and it was quite well attended. Everyone really liked the clinic and thought that it was of great help in preparing them for the event.

On Saturday morning we opened with grey skies, but despite the lack of sun there was lift to be found and most people made their times. About noon, the skies cleared and we had a great day. Strangely we did not have the huge lift and sink cycles that we typically get around here; I think it was due to the great amount of moisture on the ground from the previous night rains. Most of the flying was cruising around and making the most of the light lift that was available. Daryl Perkins landed out for zero, that put pressure on him to complete the rest of the event with no errors and he managed to do it for a second place finish. Cody flew flawlessly again and took top honors. A quick analysis shows that Cody is on top of his game with excellent average times and great landings.

Brendon Beardsley from Washington State flew a great contest and we are all glad that he is a junior for the Team Selections this year. He edged Skip Miller by .35 points to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Skip filled out 4<sup>th</sup> place and Mike Verzuh's practicing has paid off and landed him in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Blayne Chastain, flew a great contest and captured the 6<sup>th</sup> fly off slot. Rich Burnoski form Chicago (a 2008 US Team Member) overcame an oopsie in round 1 to fly the rest of the event clean to take the 7<sup>th</sup> and final fly off position.

This event is not possible without the help of several club members. While I was the official CD, Hal Remington was the Co-CD and once the event began he was the highest ranking official, since I was flying. He did a great job along with Steve and Tony of judging launches and landings. Their calls were fair and prompt. The contest ran very smoothly with Steve on the sound system and Hal running the line. Tony did a great job as always keeping the scoring up to date. We had a little snafu with the inverters during setup, and I'm not sure what that was all about, but we need to address it before the team selections. The good news is that we used my generator as a backup and it worked great!

A couple other people deserve special recognition for the help they provided as well! Skip Richards came out Saturday morning and handled registration for me, and allowed me to get the food service organized a bit. Phil Jones also came out Saturday morning and took individual pictures of the pilots at registration that we used as part of the awards. He also took a large number of event photos that were excellent. And Sue Remington coordinated all of the food service for lunch both days. Her smiling face and enthusiasm made the lunch services terrific. With hot meatball sandwiches on Saturday and cold meat subs on Sunday, all of the participants were well fed.

While this event is a lot of work to get organized, it is one of the most fun events in the country and other than the Nats and the Team selections, the only real F3J event in the country. I'm sure this will evolve and grow as more people get acquainted with the F3J format.

While I have your attention, I'd like to mention that we were selected to host the 2009 US F3J Team Selection here at our club field. This is an awesome event that will be held over the 3 day Labor Day weekend. We will be needing a lot of volunteers, mostly to provide official timing duties for the teams that attend. Please think about donating a little of your time to help out at this event. We ask that you sign up in 4 hour shifts; there will be a signup form on the website shortly. We will have a raffle that is for the workers only, and the only way to get tickets is to work a shift. You will receive a ticket for every shift that you work and bonus tickets if you work all 3 days. We will have some great prizes, and while the grand prize is not yet confirmed, it will be something you will really want and use!

Jim

See web at www.rmsadenver.com for scores etc

### May Open Contest Report CD Dr. Danny Williams

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Scores

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М	Skip Miller	3	996.83	988.22	1000.00	999.32	996.28	1000.00	5980.64	6	1	4992.43	998.49	998.49	3
М	Bob Lewan	4	1000.00	1000.00	997.56	1000.00	673.25	990.06	5660.87	6	1	4987.61	997.52	997.52	4
М	Jon Padilla	5	989.47	993.62	994.72	999.71	998.51	999.32	5975.35	6	1	4985.88	997.18	997.18	5
М	Mike Verzuh	6	860.20	1000.00	995.83	995.16	1000.00	990.63	5841.81	6	1	4981.61	996.32	996.32	6
М	Blayne Chastain	7	1000.00	994.91	998.14	327.71	997.54	981.99	5300.29	6	1	4972.58	994.52	994.52	7
М	Jim Monaco	8	991.88	1000.00	992.73	999.74	983.32	744.45	5712.12	6	1	4967.67	993.53	993.53	8
М	Bruce Martin	9	998.75	983.66	994.85	667.47	1000.00	966.38	5611.11	6	1	4943.65	988.73	988.73	9
М	Phil Jones	10	972.88	984.69	976.95	992.41	984.71	985.58	5897.23	6	1	4924.35	984.87	984.87	10
М	Lenny Keer	11	986.05	997.10	983.04	989.17	711.03	858.18	5524.56	6	1	4813.53	962.71	962.71	11
М	Steve Suntken	12	860.79	924.05	977.71	977.22	540.43	932.56	5212.76	6	1	4672.32	934.46	934.46	12
М	Chris Keller	13	634.53	794.74	977.92	995.54	751.02	986.11	5139.87	6	1	4505.34	901.07	901.07	14
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S	Gary Slocum	2	526.78	984.16	423.26	878.76	371.21	934.02	4118.19	6	1	3746.97	806.83	749.39	15
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## May DLG Contest Report Garry Jensen

Wow! What a beautiful day we had for our May 17th DLG contest! The grass was green, the sky was blue, the temperature was perfect, and the wind was just strong enough to keep the thermals moving around to tease us. It was, however, one of those good news, bad news days. The bad news was that there were only three pilots out to enjoy the day. The good news is that we had help with scoring, so we could all three fly together. We got in 12 rounds of some of the best flying we've ever had! After we wrapped up the competition, we did a little bit of fun flying and were treated to a real boomer of a thermal that sat just off the southeast corner of the field. We could climb as high as we wanted, do some aerobatics, climb back up, and do it again... Great fun! It was also great for those of us going to the Blue

Skies over New Mexico competition in early June to get some intense contest practice done. Of course, after the contest, we all had some ice cream and sat in the shade enjoying the weather and each other's company. We hope to see more of you at the next contest on June 27 - it's just not fair that so many missed out on one of the best days of flying ever.

#### **Scores**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Gary	1000	1000	824	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	986	779	11589
John L	948	936	987	920	763	865	771	1000	771	1000	1000	811	10772
Bob	627	493	1000	807	685	797	571	741	571	700	945	1000	8937

# **POTPOURRI**

#### **FOUND after F3J**

This small green folding chair.

Contact Tony O'Hara tonyoco@q.com



#### Longmont Aircraft Modelers Association (LAMA)

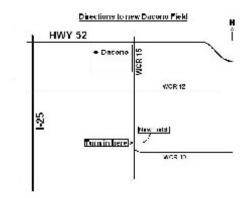


LAMA would like to invite you to the second annual Spring Fun Fly. Come join us at our field in Dacono, CO. We have a large 800 x 55 runway with North facing pilot stations. No obstructions, ample parking and a friendly group of guys.

Best of all our Spring Fly In is FREE! Lunch will be available for a small donation. AMA membership is required to fly. Plenty of room for spectators. Gas, Glow, Electric, Turbines are all welcome. We have four helicopter pads alongside our runway for the helicopter pilots.

CD: Jerry Barnes 970-535-4868

June 6<sup>th</sup>, gates open at 8:30!





#### **Unusual RC Plane flying sighting**

On May 14<sup>th</sup> at approx 6:50 PM my son Ryan observed an unusual RC flight It was located near where we live, opposite Dakota Ridge High school on Coal Mine not far from Bowles & C-470

The pilot was sitting on a chair and NOT looking at his airplane which was a pusher electric similar to a Striker.

He looked to be wearing night vision goggles with wires going to an object on the ground

He also had a tripod with a square type "antenna?" mounted on it, which he constantly moved (assumedly) to point toward the plane.

Ryan never got to speak with him, but it certainly was an unusual flight set-up as he seemed to be flying via a plane mounted camera

Does any one know of a pilot flying like that? I'd like to get more details!

Tony O'Hara tonyoco@q.com

FOR SALE

#### Special Ad via Jim Monaco

If anyone is interested at your end, I have the following Airtronics radio gear for sale:

Airtronics Stylus radios. Qty 2 Price \$225 each Channel 53 and Channel 41

Glider cards Qty 2 Price \$25 each

Airtronics Stylus TX modules Qty 2 Price \$20 each Channel 34 and Channel 51

50 model memory card Qty 1 Price \$45 Total \$595

I would sell the whole lot for \$500 or piece it out per the list above. Please let me know if you have anyone interested there in Colorado.

I've moved into Spectrum 2.4 GHz and am doing mostly sport flying, FPV and aerial photography now. Little or no gliders.

If no one is interested at your end then I'll put it all up on E-Bay.

Thanks

Chuck Stasek <u>cstasek@tampbay.rr.com</u> 352-573-8098

# **Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2009**

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Family Memberships	- Please make and complete a cop	by for EACH flying family member!
Name :		Need name badge? Yes
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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 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.

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

Date	Туре	CD	Name/Notes
Jan 31	Practice	Mike Fritz	Fun Fly
Feb	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 21-22			SWC - Phoenix
Mar 03	RMSA Meeting		2 THE SHALL
Mar 08	Open*	Mike Verzuh	F3J Intro
Mar 21	RES and 2 meter	Dr. Dan Williams	200 2002
Mar 22	Practice	Joel Zellmer	march madness
Apr 07	RMSA Meeting		
Apr 18	Practice	Milt Woodham	humps and bumps
Apr 19	Open*	Cody Remington	Co CD Bob Lewan
Apr 25	Mentor Day	Blayne Chastain	
Apr 26	H/L	Dave Jenson	
May 05	RMSA Meeting		
May 09	Electric	Jack Dech	Watts 'o Fun
May 09	Open*	Dr. Dan Williams	
May 17	Open/RES/2M	John Read	May Fly
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	
Jun 20	Open/RES/2M	Austin Cleis	Summer Solstice
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	
Jul 19	Open/RES/2M	Greg Tarcza	Height o' the Season
July 19-26			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
Jul 19	H/L	John Kappas	
Aug 01	Mentor Day	Dr Dan	LSF task day
Aug 04	RMSA Meeting		
Aug 09	Open*	<b>Bruce Martin</b>	
Aug 22	Open	Frank Deis	Howling Coyote and picnic
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	
Sep 20	Open/RES/2M	Chris Keller	Soar Bash
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
Oct 24	Open/RES/2M	Barry Welsh	Witches Brew
Oct 24	Scienturfic Apprec. Day		Also Family Day -
Nov 03	RMSA Meeting		
Nov 08	Open*	<b>Steve Suntken</b>	
Nov 22	Open/RES/2M	Jerry Murphy	Turkey Shoot (Members Only)
Dec 10	RMSA Banquet		
Dec 12	HLG etc	John & Jo-Anne	Barn Fly (Members Only)

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



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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 120<sup>th</sup> eastbound towards the airport. Take 20<sup>th</sup> 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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