

Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

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President's Message Bruce Martin

Let's get ready to

Well Guys it's here, the US team selects! I know allot of people have been practicing very hard. Time to calm the nerves and fly it just like any of our other club contests. Yea, I know your thinking, yea right. Let's just make other people beat us and not beat ourselves. We have more talent in this club then anywhere else. As I said before, everyone has worked hard, be confident in that. This is our home turf, our contest and our time. Good luck to all of you. Also, a special thanks to all the people not flying but donating their time to help out. If you have not signed up yet please do so for at least one session. You will get to see some incredible flying and could win a \$500.00 radio. This event only happens every two years and even then probably not back in Colorado for a long time. I am hearing rumors of other clubs wanting to do the team selects next time. This may be your only chance to see and event like this here for a long time. Don't waste it. Come on out!!!!!

Speaking of volunteering, a special Thank you!! to Steve Suntken. For Blue Skies over Colorado, Steve mowed the whole parking area and did not even fly in the contest. Thank you again Steve, that was above and beyond. Since we are on the subject of Blue Skies another thank you is due to the Jensen family. They put on a great two day H/L contest. We had people travel all the way from California for it. The Jensen's did a well run contest with great tasks and great food as well. I am sure the Blue Skies event will grow each year due to their efforts. I will let them tell you about the particulars of the contest.

At our August contest this past month we had some controversy over what constitutes a re-flight, rules interpretation and the need to always have someone calling the line. If nothing else we definitely need to provide clarification and training to our C/Ds and club members. Because of team selects I have tabled this issue until after the selects are over. At that time the board will put together a rules review of our basic contest procedure that we will discuss as a club. If there is a need for a change then we will vote on it. We might even be able to tackle the F3J finals scoring issue at the same time.

I believe the contest for September is the challenge cup on the 20th. Please come out for that if you can. We need to represent the club well against that other club. What was there name? He He.

As I right this I am also thinking about the August contest report that I have to write up. I have gone and waited until now to do the write such that I have forgotten allot of the details that could make a good story. (except of course for the disagreement) The point I am making is it is probably a good idea to do the contest write ups soon after they happen. Then they will be much easier to do. Just my hint of the month.

US F3J TEAM SELECTIONS SEPT 5th-7th Jim Monaco

This weekend we will hold the US F3J Team Selections at the club field. This will be a terrific event. I know that many of you are not interested in competition, but this is really something you should see. The top pilots in the country will be here and I'm sure that you will enjoy seeing the great flying that will be taking place. F3J is a very exciting format and with the challenging air in Colorado we will see a lot of interesting decision making and flying. We could still use a few more timers, so if you have a half day, come on out and help. You will have a good time and be helping out your club. We will be flying from 8-5 Sat and Sun, and 8-3 on Monday.

Hope to see you there - Jim

Sept 13 is our final DLG contest of the season. As usual, we'll be flying 6-8 rounds of DLG tasks, which will be tailored to provide a challenge for those participating. We'll be getting the flying started around 8:30, so show up ready to demonstrate the progress

you've made during the year. I expect a couple newbies to show up this time, so things may move a little slower as we get them ramped up to contest mode. However it turns out, it'll certainly be enjoyable!

Dave Jensen <u>dave@integrity-inc.com</u>

SATURDAY September 19th Open Contest ...CD Dr. Danny Williams

THIS IS A SATURDAY CONTEST Info not available-but probably the usual!

Blue Skies Over Colorado HLG Report Dave Jensen

Blue Skies Over Colorado (BSOC) is RMSA's largest DLG contest, held in cooperation with 2 other contests (Arizona and New Mexico). The 3 contests together form the "Blue Skies Series".

Blue Skies Over Colorado (2009 was the 2nd annual) got an early start this year with a "Poker Night". This was an un-official contest consisting of 5 rounds of DLG Poker, for anybody interested. Buy-in was set at \$2, with the proceeds going to the winner... George Morris of Arizona. After that contest, Gary Jensen hosted a Spaghetti

Supper for everybody at the field. It was a beautiful evening, capped with a good time around candle-light, and lots of socializing. Die-hards could be found enjoying the calm flying conditions until the planes could barely be seen.

Saturday dawned with those gorgeous Blue Skies that we had been hoping for. Our volunteers served up a great breakfast which was quickly consumed. The sun had barely risen before the planes were taking to the air. This year was blessed with a good turn-out... we had 16 fliers with us, most of whom were from out-of-state.

Official flying began at 9am. 8 rounds were flown Saturday. Conditions were great, providing only one "gimme" round. Lift was there, but had to be found. The good pilots were consistently rewarded with good flight times, while the beginners were usually left struggling. One thing was sure, though... everybody had a great time.

Sunday was more of the same, conditions-wise... except hotter. Amazingly, after having a fairly cool summer, the weekend of the contest was near record-setting heat! We had 4 more preliminary rounds, with the top 6 pilots moving on to the flyoffs which consisted of 5 rounds of challenging tasks. Conditions were changing

through the flyoffs, with storms developing to the west (which, thankfully, never hit us). The rest of the competitors were rewarded with some amazing flying by the final 6 competitors.

Our own Gary Jensen was the sole representative of RMSA who managed to make it to the flyoffs. Gary actually had quite a rise through the ranks to make it that far. He had a pretty rough start on Saturday, finishing that day in 13th place. Sunday he seemed to get back into the groove, working back up to 6th place, just enough to make the flyoffs. The flyoffs found him hitting his stride.. just in time. Gary went on to earn a 2nd place finish for the contest!

Since BSOC was the final leg of the Blue Skies Series, the series trophy was awarded after the BSOC trophies. Winning the series this year was Jun Catacutan (of San Diego), with Gary missing the series championship by only a slim margin.

This year was a major step forward for us technically. We managed to pull off a big feat by providing on-field internet access, as well as "live scoring". We had enough confidence in the capabilities of our scoring system from last year that we decided to move things out to the rest of the world by posting the score sheets in a thread on RCGroups at the same time that they were first posted on-field. And we had scores for each round posted BEFORE the following round started. A major accomplishment.

The families of Gary and myself formed the volunteer staff. These ladies and guys provided our meals, handled scoring, and all the other things that tend to go un-noticed when done well; and they DID get done well. So, I offer my extreme thanks to all of them. Other thanks go to John Lovins and John Jonke who stayed and helped with the cleanup of the field. Without their help, it would have taken a lot longer. Thanks Guys! And, last, but not least, thanks to Steve Suntken who managed to get the area surrounding the field trimmed and usable... Thanks Steve!

Another sign of a successful event is the number of visitors who attended. Many of them even contributed to the raffle! It turns out that a couple of these visitors bought DLG kits within days after BSOC, and should be joining us for our regular contests.

It was a great time. You should been there!

"Dave Jensen" dave@integrity-inc.com

SCORES

BSOC 2009 Preliminary Rounds

Place Pilot Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	Prelim Total
1 Jun Catacutan	771	1000	1000	979	1000	757	1000	1000	993	1000	1000	1000	9972
2 George Morris	1000	957	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	997	971	570	987	9955
3 Charlie Morris	771	972	781	995	995	885	1000	1000	1000	980	790	1000	9617
4 Jim Schoon	771	956	1000	676	928	501	1000	921	1000	1000	1000	1000	9576
5 Aradhana Singh Khalsa	571	1000	604	1000	998	1000	1000	700	783	873	720	953	9027
6 Gary Jensen	1000	910	217	483	856	433	1000	557	998	1000	1000	994	8798
7 Brad Walters	771	767	545	1000	1000	600	1000	667	977	988	423	985	8755
8 Terry Pierce	571	576	213	842	926	1000	1000	382	993	644	1000	994	8546
9 John Lovins	1000	844	573	729	880	564	867	371	946	837	1000	845	8521
10 Dave Jensen	741	964	321	717	863	733	1000	663	1000	945	600	817	8443
11 Bruce Twining	571	918	394	855	863	600	1000	734	859	631	1000	799	8259
12 Bob Pederson	741	944	629	620	629	838	1000	803	809	895	190	809	8097
13 Buzz Averill	741	1000	244	734	847	649	1000	558	832	969	317	644	7974
14 Shawn Curry	519	900	645	376	486	800	1000	703	667	906	210	709	7335
15 Bruce Martin	571	949	380	645	762	286	357	242	809	820	1000	711	7004
16 John Jonke	571	570	360	578	815	629	640	596	970	525	430	756	6650

BSOC 2009 Flyoff Rounds

Place I	Pilot Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Flyoff Total
1 (George Morris	993	980	744	1000	926	3899
2 (Gary Jensen	981	976	1000	573	877	3834
3 .	Jun Catacutan	1000	1000	733	417	1000	3733
4 (Charlie Morris	931	901	458	917	883	3632
5 .	Jim Schoon	802	895	927	287	923	3547
6 /	Aradhana Singh Khalsa	866	840	835	267	991	3532

August Open Contest Report

Bruce Martin

Scores

Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	Raw Total	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
Masters										
Cody Remington	1	1000.00	1000.00	997.65	1000.00	3997.65	3997.65	1000.00	1000.00	1
Bob Lewan	2	1000.00	1000.00	995.80	1000.00	3995.80	3995.80	999.54	999.54	2
Mike Verzuh	3	998.29	995.08	999.45	931.45	3924.27	3924.27	981.64	981.64	3
Steve Suntken	4	987.48	1000.00	979.21	816.09	3782.78	3782.78	946.25	946.25	4
Jim Monaco	5	1000.00	783.18	1000.00	991.95	3775.12	3775.12	944.34	944.34	5
Skip Miller	6	994.72	726.15	1000.00	1000.00	3720.87	3720.87	930.76	930.76	6
Bruce Martin	7	974.94	630.90	995.56	996.61	3598.01	3598.01	900.03	900.03	7
Jon Padilla	8	990.05	567.34	1000.00	998.51	3555.90	3555.90	889.50	889.50	8
Dr. Danny Williams	9	754.97	270.08	998.91	992.28	3016.24	3016.24	754.50	754.50	9
Mark Howard	10	982.07		669.04	995.14	2646.25	2646.25	661.95	661.95	12
Phil Jones	11	989.51	572.09	726.38		2287.99	2287.99	572.33	572.33	13
Sportsman										
John Lovins	1	994.80	1000.00		989.42		2984.23	1000.00	746.49	10
Gary Slocum	2	977.56	600.68	986.08	350.87	2915.20	2915.20	976.87	729.23	11

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FOR SALE

Nothing this month

WIN

A NEW AIRTRONICS SD-10G 2.4 10 CHANNEL RADIO SYSTEM IN THE USA F3J 2009 R/C SOARING TEAM SELECTIONS

VOLUNTEER RAFFLE



A Number of Great Volunteers

The F3J R/C US Soaring Team Trials to Select a US Team for the 2010 World Championships

Dates: September 5th-7th

Held at: Scienturfic Sod Farm 120th Avenue and Tower Rd. north of DIA – Denver CO Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Soaring Association (http://www.rmsadenver.com)

Why should I volunteer? An Airtronics SD-10G 10 Channel Radio System has been generously donated to the volunteer raffle by Airtronics the premier sponsor of the US F3J Team. Yes, you could volunteer, have a great deal of fun AND win an Airtronics SD-10G Radio. Several other prizes will also be awarded and they are ONLY available to volunteers. No tickets will be sold for the raffle.

Job Description: Timing the Flight, Reading the Landing Tape, and Marking the Score Card.

You will be an official and your job is to time the flight from the moment the plane disconnects from the line on launch, stopping the time the moment the plane touches the ground then recording the landing score from the marks on the landing tape. We will train you at the field on all the procedures – you will be provided with a watch. It is not complicated and will be fun. You will be standing next to some of the best pilots in the world, including several former world champions and have an up close and personal view of the action.

Shifts Available: September 5-7

 Saturday:
 7:30AM-12:30PM
 12:30PM-5:30PM

 Sunday:
 7:30AM-12:30PM
 12:30PM-5:30PM

 Monday:
 7:30AM-12:30PM
 12:30PM-5:30PM

The more shifts you work, the more raffle tickets you collect, the better your chances of winning the *Airtronics SD-10G Radio* and other cool airplane modeling stuff. Details of how tickets are earned are described at the web link below.

You can sign up as a volunteer online and find more information at http://www.rmsadenver.com/f3j-ts.htm.

Questions: Call Hal Remington (303) 817-6623 or use his email hal@hill.com

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	Please complete	the following information for our records:
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Name :		Need name badge? Yes
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		Home Phone:
		Work Phone:
AMA #:	AMA Contest Director?	Yes No
AMA Class Open Y	outh Family Birth Date: _	
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(Note - Senior W/Far	•	Family members check Family Box)
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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				
Mar 08	Open*	Mike Verzuh	F3J Intro		
Mar 21	RES and 2 meter	Dr. Dan Williams	-		
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*	Jim Monaco	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	Dave Jensen			
Aug 01	Mentor Day	Dr Dan	LSF task day		
Aug 04	RMSA Meeting				
Aug 09	Open*	Bruce Martin			
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*	Steve Suntken	
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 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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