



Thermals

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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Congratulations to RMSA for successfully defending the challenge cup. It was a great contest and a lot of fun. It was nice seeing that number of fliers at one of our contests. I take two things from this; First, we should work out some more joint contests with Pikes Peak. Even if they are not official we should strive to have more cross contest participation. We can do this by attending some of their contests and I believe this would encourage cross participation. The other thing it reminds me of is we really need to work on increasing our membership. The best way to do this is with individual effort. We all need to try and bring friends out to a mentor day or just out flying. We need to get new blood in the club. It is on all of us.

The next very important club meeting is 7pm till 9pm November 11, 2009. It will be held at

Vista Ridge Academy

Ridge View Dr
Erie, CO 80516

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

After the club meeting is concluded we will have an indoor flying session for anyone that wants to participate.

It must be electric and suitable for indoor flying. If you have an indoor electric helicopter they should be okay as well, but they will have to fly in a separate time window then the airplanes.

The topics covered at the meeting will be;

1. Basic contest rules and any needed updating or clarification
 - a. refight rules as it relates to winches and different contest formats
 - b. F3J scoring
 - c. Any other updating needed done to our standard rules

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: Nov 11, 2009 – 7:00 PM
Special Location: Vista Ridge Academy (address and directions above)
Program: Indoor Model Flying

2. Start process to amend bylaws of elections so that the nomination process happens officially in November and voted on at the December meeting.

3. Nominations of club officers for the 2010 season.

The current spots are;

President	Bruce M
Vice Pres	Hal R
past pres	Mike V
field manager	Steve S
Secretary	Bob R
Treasurer	John P
Newsletter	Tony O
Scorekeeper/webmaster	Jim M

The official board members are: Bruce, Hal, Mike, Bob and John.

Tony has decided to step down from any major scorekeeping duties. He has provided invaluable service to RMSA and it is a huge effort to work scorekeeping at larger events. Anyone that would like to help with scorekeeping please let me know. I believe the current officers are willing to serve another term, but, anyone that would like to take on a role please let me know. I am sure any of the officers would not mind someone taking the role if you have a desire.

Good luck at the last contest of the season. unfortunately I have a mandatory meeting for Eldora ski instructors that I have to attend, so I will miss the last contest. It looks like it might be great weather, so the turnout should be good. Please plan on attending. It should be a great last contest. I know some of those tops spots for club champion are still in contention, good luck to all.

Good flying all,

Bruce Martin

November 8th Open Contest CD Steve Suntken

November 8th: Standard AMA T1

Entry Fee: \$10.00 (\$5.00 Jrs, novice and sportman)

Registration: 8:00 AM

Pilot's Meeting: 8:30 AM

First Flight: 9:00 AM

Tasks: AMA T1 with AMA landing tapes

Challenge Cup Report by Jim Monaco

What a difference a week makes! Hal Remington was supposed to run the Challenge Cup this year, but the weather was awful on that Sunday so Hal chose to postpone the event to the following Sunday. Unfortunately Hal had a previously scheduled rafting trip thru the Grand Canyon the following week, so I volunteered to run it for him. It was a great decision. The weather was terrific for us. PPSS had a great crowd up this year and they thoroughly enjoyed the fine weather we ordered... ☺ There was the typical noon down cycle and the air was really quite challenging most of the day. I think the easiest rounds were the first ones in the morning and that is unusual. The RMSA guys were pretty strong having practiced hard all summer for the team selections and it showed. Dr. Dan was the top performer for PPSS and his score was lower than the 5th place RMSA guy (Bruce Martin). Mike Verzuh struggled a bit, and uncharacteristically missed his time in 3 of the 5 rounds.

Art Boysen just happened to be in town and Bob Avery lent him a plane to play with and he did pretty good learning how it flew. It was Tony Woodward's first contest ever and I think he had a blast with his new (to him) Supra. I stayed after to help him trim it out a bit and he was quite pleased as he headed for home. I'm sure he will be back. Rob Deis was flying a poly ship and was a bit handicapped in his launch height and ranging ability, but it appeared he had fun anyway – and that is what this is all about. No cutthroat stuff here – when Bob Avery had a range problem with his Supra, Skip was right there to offer him a replacement receiver.

In the end RMSA captured the cup again and won home field advantage for next year. When it was all over Chris Keller put it all in perspective when he made sure I knew that PPSS threw the match just so they could come up and fly on our great field next year. We are OK with that Chris!!!

As usual it was a fun time and if you missed it, you should be sure to put this event on your calendar for next year. PPSS has some new guys who are very enthusiastic and I'm sure will be tougher than ever next year!!!
Jim

Challenge Cup Results

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest
R	RMSA											
R	Skip Miller	1	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5000.00	5	5000.00	1000.00	1000.00
R	Bob Lewan	1	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5000.00	5	5000.00	1000.00	1000.00
R	Cody Remington	3	996.12	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	993.07	4989.19	5	4989.19	997.84	997.84
R	Jim Monaco	4	1000.00	995.25	849.10	989.93	996.53	4830.81	5	4830.81	966.16	966.16
R	Bruce Martin	5	1000.00	712.70	995.66	976.91	989.58	4674.86	5	4674.86	934.97	934.97
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R	Steve Suntken	6	757.75	843.35	992.77	961.04	998.24	4553.16	5	4553.16	910.63	910.63
R	Lenny Keer	7	988.37	966.67	623.75	556.03	1000.00	4134.82	5	4134.82	826.96	826.96
R	Mike Verzuh	8	982.56	490.48	543.63	987.09	848.43	3852.19	5	3852.19	770.44	770.44
R	Jon Lovins	9	569.77	956.18	708.44	956.90	508.80	3700.09	5	3700.09	740.02	740.02
P	PPSS											
P	Dr. Dan Williams	1	1000.00	981.01	1000.00	903.32	619.79	4504.12	5	4504.12	1000.00	900.82
P	Frank Deis	2	968.99	938.10	562.23	859.40	864.82	4193.53	5	4193.53	931.04	838.71
P	Chris Keller	3	936.17	633.33	516.45	988.52	1000.00	4074.48	5	4074.48	904.61	814.90
P	Skip Richards	4	738.37	938.97	549.13	863.31	772.96	3862.75	5	3862.75	857.60	772.55
P	Bob Avery	5	684.11	1000.00	150.29	1000.00	830.16	3664.55	5	3664.55	813.60	732.91
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P	James Schoon	6	882.01	329.11	399.39	880.58	702.09	3193.18	5	3193.18	708.95	638.64
P	Art Boysen	7	610.47	280.95	265.98	979.91	972.22	3109.54	5	3109.54	690.38	621.91
P	Tony Woodward	8	967.05	380.95	611.25	443.97	304.58	2707.80	5	2707.80	601.18	541.56
P	Rob Deis	9	269.38	308.29	195.08	997.11	630.28	2400.15	5	2400.15	532.88	480.03

For Sale

Schpotdorker F3J - Flies great. Fair condition. Includes receiver, servos and batty - \$75

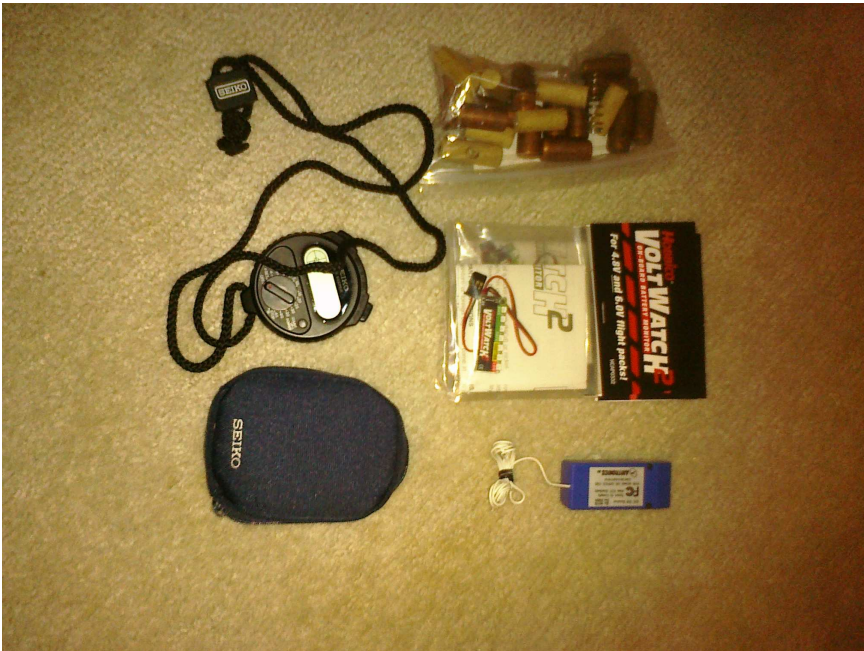


Seiko Time Keeper - \$50

Pike Superior Ballast kit - \$25

Voltwatch Battery Monitors - 3 at \$8 each

Airtronics 6-channel FM receiver - \$25



Brand new "Death-match" bungee set-up, On reel, and includes parachute - \$50

JR DS368BB Digital Micro Servo - \$25

Monokote Sealing Iron - \$25

Pike Superior down padded fuselage sock - \$15



Buddy cord for Stylus Transmitters - free, cause it might not work

Pls call or email Gary Slocum 720-236-4383 slocga@gmail.com

F3J Team Manager Selection

For those that may not have heard, Mike Verzuh was selected to be the 2010 US F3J Team Manager. It is an honor and a lot of work to be the US team manager. Mike is a very capable and organized guy and will do well in getting the team to the Gold in France next year. I believe that Skip Miller will be the junior team manager and Cody will be going as part of the senior team. 3 RMSA guys will be part of the team at the World Championships.

Please give Mike and the rest of the team your support by participating in the great US F3J Team Raffle. It has some great top of the line planes and merchandise. See all the details at <http://www.usf3jteam.com>

RMSA Banquet

The details are being finalized but it will likely be at Cinzetti's again. The date is fixed and is Sunday December 10. I have been asked to consider an afternoon or evening event this year. Please let me know your thoughts about that as soon as possible. As usual I will be sending out an email requesting an estimate of who plans on attending. It is not a binding commitment, but a way for me to ensure we have a big enough room. Plan on being there, it is always a good time with excellent food and great company. Be sure to bring the wives and kids, and if you only have one wife bring her too... ☺

More info to follow - Jim

2009 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
November 8	Open*	Steve Sunken	
November 11	RMSA Meeting		See Pres Message for details
December 6	RMSA Banquet		Evening Event



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Winch Master

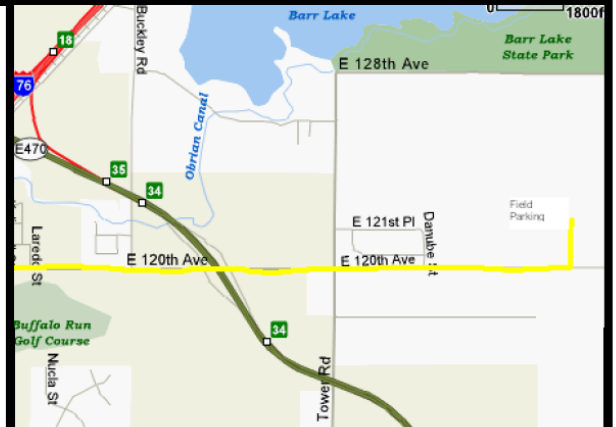
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Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
Skip Miller
Mike Verzuh
Cody Remington
Dr. Dan Williams
Steve Suntken
Bruce Martin

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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