



Thermals

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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Well the season is getting ready to kick off with the South West Classic. This year we are getting to really start the season off with a bang with the addition of F3J at the front of the SWC. That is going to make one long weekend of soaring! Any of you that come up with the best way to smooth things over with the wife let me know ;) Thanks to Mike and Jim for setting up the extra F3J event. It looks like this event is going to come just at the right time. We seemed to be socked in with a burst of snow so the SWC will be a nice change of weather. Sure wish I could get more practice in though. Sorry for the delay in getting the newsletter out this month. I was swamped with work and putting the calendar together took some time. Speaking of that please look over the calendar and let me know if you see any issues. I have tried to respect everyone's request for the contests dates they wanted to C/D. If you can't do a particular date please try and find a substitute for that contest. Please note that I have put definite RMSA meetings on most of the months in the calendar. These dates have been mostly cleared to do as an indoor fly session at Vista ridge Academy.

Vista Ridge Academy

Ridge View Dr
Erie, CO 80516

The first meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 10 there will not be an official meeting. If you would like to fly indoor on that day please let me know and the building should be available. That is tomorrow so please let me know today or early tomorrow if you are interested. There is a lot of soaring on the calendar. I expect that hand launch will be going full swing this year so please try and make a couple of their contest as well. Also, thanks to the H/L guys for coming to the scheduling meeting. They outnumbered the regular open class attendees.

We will be updating the club flier soon and would like people to distribute to the hobby shops as we have done in the past. I hope to get those fliers to you at the March meeting. We also need members to step up and help the newsletter with content. If you have a great tip or trick please submit a short article for the newsletter. We all have things we have learned that others will benefit from. It does not have to be long even just a paragraph will be just fine. With that in mind my reminder/tip is make sure to do thorough testing and cycling of batteries as needed for the start of the season. Don't take battery health for granted. A battery is a very cheap part to replace if needed in a very expensive airplane. Cycle your batteries several times and monitor the output. Know that you are getting sufficient MAH out of them BEFORE you put the plane in the air.

Have a great start of the season and let's knock them dead at the SWC.

Good flying all,

Bruce Martin

RMSA President

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Treasurer's report	John Pearson
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RMSA 2010 Treasurer's Report

While the US economy may be in the toilet, the Club

Is financially healthy!

Balance in the savings account: \$716.86

Balance in the checking account: \$3739.54

John Pearson.

FOR SALE

Supra for sale. White over blue All glass version. **\$1,175.00 OBO-\$1,225.00 with receiver**
 61oz. flying weight--Phil Barns bagged rudder and stab TX 94761 servos on flaps, elevator, and rudder.
 JR thin servos on ailerons 168s I think--5 cell Elite 1500 pack.

No damage.

Can provide program for SD-10 or Stylus.

Bob Lewan

blewan@q.com

POTPOURRI

None

February Calender

F	Type	CD	Name/Notes
	if interested		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
	F3J at SWC	Mike Verzuh and Jim Monoco	SWC - Phoenix
	Open/RES/2M	Jim Schoon	PP Snow fly
	Open,RES,2M and other		SWC - Phoenix
	RMSA meeting		TBA- possible indoor

MODEL AIRPLANE SWAP MEET

The Casper Airmodelers Proudly Presents
their first and hopefully annual Swap Meet
March 20th 2010

From 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Located at the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds
in the Hall of Champions Building

Admission is FREE --- Tables \$10.00 in advance
on a first come first serve basis

For Info: Bruce Luck 307-267-6447

Renewal Reminder

This will be your last Newsletter if you don't renew this month!

Renew with the application in this newsletter, (below)

Or on-line at <http://www.rmsadenver.com>

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2010

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

1860 S. Vrain St
Denver CO 80219

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

FREBRUARY 2010 CALENDER

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
<i>Feb 10th</i>	if interested		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 18-19	F3J at SWC	Mike Verzuh and Jim Monoco	SWC - Phoenix
<i>Feb 20 Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jim Schoon</i>	<i>PP Snow fly</i>
Feb 20-21	Open,RES,2M and other		SWC - Phoenix
Mar 3rd Wednesday	RMSA meeting		TBA- possible indoor



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Winch Master

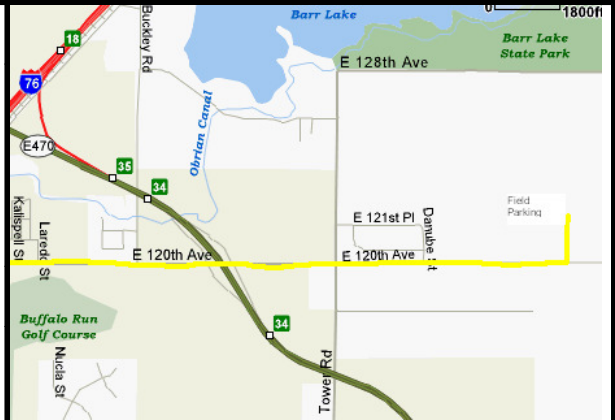
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Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
 Skip Miller
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 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 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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Forwarding Address Requested

First Class Mail