



Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Another month has flown by. Seems as the season ages just like life time goes quicker the older it gets. This past month I participated in an H/L contest. Kudos to the Jensens for doing it first class. They had people that came down from Utah to fly and they provided lunch at no charge. H/L is really starting to take off here and it sure is a lot of fun. The opportunity to fly varied tasks sure is a nice change from the standard open contest. If you have not made a DLG contest yet I highly encourage you to check one out. I think in a couple of years they will be every bit as big as our open group or even bigger thanks to the efforts of the Jensens.

This past month RMSA was well represented at the soaring masters. I am hoping we can get a report from one of the people that attended. Mike Verzuh did an impressive second place only being beaten by Joe Wurts. Skip Miller and John Padilla also flew very well making the finals. Cody was in the running but had some plane and radio issues but flew well in most of the rounds. I am always truly amazed at the talent that we have in this club. When we fly together as a local club the talent is evident but it really shines on the world stage of soaring like the F3J worlds and the masters. What also impresses me is that all of these top notch pilots are some of the friendliest guys you can meet. All of them will bend over backwards to help anyone that needs it. We are very fortunate with the members that we have in the club.

Well elections are just around the corner. Anyone that is interested in running for a club office please submit your name in the next couple of weeks. We are going to have to put forth the official nominations soon. For those people that are currently in office I would like a quick note that you would or would not want to handle the office next year. If you do not respond then I assume that you do;

This past month we also flew the challenge cup. RMSA came out victorious again. It was a lot of fun even with the light attendance that we had. I look forward to the report in the newsletter from Mike V who stepped up in the last minute to C/D it. While I was there I could not help but notice how nice the trailer is looking. Thanks again to Jim Monaco, John Lovins and Steve Suntken and all of the work they have done with the trailer. If I have missed someone I am sorry. The trailer is sure looking good!!

There is a big contest in Dallas this year on Oct 22-23rd. I am contemplating driving down for it if anyone is interested in going. They usually have 40+ people with the opportunity to fly H/L, RES and two days of different open class contests. They do a two day champion as well. IT is a relaxed atmosphere contest with an open winch format in a window for each round. Let me know if you are interested in attending. I think right now you can get real cheap airfares with southwest. Let me know in the next couple of days if you are interested. I am trying to make a final decision about going.

The flying season is fading fast. See if you can make it out to the last couple of contests that we have. The great weather is going to be gone soon. As I said before try and make one of the H/L contest they are just a ton of fun.

The next club meeting will be at the contest. I am looking to set up an evening event where we can talk about how the F3J worlds went and the masters as well. Look for the details in the future.

Good flying all,

Bruce Martin

RMSA President H 303 862 8451 W 303 963 5019 C 303 249 7272

Sunday Oct. 10th Open Contest CD John Lovins

REGISTRATION 8:00 AM

PILOT'S MEETING: 8:30 AM

With all the major contests finished for the year, and the F3J season over I'm thinking we should prepare for the SW Classic.

How about mass launch TD with skegs, & AMA tapes. If someone is uncomfortable with the mass launch they may hang back for a few seconds.

I hope the weather holds so we can have a good turnout. We will keep you updated with any changes. See you there.

Battery Masters – Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:00 AM charged & “topped-up”

Saturday Oct 23rd DLG Contest CD Dave Jensen

Our final DLG contest of the year is happening on Saturday the 23rd.

Please note that this is a week later than originally scheduled.

This will be treated as a practice for the Blue Skies Over Arizona contest (Nov 6-7).

It'll still be beginner-friendly, so if you've been flying a DLG but haven't yet been to a contest (you know who you are), now's the time! Come on out y'all – let's end the season on a real high!

~~October Scienturfic Family Day~~ Jim Monaco

I will be out of town for the scheduled Scienturfic/Family day. The week before is the HL, and the week before that is the Open contest. After that it's too late as the farm will be winding down for the season.

So, as of now this event is cancelled. I will coordinate a bunch of Turkeys for the sod farm staff again this year in place of the event.

Jim

September Challenge Cup Report CD Mike Verzuh

The annual Colorado Challenge Cup opened with a beautiful day. The forecast was good for the whole day and it held. Temperatures were in the high 70s to low 80s. Wind was light and consistently out of the South to South East, all in all a perfect soaring day. Dr. Dan couldn't make it, so I took over CD duties.

We had 10 RMSA guys and only three from Pikes Peak due to commitments, so we decided to take the best three RMSA scores against the three PPS scores for the cup championship. With the great weather we were able to get in seven rounds, which of course gave plenty of opportunity for the changeable Colorado air to dish out airtime hits.

Cody flew his new Vulture and proved it is a winner. He had one very nice low level save. We were in a down cycle and Cody had to run back to catch a thermal at 75 feet or less. He did a great job saving the flight. Bob Avery flew well from PPS taking 1st place on the PPS team. While the hits and challenging flights just kept on coming for most Bob Lewan navigated an awesome contest, never getting into any tough positions. Steve and I got into one low level duel for it seemed 5 minutes before I was lucky enough to get out. Skip had to pull out a tough flight way out south.

In the end Cody took first for RMSA and overall first, Bob Lewan second and yours truly third. RMSA successfully defended the cup again with a total team score of 20954 while PPS scored 12699.

Mike Verzuh

Scores

Challenge Cup

Contest Date: 9-12-10

Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
RMSA														
Cody Remington	1	1000.00	994.78	1000.00	1000.00	992.84	1000.00	1000.00	6987.62	7	6987.62	1000.00	1000.00	1
Bob Lewan	2	1000.00	994.79	997.13	1000.00	997.13	1000.00	995.68	6984.73	7	6984.73	999.59	999.59	2
Mike Verzuh	3	993.42	1000.00	992.83	1000.00	1000.00	997.13	998.57	6981.95	7	6981.95	999.19	999.19	3
Skip Miller	4	997.81	979.13	1000.00	992.77	1000.00	998.57	1000.00	6968.28	7	6968.28	997.23	997.23	4
Jim Monaco	5	1000.00	962.00	987.09	736.84	972.78	995.70	1000.00	6654.41	7	6654.41	952.31	952.31	5
John Lovins	6	960.53	984.38	984.24	741.23	723.74	991.40	997.13	6382.65	7	6382.65	913.42	913.42	6
Charles Miller	7	989.04	979.27	992.84	369.94	942.45	981.38	1000.00	6254.91	7	6254.91	895.14	895.14	7
Steve Suntken	8	982.46	949.65	1000.00	328.95	596.41	974.06	968.44	5799.97	7	5799.97	830.03	830.03	8
Lenny Keer	9	960.53	1000.00	972.74	985.67	458.89	989.91	376.08	5743.83	7	5743.83	822.00	822.00	9
Bruce Martin	10	995.61	1000.00	992.83	928.37	142.45	1000.00	224.78	5284.04	7	5284.04	756.20	756.20	11
PPSS														
Bob Avery	1	982.46	1000.00	317.07	987.11	1000.00	621.78	554.76	5463.17	7	5463.17	1000.00	781.84	10
Frank Deis	2	969.30	967.18	925.50	755.78	310.89	156.16	327.12	4411.93	7	4411.93	807.58	631.39	12
Austin Cleis Jr	3	473.68	934.03	426.11	242.12	349.78	87.90	311.24	2824.86	7	2824.86	517.07	404.27	13

DLG is definitely alive and well in RMSA. Our contest hosted a total of 12 pilots, and not all of our regular pilots showed up to fly!

We had expected the conditions to be booming and full of "gimme" flights. Instead, we were met with light lift from which we had to claw and scratch out our times. But, as usual, it seemed that some pilots were always in the right place at the right time... funny how that seems to work out. The day was beautiful, though, and everybody had a great time. We had a pretty good number of novice pilots, and we spent a decent amount of time discussing various facets of DLG contests, ranging from rules to strategies and plane setups. At noon, I provided the promised free lunch of sloppy joes and drinks, which seemed to be well-received. A total of 8 rounds were flown. One pilot wanted to go longer, but told me the next day that it was a good thing we stopped when we did because he was quite sore!

Looking at the results, you should notice the presence of a new name at the top. Scott has been practicing quite a bit lately, and it is definitely showing in his flying. He's got one heck of a launch, too! He's definitely going to be a pilot to watch in the future.

Scores

Place	Pilot	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Total	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Scott Dueck	1000	1000	1000	1000	-912	1000	1000	1000	7000	100.00%
2	Gary Jensen	-651	1000	1000	753	1000	1000	1000	940	6693	95.61%
3	Dave Jensen	1000	870	908	787	644	-614	1000	747	5956	85.08%
4	John Jonke	673	670	953	938	1000	950	740	-549	5924	84.62%
5	John Lovins	900	882	892	508	856	-233	518	1000	5556	79.37%
6	Dave Runyon	782	681	782	1000	616	-570	740	690	5291	75.58%
7	Shawn Curry	703	622	810	878	-539	746	771	573	5103	72.90%
8	Matt Barnson (Utah)	438	514	591	567	545	-380	571	573	3799	54.27%
9	Bruce Martin	479	514	645	413	510	-223	571	575	3707	52.95%
10	Cory Shantz	411	577	766	610	424	-186	400	459	3647	52.10%
11	James Arner (Utah)	341	314	505	597	367	-298	518	557	3199	45.70%
12	Greg (Utah)	484	474	611	344	-188	243	333	460	2949	42.12%

September Soaring Masters Info Shannon Bingham

2010 LSF WORLD SOARING MASTERS

Sept 24-26

WSM Fly-Off Rounds

Tom Kallevang - ED
Mark Nankivil - CD
Jim McCarthy - Registrar

Scoring - John Lindsay
Impound - Marna Jeffery

Total # Drop Rounds = 0

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RESULTS

Place	Contestant						Total
		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	
1	Joe Wurts	995	1,000	996	999	1,000	4,990
2	Mike Verzuh	990	1,000	999	1,000	997	4,986
3	Thomas Cooke	998	996	996	997	997	4,984
4	Richard Burnoski	1,000	994	990	995	992	4,971
5	Michael Reagan	974	992	994	996	997	4,953
6	Craig Greening	985	1,000	988	972	999	4,944
7	Skip Miller	978	900	991	997	996	4,862
8	Steve Stohr	986	712	994	985	992	4,669
9	Arend Borst	987	647	1,000	996	997	4,627
10	Jon Padilla	987	170	993	996	997	4,143

Current RMSA 2010 Open Standings Jim Monaco

2010 Open Standings																															
	Mar	PI	Apr	PI	May	PI	June	PI	July	PI	Aug	PI	Sep	PI	Oct	PI	Nov	PI		Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place	Prev Pts	Prev Wins	09 Pts	09 Wins	Tot Pts	Total Wins	Promo	
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FOR SALE

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Nothing this month.

Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Type	CD	Notes
<i>Feb 10th</i>	if interested		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 18-19	F3J at SWC	Mike Verzuh and Jim Monaco	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 fun fly
Mar 13th Saturday	Open*	Dr Dan	RMSA club contest
<i>Mar 21st Sunday</i>	<i>open,RES,2 meter</i>	<i>Bob Vixie</i>	<i>PP March Madness</i>
Mar 21st Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Apr 7th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Apr 11th Sunday	Open*	Bruce Martin	RMSA club contest
Apr 24th Saturday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
<i>Apr 24th Saturday</i>	<i>open,RES,2 meter</i>	<i>Joel Zellner</i>	<i>PP Humps and Bumps</i>
Apr 30th-May 2nd			IHGLF-Poway
May 6th Thursday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
<i>May 8th Saturday</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Milt Woodham</i>	<i>Watts 'o Fun</i>
May 16th Sunday	Open* (Changed date)	Mike Verzuh	RMSA club contest
<i>May 23rd</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>PP May Fly</i>
May 23rd	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
May 28-30	F3J in the Rockies	Jim Monaco	RMSA national contest
Jun 5-6th	Blue skies- H/L		New Mexico
Jun 9th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Jun 12th	Mentor Day	Blayne Chastain	LSF task day as well
Jun 13th Sunday	Open*	John Padilla	RMSA club contest
<i>Jun 19th</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>PP Summer Solstice</i>
Jun 26th	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Jul 7th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Jul 11th Sunday	Open*	Jim Monaco	RMSA club contest
Jul 18th Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	
<i>July 25th Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Height o' the Season</i>
July 24th-Aug 1st			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
July 27th-Aug 8th			World's F3J
Aug 8th Sunday	Open*	Bob Lewan	RMSA club contest
Aug 11th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
<i>Aug 14th-15th</i>	<i>Blue Skies H/L Series</i>		<i>Colorado</i>
<i>Aug 14th Saturday</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Frank Deis</i>	<i>Howling Coyote and picnic</i>
Aug 21st Saturday	RES	Blayne Chastain	
Sep 8th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Sep 12th Sunday	Colorado Challenge Cup*	Danny Williams	RMSA club contest/vs PP
Sep 26th Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Sep 19th Sunday	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Soar Bash</i>
Sep 24-26th	<i>Soaring Masters</i>		Soaring Masters
Oct 1-3rd	Visalia		Visalia
Oct 6th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Oct 10th Sunday	Open*	John Lovins	RMSA club contest
Oct 23rd Saturday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Oct 22-24th	Texas TNT in Dallas	TBA	H/L, RES and two days of Open
<i>Oct 23rd Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Barry Welsh</i>	<i>pp Witches Brew</i>
Oct 23rd Saturday	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Cancelled
Nov 3rd Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Nov 7th Sunday	Open*	Skip Miller/ Cody Remington	RMSA club contest
<i>Nov 21st Sunday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jerry Murphy</i>	<i>pp Turkey Shoot (Members</i>
<i>Dec 11th</i>	<i>HLG etc</i>	<i>John & Jo-Anne Read</i>	<i>pp Barn Fly (Members Only)</i>
Dec 12th	RMSA Banquet		

*Club Open points contest (Best 6 Scores)

**Club HLG points contest (Best 3 including the PPSS HLG event)

Italics indicates PPSS events held at their location in COS

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

PLANE	SPAN	COLOR (Top,Bott.,Fuse)	CLASS (Open,HLG,Std..)	FREQUENCY

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 has 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



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Winch Master

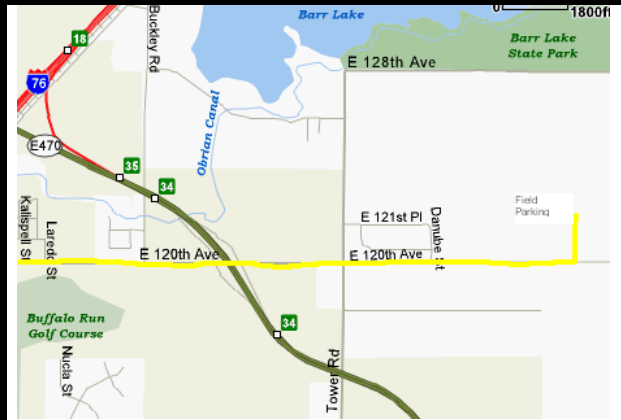
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Battery Masters

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

For Winch Use;

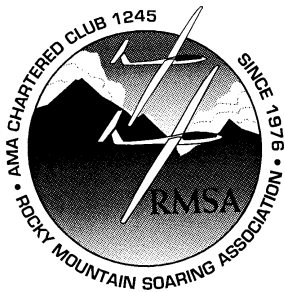
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



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 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