

Thermals

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President's Message

Jim Monaco

It has been a busy summer for the RMSA guys – we continue to demonstrate that the RMSA pilots are some of the best in the country. Recently 6 pilots went to the Soaring Nationals in Muncie and we did very well. In open class RMSA had 4 of the top 5 places with Cody continuing his dominance flying a new to him Egida. Mike Verzuh and Skip Miller took 2nd and 3rd place, with Jon Padilla grabbing 5th place. In F3J three of the top six places were RMSA guys. Cody took the top spot with some great flying. I managed to fly my best event ever and wound up in 3rd place and Jon Padilla rounded out the top 6 in 6th place. The rest of this column I will describe my experience at the Nats...

My goal was top 10 finishes in Open and F3J. The weather for Open class was awesome – temps in the 80s and relatively low humidity and light breezes. There was generally plenty of lift around as long as you did not do anything stupid. The big trouble spot was the landing zone. For “safety” reasons the contest organizers set up the landing tapes at least 30 feet from the safety line. This is way further than any event I have ever attended and it really added a level of luck to the landings. Depth perception at that distance is quite unreliable, so there were a lot of short and long landings. I started out strong, when usually the first flight in the morning is one of my weakest. The second round I had a communication issue with my timer, and wound up barely making it back to the field. They had a small field boundary marked out and any landing out of the cones resulted in a zero flight score. I was barely inside the cones when I got back. With no throw outs, this put a real kink in my place in the standings. I managed to get all the rest of my times with decent landings and kept moving up the standings every round. After the final round I had moved up to 14th place and was actually quite happy with my performance. I was ready to get started in F3J.

I spent the evening getting the field set up for F3J in the morning. In the morning I was busy getting the logistics of the event set up and the scorekeeper set up and left the set up of our equipment to Jon and Blayne. We struggled a bit getting set up and were very glad we had a bye in the first group. When we did get started, I tanked the first flight... Six minutes does not cut it with the level of competition that was on the field. So this was my throw out – no more mistakes were allowed. Now it was VERY hot in Muncie and the CD allowed us to set up tents and shades on the flight line. The lift was about, but so was the sink. You needed to make good decisions and not get off on your own without a solid read. The rest of the contest I flew very well. My new glasses were allowing me to fly further than I normally do and with light winds I could fly my light Icon 2 with a white center section and orange tips that gives me great visibility. Most of the flights were uneventful, but there were 2 where my callers really saved my butt. Jon and Blayne were great giving me all the info I needed and thinking one step ahead for “plan B”. The last flight of the event I was solidly in the top 5 and just needed a decent flight to stay there. My callers put me in good air and I skied out, just flying around under a cloud so I could see it. One good approach and landing and I was in... I was a bit early but nailed the 100 and was stoked. I high fived my callers and waited for the results. I was very pleased to see that I wound up in 3rd place – my best finish ever in a major event!

It is clear I still have some things to work on – especially shorter launches and giving away less time on the landings. This is certainly a confidence booster and I am excited to attend the F3J Team Selections.

On a related note – the RMSA 7 are attending the Team Selections in Florida at the end of October. Bob Pederson has volunteered to drive the trailer down and back – we thank him VERY much, it will be so much better for us with all of our stuff there. We will be practicing hard, hoping to put 3 RMSA members on the US Team... Wish us luck – Jim

Jim

Aug 6th & 7th BLUE SKIES Over Colorado CD Dave Jensen

Reminding all of you that this weekend is our Blue Skies Over Colorado DLG contest. We have over 30 pilots coming from across the country, including the recent 2nd-place finisher at the World Championship, George Morris. It's looking like the weather is going to be as good as the competition this weekend. I encourage you to come on out and see what DLG competition is like, and to show your support for the group.

Dave

SUNDAY AUGUST 14th Open Contest CD Bob Lewan

REGISTRATION Before 8:30 AM Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00
PILOT'S MEETING: 8:30 AM
FIRST FLIGHT: 9:00 AM
TASKS: F3J with winches
BATTERY MASTERS: Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM charged & "topped-up"

JULY Open Contest Report CD Mark Howard

There was no July open contest because of lack of participation. Only two Masters and two Sportsmen showed up.

Mark

JULY DLG Contest Report CD Dave Jensen

SCORES

Place	Pilot	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8	Total	Pct
1	Gary Jensen	1000	1000	-890	986	1000	940	1000	1000	6,926	100.00%
2	John Jonke	971	1000	1000	1000	-842	1000	1000	880	6,851	98.92%
3	Scott Dueck	1000	-429	758	1000	1000	730	920	963	6,371	91.99%
4	Dave Runyon	973	925	819	-431	623	1000	959	886	6,185	89.30%
5	Dave Jensen	815	781	-626	891	908	633	663	807	5,498	79.38%
6	Cory Shantz	821	383	1000	740	727	-305	409	1000	5,080	73.35%
7	Kelsey Jensen	533	595	912	0	1000	541			3,581	51.70%

Dave

FOR SALE

Supra Competition Pro Orange over black - \$900.00

.RTF minus receiver. 761s all around. Generally good condition. The joiner box for one wing broke out the side on a landing and was repaired. The joiner actually was accidentally glued in while trying to make a tight repair. Oops. It has the latest strong stab.

This was my primary model for a long time. It is a great flying machine.

Call Jim Monaco

Tsunami cross tail. Yellow/red. \$750.00

Excellent condition,, All JR servos. Former F3J World Champs winning model.

Includes fuse & wing covers, plus extra fuse that has been expertly repaired Needs new battery.

Call Byron 303-738-1104.

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None this month

RMSA 2011 Calendar

[\(click for online version that may be more current\)](#)

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Jan 13	RMSA Meeting	Broomfield Public Library	2011 Schedule
Sat Jan 22	Trailer/Winch Day	7257 W 116th Place, Broomfield	Trailer and Winch Repair Day
Tue Feb 1	RMSA Meeting	To Be Announced	Club Meeting
Thu Feb 17-Fri Feb 18	F3J in the Desert	Queen Creek AZ	CD-Phil Renaud
Sat Feb 19	Southwest Classic	Queen Creek AZ	CD-Chico
Tue Mar 1	RMSA Meeting	Club Field	Club Meeting
Mar 6 TBA	RMSA Pro/AM	Club Field	CD-Jim Monaco
Sun Mar 13	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sat Mar 19	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Blayne Chastain
Sat Mar 19	RMSA Meeting	Club Field before contest	Club Meeting
Tue Apr 5	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Apr 10	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Mike Verzuh
Sat Apr 16	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Fri Apr 29-Sun May 1	International HLG	San Diego CA	
Tue May 3	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat May 7	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Jon Padilla F3J w/winch
Sun May 15	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sat May 28-Sun May 29	F3J in the Rockies	Sod Farm	CD-Jim Monaco
Tue Jun 7	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Jun 11	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Cody Remington F3J w/winch
Sat Jun 18	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Jul 5	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Mon Jul 11-Sun Jul 17	SOARING NATS	Muncie IN	
Sun Jul 17	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Jul 24	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Mark Howard
Tue Aug 2	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Aug 6-Sun Aug 7	Blue Skies of Colorado DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Aug 14	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Bob Lewan F3J w/winch
Fri Sep 2-Sun Sep 4	US F3J Team Selections	Chicago?	Tentative
Sun Sep 4	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Sep 6	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Sep 18	Colorado Challenge Cup Open	RMSA Club Field	CD-Jim Monaco
Tue Oct 4	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Oct 9	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Bruce Martin
Sat Oct 15	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Nov 1	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Nov 5	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-John Lovins
Sat Nov 12	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Dec 4	RMSA Awards Banquet	To be Announced	Jim Monaco - Coordinator

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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**

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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Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
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Winch Master

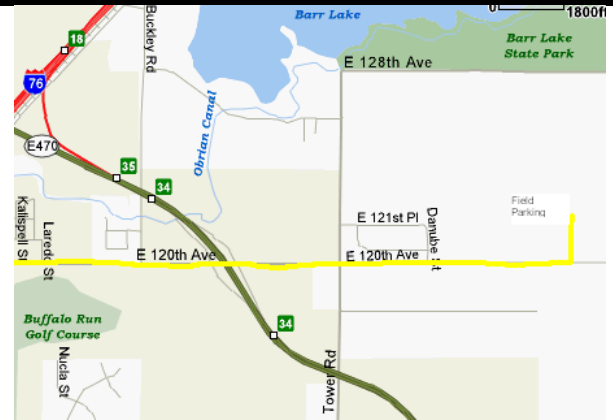
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Battery Masters

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 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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