

Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Lovins

September marks the beginning of the end for the large comp soaring season. I like this time of year at the field though. The weather is good, its a great time to get out and practice for next year, work out the bugs in a new plane, or just enjoy the scenery. We will have Open and Hand Launch comp in Oct., and at least Open in Nov. weather permitting. Please come out and finish the season strong

We have been struggling to get enough Masters at the Open contests, and its not serving the Sportsman class well, they are always willing to fly. Perhaps we need to look at the structure for an "official" contest to keep these future Masters flying and competing...Any input?

We held the Challenge Cup this month with a small turnout. Thanks to the Sportsman we won. Thanks guys for keeping the contest here next year....Look for a write up from Mike V. or Jim Monaco.

The Soaring Masters were also held in Muncie I believe, and Mike V took 4th in very difficult conditions. Look for that write up also. Congrats Mike.

Its time to think about 2013 officers for the club. It has been my honor to serve as pres. for 2012, but I will be stepping down from that position. If you are interested in serving, please contact me. Its not that tough, and you will have huge support from the veterans in the club. My personal thanks to Jim Monaco, Mike V, Jim Smith, Tony O., Steve S., the hand launch guys (you know who you are), and anyone else who "held my hand" as pres rookie. It is truly a team effort.

See you at the field.

Thanks,

John

RMSA OPEN Competition STANDINGS

| Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | PI | Nat. Lvl. | Name | Best 6 |
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Masters

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| Mike Verzuh | 999.80 | 974.32 | 958.69 | 958.69 | 958.69 | 958.69 | 1000.00 | | | 996.21 | F3JR | 5838.6 3 |
| John | 947.69 | 993.55 | 995.24 | 995.24 | 995.24 | 644.09 | | | | 905.42 | F3JR | 5441.5 |

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| Lovins | | | | | | | 0 |
| Blayne Chastain | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | | | 1000.00 | 4000.00 0 F3JR 0 |
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| Jim Monaco | 941.31 | | | 696.20 | | 889.83 | 3320.19 F3JR |
| | | | | | | | |
| Skip Miller | | 967.09 | | | | 999.64 | 2873.67 F3JR |
| | | | | | | | |
| Lenny Keer | 799.48 | 993.80 | | | | | 2576.10 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Bob Lewan | | 957.19 | | | | 993.51 | 1950.70 F3JR |
| | | | | | | | |
| Cody Remington | | 584.93 | | | | | 1584.93 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Bruce Martin | | | | 925.84 | | | 925.84 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Chris Keller | | | | 774.24 | | | 774.24 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Sportsman | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Jim Rogers | 1000.00 | 874.13 | 0000.00 | 1000.00 | | 871.44 | 5745.57 F3JR |
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| Tom Tate | 909.89 | 1000.00 | | | | | 2668.75 |

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|--------------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------------|
| Jim Smith | 692.85 | 858.08 | 237.41 | F3JR | 1788.3 4 |
| Brody Wilson | | 876.60 | 822.43 | | 1699.0 3 |
| Corey Shantz | 739.61 | | | | 739.61 |

September Challenge Cup Contest Report

We had a light turnout again for an event but 6 RMSA and 3 PPSS pilots attended for an enjoyable time. Thanks to Bob Avery, Chris Keller and Frank Deis for making it all the way from the springs.

I was there early to get the trailer and get a couple of trim flights in and the PPSS guys showed up. After they got their planes assembled Bob Avery asked me to look at his plane and help with a range test. I was happy to oblige and when he turned the radio on the rudder went hard right. I pointed this out and Bob replied that he just flew it the day before and it was perfect. We tested a few hypothesis out including: a stripped gear that jumped teeth (a bunch) and ruled that out, a bad servo (we could not detect anything wrong), loose linkages – nope... hmm quite a mystery. Bob finally just popped the arm off the servo and re centered it and was good the rest of the day. Any guesses what it might have been – I'll bet you don't get it...

On to the contest. With 9 people we decided that we would run three 3 person flight groups with a PPSS pilot in each one. The air was really fickle with a number of short flight times. No one really got away and it was a struggle for most flights. The PPSS guys were holding their own against the RMSA contingent, and the scores were fairly close finishing out the 5th round. At that point I got a phone call from United Airlines – the 6:45PM flight I was scheduled on that nite for business was canceled and I needed to call immediately to get rescheduled. When I called they told me the only flight that I could get on that could get me to my destination before midnight was at 3:00pm – about 1 hour and 10 minutes from then. I had to quickly pull out of the contest and get my stuff packed and off to the airport hoping to catch that flight. Bob A and maybe Brody put my planes away while I rushed to set up the scoring program in the trailer so Mike could enter the scores after I left. I quickly scooted off and the contest continued. As I discovered later my withdrawal caused a bit of a scheduling problem in that the flight group I was in only had 2 pilots, so they decided to run a spoiler in the group and drew numbers out of a hat to see who the spoiler would be. Chris Keller was selected and did his job whooping up on the other 2 pilots! Great Job Chris!!!

Since they were shy a pilot now for even flight groups they decided to call it a contest after the 6th round. In the mean time I made it to the airport and to the gate just as they were boarding. Mike called with some scoring questions that I answered as they closed up the doors.

In the end RMSA prevailed again holding on to the Challenge Cup and home field advantage for another year. Mike was the overall winner with Bruce 2nd on the RMSA team and Jim Rogers in 3rd. I managed 4th despite a zero round...

Poor John Lovins had some bad luck when his transmitter came loose from his neck strapp and he dropped it during the launch – and the plane went spiraling before he could pick it up... I donate one of the famous Monaco customized Airtronicsneck strapss with the sliding clip. Mike and I have both had our transmitters come loose

before but with much less trauma so I had modified all my neck straps and one for Mike with a clip that won't come loose.

Brody, our newcomer did well, keeping his plane in one piece and learning a bunch from the competition.

It was a really fun and challenging contest and a great day for flying. Too bad you were not there...

| Team | Name | Place by Class | RD 1 | RD 2 | RD 3 | RD 4 | RD 5 | RD 6 | Raw | | Norm by by | | Team Score |
|------|--------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|----------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Total | Total | Class | Conte st | |
| R | RMSA | | | | | | | | | | | | 15749. 27 |
| R | Mike Verzuh | 1 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 6000 | 6000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1 |
| R | Bruce Martin | 2 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 998.5 | 556.4 | 5554. | 5554. | 925.8 | 925.8 | 2 |
| R | Jim Rogers | 3 | 784.7 | 697.0 | 897.8 | 589.6 | 224.9 | 4194. | 4194. | 699.0 | 699.0 | 5 | |
| R | Jim Monaco | 4 | 918.4 | 745.6 | 647.0 | 865.9 | 4177. | 4177. | 18 | 18 | 696.2 | 696.2 | 6 |
| R | John Lovins | 5 | 732.8 | 506.4 | 625.1 | 3864. | 3864. | 644.0 | 644.0 | 9 | 9 | 8 | |
| R | Brody Wilson | 6 | 411.8 | 663.7 | 404.2 | 485.7 | 860.3 | 623.5 | 3449. | 3449. | 574.9 | 574.9 | 9 |
| P | PPSS | | | | | | | | | | | | 13378. 63 |
| P | Bob Avery | 1 | 627.1 | 995.7 | 434.7 | 690.5 | 4748. | 4748. | 791.3 | 1000 | 6 | 3 | |
| P | Chris Keller | 2 | 634.1 | 782.0 | 971.4 | 663.8 | 594.0 | 4645. | 4645. | 978.3 | 774.2 | 4 | |
| P | Frank Deis | 3 | 568.3 | 806.0 | 762.8 | 404.3 | 526.3 | 917.1 | 3985. | 3985. | 839.2 | 664.1 | 7 |
| P | Spoiler | 4 | | | | | | | 210.6 | 166.6 | 1 | 7 | 10 |

SEPTEMBER DLG Report

Due to a lingering hangover from the USA F3K team selection contest, the September contest ended up being canceled. The October DLG contest is scheduled for the 20th.

FOR SALE

None this month

Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships for 2013. Renew with the application in this newsletter, (below)

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

RMSA 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

([click for online version that may be more current](#)) **Note:-Italicized entries are changes from original**

| Date | Event | Location | Description |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat Feb 4 | Open/HL Skills Day (Canceled due to weather) | Sod Farm | Open/HL Skills Day |
| Wed Feb 15 - Sun Feb 19 | F3J in the Desert and SWC | Queen Creek AZ | |
| Sat Feb 25 | WOTR Model Expo | Lowrey Air Museum | Wings over the Rockies |
| Sun Mar 11 | Open Class Skills Day | Sod Farm | Launching Tutorials and Practice |
| Sat Mar 17 | DLG Contest | Sod Farm | CD Dave Jensen |
| Sun Mar 18 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | CD Jim Monaco |
| Sun Apr 15 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | <i>CD Jim Smith</i> |
| Sun Apr 22 | DLG Contest | <i>Bob Pederson's field</i> | CD Bob Pederson |
| Sun May 6 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | <i>CD Mike Verzuh</i> |
| Sat May 19 | DLG Contest | Sod Farm | CD Cory Shantz |
| Sat May 26 - Sun May 27 | F3J in the Rockies | Sod Farm | CD Jim Monaco |
| Sat Jun 2 - Sun Jun 3 | California Challenge DLG Contest | California | |
| Sat Jun 9 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | CD TBD |
| Sat Jun 23 - Sun Jun 24 | Blue Skies Colorado DLG | Sod Farm | CD Dave Jensen |
| Sat Jun 30 - Sun Jul 1 | The Bruce DLG | Kentucky? | |
| Sat Jul 7 - Sun Jul 8 | Blue Skies New Mexico | ABQ New Mexico | |
| Sun Jul 15 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | CD TBD |
| Sun Jul 22 | DLG Contest | Sod Farm | CD Dave Jensen |
| Mon Jul 30 - Sun Aug 5 | Soaring Nationals | Muncie IN | |
| Mon Aug 6 - Fri Aug 10 | F3J Worlds | Johannesburg South Africa | |
| Sat Aug 11 - Sun Aug 12 | Blue Skies Utah DLG | Utah | |
| Sat Aug 18 | DLG Contest | Sod Farm | CD Dave Jensen |
| Sat Aug 25 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | CD Mike Verzuh |
| Fri Aug 31 - Mon Sep 3 | DLG US Team Selections (Proposed) | Sod Farm | Contact Dave Jensen |
| Sun Sep 16 | RMSA/PPSS Challenge Cup / Club Open Contest | Sod Farm | CD Jim Monaco |
| Sat Sep 22 - Sun Sep 23 | Soaring Masters | Muncie IN | |
| Sat Oct 6 - Sun Oct 7 | Visalia Fall Fest | Visalia CA | |
| Sun Oct 14 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | CD TBD |
| Sat Nov 3 - Sun Nov 4 | Blue Skies Arizona | Phoenix AZ | |
| Sat Nov 10 | DLG Contest | Sod Farm | CD Dave Jensen |
| Sun Nov 11 | Open Class Contest | Sod Farm | CD John Lovins |
| Sun Dec 9 | RMSA Awards Banquet | TBD | |

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2012

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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Vice President: Jim Smith
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
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Winch Master

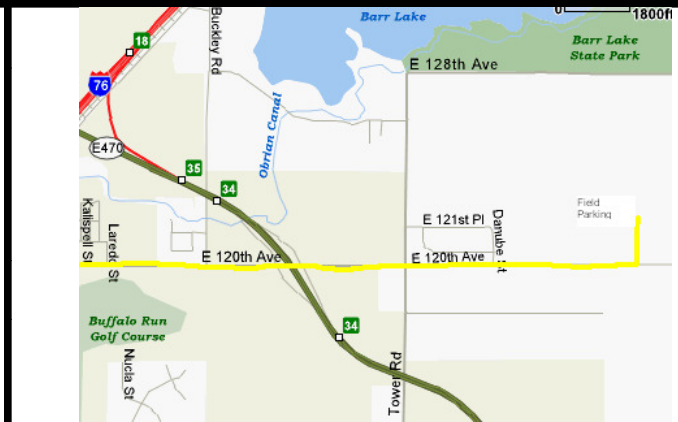
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 Skip Miller
 Mike Verzuh
 Cody Remington
 Dr. Dan Williams
 Steve Suntken
 Bruce Martin

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 on 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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