



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Smith

Our field has been improved by the work of Dale Terry who installed a new frequency board and wind sock on the Northeast side of the Sod farm. Once again another club member stepped up and graciously contributed to improving our club. Thanks Dale!

Skip Miller has also stepped up and volunteered to share his knowledge of soaring at our next club meeting scheduled for May 1st. Skip's presentation "Everything I have learned and haven't learned in 37 years of National and International competition soaring....all secrets revealed!" Should not be missed. This is a rare opportunity for everyone to learn from a master of soaring. Mark your calendar.

Date: Wednesday May 1st

Time: 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Location: Eisenhower Room -Broomfield Public Library, 3 Community Park Rd., Broomfield CO 80020

I cannot offer enough thanks on behalf of all the RMSA club members for the generous donation given by an anonymous person in hopes of expanding the joy of soaring to current and future members. Please take advantage of the donation by participating in our clubs contests, meetings and general activities. As the donor told me, "It not just about winning or the fear of competing with those with more skills than yours". "It is the fun we have flying RC gliders and competing with ourselves".

OK, spring is here. Let's have some fun! See you at the field.

Jim Smith 303-818-7576 Gjs.smith@comcast.net

**MAY 1st---A VERY SPECIAL presentation by SKIP MILLER
"Everything I have learned and haven't learned in 37 years
of National and International competition soaring....all secrets revealed!"**

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Sunday April 7th Club Open Contest—CD Mike Verzuh

For the April Open contest we will be running either Intro to F3J or TD depending on attendance and the desire of the pilots that attend – we will take a vote.

Pilots meeting at 8:30 first launch 9:00.

Battery Masters please be sure to arrange for your batteries to arrive on time!

Also we will have the ability to have an ALES or Radian class. Come on out it should be very fun!

Thanks, Mike

Saturday April 20th DLG Contest—CD Dave Runyon

Expect a change of pace and maybe some new tasks to liven things up. Monitor the RCGroups Colorado DLG thread [check the latest postings](#) to keep abreast of what is happening with DLGs locally. Feel free to join the conversation.

March Open Contest report

John Lovins

March 16, 2013 Open Contest Report

John Lovins-CD

We had a lightly attended, but spirited season opener on the 16th. The weather was cool and overcast with light lift for most of the day.

With 5 pilots we improvised and flew TD, no callers, 3 pilots in 1 group, and 2 in the other. In the larger group 1 person needed to time for 2 pilots. To deal with this we staggered those flights 30 seconds. That seemed to give plenty of time at the end of the flight for timing. Not ideal, but it works!!!!

For all that didn't come out, you missed a great day of flying. We got in 8 rounds, with lunch, and were off the field around 2:00. Jim Monaco flew his rebuilt Maxa, John Padilla (welcome back) flew his new Maxa. These are very nice planes that float very well. Jim Rogers joined the Masters this year and was flying his Pike Perfect. Jim Smith was flying his tried and true Zepher (he needs his Egida!!!), and I flew my Egida. Plan on attending the next contest. Contest fees have been waived for the year so there's no reason to not come out.

Scores

March Open

Contest Date: 3/23/13

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Open															
M	John Lovins	1	925.61	1000.00	876.96	1000.00	981.35	1000.00	1000.00	997.14	7781.05	8.00	7781.05	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Jon Padilla	2	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	847.70	1000.00	1000.00	777.94	1000.00	7625.64	8.00	7625.64	980.03	980.03	2
M	Jim Monaco	3	924.24	932.01	703.50	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	7559.75	8.00	7559.75	971.56	971.56	3
M	Jim Rogers	4	1000.00	956.33	1000.00	782.73	563.04		654.23	948.35	5904.69	7.00	5904.69	758.85	758.85	4
S	Sportsman															
S	Jim Smith	1	357.65	669.98	883.67	326.15	502.87	361.27	531.20	789.10	4421.89	8.00	4421.89	1000.00	568.29	5

March DLG Contest Report

Bob Pederson

Contest Report – March F3K, March 30, 2013

The March DLG contest finally got off the ground two weeks late. The original date got cancelled due to high winds, the next week it was around 10 degrees and snow. Finally we had good weather and interesting conditions on the 30th. We were fortunate to have three new (to us) pilots join us for the festivities. Ira Faberman, Bowdie Ormsbee and Sam Pendleton are all experienced pilots who are now flying DLGs. Sam just moved to Fort Collins from Utah where he flew a lot of DLG with the Utah guys. Ira and Bowdie are local (Boulder county) pilots. From what I pieced together Ira knows Skip from the old days and Bowdie just got back in to sailplanes after a long hiatus. Welcome to DLGs guys. Hope you enjoyed your first competition with RMSA.

We had a total of 11 pilots including John Lovins who arrived late due to family commitments. We flew two groups and that made things kind of rushed. Everybody was doing something, flying, timing or prepping

every minute. For the next contest we'll slow things down to give people time to enjoy themselves. If we have at least 12 pilots, we'll fly 3 groups and that will make the contest less hectic.

Conditions changed rapidly throughout the day. Winds started from the Northeast, temporarily switched to the West and finally settled to the North for the last round of the day. The North winds usually result in a lot of surfing and it was no different this time. It's a matter of launching high and keeping the nose pointed toward Barr Lake. No thermals seemed to come through. I found the poker task to be the most interesting one of the day. Group A couldn't buy a thermal and most had a hard time just getting a one minute flight. If you called a normally conservative 1:30, you really had to struggle to get it. A lot of guys didn't. Check the scores below to see what I mean. Wait a few minutes and Group B was in heaven, literally. Big lift and longer flight times were the norm. I'm glad we score man-on-man.

As so often happens the cream rises to the top and the usual suspects prevailed. Skip came in first and John Jonke was only 79 points and 1.2% behind him. When your drop scores are 932 and 836, you must be doing something right. Gary Jensen and Dave Runyon were both in the 90's and flew well all day. Because of the hectic pace, we called the contest after 9 rounds at 2:30. Everybody but John J John L and Dave were sagging. As soon as everybody packed up and left the field, the wind shifted to the West, calmed down and the sun came out. Wouldn't you know.

The next DLG contest is April 20th and Dave Runyon will be the CD. Expect a change of pace and maybe some new tasks to liven things up. Monitor the RCGroups Colorado DLG thread [check the latest postings](#) to keep abreast of what is happening with DLGs locally. Feel free to join the conversation.

Bob Pederson CD

Scores

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1		Name	1 Lddr	2 5x2	3 L1x5	4 1234	5 L3x3	6 Pkr	7 3200	8 AUp	9 L2x4	10 5x2	11 3of6	12 AUp	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%
2	1	Skip Miller	1000	949	1000	935	1000	-932	1000	1000	-836					6,884	100.0%
3	2	John Jonke	-571	1000	942	1000	1000	1000	1000	-848	863					6,805	98.85%
4	3	Gary Jensen	-771	1000	846	988	820	-424	962	1000	1000					6,616	96.11%
5	4	Dave Runyon	771	966	-517	1000	981	-742	760	868	1000					6,346	92.18%
6	5	Alex Kenyon	1000	962	-223	968	791	0	835	766	607					5,929	86.13%
7	6	Bob Pedersen	1000	797	1000	804	903	-559	769	618	-538					5,891	85.58%
8	7	Bowdie Ormsbee	771	789	-240	835	729	686	858	-300	895					5,563	80.81%
9	8	Sam Pendleton	1000	813	0	720	-165	737	625	518	538					4,951	71.92%
10	9	Jack Steinhauser	1000	773	440	719	740	0	576	503	0					4,751	69.02%
11	10	Ira Faberman	700	761	366	929	554	0	786	90	0					4,186	60.81%
12	11	John Lovins	0	0				1000	875	1000	926					3,801	55.21%

FOR SALE

Egida: yellow with red tips, red bottom. Flown twice. Ready to fly less receiver. **\$2,300**

(Link here for more Egida info http://www.skipmillermmodels.com/EGIDA_p/egida.htm)

Bob Lewan blewan@q.co

Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships for 2013. Renew with the application in this newsletter, (below) **It's also half price this year!**

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



District 9 Council Meeting

Saturday April 13th, 2013
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Wings Over the Rockies Museum
Board room

Follow link for directions: <http://www.wingsmuseum.org/visit/directions>
7711 E. Academy Blvd
Denver, CO 80230
(303) 360-5360

Anyone with a current AMA membership can attend
Food and Drink provided!

Reason for meeting

1. Meet your AMA representatives for your district. Jim Wallen VP, Norm Berger AVP, Tom Neff AVP.
2. Bring any AMA issue with you to meeting to have it addressed.
3. Bring your expertise and knowledge to assist other area clubs with any problems they are currently facing and need assistance resolving.
4. Pick up a schedule of areas current events.
5. Get to talk about airplanes and events with a group that is really interested.

Please RSVP by April 1 so we know how much food will be needed.
Please RSVP to candymantom@q.com
Or by calling Tom (303) 829- 5416

Hope to see you there!

Tom Neff
District 9 Associate Vice President, AMA

RMSA 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wed Feb 20	F3J in the Desert	Phoenix	
<i>Sat Mar 16</i>	<i>Open Contest</i>	<i>Sod Farm</i>	<i>CD - John Lovins</i>
Sun Mar 17	DLG	Sod Farm	CD -
Sat Mar 23 - Sun Mar 24	Red Rocks Utah DLG	St. George Utah	
Sun Apr 7	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Mike Verzuh
Sat Apr 20	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun May 5	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Jim Smith\n
Sun May 19	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun Jun 2	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Jim Monaco
Sun Jun 2	California DLG Challenge	California	
Fri Jun 21 - Mon Jun 24	RMSA Soaring Festival	Sod Farm Denver	
Sat Jun 29 - Sun Jul 7	Nats	Muncie\, IN	
Sat Jul 6 - Sun Jul 7	Blue Skies New Mexico	Moriarty New Mexico	
Sun Jul 14	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD -
Sun Jul 21	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun Aug 4	Open Contest	Sod Farm	
Sat Aug 17 - Sun Aug 18	F3J New Mexico	ABQ New Mexico	
Sun Aug 18	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sat Aug 31 - Mon Sep 2	F3J Team Selection	Chicago or Seattle	
Sun Sep 8	DLG	Sod Farm	
Fri Sep 13 - Sun Sep 15	The Bruce DLG	Louisville\, KY	
Sun Sep 15	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Jim Monaco
Fri Sep 20 - Sun Sep 22	Soaring Masters	Muncie IN	
Sun Oct 13	Open Contest	Sod Farm	
Sun Oct 20	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sat Nov 2 - Sun Nov 3	Blue Skies Arizona	Phoenix AZ	
Sun Nov 10	Open Contest	Sod Farm	
Sat Nov 16	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun Dec 8	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: John Lovins
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
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Winch Master

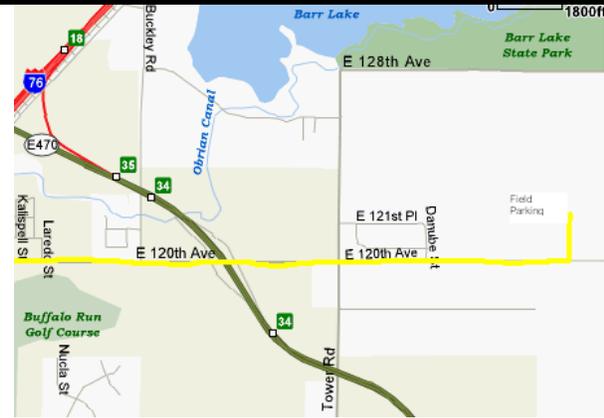
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For Winch Use:

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 farm.

Flying for RMSA members and accompanied guests only.



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