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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Smith

It's hard to believe that one third of our contest season is behind us. I believe that those of us who have had the opportunity to fly have enjoyed the season thus far but I wish more of our members could join in on the DLG and Open contests. Don't forget that every day you don't fly is one that you will never get back. A good number of us have been flying at the field on non-contest weekends and I personally find it to be very relaxing as well as a great time to get help from others. Take advantage of our exceptional field every weekend.

There have been several notes on this subject but with the possibility of overkill, just a reminder to pick up all stakes after flying and use a bright ribbon attached to anything that you put in the ground to remind you to remove it after flying. The ribbons may even prevent damage to the Sod Farm's equipment if something is left on the field by mistake. Enough said.

Don't forget about the upcoming F3J in the Rockies (June 21, 22) and Blue Skies over Colorado (June 23, 24). A Trophy and a \$500 cash award will be given to the pilot of the highest combined F3J and F3K scores. Fun, trophies and cash this year.

Good flying,

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

Friday June 21-Monday June 24 RMSA Soaring festival—CD

F3J in the Rockies event will be held this year at a new date to allow for a great event to be run contiguous to the Blue Skies over Colorado HLG event. Now you can attend 2 great events in one trip! There will be individual awards for each event and Skip Miller models will be providing an award for the highest combined score for the 2 events!

F3J in the Rockies will be held in Denver at our normal club/event field at Tower Rd and 120th Ave. This year we will be flying the event on **Friday June 21 and Saturday June 22.**

The Blue Skies DLG event will then be Sunday June 23 and Monday June 24.

Jim Monaco

Sunday June 9th DLG Contest—CD Dave Runyon

Due to the closeness of the advertised club DLG contest on June 15th and the upcoming F3J and BSOC contests on the following weekend, I would like to change the Monthly DLG contest to June 9th. This will coincide with the DLG contest that Dave Runyon has planned to include the USA Junior Team. I encourage all DLG pilots and aspirants to make an effort to attend this contest to give the Junior F3K team members a feel for a large contest.

In summary: Monthly **DLG contest will be June 9th with Dave Runyon as CD.**

There will be no DLG contest on June 15th

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May Open Contest report

Jim Smith

TD was the choice for the day. Winds started the day out of the South so the winches were setup for that direction. They soon started to oscillate between the SW and NW. I opted not to move the winch line since the wind velocity stayed in a reasonable range of about 5MPH to around 10MPH. Didn't hear too much grumbling. This gave everyone lots of cross wind launching practice.

The Sportsman class welcomed new members Gary Baughman and Richard Hall who flew their first ever Open contest. Brody Wilson returned to the Sportsman class for his first contest of the year. The Masters class welcomed back Don Ingram who has been absent from our field far too long. Lee Stelzer showed up to watch and quickly volunteered to help by calling rounds and flight groups. It was great to have a helper CD. Thanks Lee.

John Lovins took top honors in the Master class and Richard Hall made a great debut by winning the Sportsman's class. Great job you two. Most importantly everyone had fun, even me who flew a dismal contest (bad, bad decisions) but in the grand scheme of things got to fly with a very good crowd.

May Open

Contest Date: 5/5/2013

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
Masters														
M	John Lovins	1	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	6000.00	6	6000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Jim Monaco	2	998.57	1000.00	998.57	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5997.13	6	5997.13	999.52	999.52	2
M	Lenny Keer	3	998.57	997.13	595.96	1000.00	988.56	989.97	5570.18	6	5570.18	928.36	928.36	5
M	Jim Rogers	4	885.86	1000.00	1000.00	998.56	370.67	998.57	5253.66	6	5253.66	875.61	875.61	6
M	Don Ingram	5	982.81	951.29	692.53	602.58	1000.00	989.97	5219.18	6	5219.18	869.86	869.86	7
Sportsman														
S	Richard Hall	1	975.22	961.32	958.33	989.99	982.73	992.84	5860.43	6	5860.43	1000.00	976.74	3
S	Tom Tate	2	1000.00	994.19	753.23	943.88	974.25	952.65	5618.21	6	5618.21	958.67	936.37	4
S	Brody Wilson	3	981.05	984.22	1000.00	743.19	703.60	713.47	5125.52	6	5125.52	874.60	854.25	8
S	Gary Bauman	4	1000.00	998.55	458.87	474.96	908.44	318.51	4159.34	6	4159.34	709.73	693.22	9
S	Jim Smith	5	0.00	981.38	674.32	302.73	0.00	0.00	1958.42	3	1958.42	334.18	326.40	10
Novice														

May DLG Contest Report

Dave Runyon

Our May DLG contest came with a rather foreboding forecast of pretty high winds...guess what, the wind didn't happen. John Jonke was CD and Dave Runyon ran the scoring. Dave did a great job using F3K Master to run the tasks audio and F3K Score to create the matrix and scorecards and run the scoring. We were just a handful of die-hards intent on defying the weather-guessers (they lied about the wind) and having a good time flying with friends and maybe kicking some butte. There was the "usual" smattering of land-outs and speck-outs as the conditions proved to be challenging and one could easily do well or lousy, depending on which indicators he chased or ran from. The day started out quite overcast but soon after the pilots' meeting it was time for sunscreen.

Congrats to Skip for the win and Dave Runyon so close! 18 points...so close! We did experience some carnage that put a Blaster 3 out of service forever...sorry Dale! We're wondering what his next ship will be... he's shopping. Ryan O'Hara also was intent on flying but alas his ship had other plans... We're always looking to introduce DLG to new pilots and we did have some come by to take a good look. Blue Skies over Colorado is June 23-24, following the F3J in the Rockies Contest on June 21-22. This will be the first time these events have occurred together and we're expecting it to be a successful endeavor, bringing local and out of state pilots together for a long weekend to fly both events. See you there!

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1		Name	1 5x2	2 L2x4	3 3of6	4 1234	5 L3x3	6 Lddr	7 L1x5	8 AUp	9 Pkr	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%
2	1	Skip Miller	1000	1000	1000	1000	-769	1000	1000				6,000	100.0%
3	2	Dave Runyon	1000	1000	982	1000	1000	-740	1000				5,982	99.70%
4	3	John Jonke	825	968	953	-385	1000	1000	1000				5,746	95.77%
5	4	John Lovins	887	-647	945	1000	1000	1000	695				5,527	92.12%
6	5	Harold Bailey	903	1000	1000	855	959	0					4,717	78.62%
7	6	Bob Pedersen	672	1000	783	536	1000	571	0				4,562	76.03%

FOR SALE

Mueller Escape

\$600.00

I've decided I'm never going to finish this plane since I have gotten so heavily involved with DLGs. Got to pay off my new SuperFr3aK so this has to go. 😞

This would make a great starter F3J ship and is much less expensive than the current crop of F3J ships.

This Escape has been sitting on my building bench for a number of years. I have servos 90% installed. They are 6 HS85s and two HS55s for the trilerons. The wing harness is built and installed. I used Deans 3-pin connectors as I had intended to use my old ACE gear on 6-meters. Time marches on and I'm not using that gear anymore. I can pull the Deans connectors off and re-terminate with standard servo connectors but that can be negotiated. This plane is pristine except for one bump in the top of the aileron where one of the servo horns poked slightly through the surface. They should have told me you have to cut them down to length before you screw them into place 😡 Otherwise the plane doesn't have a scratch on it. Price is \$600.00.

Call me with questions or for more pix.

Bob Pederson

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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
Sun May 19	DLG	Sod Farm	CD John Jonke
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
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Winch Master

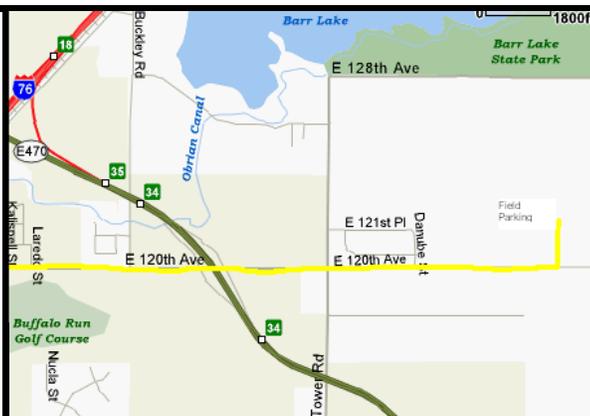
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For Winch Use;

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 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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