



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Monaco

The RMSA club continues to produce top notch pilots who can compete at the world class level. Congratulations go out to Jon Padilla who survived 3 grueling days of DLG competition in the Utah desert to take 3rd place and slot on the US F3K World Championship team. Way to go Jon – you have been working very hard to make a US team and very much deserve it. Some of Jon's success can be attributed to the high level of competition he deals with right here at home – RMSA builds world class pilots! Good Luck in Croatia in 2015!

We also have 2 pilots in contention for winning the US F3J Championship Series! Skip Miller and Mike Verzuh are heading to Virginia in October to try to close the deal on the championship. Skip is leading the series right now with Mike less than 3 points behind. The rest of the top 5 are all in striking distance that the results of the Virginia event will surely determine the champion. Good Luck guys!

As I have been informing you – this is the month we need to select the slate of candidates for officers for 2015. We will be having a meeting to determine the candidates and the future direction of the club. Please plan on attending this important meeting. It will likely be held at the NEW Skip Miller Models facility – but that is not yet confirmed. Note that Skip is in the process of moving from the 28th street location to a new location – I believe on 30th street. Further details will be provided in email for the exact meeting location.

Fly high and land on the spot!

Jim

Saturday October 11th Open Contest

CD Blayne Chastain

REGISTRATION Before 8:30 AM

PILOT'S MEETING: 8:30 AM

FIRST FLIGHT: 9:00 AM

TASKS: International T1 - TD

BATTERY MASTERS: Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM charged & "topped up"

Sunday October 12th DLG

CD Dave Runyon

Details N/A

September Challenge Cup Report

Jim Monaco

10 pilots showed up for the annual Challenge Cup event, 6 from RMSA and 4 from PPSS. It was a nice but very challenging day. The first round had a few people get their times, but after that it was very difficult. After the first round I got the next max in the contest in the fourth round! That is very unusual. We flew 8 rounds and there were only 15 out of the 80 flights that got a max...

The PPSS pilots put up a good fight but the RMSA team won the event with 22,220 points vs. the PPSS 16,472. We retain home field advantage for next year!!!

Skip Miller was the top pilot for the day with Jim Rogers close behind. Bob Vixie was the top pilot for the PPSS club. This contest is always fun and this year's event was no exception...

**Challenge Cup
Contest Date: 9-8-14**

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	Raw Total	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
R	RMSA														
R	Skip Miller	1	1000.00	1000.00	948.59	828.53	1000.00	1000.00	706.22	998.57	7481.91	7481.91	1000.00	1000.00	1
R	Jim Rogers	2	615.38	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	980.05	867.89	1000.00	957.97	7421.30	7421.30	991.90	991.90	2
R	Jim Monaco	3	594.29	1000.00	939.62	1000.00	1000.00	984.17	798.90	1000.00	7316.98	7316.98	977.96	977.96	3
R	Reid Roberts	4	995.69	797.77	1000.00	949.49	867.30	867.89	1000.00	593.66	7071.81	7071.81	945.19	945.19	4
R	Gary Baughman	5	609.58	762.15	1000.00	902.55	840.40	1000.00	758.55	1000.00	6873.23	6873.23	918.65	918.65	5
R	John Lovins	6	1000.00	982.37	740.93	962.88	543.10	941.29	1000.00	479.83	6650.40	6650.40	888.86	888.86	7
P	PPSS														
P	Bob Vixie	1	1000.00	636.94	750.64	658.50	1000.00	1000.00	664.53	1000.00	6710.62	6710.62	1000.00	896.91	6
P	Austin Clies	2	528.57	644.50	822.11	1000.00	793.84	533.44	319.93	272.33	4914.72	4914.72	732.38	656.88	8
P	Bob Avery	3	525.71	585.99	605.66	658.59	793.84	886.36	454.41	336.68	4847.24	4847.24	722.32	647.86	9
P	Glen Pope	4	393.68	259.62	542.31	531.32	412.36	297.84	288.46	157.97	2883.56	2883.56	429.70	385.40	10

September DLG contest report Bob Pederson

RMSA Sept DLG contest scores

Here are the results from the Sept 21 DLG contest.

F3KScore: "Sept 21 14 correct pilots list.f3k"																
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Competition: RMSA Sept 21 2014																09-21-2014
Pilot List	Task List	Flight Matrix	Start List	Round Scores	Total Scores	Team Scores										
	Name	1 Lddr	2 L2x4	3 L1x5	4 AUUp	5 Pkr	6 3of6	7 5x2	8 1234	9 3200	10 L3x3	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%	Class	FAI/AMA number
1	Skip Miller	(1000)	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				7,000.0	100.0%		
2	John Jonke	1000	1000	1000	1000	(844.9)	875.3	875.0	936.2				6,886.4	95.52%		
3	Reid Roberts	771.4	764.7	(610.0)	942.8	1000	1000	899.3	905.5				6,283.7	89.77%		
4	Harold Bailey	1000	944.6	466.7	787.0	(448.6)	1000	1000	1000				6,198.3	88.55%		
5	Bob Pederson	771.4	763.2	1000	1000	646.6	(612.4)	893.3	944.1				6,018.7	85.98%		
6	A D	571.4	649.2	863.3	887.7	(560.7)	853.4	808.3	781.8				5,415.1	77.36%		
7	Pilot One	(0)			666.7								666.7	9.52%		
8	Cliff Moy	(0)														

Congratulations to Skip for all 1000's, I really don't know how he can read air that well. It turned out to be a great day for flying with varied lift conditions and some tough rounds. Pilot One in the score sheet was newcomer Doug who showed up with a plane and just flew a round for fun. Cliff Moy also showed up with a plane and flew some tasks to get the feel for the contest environment. Welcome. We flew 8 rounds and then just flew for fun, tuning and practice the rest of the day.

I was really encouraged to see 5 new DLG'ers show up. Some already had DLGs, some were buying one at the field, some were looking for one to start with. Let's see, there was Cliff Moy (CAMOY on RCG), Doug (Racedouge1), Mike O'Hearn (Hubman56), Peter Wickwire and Will (sorry I didn't get your last name) who showed up too late to see the flying but expressed interest in joining the group.

All in all, a great day. Thanks everyone for making this so much fun. The next DLG contest is Oct 12, Sunday. CD might be Dave Runyon or his designee.

Go Team Colorado at the DLG Team Selects in Tremonton UT.

Misc

None

FOR SALE

None

RMSA 2014 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>
Thu Feb 20 - Fri Feb 21	F3J in the Desert	Queen Creek, AZ	First F3J Championship Series event
Sat Feb 22 - Sun Feb 23	Southwest Classic	Queen Creek, AZ	
Tues Mar 4	Club meeting. Thermals talk	Skip Miller Models shop	By Wayne Angevine
Sun Mar 9	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Jim Smith
Sun Mar 16	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Bob Pedersen
Sat Mar 29 - Sun Mar 30	F3J in the Deep South	Houston TX	F3J Championship Series
Sat Apr 12	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD John Jonke
Sun Apr 13	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD John Lovins
Sat May 3 - Sun May 4	IHLG	Poway, CA	IHLG
Sat May 10	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Blayne Chastain
Sat May 17 - Mon May 19	Blue Skys Colorado DLG	To be Announced	CD Kelsey Jensen
Sat May 24 - Sun May 25	F3J in the Rockies	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Jim Monaco
Sun Jun 8	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Dave Runyon
Sat Jun 14 - Sun Jun 15	Blue Skys Utah	Utah	
Sun Jun 22	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Mike Verzuh
Sun Jun 29	Cross Country	616 S. County Road 23 Berthoud, CO 80513	CD Mike Verzuh
Sun Jul 6	ALES	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Lenny Keer
Sat Jul 12	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD TBD
Sat Jul 19	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Sam Pendleton
Sat Jul 26 - Fri Aug 1	AMA NATS	Muncie, IN	2/26-27-F3K and 2M 7/30-31 UNL 8/1-2 F3J and ALES
Sun Aug 10	CANCELLED	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD TBD
Sat Aug 16 - Sun Aug 17	F3J New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	F3J in New Mexico
Sat Aug 16	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Dave Runyon
Fri Aug 29 - Mon Sep 1	US F3K TS	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Dave Runyon – tentative-pending Bid Award
Sat Sep 6 - Sun Sep 7	F3J in Seattle	Seattle	CD TBD - TENTATIVE DATE
Sun Sep 7	Open Contest - Challenge Cup	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	Challenge Cup - CD Jim Monaco
Sun Sep 21	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Dave Runyon
Sat Oct 4	VISALIA Fall Fest	Visalia, CA	Fall Fest TD
Sat Oct 11	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Blayne Chastain
Sun Oct 12	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Dave Runyon
Sat Oct 18 - Sun Oct 19	F3J in Virginia	Virginia	F3J Championship Series
Sun Nov 9	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD TBD
Sun Nov 16	DLG Contest	To be Announced	CD Dave Runyon
Sun Dec 7	Banquet	To be Announced	Jim Monaco

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2014

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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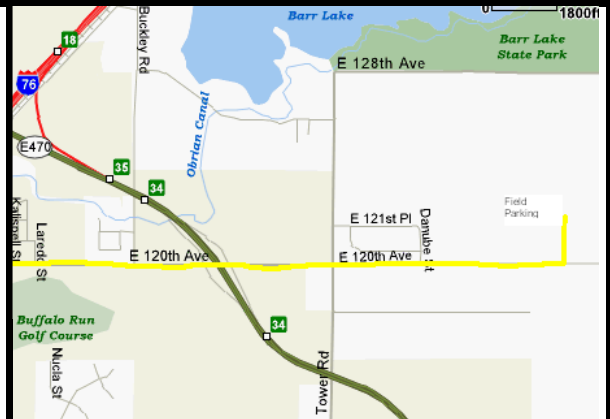
Cody Remington

John Lovins

Jim Rogers

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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