

# Thermals

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Jim Monaco**

Happy Fall everyone, the year is winding down as is my term. There are some changes coming as is expected every year. Blayne Chastain will be stepping in as President to be confirmed at the December meeting. Bob Pedersen, Mark Howard and Bob Rice will continue in their current positions of vice president, treasurer and secretary respectively. Thanks to everyone for their service!

I have been requested to see if there are appropriate venues for the banquet further south this year. If anyone has any suggestions please get them to me ASAP. December bookings fill up fast.

The final Open contest is scheduled for Sun Nov 9 and the long range weather outlook is excellent. These results are close and this will likely determine the club champion. The final DLG contest will be Nov 16 – the weather is too unpredictable this time of year to guess that far out. Be sure to plan to attend these events and close the year out with a bang!

In a previous communication I described an issue one of our pilots had flying at Cherryvale. A new ranger told him that he was not allowed to fly there – the regulations prohibited it. I called the Open space management to discuss this and was told the ranger was new and was not aware that they were not enforcing the prohibition there. They also said that in the future there would be discussion about the use of Cherryvale. The future is now. Mike Verzuh and I attended a meeting with the Open Space representative on 10/30. They said that current regulations prohibit model glider flying on open space. See <http://www.colocode.com/boulder2/chapter8-8.htm>. The good news is that they are not looking to prohibit us but want to codify that we are allowed so that there is no question about enforcement. As a result, like all bureaucracies, there is a process and all of the departments in open space planning need to be involved. They have had preliminary meetings and a few concerns were raised by other departments and a restriction was proposed:

- Restrictions during May-July for ground nesting birds

During our discussion Mike and I advocated against restrictions, but if that was a deal breaker we could live with June/July restrictions as we know that the site is generally unsuitable for flying those months because of the flooding and growth. I also proposed that if they were to have closures that we would like an alternate location that could be used. The representative was open to that idea and was going to present that to the rest of the stakeholders. As a result of that conversation she wanted to know if there were other locations in Boulder open space that would be as suitable or better for our activities. The reason for this inquiry was that long-range plans for Cherryvale are to designate it a wildlife refuge which would prohibit all activities on that property. This is a number of years out, but if they can accommodate us with a suitable alternative now that would be good.

The actions out of the meeting were for her to meet with the rest of the stakeholders and discuss the options. If alternate venues are allowed then she would provide us with a map of Boulder open space and we can evaluate sites that would be suitable for our use. Mike and I felt that the meeting was very productive and we think hope we will be in better shape with Cherryvale and an alternate field identified for our activities. We will keep you informed and ask for your involvement if we need public support for our negotiations.



# 2014 current Standings

2014 Open Standings																				
	Mar	Apr	May	June	F3JR	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place	Prev Pts	Prev Wins	09 Pts	09 Wins	Tot Pts	Total Wins	Promo
<b>Masters</b>																				
Blayne Chastain	1000.00		915.51	1000.00	927.21			1000.00		999.64	F3JNATS	5842.36	1							
Jim Monaco	936.72		886.59	927.96	922.89		977.96	947.57		998.29	F3JNATS	5711.35	2							
Jim Rogers	914.75		995.97		892.07		991.90	920.23		988.00	F3JNM	5702.92	3							
John Lovins	804.22		1000.00	940.56			888.86	935.66		998.76	F3JNM	5568.06	4							
Skip Miller	917.38			945.85	997.73		1000.00			1000.00	F3JNM	4860.96	5							
Lenny Keer	848.35		556.06	960.21				992.05				3356.67	6							
Mike Verzuh					998.73					1000.00	F3JD	1998.73	8							
Mark Howard			979.06		878.65					813.24	F3JD	2670.95	7							
Jon Padilla					867.47					972.53	F3JD	1840.00	9							
Bob Lewan					886.07							886.07	10							
Don Ingram	705.61											705.61	11							
<b>Sportsman</b>																				
Reid Roberts	1000.00						1000.00	1000.00				3000.00	1							
Jim DeGroot	1000.00			1000.00				867.45				2867.45	2							
Garv Baughman	945.35						971.92					1917.27	3							
Jim Smith	731.73											731.73	4							
Richard Hall													5							
Terry Grau													5							
Brody Wilson													5							
Jason Friedman													5							
<b>NOVICE</b>																				
Jim Asbury													1							
Jeff Smith													1							
Tony O'Hara													1		1					1
Brad Riegler													1		2					2
John Jaugilas													1							

## October DLG Contest Report    Bob Pederson

We slipped the contest about a week due to bad weather on the original scheduled date. I'm glad we did because the new date worked out perfect. Mild weather and almost no breeze made for some interesting flying. There was an emphasis on being able to read the air and react to your read. Some pilots did very well and some didn't. I was in the latter category. Some rounds you could make a 5 minute flight and the next round we struggled to make 1 minute flights. We were lucky to have a 7 pilots show up including Mike O'Hearn who wasn't ready to fly his new plane but did stay around to time and take pictures. Thanks Mike. Here are a few of his pictures:



John J and I entering scores.



Doug Englert timing for John Lovins.



John J making a smooth hand catch. **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



John Padilla (2014 F3K Team Member) **1<sup>st</sup> Place**





Harold Bailey a maxing another flight. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Jeff Burg ready to launch his T3

We tried something new with the scoring at this contest. Kelsey and Gary Jensen along with Micah, Kelsey's fiancée have developed a simple web and android phone based scoring program that allows each pilot to enter their round scores as they are achieved. It is called **F3KScorer** and can be accessed at <http://www.micahhazegh.com:3005/#/>

It works like this:

The contest CD goes to the website and develops the format of the contest with the pilots' names and a task list. The program develops the flight matrix and groups. The program also generates a file for use on an android phone that runs the contest via F3KMaster just as we have been doing for the last two years. The CD also selects a password for the pilots to use when they log on to enter their scores. Only someone with the correct password may enter scores. As each pilot finishes a round, they use their phone (or someone else's) to access the website, enter the password and then enter their score for that round. The timer or other person can also enter the scores if someone doesn't have an Android phone. After the last round is flown and every pilot has entered their scores, the website automatically calculates the winners and displays the contest results. Very slick. Anyone with web access can monitor the progress of the contest in real time and see the scores and rankings as they progress. The program is simple to use and bullet proof. I just had to remember to fill out flight scores as zero for guest pilots that didn't show up. Many thanks to Kelsey, Gary and Micah for putting a lot of effort into this program.

See below for the contest results and a screen shot of the output of the program. Note that "Guest One" is actually John Lovins who wasn't sure he could make the contest until the last minute. My apologies for the spelling of Jon Padilla and John Jonke's names as I had to trick the lady on my phone to pronounce their names somewhat correctly. You can review the raw scores and the setup of the program by going to the website noted above and selecting "View Competitions".

F3K Scorer
[View Competitions](#)
[Create Competition](#)

### RMSA Oct 18th DLG Contest

Total Scores (Full results)

Rank	Pilots	1 - Pkr	2 - 3of6	3 - L1x5	4 - L2x4	5 - AUp	6 - Lddr	7 - 5x2	8 - 1234	Penalty	Total ^	%
1	Jon Padeeah	764	998	1000	1000	943	1000	1000	1000		6941	100
2	John Jonkey	1000	1000	1000	1000	759	574	1000	1000	5/100	6659	95.94
3	Harold Bailey	1000	1000	1000	777	961	774	868	837		6443	92.83
4	Doug Englert	654	849	833	1000	1000	771	795	899		6147	88.56
5	Guest One	363	931	1000	352	668	1000	993	959		5914	85.2
6	Bob Pederson	828	799	693	598	1000	771	670	986		5747	82.8
7	Jeff Burg	519	874	480	585	633	771	737	783		4902	70.62
8	Guest two	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0		57	0.82

Join

Raw Scores

Flight Matrix

Admin Page

**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
<del>Sun Aug 10</del>	<del>CANCELLED</del>	<del>RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave</del>	<del>CD TBD</del>
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

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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:

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Signature



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**Vice President:** Bob Pederson  
**Secretary:** Bob Rice  
**Treasurer:** Mark Howard  
**Past President:** Jim Smith

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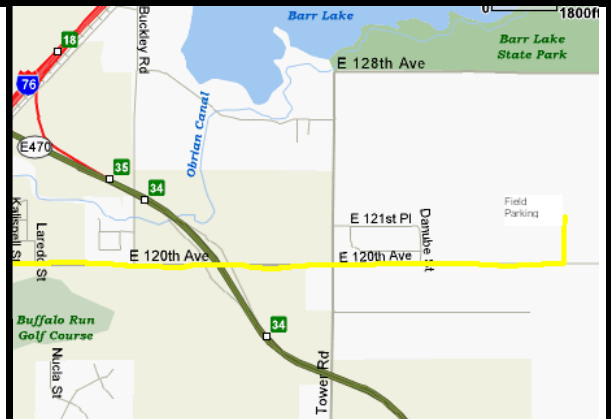
Cody Remington

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 120<sup>th</sup> eastbound towards the airport. Take 120<sup>th</sup> 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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