



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Monaco

The year is coming to a close and a change in leadership. First I want to thank Tony O'Hara for his MANY years of service doing the newsletter. I know it is a thankless job – I did it for a number of years myself. THANK YOU TONY!!! I hope you find more pleasurable things to do with your new found time off.... J

I also want to thank Mark Howard who has volunteered to produce the newsletter after Tony departs. Mark will also be taking over responsibility for the website and hopefully doing a better job that I was... Mark will be also looking at alternatives to the newsletter and other communications – perhaps a mailing list or an RCGROUPS dedicated thread. If you have some ideas feel free to send them on to Mark or me.

The annual banquet will be this Sunday December 7 (the day that will live in infamy!) at 11:00AM at DelVickios Italian Restaurant. We will be voting on the candidates for office at the banquet.

All of the candidates are running unopposed.. J

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to hold office and keep our club alive.

- Bob Pederson – President
- Blayne Chastain – VP
- Mark Howard – Treasurer and Newsletter Editor
- Bob Rice – Secretary

This is a great venue with a private room and great food. There is still time to get in if you get right back to me...

The Year end results will be published in the January Newsletter. If you want to see how the year went and who won – come to the banquet!!!

Hope to see you there...

Jim

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This is in the south end of the King Sooper Plaza at the intersection of 287 and Miramonte Blvd in Broomfield.

It will be a brunch as before for \$13.95 per person.

I am checking on children pricing.

The menu is as follows:

Continental Breakfast

Egg Shuffle and Spinach Frittata

Bacon, Ham, Maple Sausage

Pancakes (Traditional & Blueberry)

French Toast

Hash browns
Fruit Salad
Pastry Basket
Soft Drinks

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November Open Report

Jim Monaco

The November contest was great. We picked the correct weekend because after the contest the weather turned BRUTAL cold postponing the DLG contest.

This event was destined to decide the Unlimited Class winner and was going to be a battle between Skip Miller and Blayne Chastain. The first group had Skip and Blayne head to head and Skip and Blayne were the only ones to get their times. The bad news for Blayne is that he zeroed his landing – ouch that was going to hurt. The good news for Blayne was that with his lead in the standings he only needed a decent score for the contest – he did not need to win the contest to win the championship. The second and third groups did not get their times... ☺

Conditions remained difficult all day but Skip and Blayne continued to win their groups until Blayne was working a small thermal way southeast across the road and lost orientation and spun his plane in at 4:50. This was the dagger to the heart and Skip continued his winning ways and went on to take the contest by a sizeable margin. It was a great way to end the season with some drama and some great flying. It should be mentioned that Bob Pederson came out to play and did very well – saying he forgot how much fun the big planes were.. ☺ you should have been there if you were not! See you all next season...

Jim

Scores

NA

November DLG contest Report

Dave Runyon

The final DLG club contest for the year was scheduled to be Nov. 17th, but that sneaky Mother Nature blasted us with a Polar Vortex waaaaay too early this year. I never heard that weather term until last winter when she clobbered the Nation, but now it seems that "Vortex" has become a seasonal household word! Well anyway, as a pre-Thanksgiving Holiday celebration we bumped the contest date one week to the following Saturday Nov. 22nd, and the weather cooperated nicely ... I think we caught the old gal taking a nap after she worked so hard the week before to blast us with that cold ...

The contest weather was reasonably consistent through the day. We started flying 9:15ish, and wrapped the day just after 3:00pm. There were more clouds than forecast, so the sun didn't shine through too often, but we found occasional life in the air and the winds didn't get radical, however I did fly with ballast for four rounds, then un-ballasted the other four rounds. We flew two flight groups, which normally can make old geezers feel rushed, but we found inventive ways to find a pace that made the day enjoyable. I love playing with these 9 oz. toys, and also the chance to fly with my buddies. I can get a bit over-pumped-up (sorry Reid & thanks for understanding my failings), but learn something new & fun every time out.

After the contest ended, the wind did pick up, and by the time that I got home to Golden, it was howling so, we got lucky again :-). I don't think that the temp reached the forecast 58*, but I didn't feel cold during the day. Seems to me that the best lift was in the first half of the contest, and in the later rounds you couldn't buy a bubble good contest air! As a side note, it is really nice to be able to run our contests with a Color Digital Clock. There are only three dedicated F3K clocks on planet earth, and we have a nice one which

works seamlessly with the F3K-Master Android app. Thanks to the club Board for approving this acquisition. It makes us better pilots, and adds to the RMSA edge for training the best competition pilots in the world ...

F3KScore: "Nov 2014.f3k"														
File Edit Data Print Export Tools Help														
Competition: RMSA November contest group adjust														
Pilot List Task List Flight Matrix Start List Round Scores Total Scores Team Scores														
	Name	1 5x2	2 Lddr	3 Pkr	4 3of6	5 AUp	6 1234	7 L1x5	8 L2x4	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%	Class	FAI/AMA number
1	Jon Padilla	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	(980)	1000		7,000	100.0%		
2	Skip Miller	961	1000	(794)	846	1000	1000	1000	1000		6,807	97.24%		
3	Dave Runyon	818	1000	1000	853	916	(808)	1000	982		6,569	93.84%		
4	John Jonke	1000	1000	(454)	1000	671	998	854	635		6,158	87.97%		
5	Jim Monaco	764	571	681	538	701	553	(0)	586		4,394	62.77%		
6	Bob Pederson	844	571	160	677	(155)	627	841	578		4,298	61.40%		
7	A D													
8	Bowdie Ormsbee													
9	Guest Who													

Well, no surprise in the winners list. Jon is flying like a dedicated demon to get ready and sharpen the saw for the upcoming World Champion contest in Croatia, June 2015. Skip always flies like the air-master that he has proven to be time-&-again through the decades.

Jon Padilla _____ 100% 2015 F3K Team USA

Skip Miller _____ 97.26% American Cross-Country champion & World Record holder

Dave Runyon _____ 93.88% The Great Waldo Pepper - TS contestant

John Jonke _____ 87.98% DLG Ranch Owner & TS contestant

Jim Monaco _____ 62.82% 2014 RMSA Club President

Bob Pederson _____ 61.45% 2015 RMSA Club President

Bitter-Sweet news since this was our last RMSA club contest for 2014 ... most everyone will hang up their spurs until Springtime pops see you in March 2015

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

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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: Bob Pederson
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
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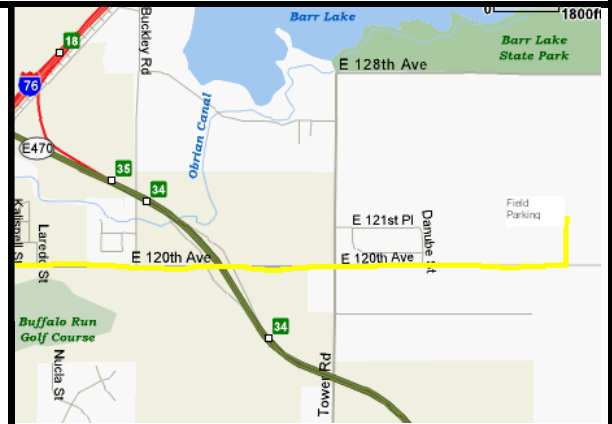
Cody Remington

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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