



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Pederson

Presidents Message July 2015

There was no June meeting as there was no significant business to discuss and everyone is busy with the typical summertime activities. June was a busy month for flying however. There was a DLG contest on the 6th (Sam Pendleton is CD) an F5J contest on Sunday the 7th (Lenny Keer CD) and a Cross Country event on the 28th (Mike Verzuh CD). RMSA via Lenny Keer hosted the USA F5B team here for a practice session on the 27th / 28th. If that wasn't enough, the F3K side of the club held weekly Saturday practice sessions with Jon Padilla to get him ready for the F3K world championships in Ludberg, Croatia. By the way, if you want to follow the F3K Champs, log on to <http://f3k2015.com/index.php>. The event starts July 16th and the finals are on the 25th.

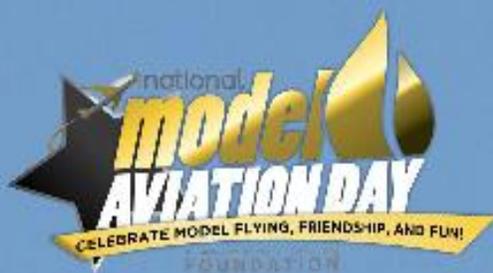
We have two local contests this month. There is a Open/F3J on July 11th with Blayne Chastain as CD. There is also an F3K on the 19th with myself as CD. The AMA NATS is July 26th to July 31st.

We will not have a July meeting so how about getting together out at the field on a non-contest day and just fly for fun? Let's set a date of August 1st Saturday. Bring a lunch, drinks, shade, sunscreen, family and a few planes. If someone could bring a grill, we could even do hamburgers and hot dogs. We can set up a few winches, maybe roll out a hi-start and even get some of the aero tow guys out for some towed flights. I know there are more planes in the club besides F3J, F5J and F3K competition ships. How about it? Bring out that Oly II, Radian, Bird of Time, Whipit, etc. and lets have some low key fun. We can do some mentoring for the newer pilots in the club. If you need help with launching, transmitter programming, thermal hunting, precision landing, etc. this would be the time to get out to the field. Let me know if you want to support this kind of activity.

If there is a business item that needs to be discussed, please let me know and I will get it on the schedule. Also, if you have an idea for a club meeting or presentation, let Blayne Chastain or myself know and we'll get it scheduled.

July will be another busy month for flying. Pick your poison and come on out and fly.

Bob Pederson



Longmont Electric Aircraft Flyers RC FUN FLY FUNDRAISER FOR WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

**August 15, 2015
9AM to 3 PM**



**Location:
LEAF Field at South
end of Union
Reservoir on CR26,
Longmont CO**

- Public welcome – bring own lawn chairs
- Horizon Flight Team Demo at noontime
- Raffle for great RC prizes and scenic flights in a real airplane
- RC Intro Flights for public with AMA instructor, donations of \$5 per flight donation, min age 8 years old.
- Lunch time RC Flying Demonstration Show
- Lunch time BBQ, \$5 donations
- AMA membership required for all pilots registration starting 8am.
- Landing Fee donation \$10 per pilot

For more information contact:
info@leafrc.com or go to the LEAF
website: www.leafrc.com

All net proceeds go to
Wounded Warrior Project



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F3K Contest July 19th.

This month's F3K contest will be CD'd by Bob Pederson. Let's get an early start with pilots meeting at 8:30. We should be able to get in 8-9 rounds and be off the field by 3:00. Bring shade, sunscreen, water and lunch. It may be hot. Monitor the RCGroups "Colorado DLG Happenings" thread for the most recent updates on times, tasks and schedule changes.

June F5J Contest Report -- Lenny Keer, CD

Our second F5J contest of the 2015 season was held on June 7th. The constant spring monsoon weather had ended by then and we had a very nice day for soaring. Despite the light wind and blue skies, the thermals were mostly small and light, so it made for interesting conditions. The man-on-man scoring and variable launch height of the F5J format made for a very fun day. In these conditions, launch heights of 125-175 meters seemed to be most successful. I think Mike Verzuh rolled the dice a couple of times with launches under 100M and felt the sting of not finding the lift and landing early. It's all about risk vs. reward as each pilot decides his own launch height.

Jim Monaco and I were very close going into the last round, but when the dust settled I finished in first. Jim was second and John Hsu finished third.

Everyone enjoyed flying the F5J format, and hopefully we will see greater participation as time goes on. I am hoping to schedule an unofficial F5J fun-fly later in the year so those who missed out on the contests will have another chance to give F5J a try.

RMSA - Overall Results [F5J 6/7/2015]

Name	Score	Pcnt	Rnd1 Dur	Rnd2 Dur	Rnd3 Dur	Rnd4 Dur	Rnd5 Dur	Rnd6 Dur
Keer, Lenny	4971.6	100	1000	0	983.4	991.8	1000	996.4
Monaco, Jim	4938.8	99.34	1000	0	1000	947.8	991	1000
Hsu, John	4764.7	95.84	194.9	1000	764.7	1000	1000	1000
Lovins, John	3863.7	77.72	209.1	761.4	980.8	1000	211.8	909.7
Verzuh, Mike	3780.2	76.04	962.8	1000	1000	0	0	817.4
Reynolds, Randy	3723.1	74.89	946.8	327.3	695.9	896.7	269.8	856.4



RMSA 2015 Calendar Of Events

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

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Feb 19 - Fri Feb 20	F3J in the Desert 2015	Schnepf Farms Queen Creek AZ	
Sat Mar 7	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Blayne Chastain
Sun Mar 15	DLG Contest	TBA	CD - TBD
Sat Mar 28	Red Rocks Utah DLG	St George UT	Red Rocks F3K 2 day contest and TS qualifier
Sat Mar 28 - Sun Mar 29	F3J in the Deep South	Houston Tx	F3J Tour Event
Sat Apr 11	DLG Contest	TBA	CD - Bob Pederson
Sun Apr 26	F5J Electric	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Lenny Keer
Sat May 2 - Sun May 3	IHLF Handlaunch	Poway CA	International DLG
Sat May 9	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jim Monaco
Fri May 22 - Sat May 23	F3J in the Rockies	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	F3J Tour Event
Sun May 24 - Mon May 25	Blue Skies Over Colorado DLG	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Need Volunteer
Sat Jun 6	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Sam Pendleton
Sun Jun 7	F5J Electric	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Lenny Keer
Sun Jun 21	Cross Country	Verzuh Ranch	CD - Mike Verzuh - Note this is Fathers Day
Sat Jul 11	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Blayne Chastain
Sun Jul 19 - Sun Jul 26	DLG F3K World Championships	Croatia	
Sun Jul 19	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - TBD
Sun Jul 26 - Sat Aug 1	Soaring Nats	AMA Field Muncie IN	F3J July 31 - Aug 1
Sun Aug 9	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jim Rogers
Sat Aug 15 - Sun Aug 16	F3J in New Mexico	Albuquerque NM	F3J Tour Event
Sat Aug 15	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jon Padilla
Sat Sep 5 - Mon Sep 7	F3J Team Selection	TBD	CD - TBD \nAlso F3J Tour Event
Sat Sep 19	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - TBD
Sun Sep 20	RMSA/PPSS Challenge Cup	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jim Monaco
Sat Oct 3	Visalia Fall Fest	Visalia CA	TD Event
Sun Oct 4	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Mike Verzuh
Sun Oct 11	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - TBD
Sat Nov 7 - Sun Nov 8	Blue Skies Arizona DLG	TBD	TBD
Sun Nov 8	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Shannon Bingham
Sun Nov 15	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - John Jonke
Sun Dec 6	RMSA Awards Banquet	TBD	

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2015

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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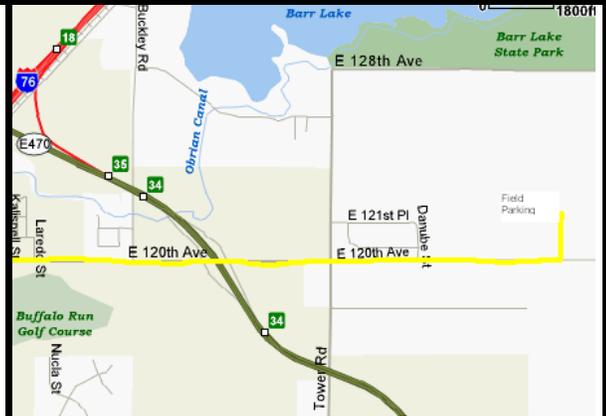
Cody Remington

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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