



# Thermals

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Bob Pederson**

**Due to lack of interest and attendance, I've decided to hold off on having meetings over the summer starting with the May meeting. We'll pick back up in the fall.**

The April meeting was at Andrew Williams shop in North Denver. He gave us a tour of his machining setup (He has some great CNC stuff). He can machine his own molds, aluminum parts, composites, etc. All very interesting. Andrew is a good guy to know if you are in to slope soaring. Check out "Canuck Engineering" at: <http://www.canuckengineering.com/>

Jim Monaco did an interesting presentation on using Telemetry using Spectrum radios. Telemetry is becoming very common in today's radios and making the best of its capabilities will enhance your enjoyment and survivability of your planes. Jim showed how you could integrate the GPS output from a plane flight in to Google Earth to visualize the plane's flight track and altitude excursions. Jim even did a live geo-location demonstration. He had us locate his instrumented backpack which he hid out in Andrews back yard. Turns out he managed to hide it in the middle of the dog poop area but everyone came out clean.

The next F5J contest will be May 7th and CD is Lenny Keer. Watch for a notice in this newsletter..

Our next F3K contest will be Saturday May 14th with myself as the CD. Pilots meeting is at 8:30 Entry fee is \$5.00. Please monitor the RCGroups Handlaunch forum and the "Colorado DLG Happenings" thread for the latest info.

One last thing, please get your membership renewals in to Mark Howard. We have about 37 members signed up. Go to:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Fli5m3B2hEJ\\_B5ATYzHLI9xdCKxH6rHq\\_H1plpTrino](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Fli5m3B2hEJ_B5ATYzHLI9xdCKxH6rHq_H1plpTrino)  
to verify if we got your registration.

Respectfully submitted

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## April 10th RMSA F3K Contest Report:

It is my pleasure to report that I did next to nothing as CD thanks to the following people:

-Bill Beamer brought the equipment to the field and took it back to Bob afterwards. Bill's flying is coming along really well. He said he doesn't think so but it is and Bill is in his 70's! I appreciate his coming out and he always finds a way to quietly help out.

-John Jonke did ALL the prep with Oleg's program and F3KMaster to include the matrix, score cards and everything. He even re-accomplished the line-up and groups to fit the turnout....all in less than 5 minutes. Impressive command of the technology. John is a model of consistency and patient flying. It's fun to watch and slightly incredible that he has been flying and competing with the same Concepts for 4 years now!.....then he did the scoring.....

-RMSA President Bob Pedersen wasn't even there but he is the equipment sheperd and created a schematic for wiring up the equipment that made it easy!

-Bowdie Ormsby has amazing command of reading breezy air with light lift like we had today. He does it all the time with his very pure models...it is just clean flying for lack of a better description--the exact control deflection for the condition. It will be the same next month at our F5J competition with that pristine Xplorer he has and I want.....

-Jon Padilla. We're lucky to fly with this guy. I time for JP frequently and I can tell you nothing is left to chance. From preparation to air reading to strategy for the conditions to the proper model at the proper weight to putting it all together with talent. This is what champions do.

-George Messer has got it going on with his new-to-him Concept 3. Man. What an improvement. He was already an excellent flyer but now that he doesn't have to overcome model deficiencies.....look out.

-Anyway. All that was left for me was the Pilot Briefing.....which I skipped because I didn't want to ruin my run of doing nothing. While I wasn't doing any CD duties, I noticed my throwing peg was a little wobbly. I actually mentioned it to JP but I was pretty sure it would make it through the round. You already know the rest. But I still had a blast!

To anyone in or out of RMSA that may be considering getting into DLG/F3K, this is the right group. Every skill level is represented and we have the people to assist, time, instruct and generally help in any way that will get you on the field and flying. I try to do different r/c soaring disciplines; F3K, F3J, TD, F5J, etc. DLG is the one that transports me away from it all when I'm out on that field flying which is kind of what it's all about.

This concludes my report as Standby Auxiliary Backup CD for April 10th.

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**RMSA 2016 Contest Schedule**

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Feb 18    Sun Feb 21	F3J in the Desert	Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek, Az.	
Sat Mar 5    Sun Mar 6	F3J in the South	Dallas Tx.	
Sat Mar 5	Pro-Am Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Sun Mar 6	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Bob Pederson
Mar 12 - 13	Arizona Open F3K	SAGE Field Marana Az.	CD Charles Martin
Sun Mar 20	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Rogers
Sun Apr 3	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Fri Apr 8 and Sat Apr 9th	Red Rocks Utah F3K TS Qualifier	St. George Ut.	CD Jon Lemon
<b>Sun Apr 10</b>	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Reid Roberts
Sat Apr 23	Central California F3J		
May	IHLF Handlaunch	Poway, Ca	
Sat May 7	F5J	RMSA Club Field	CD Lenny Keer
<b>Sat May 14</b>	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD TBA
Fri May 28    Sun May 30	F3J in the Rockies F3J Tour event	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
<b>Sun June 12</b>	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat June 18	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun June 25	F3J Chicago		CD
Sat July 9	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun July 10	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat July 16    Sun July 17	Blue Skies over New Mexico	Moriarity, NM	
Sat Aug 13	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat Aug 20	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun Sept 11	RMSA/PPSS Challenge Cup	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Sat Sept 17    Sun Sept 18	Blue Skies over Colorado F3K	RMSA Club Field	CD John Lovins
Sat Sept 24    Sun Sept 25	Masters Open Contest	Muncie Indiana	
<b>Sat Oct 9</b>	<b>F5J</b>	<b>RMSA Club Field</b>	<b>CD Lenny Keer</b>
<b>Sun Oct 16</b>	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat Oct 22    Sun Oct 23	F3J Virginia		
Sun Nov 6th	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun Nov 13	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
<b>Sat Nov 12, Sun Nov 13</b>	<b>F3J SOCAL</b>		
Sat Dec 10	RMSA Awards Banquet	TBD	

Note: Additional contests and regional events may be added as the schedule matures. Fun Flies at the RMSA field will be added after the present schedule is firmed up.

# 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**

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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**

% Mark Howard

19015 W 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Golden, Co. 80403

## 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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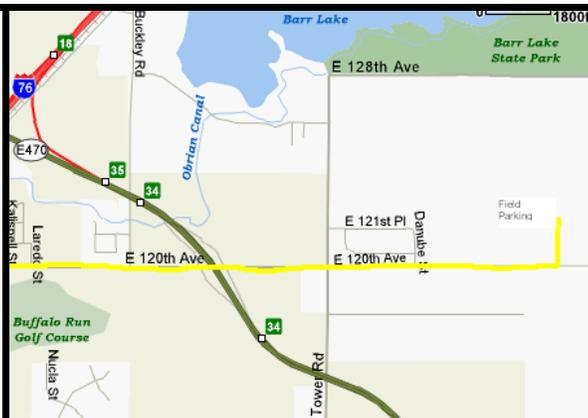
Cody Remington

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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