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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Well, another year has flown by, as well as my time as RMSA president. The two years sure has gone fast. This will be my last president message for this term. Tony has probably lost some hair over some of my late messages. At least now his hair can grow back. It sure has been a great year this year with a lot of RMSA members accomplishing much. Want to hear more. Well the first order of Business to talk about is we have the end of year banquet coming up this weekend. It is a great place to hear about everything that has been done this past year.

RMSA end of year banquet

10:00am on Sunday, December 5th, 2010.

Cinzzettis Italian Market

281 West 104th Avenue Northglenn, Colorado 80234

If you are planning on attending please let Jim Monaco know. It should be a great time with good food and great friends. Besides reminiscing about the past year we also will be conducting a club meeting and voting on the new club officers as well as discussing some possible rules changes. I hope to see everyone there. It promises to be a good time this year as we have a PRIVATE ROOM.

Things that we will be voting on are;

Affirmation of the club officers.

President	Jim Monaco	running un-opposed
Vice Pres	Mike Verzuh	running un-opposed
Past pres	Bruce Martin	stuck with me
Field manager	Steve S	past position
Secretary	Bob R	past position
Treasurer	Mark Howard	past position
Newsletter	Tony O	past position
Scorekeeper/webmaster	Jim M	

The official board members would be: Bruce, Jim, Mike, Bob and Mark.

Rules that I want to start discussing;

1. What is the minimum number of contestants to make a club counting contest.
2. What constitutes a legitimate reason to move a contest from a designated date.
3. What flexibility do individual C/Ds have the right to change contest format and task.
4. If we also allow C/Ds to introduce new tasks (such as speed and distance) what introduction period must take place first before it can be an official counting contest.
5. I would like to revisit to rule of no throw outs for club contests. I think this rule has worked well during the year but I would like to hear people's feedback on the change.

We can put them on the schedule to vote on them and the next club meeting.

The SWC is coming in February of next year is shaping up to be a great event as it always is. If you have not reserved your space yet you should do so soon.

IMPORTANT;

Please also start considering next years schedule and participating in helping run a contest. We need C/Ds. If you have not C/D a contest yet please consider doing so. I really would like to see some new faces getting involved in this area. We really need people to attend the scheduling meeting next year. It is a very important meeting so please try an attend the coming one in 2011. This club is only as good as you make it with your participation.

Thanks to everyone in the club for making this a very fun year as well as a great two year term for me as president. I have appreciated the support that everyone has given me. The people are what makes this club special and this club is very special indeed. I have felt very fortunate to be a part of this group. While most of us enjoy the challenge of the contests, its the camaraderie that we all come together to fly for. I look forward to seeing each of you at the banquet.

Good flying all,

Bruce Martin

RMSA President

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Annual RMSA Awards Banquet

Sunday Dec 5th 10:00 AM

The RMSA annual awards banquet will be again held at Cinzetti's Italian Marketplace on Sunday morning December 5 at 10:00AM. This is a great place, with great food. The company will be outstanding! Please plan on attending and bring your spouse and children. We will eat, have a short business meeting to discuss some important club topics, vote in the new leadership, and then present the year end awards. It's always fun to socialize, meet our flying buddy's families and generally enjoy the company of our friends.

The price below includes the brunch, standard drink and gratuity:

- Adult - \$20.00
- Senior (65 and over) - \$13.00
- Child 4-12 - \$7.50
- Child 3 and under - Free

On the west side of I25 just north of 104th Ave. (North of Lowes)

281 West 104th Avenue

Northglenn, Colorado 80234

(303) 451-7300

I will collect the money for your meals at the event and will pay the total bill. If you order extras like alcohol or other items your server will bill you directly for those charges.

They have allocated us a private room from 10:00 to 12:00 on the condition we have 30+ people. Normally they only reserve rooms for 50+. Please do not make a liar out of me.. ☺

Please send me an email with how many will be attending from your family so I can keep track of attendance.

Thanks and I hope to see you there...

Jim

November Open Competition Report CD Jim Monaco

(This was reported in October Newsletter)



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- Your **NEW** RC Flight Forum Home!

XtremeFlyer.com is the newest RC flight discussion forum to hit the web! Our site was launched in February of this year and is quickly growing. Unlike other RC forums, XtremeFlyer.com has been created simply as a place for modelers to discuss this great hobby and help others find answers...not for making a profit!

- Created by Garret Hultgren, president of the Rocky Mountain Modelers club in Fort Collins, Colorado.

- XtremeFlyer.com Offers:

- Completely FREE advertising to all RC businesses!
- Great contests, including our monthly photo contest and HUGE Christmas giveaway! (details below)
- An easy-to-use site format
- Friendly site moderation
- Free contest calendar and upcoming event forum for you to promote your club functions!

>> Enter to WIN a Great Planes Cirrus and other great prizes!

Starting December 1st, our *largest site contest ever* will begin! We invite you to enter to win our **HUGE Christmas Giveaway**, brought to you by Great Planes!

- 1st Place: Brand new Great Planes Cirrus, \$50 Hobby-Lobby gift card, Mercury Adhesives gift pack, and more!
- 2nd Place: Custom Slo-Roller RTF foamy from WingmanRC.net!
- 3rd Place: Quality XtremeFlyer.com t-shirt from B&E Graphix!



- The winner will be announced on Christmas morning, December 25th!

How to enter: Visit XtremeFlyer.com starting December 1st, 2010 - all you have to do is make one post in the contest thread and you are entered to win! No purchase necessary to enter.



Mercury Adhesives
Atlanta Hobby



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FOR SALE

Nothing for sale this month.

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COMPUTER CLEAN-UP-By Tony O'Hara (I have no association with the mentioned company!)

If you're like me you keep your computer for a number of years. During this time it can collect all sorts of garbage that slow it up (and even crash it). Last week mine got really bad, and Norton, Malware, Spybot, Ccleaner etc was not helping much. So I looked for some better help!

I finally found a "clean-up" program (after a LONG time!) that is reasonable cost and does a great job

It costs about \$40 for one year and is called "Fix Helpmate" It comes with other stuff that you can download and use for a year, BUT I found one of those other programs "Spy Cease" to be a real problem & there is some Web info that says it's actually a rogue program-So don't use that!

But as I said the Fix Helpmate has no such problems and works well! I recommend it!

Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships for 2011. Renew with the application in this newsletter, (below)

Or on-line at <http://www.rmsadenvr.com>

Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Type	CD	Notes
<i>Feb 10th</i>	if interested		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 18-19	F3J at SWC	Mike Verzuh and Jim Monaco	SWC - Phoenix
<i>Feb 20 Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jim Schoon</i>	<i>PP Snow fly</i>
Feb 20-21	Open,RES,2M and other		SWC - Phoenix
Mar 3rd Wednesday	RMSA meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Mar 13th Saturday	Open*	Dr Dan	RMSA club contest
<i>Mar 21st Sunday</i>	<i>open,RES,2 meter</i>	<i>Bob Vixie</i>	<i>PP March Madness</i>
Mar 21st Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Apr 7th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Apr 11th Sunday	Open*	Bruce Martin	RMSA club contest
Apr 24th Saturday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
<i>Apr 24th Saturday</i>	<i>open,RES,2 meter</i>	<i>Joel Zellner</i>	<i>PP Humps and Bumps</i>
Apr 30th-May 2nd			IHGLF-Poway
May 6th Thursday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
<i>May 8th Saturday</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Milt Woodham</i>	<i>Watts 'o Fun</i>
May 16th Sunday	Open* (Changed date)	Mike Verzuh	RMSA club contest
<i>May 23rd</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>PP May Fly</i>
May 23rd	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
May 28-30	F3J in the Rockies	Jim Monaco	RMSA national contest
Jun 5-6th	Blue skies- H/L		New Mexico
Jun 9th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Jun 12th	Mentor Day	Blayne Chastain	LSF task day as well
Jun 13th Sunday	Open*	John Padilla	RMSA club contest
<i>Jun 19th</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>PP Summer Solstice</i>
Jun 26th	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Jul 7th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Jul 11th Sunday	Open*	Jim Monaco	RMSA club contest
Jul 18th Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	
<i>July 25th Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Height o' the Season</i>
July 24th-Aug 1st			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
July 27th-Aug 8th			World's F3J
Aug 8th Sunday	Open*	Bob Lewan	RMSA club contest
Aug 11th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
<i>Aug 14th-15th</i>	<i>Blue Skies H/L Series</i>		<i>Colorado</i>
<i>Aug 14th Saturday</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Frank Deis</i>	<i>Howling Coyote and picnic</i>
Aug 21st Saturday	RES	Blayne Chastain	
Sep 8th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Sep 12th Sunday	Colorado Challenge Cup*	Danny Williams	RMSA club contest/vs PP
Sep 26th Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Sep 19th Sunday	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Soar Bash</i>
Sep 24-26th	<i>Soaring Masters</i>		Soaring Masters
Oct 1-3rd	Visalia		Visalia
Oct 6th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Oct 10th Sunday	Open*	John Lovins	RMSA club contest
Oct 23rd Saturday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Oct 22-24th	Texas TNT in Dallas	TBA	H/L, RES and two days of Open
<i>Oct 23rd Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Barry Welsh</i>	<i>pp Witches Brew</i>
Oct 23rd Saturday	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Cancelled
Nov 3rd Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Nov 7th Sunday	Open*	Skip Miller/ Cody Remington	RMSA club contest
<i>Nov 21st Sunday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jerry Murphy</i>	<i>pp Turkey Shoot (Members</i>
<i>Dec 11th</i>	<i>HLG etc</i>	<i>John & Jo-Anne Read</i>	<i>pp Barn Fly (Members Only)</i>
Dec 5th	RMSA Banquet		

*Club Open points contest (Best 6 Scores)

**Club HLG points contest (Best 3 including the PPSS HLG event)

Italics indicates PPSS events held at their location in COS

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2010

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:

Signature



2008 Board Members

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Winch Master

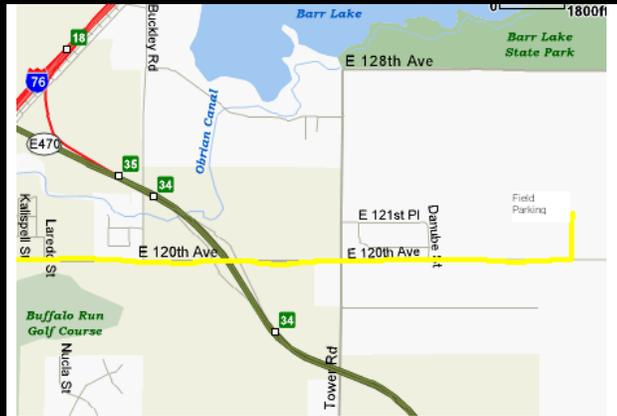
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Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
 Skip Miller
 Mike Verzuh
 Cody Remington
 Dr. Dan Williams
 Steve Suntken
 Bruce Martin

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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