



Thermals

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President's Message

Jim Monaco

We kicked off the season with a bang at the SWC. Thanks to Blayne for toting the trailer down with all the club member stuff. This is a huge help in getting planes and equipment there for practice and the event. RMSA sent about 13 pilots down and returned with the top team trophy. For many of us the highlight was F3J in the Desert. I organized the event and Phil Renaud was the CD and member Tom Tate did the scorekeeping. This event ran better than I imagined. I invented a new web based scoring program that allowed pilots to put their scores in using their smart phones instead of paper scorecards. Each team had at least one member that had a phone capable of entering scores. Tom's main job was to ensure that the pilots put their scores in promptly. Then within minutes of completion the scores were calculated and posted for every pilot and also folks following along on the web to see. Pilots could see all the details of everyone's scores from their phones immediately. We fired up the sound system to start the first group and loop and 7 rounds later we finished the day. Even with 2 minute prep times it ran like clockwork. The comments that I heard were that this was the best run event anyone had attended. Events like this continue to grow the popularity of F3J. In fact, the NATS will run F3J with winches for the first time this year. RMSA continues to be a leader in running and promoting F3J events. You can see the final results and detailed scores at:

http://www.f3jevents.com/f3j_desert/F3JScore-InternetMonitor.htm.

We kick off our contest season in March. We were planning a Pro/AM but work travel commitments prohibit my running that event, and I have no volunteers to substitute. As a result, I will have to reschedule this for a future date. The first open contest will be SATURDAY March 19 – come on out and start the year off right.

Bruce is proposing some skills clinics. This will be considered if there is enough interest. See his article later in the newsletter.

Keep it high...

Jim

~~Was March 6th~~ (TBA) PRO AM Contest

CD Jim Monaco

Due to business travel commitments Jim will re-schedule this event

SUNDAY MARCH 13th DLG Contest

CD Dave Jensen

Sunday, March 13, is our first DLG contest of the year. We anticipate a great season of DLG this year, with what appears to be many new faces joining us! I highly encourage the new guys to show up early, so we have time to go over any of your questions, and do some basic contest training.

We'll have our pilots meeting at 9:00 with the flying starting shortly after. Keep in mind that the time changes the morning of the 13th!

Remember -- the sky isn't our limit... it's our playground.

SATURDAY MARCH 19th Open Contest

CD Blayne Chastain

REGISTRATION	Before 8:30 AM	Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00
PILOT'S MEETING:	8:30 AM (also Club meeting.)	
FIRST FLIGHT:	9:00 AM	
Tasks:	F3J with winches.	
Battery Masters – charged & “topped-up”	Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM	

Proposed Clinic Day---Bruce Martin

I would like to setup a day for people to come out and work on specific areas of advanced soaring technique. If there is enough interest we would pick a topic like launching and spend a morning working on it. A senior pilot like Mike Verzuh would be available with a winch to help with plane optimization, launch technique and other factors. We could even use a measuring device to measure actual launch height and play with different settings. There are several topics that people could be interested in. I thought that launching might be a good starting point because we hardly ever have winches out except for contests. A few other possibilities are early morning flying, thermaling and landing setups. There are a large number of possibilities. What I need to know is how many people are interested and would come out on a designated Sat or Sun for this clinic. This can only happen if there is enough interest in the club so that the senior pilot will commit the time to make it work.

Please let me know by email Rbrucemartin@aol.com if you are interested or give me a call at 303 862 8451.

Bruce Martin

FOR SALE

Airtronics Stylus Transmitter.

\$150.00 obo

Includes:

Ch28 module, lots of crystals, battery, charger, manual, sailplane card, 50 model memory card and card manual.

F3B winch - great for F3J with winches.

\$500.00 obo

Fully legal BMW starter motor - just like the high end winches...

Comes with turnaround, foot switch, safety switch, chute, mono, and stakes.

Contact Mark Howard

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Nothing this month

Renewal Reminder

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

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

RMSA 2011 Calendar

[\(click for online version that may be more current\)](#)

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Jan 13	RMSA Meeting	Broomfield Public Library	2011 Schedule
Sat Jan 22	Trailer/Winch Day	7257 West 116th Place - Broomfield 80020	Trailer and Winch Repair Day
Tue Feb 1	RMSA Meeting	To Be Announced	Club Meeting
Thu Feb 17 - Fri Feb 18	F3J in the Desert	Queen Creek AZ	CD-Phil Renaud
Sat Feb 19	Southwest Classic	Queen Creek AZ	CD-Chico
Tue Mar 1	RMSA Meeting	Club Field	Club Meeting
Mar 6th TBA	RMSA Pro/AM	Club Field	CD-Jim Monaco
Sun Mar 13	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sat Mar 19	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Blayne Chastain
Sat Mar 19	RMSA Meeting	Club Field before contest	Club Meeting
Tue Apr 5	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Apr 10	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Mike Verzuh
Sat Apr 16	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Fri Apr 29 - Sun May 1	International HLG	San Diego CA	
Tue May 3	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat May 7	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Jon Padilla F3J w/winch
Sun May 15	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sat May 28 - Sun May 29	F3J in the Rockies	Sod Farm	CD-Jim Monaco
Tue Jun 7	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Jun 11	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Cody Remington F3J w/winch
Sat Jun 18	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Jul 5	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Mon Jul 11 - Sun Jul 17	SOARING NATS	Muncie IN	
Sun Jul 17	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Jul 24	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Mark Howard
Tue Aug 2	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Aug 6 - Sun Aug 7	Blue Skies of Colorado DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Aug 14	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Bob Lewan F3J w/winch
Fri Sep 2 - Sun Sep 4	US F3J Team Selections	Chicago?	Tentative
Sun Sep 4	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Sep 6	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Sep 18	Colorado Challenge Cup Open	RMSA Club Field	CD-Jim Monaco
Tue Oct 4	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Oct 9	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Bruce Martin
Sat Oct 15	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Nov 1	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Nov 5	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-John Lovins
Sat Nov 12	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Dec 4	RMSA Awards Banquet	To be Announced	Jim Monaco - Coordinator

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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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Secretary: Bob Rice
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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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