



Thermals

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President's Message

Jim Monaco

As I write this the RMSA planes and equipment are enroute to Cocoa Florida for the US F3J Team Selections. Bob (God Bless You) Pederson is driving the trailer with all our equipment down. That is a HUGE help for us and is very much appreciated. We are scheduled to leave at Oh Dark Thirty Wed the 26th. We are getting out of Dodge just in time – a winter storm is headed in with a forecast of 4-6 inches. We hope the airplane is not delayed... J The RMSA guys are well practiced and ready to rumble. Our goal is to make this an all RMSA US F3J team!! Those interested can follow along with real-time scores at <http://f3jevents.com/dev/F3JScore-InternetMonitor.php?EVENT=F3J%20TS%202011>. The event starts Friday Oct. 28th at 8:30AM and concludes Sunday October 30th about 3:00pm Florida time. Wish us luck!!

When we scheduled the November contest we did not know that the F3J TS event was at the end of October and we scheduled the November Open contest at the normal time. Since our equipment probably won't even be back by the scheduled date we are going to move the contest from Sunday Nov. 5 to Sunday Nov 13.

We still need some volunteers for the club president and vice president positions. Currently we have no one that will take over the officers – please consider helping your club out.

Enjoy the end of the season...

Jim

SATURDAY Nov 12th DLG Contest CD Dave Jensen

Our next DLG club contest will be Saturday November 12. As always, we'll be newcomer-friendly, and will adjust the schedule to answer any questions that arise. We will be starting the pilot's meeting at 9:00, with flying to begin immediately afterward.

SUNDAY Nov 13th Open Contest CD John Lovins

REGISTRATION	Before 8:30 AM Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00
PILOT'S MEETING:	8:30 AM
FIRST FLIGHT:	9:00 AM
TASKS:	F3J with winches
BATTERY MASTERS:	Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM charged & "topped-up"

Oct Open Contest Report CD Jim Monaco

We had a beautiful day for a contest. The winds were light and constant out of the Southeast. The only problem from this was that the sun was in our eyes for launching for a couple of hours. We had a new Sportsman pilot – Corey Shantz – who came out and did really well, winning the Sportsman Class! Go Corey! He learned early in the contest (the first round) that you need to get back from that long downwind run in order to keep your score, I'm

sure he won't do that again. J He seemed to have a lot of fun and that is what this is ultimately about. I think he will be back – too bad he started so late in the season...

As usual you needed to get all your times to be in the top three and three pilots were able to do that. I dropped 30 seconds during a brutal flight where I was constantly in danger of not getting my time at all. I actually flew a great flight hopping from tiny bubble to tiny bubble, and then when I thought I was there and headed for the spot, the brutal sink stood on my plane and I landed 30 short. Mike V and I duelled in round 1 and I was lucky to get the better of him in the light morning air – that does not happen often. One hit and you go way down the scoreboard in this club. Lenny also had his challenges, landing out in the first round was the beginning of a tough day. In the second round Bruce had a tail repair on his Pike fail and the poor thing went straight in after launch. We had to dig the nose out with a screwdriver, there was not anything salvageable from the wreck. That was too bad...

John Lovins flew a solid contest with good scores to take third place. Jon Padilla was the second place finisher, but it is impossible to catch Skip who flew a perfect 5000! Skip is flying great and hopefully is peaking just in time for the F3J Team selections here at the end of October.

Jim

October Contest Scores

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Open										
M	Skip Miller	1	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Jon Padilla	2	994.02	1000.00	997.41	1000.00	995.77	4987.21	997.44	997.44	2
M	John Lovins	3	1000.00	994.31	1000.00	996.25	987.40	4977.96	995.59	995.59	3
M	Jim Monaco	4	1000.00	999.69	955.52	996.79	1000.00	4952.00	990.40	990.40	4
M	Mike Verzuh	5	792.96	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	999.22	4792.18	958.44	958.44	5
M	Lenny Keer	6		902.82	859.63	759.65	1000.00	3522.10	704.42	704.42	6
M	Bruce Martin	7	629.71					629.71	125.94	125.94	9
S	Sportsman										
S	Corey Shantz	1		331.25	962.16	969.63	351.65	2614.69	1000.00	522.94	7
S	Jim Smith	2	520.81		963.39		842.81	2327.02	889.98	465.40	8

Oct DLG Contest Report Cory Shantz

This month's contest was held at the Jonke's sprawling DLG Ranch in Parker. For those that haven't been to the DLG Ranch you are missing out on a beautiful flying site, a relaxed feel, and the best hosts, John and Denise. For the first time in my DLG career, Dave J was not the CD for a contest due to recovering from some back issues. Fortunately his brother Gary was up to the task. 10 pilots were treated to a little bit of every flying condition possible as well as a fantastic lunch.

The weather started off overcast and cool, providing for very light, variable, and localized lift. As the morning progressed, conditions improved but you still had to work to find sustainable lift. Land outs were common and sometimes dramatic. Ask John J how that lone chair jumped out and grabbed his DLG while trying to squeak back to the field. There was a little bit of carnage as well due to a horizontal stab coming off at launch. Fortunately it was time for lunch so that we could all regroup and refuel.

Lunch!! Denise, you rock!! I am not going to go into detail on this because if you haven't been to the DLG Ranch, you don't know what you are missing. For all you local yokels, come on out. We had two pilots and their families that drove 6 hours to attend. You have no good excuses for missing another event! :)

During lunch the conditions changed to be occasionally gusty with strong, localized lift followed by nothing but sink. The lift was never in the same spot twice so pre-launch reads and a little luck were needed. During the second to last round, the lift was abundant and people were feeling good and confident. Then came the last round, Poker.

You could tell something was up with the conditions but no one really knew what they were getting into. In the first group, people called what seemed like realistic, easy times to start to go test the conditions. It didn't take long before it was obvious that this was not going to be easy as people spent the rest of the window time just trying to make their initial times. In that group, Shawn C and I tied for top times with an amazing 3:30 total.

Now it was the second group's turn. Conditions appeared to be improving but the pilots were cautious. Gary J called a 2:00 and won the thermal lottery. After making his time, he called something big and relaunched into the same thermal, heading down wind with it. Others were not so lucky and struggled to make 1:00 and 1:30 calls over and over again. Meanwhile, the thermal that Gary J was in way down wind went poof, leaving him dropping fast and in search for the next source of lift that never came. End result was that Gary J and Bob P tied for top times with an even more amazing 2:00 total. Good call John L for requesting Poker as the last round. What a way to finish.

End result is Gary J winning the event with 7000 pts, Shawn C only 129 points behind for second and me squeaking out a third place finish thanks in part to a well placed chair.

Special thanks to John and Denise for hosting all of us. None of us can say enough good things on the hospitality that you both provide. On behalf of all the online DLG lurkers, thank you Kelsey for providing scoring updates on RC Groups during the contest. Last but not least, thanks to everyone that showed up. I know that for me these DLG contests are always enjoyable and a learning experience. This is 100% due to the friendly and helpful nature of everyone involved.

Next contest is November 12th at the Sod Farm. Hope to see all of you there.

Place	Pilot	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8	Rnd 9	Penalty	Total	Pct
1	Gary J	-1000	1000	1000	1000	-951	1000	1000	1000	1000		7,000	100.00%
2	Shawn C	1000	-878	895	1000	996	980	-676	1000	1000		6,871	98.16%
3	Cory S	1000	851	1000	949	-799	-473	836	983	1000		6,619	94.56%
4	John J	1000	-760	890	1000	1000	1000	1000	824	-750	100/2	6,614	94.49%
5	Jens A	740	-693	-712	851	1000	1000	780	769	750		5,890	84.14%
6	Bob P	-518	771	548	699	621	-23	535	921	1000		5,095	72.79%
7	Terry T	518	710	553	505	606	-406	642	913	-500		4,447	63.53%
8	Kelsey J	-333	629	531	539	806	-276	396	739	571		4,211	60.16%
9	Ian P	1000	1000	933	876	224	0	0				4,033	57.61%
10	Ted P	0	0		233	731	300	684	858			2,806	40.09%

FOR SALE

**Ford long shaft starter motor that needs rebuilding.
FLS is best motor for non-FAI legal winches.**

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None this month

Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships for 2012. Renew with the application in this newsletter,
(below)

Or on-line at <http://www.rmsadenver.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 W 116th Place, Broomfield	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 6 th 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/winches
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/winches
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/winches
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 12	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Nov 13 (Changed)	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-John Lovins
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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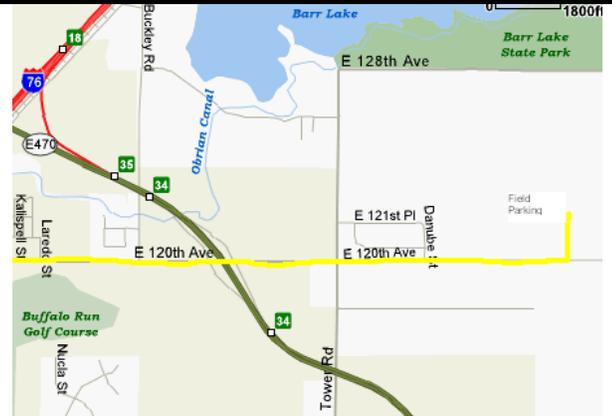
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For Winch Use:

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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