



Thermals

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President's Message

Well – it's late – everyone is very busy trying to prepare for the US F3J Team Selection competition to be held labor day weekend, and time is running out for the newsletter, so I (Jim Monaco) am filling in for Dr. Dan. I too am very busy getting things ready – but it looks like it is coming together. We have a good supply of volunteers (we can always use more) and should have enough help to pull it off in world class style.

Be sure to come out – even if it is just to watch – with many national champions and several World Champions, you can be sure that this will be an exciting event.

There are a lot of things that will need club discussion, but the September meeting is too close to the end of the F3J Team selections to be expected to have much attendance. In addition, the following Sunday is the annual Colorado Challenge Cup event where we compete head to head with the Pikes Peak Soaring Society from Colorado Springs. They continue to improve every year, and with their combination of Mark Howard (dual member competing for the Springs), Bob Vixie, Rich O'Connell, Bob Avery and other fine flyers we will need our very best to beat these guys. Be sure to come out and support your team!

Fly High, and land on the spot, on time – it's a simple game....

Jim

Next Meeting - Cancelled:

Date/Time: September 2, 2003 – 7:00 PM

Location: Broomfield Advanced Chiropractic
26 Garden Ctr
Broomfield CO 80020-7012

Program: Based on the fact that the F3J contest will end Monday nite and everyone will be burned out.



Colorado Challenge Cup

Sept. 7, 2003
CD – Bob Rice

Registration: 8:30 AM

Pilot Meeting: 9:00 AM

First Round: 9:15 AM

Entry Fee: \$8.00 (\$5.00 for Juniors)

Winchmasters – Please be at the field by 8:00 AM.

Current AMA membership is required and must be shown at registration

Tasks: T1 International Duration – Duration set by conditions.

Landing: L4 Spot landing with standard (25') AMA landing tapes.

Scoring: Man on Man, random flight group assignment.

No flying prior to start of event.

Novices limited to **RES** type sailplanes.

Please park on the dirt area on the **SE** corner of the Sod Farm. Parking will be tight Please do not park on the grass. Thanks for your cooperation.

Trophies awarded to the top five pilots of each club. The best five scores of pilots from each club will be used as team scores. Top club wins the Challenge Cup and bragging rights for the next year.

Good Luck to Everyone.

Bob Rice, CD

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Sept. 21st Handlaunch Contest – John Kappus - CANCELLED

With a vote from the contestants at Saturday's contest, we have decided to cancel the HLG contest scheduled for Sept 21.

**The group decided to designate the HLG contest in Colorado Springs on October 4 as a replacement contest for season points.
All the regular HLG contest flyers will try to make this event.**

Thanks,

John

August Open Contest Bob Johnston CD

When I walked out my door at 7:00AM and looked up at the sky I thought to myself, this is going to be a beautiful day! About 1/2 way to the field, near the Platte River, it became cloudy - (foggy maybe) and was still overcast as I parked at the sod farm. Optimism prevailed and the clouds burned off quickly. The winches were set up to the north as we readied for the first launch. The flight groups were organized and we got started. This is the first contest I ever CD'd and was grateful to Don Ingram for his help as Co-CD. Tony O'Hara and Clarence Dollmeyer did a great job of keeping score. I thought we would be on our own for scoring, but lo and behold, Jim Monaco WAS there. I'm not sure we could run a contest without him. In retrospect I can't remember a smoother running contest. We never had to move the winches, the sprinklers were never an issue, there were no line breaks, and shaggers and pilots were in position and little time was lost to delays! A flight round of four groups averaged 1 hour each with 5 rounds being flown, plus a 15 minute flyoff for the top 6 finishers to claim unofficial "Top Dawg" bragging rights. (See results below).

Pop-off save of the day goes to Jack Zika. He popped off really early on launch (about 75ft) and went downwind to the road and caught a light thermal with his lightweight AVA, climbed out, and worked and fought to get his time for the round. Nice job Jack!!

Rich O'Connell had a great low-level save also. A call was heard something like "Help - Mr. Wizard - I want to come home!" Skip was standing nearby and offered his assistance. Rich then dug his heels in and scratched for several minutes before he worked up to a comfortable height. He also made his time.

Bob Lewan had the save that almost was! He worked and worked until his lift finally vaporized and as most often the case with low level saves, it just didn't happen. The clock struck midnight on this Cinderella story and Bob had to beat a hasty retreat for home a bit shy of the 10 minute horn. All who observed his effort scored Bob high in the "Dang - I almost had it" category.

In the primary rounds Mark Howard won the contest, followed by Rich O'Connell who put together 5 great rounds. Tom Gressman was third and Dr. Dan was 4th with Skip placing 5th.

In Sportsman class - Danny Dermer edged out new member Brad Riegler for top honors. Go going guys.

The flyoff was very tight with Skip Miller and Dr. Dan tying for first place. Mark Howard came in 3rd, Tom Gressman 4th, Rich O'Connell 5th and Phil Jones was a DNF (did not finish).

In closing I'd like to thank all the pilots for coming out and I feel fortunate to have had such a smooth day.

Bob Johnston

August Contest Results

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	# Throw Outs	Safety Penaltys	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Masters														
M	Mark Howard	1	1000.00	1000.00	990.99	1000.00	1000.00	4990.99	5			4991	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Rich O'Connell	2	1000.00	984.75	1000.00	1000.00	996.47	4981.22	5			4981	998.04	998.04	2
M	Tom Gressman	3	998.53	1000.00	1000.00	978.51	988.39	4965.43	5			4965	994.88	994.88	3
M	Dan Williams	4	1000.00	998.18	988.22	1000.00	962.21	4948.61	5			4949	991.51	991.51	4
M	Skip Miller	5	942.60	1000.00	1000.00	998.56	1000.00	4941.16	5			4941	990.02	990.02	5
M	Phil Jones	6	932.55	978.32	960.64	985.49	992.86	4849.86	5			4850	971.72	971.72	6
M	Byron Blakeslee	7	980.13	953.76	994.43	972.42	765.56	4666.30	5			4666	934.94	934.94	7
M	Dusty Miller	8	1000.00	558.17	979.83	1000.00	1000.00	4538.00	5			4538	909.24	909.24	8
M	Bob Vixie	9	639.30	1000.00	883.65	1000.00	986.94	4509.89	5			4510	903.60	903.60	9
M	Jim Monaco	10	993.59	528.72	998.11	994.53	986.98	4501.92	5			4502	902.01	902.01	10
M	Bob Avery	11	964.68	452.93	1000.00	985.12	991.29	4394.03	5			4394	880.39	880.39	11
M	John Kappus	12	992.04	724.81	1000.00	993.10	661.36	4371.31	5			4371	875.84	875.84	12
M	Jon Padilla	13	827.81	891.47	986.88	992.37	592.16	4290.70	5			4291	859.69	859.69	13
M	Lenny Keer	14	661.36	652.43	981.05	992.74	947.67	4235.26	5			4235	848.58	848.58	14
M	Mike Verzuh	15	987.71	988.09	216.14	989.84	1000.00	4181.78	5			4182	837.86	837.86	15
M	Jack Zika	16	659.98	705.45	990.83	819.79	988.37	4164.42	5			4164	834.39	834.39	16
M	George Blair	17	964.58	464.47	688.20	988.02	985.53	4090.80	5			4091	819.64	819.64	17
M	Don Ingram	18	888.56	503.88	981.27	647.91	997.09	4018.71	5			4019	805.19	805.19	18
M	Bob Lewan	19	699.14	677.36	923.91	972.68	603.02	3876.11	5			3876	776.62	776.62	19
S	Sportsman														
N	Danny Dermer	1	307.58	648.84	953.35	973.53	616.50	3499.80	5			3500	1000.00	701.22	1
N	Brad Riegler	2	526.39	523.12	327.09	567.88		1944.49	4			1944	555.60	389.60	2
N	Steve Suntken	3	198.72	307.24	119.31	106.78	848.84	1580.89	5			1581	451.71	316.75	3
N	Tony O'Hara	4	166.06	229.75	150.22	150.94		696.98	4			697	199.15	139.65	4

Open Class Standings for 2003

	Mar	PI	Apr	PI	May	PI	SSF	PL	June	PI	F3J	PI	July	PI	Aug	PI	Best 6	Place	Prev Pts	Prev Wins	03 Pts	03 Wins	Tot Pts	Total Wins	Promo		
Masters																											
Skip Miller	1000	1	922	10	962.00	5	1000.00	1	1000.00	1	1000.00	1	825.00	12	990.02	5	5952.00	1									
Mark Howard	859	12	1000	1	987.00	3	915.00	6			999.97	2			1000.00	1	5761.00	2									
Dr. Dan Williams	971	3	777	17	985.00	4	920.00	5	729.00	11	946.00	7	914.00	5	991.51	4	5728.00	3									
Charlie Miller	932	5	978	5	874.00	11	967.00	2	703.00	13	936.00	9	952.00	3			5639.00	4									
Lenny Keer	892	9	997	2	781.00	14	955.00	4	959.00	3	906.00	12	927.00	4	848.58	13	5636.00	5									
John Padilla	927	6	884	12	897.00	9	967.00	2			957.88	5	881.00	9	859.69	12	5514.00	6									
Don Ingram	998	2	924	9	998.00	2	887.00	7	776.00	9					868.00	10	5480.00	7									
Bob Lewan	798	18	990	3	863.00	12	851.00	9	664.00	14	939.00	8	1000.00	1	776.62	18	5441.00	8									
Rich O'Connell	851	13	870	14	944.00	7	819.00	11	906.00	6	663.00	17	848.00	11	998.04	2	5417.00	9									
Jim Monaco	881	10	935	7	884.00	10	884.00	8	806.00	8	916.00	11	741.00	16	902.01	10	5402.00	10									
Joseph Newcomb	842	15	985	4	939.00	8	327.00	15	764.00	10	923.00	10	907.00	6			5360.00	11									
Byron Blakeslee	851	13	944	6	860.00	13			834.00	7					902.00	7	5326.00	12									
Mike Verzuh	835	16			961.00	6	775.00	12			949.00	6	802.00	13	837.86	14	5160.00	13									
Phil Jones	580	21	851	16					925.00	5	852.00	15	882.00	8	971.72	6	5062.00	14									
Tom Gressman	878	11			1000.00	1			934.00	4	999.70	4			994.88	3	4807.00	15									
Bob Moffett	935	4	544	18	653.00	16			729.00	11	760.00	16	772.00	14			4393.00	16									
Jack Zika	906	8	857	15	212.00	19			326.00	15					706.00	17	3841.00	17									
Bob Vixie	154	22	925	8							864.00	13	979.00	2	903.60	9	3826.00	18									
Dusty Miller			903	11					962.00	2	999.94	3			909.24	8	3774.00	19									
John Kappus							831.00	10	214.00	16			756.00	15	875.84	11	2677.00	20									
Bob Johnston	825	17	881	13	764.00	15											2470.00	21									
Shannon Bingham	794	19			499.00	18					858.00	14					2151.00	22									
Bob Pederson	600	20			529.00	17	397.00	14									1526.00	23									
George Blair							701.00	13							819.64	16	1521.00	24									
Ali Ghaffari	917	7															917.00	25									
Bob Rice	86	23															86.00	26									
Sportsman																											
Jim Newcomb			762	2	1000.00								1000.00	1			2762.00	1			5	1	5	1			
John Leutke	900				748.00		715.00		1000.00								2648.00	2									
Wayne Hollenbeck	1000		707	3													2422.00	3			1		1				
Chuck Stasek			1000	1													1000.00	4	3		3	1	6	1			
Ryan O'Hara			619	4			330.00										619.00	5									
Danny Dermer																	330.00	6									
Jeff Hainline																		7									
Kevin Moffett																		7	14	1			14	1			
Marc Monaco																		7	4				4				
Neil Schmoker																		7									
Peter Baur																		7	1				1				
NOVICE																											
Steve Suntken			972		1000.00				1000.00				898.00		451.71	3	4322.00	1	5	1	1		6	1			
Danny Dermer	1000		1000										1000.00		1000.00	1	4000.00	2			3	1	3	1			
Steve Whitaker									686.00								686.00	3									
Brad Riegler															555.60	2	556.00	4									
Tony O'Hara															199.15	4	199.00	5									
																		6									

2003 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Event	CD	Notes
Jan 7	RMSA Meeting		
Jan 25	Open Event (PPSS)	Joel Zellmer	Fun Fly
Feb 1-2	SWC		Phoenix SouthWest Classic
Feb 4	RMSA Meeting		
Feb 23	Open event (PPSS)	Steve Bygren	Snow Fly
Mar 2	Pro-Am	Jim Monaco	Sixth annual Pro-Am
Mar 4	RMSA Meeting		
Mar 9	Open*	Bob Pederson	March Blowout
Mar 22	Open event (PPSS)	Larry Laughlin	March Madness
Apr 1	RMSA Meeting		
Apr 5	RES event (PPSS)	Rich O'Connell	REServe
Apr 6	Open*	Jim Barr	Spring Thermals
Apr 27	F5J	Lenny Keer	
Apr 27	Open event (PPSS)	Rich O'Connell	Humps and Bumps
May 4	Open*	Don Ingram/Bob Johnston	Spring Fling
May 6	RMSA Meeting		
May 17	Open event (PPSS)	Austin Cleis	May Fly
May 18	HLG**	John Kappus	
May 24, 25	Spring Soaring Festival*	Mark Howard	Special National Event– click date for more info
May 31	F5J	Lenny Keer	
June 1	Open**	Bob Moffett	Summer Fun
June 3	RMSA Meeting		
June 7&8	F5B!	Lenny Keer	National Level Contest
June 7-8	IHLG		
June 14	Electric event (PPSS)	Jack Dech	Watts of Fun
June 22	HLG**	Jim Newcomb	
June 22	Open event (PPSS)	Chris Keller	Summer Solstice
June 28-29	F3J in the Rockies*	Mark Howard	Two Day National Event – click date for more info
July 1	RMSA Meeting		
July 12	RE event (PPSS)	Dave Kurth	Memorial
July 13	Open*	Jim Monaco	Firecracker Open
July 19	Open event (PPSS)	Bob Avery	Height of Season
July 20	HLG**	Dr. Dan	
July 26/27	F5J	Lenny Keer	Electric event – click date for more info
Aug 2	Open event (PPSS)	Greg Tarcza	Howling Coyote (Night Fly)
Aug 5	RMSA Meeting		
Aug 10	Open*	Bob Johnston/Don Ingram	Hotter than Snot
Aug 23	HLG**	John Kappus	
Aug 24	Open event (PPSS)	Dave Meyers	Dog Daze
Aug 30-Sept 1	F3J Team Selections		TENTATIVE
Sept 2	RMSA Meeting		
Sept 7	Open*	Bob Rice	AKA: Colorado Challenge Cup
Sept 20	Open event (PPSS)	Barry Welsh	Soar Bash
Sept 21	HLG**	John Kappus	Canceled by pilot request – the last counting HL contest will be the PPSS October 4 event
Oct 4-5	VISALIA		
Oct 4	HL event (PPSS)	Bob Vixie	Toss Up
Oct 7	RMSA Meeting		
Oct 11	F5J	Shannon Bingham	Rescheduled from Aug 3
Oct 12	Open*	Shannon Bingham	Falling Leaves Open
Oct 18	RES event (PPSS)	Jack Dech	RESpite
Oct 26-27	F5J		Phoenix National Competition
Oct 26	HL event (PPSS)	Mike Fritz	Witches Brew
Nov 4	RMSA Meeting		
Nov 23	Open event (PPSS)	John Read	Turkey Shoot
Nov 9	Open*	Jim Monaco	Last Chance Thermals
Dec 6	? (PPSS)	John Read	Barn Fly
Dec 7	Awards Banquet		

*Club Open points contest **Club HLG points contest
 Italics indicates non-RMSA events



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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. Continue straight through traffic light and look for the sod sprinkler on the left. We are on the southwest corner of that part of the sod farm.

Flying for RMSA members and accompanied guests only.



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