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President's Message

Jim Monaco

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all! We had quite a spell of cold weather earlier in the month but that looks to be breaking and hopefully you can all get out and get rid of that GPS (Grumpy Pilot Syndrome). This month's meeting is to arrange the contest schedule for 2006. I would like all CDs to attend this meeting please. All members are welcome at this meeting where we will discuss the contest and social events planned for next year. If you have some ideas, please come and share them.

I am currently working on a new club meeting location. The current location is now charging a \$25/day fee for the room. If you have any ideas for a new location please let me know. The Broomfield library has some rooms available, but only for 6 months of a year. I have been advised to check with the local fire departments as they sometimes have public meeting rooms. Another option is to find a venue that might support some indoor flying activities, so if you are aware of a location that we might use, please check them out and get back to me.

I'm looking for ideas for programs for the club meetings. If you have any ideas, please let me know. I'd like to have programs this year that are interesting and that encourage attendance.

It's membership renewal time again. Half of our operating budget comes from member dues and the other half comes from contest fees. Prompt renewal ensures the health of our treasury and ensures that you will continue to receive the club communications and have access to our field. We make it easy to renew or apply online – simply go to <http://www.rmsadenver.com/signupstart.htm> and fill in the application. If you filled in the application online last year and have not changed computers, most of the form will already be filled in for you. Check all the fields for accuracy and then you can pay online using PayPal or you can mail in a check.

Happy New Year and keep flying...

Jim

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: WEDNESDAY January 4th, 7:00PM (Day change due to room scheduling)

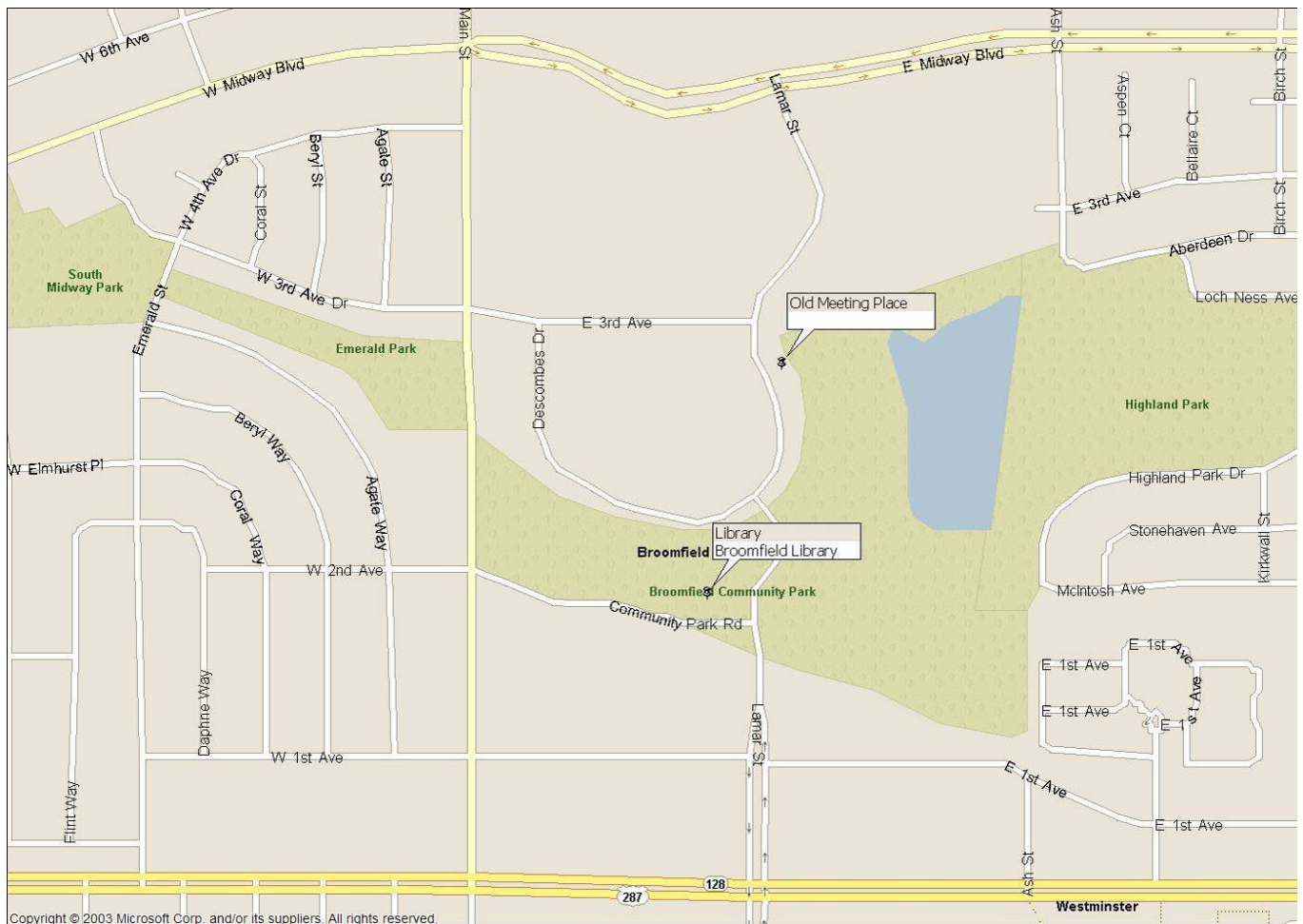
Location: NEW LOCATION Broomfield Mamie Dowd Eisenhower Public Library Room B

3 Community Park Road, Broomfield, 80020

See Map in this Newsletter

Program: 2006 Contest Schedule

Club Meeting Location Map



US F3J Team Activities

For those that have not heard, I have been selected as the US F3J Team Manager for 2006. I am honored by this selection and hope to help lead the team to victory at the World Championships in Martin, Slovakia at the end of July. Including me we have 4 team members from Colorado attending the WC, Skip Miller (Senior Pilot) and Joseph Newcomb and Cody Remington (Junior Pilots). We have begun the process of fund raising for the team. The AMA provides limited support to the team and the balance of costs are provided by fund raising activities. We currently have a web site where you can support the team by purchasing shirts or making donations at <http://www.usf3jteam.com>.

We will be having a team practice at the Phoenix SWC contest in February and are inviting people that want to try F3J or attend and fly against the US team to sign up at www.rmsadenver.com, so if you are going to the contest sign up to fly or let me know if you want to be a helper. We are looking to people that are driving down to take some stuff for the practice, if you are going and have some room, please let me know.

Jim

Election Results

The annual election was held during the banquet again this year and the slate of officers running was the same as for last year:

President: Jim Monaco
Vice President: Mike Verzuh
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: John Pearson

All officers were re-elected to their existing positions for another year. Special thanks go out to Bob Rice and John Pearson! These guys have held their positions for a very long time and provide invaluable assistance to the club. Most people have little idea of who these members are, or what they do.

Bob is a long time member who finds little time to fly these days, but is never the less involved in club activities. Bob's activity as secretary makes him the focal point for all of the clubs communications activities, with the AMA and with the general public. Bob completes and files all the necessary paperwork for our club to remain a chartered AMA club. Bob also coordinates the membership list, keeping the database of current and past members. Bob also CDs at least one event every year, including the Colorado Challenge Cup. Thanks Bob, for your efforts for RMSA!

John is also a long time member, that few people see out flying. John is our treasurer and does a great job managing the finances of the club. John is very prompt at handling reimbursement requests and ensuring that the bank accounts are balanced. Thanks John, for all that you do!

Jim Monaco

RMSA 2005 Year End Banquet by Mike Verzuh

Another year has come and gone, and it was time to come together to recognize the efforts of many club members and just have a nice meal together. We gathered for our annual banquet at Cincetti's restaurant. As usual they took very good care of us with a private room and all the great food you could eat. We had a good time discussing some of this season's memorable moments. As a club we hosted the US F3J team selections again this cycle. The organization and setup was tremendous and is a testament to everyone that helped out. Many of the competitors at the team selection commented that this was one of the best-run events. Jim Monaco received kudos for an outstanding job as the organizer. Jo Ellen Newcomb was also recognized for her great effort coordinating all the required timer volunteers. I would like to take this time to again thank everyone involved with supporting the team selection. The full coordination support leads were; Jim Monaco, Byron Blakeslee, Bob Vixie, Jo Ellen Newcomb, Tony O'Hara, Steve Suntken, Skip Miller, and Tracy Cochran. Thanks go out as well to all the volunteers that helped out with timing duties.

After the meal I presented the year-end awards. The overall award results are located in next two tables below. This year's Hand launch Champion was John Kappus. The Sportsman Champion was Steve Suntken. Skip Miller took the Masters Championship. First place was very close this year. Skip edged out Bob Lewan by .03 points to take First place in a very tight competition all year. Congratulations to all this year's champions and winners.

RMSA 2005 Hand Launch Season Standings

	5/21	6/25	7/17	9/4	Oct	Season Points Total		
Name	norm score	norm score	norm score	norm score	norm score	Best 3 Total	Normalized	Place
John Kappus	1000	1000	975	1000	1000	3000	1000	1
Joseph Newcomb	970	913	1000	987	962	2957	986	2
Bob Vixie	936	942		881	955	2833	944	3
Jim Newcomb	806	919		696	799	2523	841	4
John Lovins	625	595		801	974	2400	800	5
Bill Moxon	807	671				1478	493	6
Daniel Kuik			683	721		1404	468	7
Cody Remington					944	944	315	8
Greg Dubbe		264			583	847	282	9
Lenny Keer	768					768	256	10
Nat Leadbetter	743					743	248	11
Hal Remington					677	677	226	12
Andrew Wright	642					642	214	13

RMSA 2005 Open Contest Season Standings

	Mar	Apr	May	June	F3JR	July	Aug	F3JTS	Sep	Oct	Nov	Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place
Masters															
Skip Miller	1000.00	965.73			1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	997.27	1000.00	997.47	900.67	989.01	SWC	5997.47	1
Bob Lewan	938.02	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	976.87	998.21	996.76	865.87	999.23	1000.00	873.55			5997.44	2
Joseph Newcomb		990.08			983.46	982.85	793.87	963.46	880.70	923.91	858.70	992.89	SWC	5836.65	3
Dr. Dan Williams	795.09	958.72	955.69	655.06	861.52		875.88	918.99		998.66	1000.00	984.49	SWC	5816.55	4
John Kappus				996.45	908.55	997.38	970.87	923.44		996.98	924.79			5809.91	5
Mike Verzuh	944.37	947.58	995.23		990.80	916.54	916.80	879.25	916.57	944.42	772.88	976.74	SWC	5799.14	6
Jim Monaco	999.68	925.88			982.44	883.91	914.19	741.78	808.60	980.82	868.30	987.08	SWC	5790.09	7
Cody Remington		852.51	905.38	794.87	905.87		940.39	841.87	903.85	919.37	924.81	991.35	VIS	5587.17	8
Lenny Keer	861.55	995.51		821.69	989.98		886.08			984.90	863.54			5581.56	9
John Padilla		881.74	899.19	842.40	896.57		995.97	878.06						5393.93	10
Charlie Miller		941.05			977.22			924.50		895.43	889.98			4628.18	11
Tom Gressman		914.01			883.34			906.40	912.68		774.76			4391.19	12
Byron Blakeslee		986.48	836.20						667.84		847.34			3337.86	13
Dusty Miller								991.87				990.50	SWC	1982.37	14
Don Ingram	934.98	945.42												1880.40	15
Mark Howard			899.08		814.97									1714.05	16
Bob Vixie						828.02						869.79	SWC	1697.81	17
Bob Moffett	769.27		902.80											1672.07	18
Shannon Bingham						842.49	827.00							1669.49	19
Jim Barr	692.80	696.14												1388.94	20
Bob Avery												912.44	SWC	912.44	21
Rich O'Connell					242.78									242.78	22
Sportsman															
Steve Sunkten	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00				260.73		1000.00	1000.00	1000.00			6000.00	1
Daniel Kuik							1000.00	774.09						1774.09	2
Jim Newcomb		806.11										668.50	SWC	1474.61	3
Chris Miller		343.44												343.44	4

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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
 \$ 5.00 Junior - under 17
 \$ 25.00 Senior - individual 17 and over
 \$ 30.00 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
 C/O Bob Rice
 1123 S. Oakland St.
 Aurora, CO 80012

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 have 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

For Sale

Artemis KC, V-tail, yellow/blue, Breta wing bag and Baglady tail covers, new Volz servos,
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Tom Gressman 303-246-6151 tgressman@aol.com

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Available with both a Cross-tail fuse and a matching v-tail fuse
The wing is plug-and-play for both fuselages with some damage,
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At the wing saddle and the tail boom. V-Tail fuse is perfect,
8 JR-368s all around.

I will sell this plane for the cost of servos plus \$375

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V-tail fuse \$245

Buy everything for \$995

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Last year's 2005 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Italics indicates PPSS events at their location Club Open Points best 6 Club HLG Points best 3 inc PPSS

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
<i>January 22</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>Joel Zellmer</i>	<i>Fun Fly</i>
February 1	RMSA Meeting		
February 5-6			<i>SWC - Phoenix</i>
<i>February 19</i>	<i>RES (PPSS)</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Snow Fly</i>
March 1	RMSA Meeting		
March 6	Pro/Am	Jim Monaco	
March 13	Open*	Jon Padilla	F3J with Winches
<i>March 20</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>Mike Fritz</i>	<i>March Madness</i>
April 2	RES	Dr. Dan Williams	
April 5	RMSA Meeting		
April 10	Open*	Don Ingram	
April 17	F5J	Lenny Keer	Electric Event
<i>April 24</i>	<i>RES (PPSS)</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Humps and Bumps</i>
May 3	RMSA Meeting		
May 7	Open*	Bob Moffett	SATURDAY Event
May 21	HLG**	John Kappus	
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>May Fly</i>
May 28-29	F3J in the Rockies*	Mark Howard	
June 4-5			IHLG - California Event
June 4	Scale Fest	Lenny Keer	CANCELLED rescheduled to Oct 23
<i>June 4</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>Watts O' Fun</i>
June 7	RMSA Meeting		
June 12	Open*	Rich O'Connell	
<i>June 25</i>	<i>RE (PPSS) !</i>	<i>Dave Kurth</i>	<i>Memorial</i>
June 25	HLG**	John Kappus	
June 26	F5J	Lenny Keer	
July 5	RMSA Meeting		
July 10	Open*	Bob Vixie	
July 17	HLG**	John Kappus	Rescheduled from August 14
July 22-29			<i>Soaring NATS - Muncie ID</i>
<i>July 24</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>Bob Avery</i>	<i>Height O' the Season</i>
August 2	RMSA Meeting		
<i>August 6</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Howling Coyote (night fly)</i>
August 7	Open*	Jim Monaco	
August 14	HLG**	John Kappus	Cancelled due to F3J Team Selections see 7/17
August 19-21	US F3J Team Selections	Byron Blakeslee	Approved
<i>August 21</i>	<i>RES (PPSS)</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>Dog Daze</i>
September 4	HLG**	John Kappus	Rescheduled from Sept 17
September 6	RMSA Meeting		
September 11	Open*	Bob Rice	Colorado Challenge Cup
October 1	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Also Family Day Rescheduled to Oct 1
<i>September 24</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Soar Bash</i>
September 25	RES	Dr. Dan Williams	
<i>October 1</i>	<i>HLG (PPSS)</i>	<i>Gus Gustafson</i>	<i>Fall Fling</i>
October 1-2			<i>Visalia Fall Fest</i>
October 2	F5J Electric	Steve Suntken	Tune up for NM (Moved from Oct 1)
October 4	RMSA Meeting		
October 9	Open*	Mike Verzuh	
<i>October 22</i>	<i>RES (PPSS)</i>	<i>Dave Meyers</i>	<i>Witches Brew</i>
October 23	Scale Fest	Lenny Keer	
October 29	RES	Dr. Dan Williams	
November 1	RMSA Meeting		
November 6	Open*	Tony O'Hara	
<i>November 20</i>	<i>Open (PPSS)</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>Turkey Shoot</i>
<i>December 3</i>	<i>Barn Fly</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>PPSS Members Only</i>
December 11	RMSA Banquet		



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Member Support

<http://www.rmsadenver.com>

Chief

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Bob Lewan
 Skip Miller
 Jim Monaco
 Cody and Hal
 Remington
 Joseph and Jim
 Newcomb
 Steve Sunken (Temp)
 Mike Verzuh

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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