



Thermals

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President's Message

Jim Monaco

I hope everyone is getting out to fly a little and if not, I hope you're building that new plane! We are over the hump and the days are getting longer again. Soon March will be here and the first events of the season. The first event of the year is our annual Pro/Am event. It's a great time and place to bring out your ships and get them tuned up for the year. This event is focused on the newer and intermediate members and pairs them up with our more experienced members for an informal team event. Everyone gets to fly a lot and the new folks get to learn a lot. Make sure to put it on your calendar.

The annual Phoenix Southwest Classic event is coming up quickly and RMSA is sending a good sized contingent down to grab some of the awards. With 7 pilots we have a good shot at the team title again this year.

In club news, we are trying to determine what needs to be done to increase attendance at RMSA events. Some thoughts are adding fun flies, demos and informal contest events like "longest duration" in a day. Please let me know what you would like to see or for the club to do. We have a very small number of novice and intermediate pilots and would like to increase their numbers. Do you have any suggestions? Mike Verzuh has been named as the RMSA Outreach Coordinator. In this capacity Mike will be contacting Power clubs and offering demos and presentations to try to interest some power pilots to the glider side.

If you had not read it before, we now have only one field, which is the one we are currently flying on East of Tower Rd. The field at Tower Rd and 120th is no longer available to us, as the sod farm operator did not renew his lease for that property. In a few recent outings at the sod farm it has been apparent that we as a club are not doing very well at following frequency control procedures. Remember you must ALWAYS place a pin on the flag with the frequency that you are flying on. Just shouting out your frequency before flying is not enough. Steve Suntken is building a new frequency board that should be more obvious to use. That should be ready before the contest season starts. Until then, be sure to pin-up!

The US F3J team is raising money for the trip to Martin Slovakia this summer. We have 3 Pilots, the Junior and Senior Team Managers and one of the towers going from Colorado. To raise funds we have a shirt sale, where

Next Meeting:
No meeting for February

you can get a shirt with the team logo, and choose from a variety of styles and sizes. We also have a raffle going where you have the chance to win a number of prizes, including a new Supra F3J plane from Kennedy Composites, or a Stylus radio donated by Airtronics. There will be more prizes coming as well. Support your Colorado F3J team members by getting something from the website at: <http://www.usf3jteam.com>.

There will be no meeting this month.

Thermals, Jim

Jim Monaco
US F3J Team Manager 2006

From The Secretary

The table below lists all the members that have renewed for 2006. If you have not renewed, this is the last newsletter you'll receive. If you have sent in your renewal and your name is not on the list or there are any mistakes in the list, please contact me. My e-mail address and phone number are on the last page.

Bob Rice

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Wayne Angevine	4160 26th St.	Boulder	CO	80304	303-443-5165
Jim Barr	1255 Ivy St	Denver	CO	80220	303-355-3833
Shannon Bingham	1750 30th St #424	Boulder	CO	80301	303-877-7557
George Blair	448 Buffalo Bill Circle	Golden	CO	80401	303-526-5420
Byron Blakeslee	1448 W. Briarwood Ave	Littleton	CO	80120	303-738-1104
Charles Cadillac	880 S Dudley St.	Lakewood	CO	80226	303-985-9997
Tracy Cochran	680 S. Canosa Ct.	Denver	CO	80219	303-934-8838
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Jack L. Dech	PO BOX 25188	Colorado Springs	CO	80936	719-590-7673
Clarence Dollmeyer	2513 E 104th Ave #1421	Thornton	CO	80233	303-457-2708
Tom Gressman	7753 Emerald Peak	Littleton	CO	80127	303-979-8073
Mark Howard	19015 W. 62nd Ave.	Golden	CO	80403	303-278-7519
Don Ingram	1345 Grant Ave	Louisville	CO	80027	303-666-9568
Ken Jochim	3865 Norwood Ct	Boulder	CO	80304	303-444-3206
John Kappus	851 Lafaette St.	Denver	CO	80218	303-861-7121
Lenny Keer	5013 W 9th St	Greeley	CO	80634	970-352-1194
John Lovins	5806 W 129th Pl	Thornton	CO	80602	303-254-9602
Travis McGinnis	8028 W. 81 Circle	Arvada	CO	80005	303-433-5720
Skip Miller	2100 Emerald Rd	Boulder	CO	80304	303-442-6454
Robert Moffett	8330 Zuni St #120	Denver	CO	80221-4674	303-426-0328
Jim Monaco	103 Breckenridge Trail	Broomfield	CO	80020	303-464-9895
Mike Nelson	4050 Odessa St	Denver	CO	80249	303-562-5850
Jon Padilla	9515 S. Estes Wy	Littleton	CO	80127	303-932-2504
Tom Powers	10361 Tennyson Ct.	Westminster	CO	80031	303-466-2678
Hal Remington	1254 Harper Lake Ct	Louisville	CO	80027	303-661-9244
Cody Remington	1254 Harper Lake Ct.	Louisville	CO	80027	303-661-9244
Bob Rice	1123 S. Oakland St.	Aurora	CO	80012	303-745-5629
Denny Rosenberger	711 S. Holly St.	Denver	CO	80246	303-322-5616
Mark Smith, Dist IX VP					
Steve Suntken	2689 Meade St.	Denver	CO	80211	303-477-6184
Dave Thompson	1740 W 102nd Ave	Denver	CO	80260-6386	303-438-5765
Mike Verzuh	616 S. CR 23	Berthoud	CO	80513	970-532-0638
Bob Vixie	3445 Possum Ct	Colorado Springs	CO	80918	719-528-6847
Dr. Danny Williams	26 Garden Center Ste 1	Broomfield	CO	80020	303-903-2291
Jack Zika	2390 Braun Dr.	Golden	CO	80401	303-279-1549

For Sale

Pike Superior –Super Light

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,
Yellow over Black, the cross-tail fuse has repaired damage
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

Wing with Cross-tail fuse \$750

V-tail fuse \$245

Buy everything for \$995

Call **Mike Verzuh** (303)709-3232 or more email me at <mailto:mike@verzuh.com>

Tom Finch VAMPIRE

130 inches MH32 in Orange tops blue bottoms.

Built up light weight elevators.

Slight cosmetic damage on one tip that has been fixed.

\$450.00 air frame only it was built for Volts.

Dr. Danny Williams

303-903-2291 C

719-488-3680 H

The following are ready to fly...RMSA discounts apply

Sharon 3.7, Space Pro, Pike Superior xtail, Cobra , Starlight 3000 xtail,
Tempest 1 light, Tempest 2 heavy and soda can damage, Cam 3, Whip, Elita V,

Too many ships too little time

Skip Miller

720-231-4400

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2006

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**
 % 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

2006 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
January 21	Combo (PPSS)	Joel Zellmer	Fun Fly
February 7	RMSA Meeting		
February 11-12			SWC - Phoenix
February 26	Combo (PPSS)	Bob Avery	Snow Fly
March 5	Pro/Am	Jim Monaco	
March 7	RMSA Meeting	Jim Monaco	
March 19	Open*	Mike Verzuh	
March 25	Combo (PPSS)	Chris Keller	March Madness
April 4	RMSA Meeting		
April 9	Open*	Don Ingram	
April 23	Combo (PPSS)	Mike Fritz	Humps and Bumps
May 2	RMSA Meeting		
May 7	Open*	Bob Moffett	
May 13	HLG**	John Kappus	SATURDAY
May 20	Electric	John Read	Watts O Fun
May 27-28	F3J in the Rockies*	Jim Monaco	
June 3-4			IHLG - California Event
June 6	RMSA Meeting		
June 11	Open* +2m + RES	Dr. Dan	Combination event
June 17	F5J	Steve Suntken	Electric - SATURDAY
June 24	HLG**	John Kappus	Saturday
June 25	Combo (PPSS)	Dave Kurth	Memorial
July 5	RMSA Meeting		
July 9	Open*	Mike Verzuh	F3J with winches
July 16	HLG**	John Kappus	
July 21-28			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
July 22	Combo (PPSS)	Greg Tarcza	Height O' the Season
July 28-Aug 5	F3J WC		Martin Slovakia
August 1	RMSA Meeting		
August 13	Open*	Steve Suntken	F3J with winches
August 19	Combo (PPSS)	Greg Tarcza	Howling Coyote (night fly)
August 20	HLG**	John Kappus	
August 26	F5J	Steve Suntken	Electric -SATURDAY
September 5	RMSA Meeting		
September 10	Open*	Bob Rice	Colorado Challenge Cup
September 30	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Also Family Day - SATURDAY
Sept. 22-24	MoM		Masters of Soaring (Muncie)
September 24	Combo (PPSS)	Bob Avery	Soar Bash
October 1	HLG**	John Kappus	
October 7-8			Visalia Fall Fest
October 3	RMSA Meeting		
October 15	Open*	Shannon Bingham	
October 21	Combo (PPSS)	Joel Zellmer	Witches Brew
November 7	RMSA Meeting		
November 12	Open*	Jim Monaco	
November 19	Combo (PPSS)	John Read	Turkey Shoot
December 3	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



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Chief

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Jim Monaco
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Steve Suntken (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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