



Thermals

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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Tic Toc Tic Toc do you hear that? The time is winding down to the start of the RMSA flying and contest season. Congratulations to the group of people that got a taste of it going to the SWC. I think around 15 people went and there was fantastic weather for it. Blayne is writing up a contest report in this newsletter. Not to steal Blayne's thunder but let me first congratulate Cody Remington for an unbelievable performance. 2 sec off perfect in open with all 100 points landings. WOW! I asked Cody how he could possibly achieve this remarkable feat. He did not give me any magic hint but said one simple word "Practice" He is absolutely right. People that are successful are the ones willing to do what is necessary when others won't. Each of us needs to analyze our own flying and practice the areas we are weak in. For most of us this is landings, time mgmt. and low level saves. Too often we go out to the field and lazily thermal without real goals in mind. Well the bar has been set high and if we do not want Cody and a select few to sweep the contests we need to start working now. Let me also say thanks to Dan for hauling all of the gear to the SWC, it really makes it possible for all of us to go.

For the March meeting I have put out a request for who is interested in watching some of Paul Naton's videos and having a thermal discussion. Depending on the response will dictate time and location. This season I really want to have some improvement seminars so we all can get better. We have too much talent in this club not to utilize it.

Please note on the calendar we have added 3 RES contests. We are doing just enough to have a series with end of year awards. So pull that RES out of the closet and get ready. If you have been leery about trying contests this is a great way to get your feet wet. Speaking of that Mike V is going to start out the contest season with an intro to F3J. With F3J in the Rockies and the Team selects probably being here we are going to have a heavy focus on F3J this year. So if you have never tried this great format make sure you come to this first contest to learn all about it with special help.

Also want to let you know that we have ordered an inexpensive laptop to store at the trailer to run our scoring program for contests. It will have non-hard drive memory system so it should handle the temperature changes ok. It will make it much easier with the program loaded on a dedicated machine instead of having to borrow people's personal laptop. Thanks to Jim for his program and significant use of his laptop in the past.

I also encourage all of you to intro friends and family to the sport we all love. Bring them out to a contest to watch or bring them to a mentor day so they can get a taste of flying. We should have fliers done soon to take to the local hobby shops to encourage people to come to us for help. We have a fantastic base of experienced fliers but we need new blood. Every year the average age in our sport goes up. There are not enough new people entering it. Only YOU can make a difference!

Well, that is all I have for now. I am really excited about the start of this season. If you have not renewed your membership please do so when you can.

Thermals, **Bruce Martin**

SUNDAY March 8th F3J winch Contest CD Mike Verzuh

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00

PILOTS MEETING 9:00 AM

FIRST FLIGHT 9:30 AM

Intro to F3J with winches - Full F3J rules, but with the added twist that novices or those new to F3J will be assigned a mentor for the day. We ran this last year and everyone enjoyed the format from the experienced pros to those that want to get into F3J. Come out and get hooked into F3J.

TASKS F3J with winches

Landing: AMA landing tapes.

Battery Masters - Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM charged & "topped-up"

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None

FOR SALE

1. JARO MULLER ESPRIT **\$395.00**

The original F3J ship; Perfect in all respects; 123" SD-7037 Optimized Section;
Continuos flap-pylon design-V tail; Airtronics servos; 2.4 compatible;
Drop in your receiver and join the novice F3J competition!

2. HYPER 1.8 F5J ELECTRIC **\$185.00**

Speed 400; NIB; Graphite Composite Super Light- 10.5 oz; Drela section;
Ailerons; Flaps; \$399 New

Contact JIM BARR 303-355-3855

Renewal Reminder

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

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

This is the last issue you will receive unless you renew your membership for 2009.

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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
1123 S. Oakland St.
Aurora, CO 80012

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOARING ASSOCIATION FIELD RULES

The sod farm operations take precedence over **ALL** activities. We use the field at the convenience of the owner.

All members will follow **ALL** instructions from **ANY** sod farm personnel without question.

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.

Park only in the designated parking areas Do not park on grass, dirt or roads.

Avoid setting up on newly seeded areas or young grassy areas. The nice grassy areas are better to land on anyway!

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.

Parking and pit areas should be as condensed as possible for the safety of launch and landing.

Establish flight line areas for winch launch, high start launch, and hand launch that are separate for the sake of launch, flight & landing safety.

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.

No aerobatics or speed runs over the parking/pit/Launch/Landing zones.

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.

When entering a thermal occupied by other aircraft, enter in the same direction as the first aircraft

Landing aircraft have the right of way!

In the event of no mechanical retriever, please shag your own chute/line for the flight

Please share the usage of club equipment so that all have equal flight time.

Please be courteous and helpful to your fellow flyers as well as informative to all guests/spectators. Enjoy yourself and others!!

Absolutely no debris or trash is to be left on the field! Please take it home with you for disposal.

Make sure that your plane and electronics are airworthy before each flight. Exercise good safety sense in your flight

The aircraft will have an identification name/address or AMA number on or in the model in case of loss.

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.

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

2009 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar (Revised 1-29-09)

Date	Type	CD	Name/Notes
<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Mike Fritz</i>	<i>Fun Fly</i>
Feb	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 21-22			<i>SWC - Phoenix</i>
Mar 03	RMSA Meeting		
Mar 08	Open*	Mike Verzuh	F3J Intro
Mar 21	RES and 2 meter	Dr. Dan Williams	
<i>Mar 22</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Joel Zellmer</i>	<i>march madness</i>
Apr 07	RMSA Meeting		
<i>Apr 18</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Milt Woodham</i>	<i>humps and bumps</i>
Apr 19	Open*	Mike Verzuh	
Apr 25	Mentor Day	Blayne Chastain	
Apr 26	H/L	Dave Jenson	
May 05	RMSA Meeting		
<i>May 09</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Jack Dech</i>	<i>Watts 'o Fun</i>
May 09	Open*	Blayne Chastain	
<i>May 17</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>May Fly</i>
May 17	H/L	Gary Jenson	
May 23-24	F3J in the Rockies*	Jim Monaco	
Jun 6-7			IHLG - California Event
Jun 02	RMSA Meeting		
Jun 14	Open*	Bob Rice	
<i>Jun 20</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>Summer Solstice</i>
Jun 20	Mentor Day	Jim Asbury	
Jun 27	H/L	Dave Jenson	
Jul 07	RMSA Meeting		
Jul 11	Open*	Don Ingram	Saturday
Jul 18	RES and 2 meter	Bruce Martin	
<i>Jul 19</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Height o' the Season</i>
July 19-26			<i>Soaring NATS - Muncie ID</i>
Jul 19	H/L	John Kappas	
Aug 01	Mentor Day	Dr Dan	LSF task day
Aug 04	RMSA Meeting		
Aug 09	Open*	Bruce Martin	
<i>Aug 22</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Frank Deis</i>	<i>Howling Coyote and picnic</i>
Aug 22-23	HLG**	Dave Jensen	Blue Skys Series
Sep 01	RMSA Meeting		
Sept 5-7	US F3J Team Select	Jim Monaco	
Sep 12	Mentor Day	?	
Sep 13	H/L	Dave Jenson	
<i>Sep 20</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Soar Bash</i>
Sep 19	Open*	Dr. Dan Williams	SATURDAY - NOT
Oct 3-4	Visailia		
Oct 06	RMSA Meeting		
Oct 16-18	Texas TNT in Dallas	TBA	H/L, RES and two days of Open

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Oct 11	Open*	Hal Remington	Colorado Challenge Cup
<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	Barry Welsh	<i>Witches Brew</i>
Oct 24	Scienturfic Apprec. Day		Also Family Day -
Nov 03	RMSA Meeting		
Nov 08	Open*	Steve Suntken	
<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jerry Murphy</i>	<i>Turkey Shoot (Members Only)</i>
Dec 10	RMSA Banquet		
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>HLG etc</i>	<i>John & Jo-Anne</i>	<i>Barn Fly (Members Only)</i>

***Club Open points contest**

****Club HLG points contest**

Italics indicates PPSS events



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Winch Master

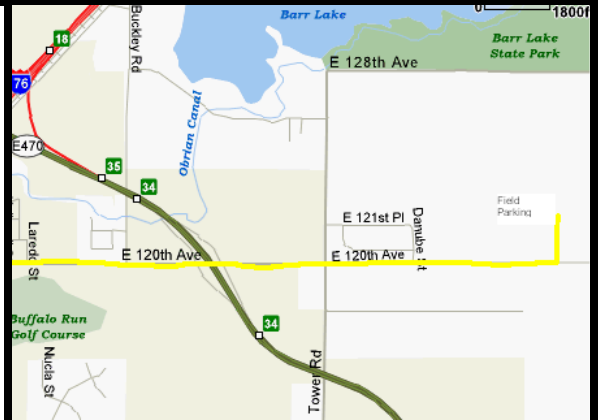
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Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
 Skip Miller
 Joseph Newcomb
 Cody Remington
 Dr. Dan Williams
 Steve Suntken

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 20th 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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