



Thermals

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President's Message

Bruce Martin

What a great showing for RMSA at the NATS. Congrats to everyone that went. I am hoping for a write up from someone that attended it. While we are waiting here is a great link to some fantastic articles written about the events.

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/events/nats/natsnews.aspx>

Special congratulations to John Padilla as F3J national champion!!! Now he just needs to repeat it at the team selects. I really feel like we are going into the team selects loaded for bear. This is our home turf guys, not just in location but in familiarity with the task. No one flies more F3J then we do in the States. I think we have a strong chance to put multiple people in the top spots. Keep practicing hard. The August contest is designed specifically to help with team selects practice. If you are not flying in the team selects please come out and volunteer at least for a day or two. It is a great opportunity to see some exciting world class level flying. There is also a great raffle for a new Airtronics 2.4 radio only for the volunteers.

Since I am writing this message a day late, I will include the mentor day we had on August 1st. I somehow missed on the schedule that is had not been assigned to someone and even missed that it was coming up that soon. Luckily a person that was coming to the event called me and asked about it. Fortunately, I had time open and was able to oversee the event. John L. and Steve S also came out for a regular practice session. We got to do some great H/L flying while we were waiting for others. The lift was phenomenal. Even with stronger winds at times if you could stay in the core it was not hard to sky out. There seemed to be multiple places that were producing strong lift and as the day wore on it only got better. John a hobby shop employee came out with an Oly that had not been flown in 10 years or so. With the strong lift at the field it was fairly easy to sky him out a give John that sailplane excitement we all feel from a good day. I think he is definitely hooked and it is always good to have a hobby shop person on our side. I also let him fly my Radian as he sells it and he enjoyed that as well. It turned out to be a great day. I was glad that I had not assigned the day to someone as it gave me an excuse to get out there with the wife and it was well worth it.

Speaking of H/L we have Blue skies over Colorado coming soon as well. It is on August 22 and 23rd. That is also an event you might consider coming out for even if you are not flying in it. I think there are 20 pilots or more registered for it. H/L is really a great way to learn to thermal. The heads up competition is also just a lot of fun as well. It is really a completely different contest then normal open or F3J. H/L is really very intense and I think it equals F3J in excitement to watch. I am sure if you come out a spot can be found for you timing or doing other things. If you have never tried H/L, I really encourage you to give it a chance. I recently got my first discus launch glider, with John L help the learning so far has been fairly painless. I can also put in a good word for R/C builders Lightspeed. I have been really enjoying that plane and it was fairly well built and is standing up well to the learning curve.

August is just a month full of flying possibilities. On August 15th We have a RES contest being done by Blayne C. This is a great contest to try and invite the timid friends out to. It is a great way to intro people into the world of competition flying. If you are in a hobby shop where our mentor brochures are at you might mention the RES contest to them as well. That is a good venue for getting people interested in the club.

With a very full month of flying and team selects soon, I do not want to have a separate club meeting. Anything that we need to discuss can be brought up at the August 9th contest.

Good flying all and boomer thermals,

Bruce Martin

SATURDAY August 1st Mentor Day Dr. Danny Williams

See President's message.

SUNDAY August 9th Open Contest ...CD Bruce Martin

Registration 8.30 am Masters \$10.00 Sportsmen/Novice \$5.00

Pilots meeting 9.15 AM

First Flight 10.00 AM

Task: Standard F3J rules with **no skegs** and with winches allowed.

You may bring and use towers and gear if you like. Line length will be set as for F3J in the Rockies. There will be **no** team protection though. Task time will be as F3J finals so **ALL** rounds will be 15 min.

Battery masters please have batteries there fully charged by 8.30AM.

I have put a latter starting time then normal, but we will need to get started on time. The later time is so the early rounds can deal with the 15 min task and the extra setup needed for F3J. This event is a prep for the team selects. Hope to see every one there.

RES Contest August 15th

Blayne Chastain

NA

Blue Skies Over Colorado HLG Contest Aug 22-23

Dave Jensen

It's finally here... the Blue Skies Over Colorado HLG Contest.

On August 22-23, pilots from across the US will join us for 2 days of competition, food, and fun. We're already at 20 pilots registered, and we're hoping for at least a few more, making this a pretty respectably-sized contest in only its second year at RMSA. This is the final leg of the Blue Skies Series, with the series championship likely being decided from the results of this contest. We'd love to have all you HLG pilots of the club join us for the contest... and those of you who don't fly HLG would likely find it interesting to show up and see what hand launch is all about. Trophies will be awarded for the top 6 pilots, and the series trophies will be awarded afterward.

Come On Out!

Dave Jensen

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US F3J TEAM SELECTIONS SEPT 5-7

Jim Monaco

This year we have the privilege of hosting the 2009 F3J Team Selection event. The top pilots in the country will be here trying to take one of the top 3 positions to make the team. The RMSA club recently attended the Nats in preparation for the Team Selections. I'm proud to say that we are well prepared and have a good chance of placing one or more of our members on the team. We will need plenty of help, so if you can spare some time over the Labor Day weekend we would really appreciate your help. We will mostly need people to be official timers for the teams. It's not a hard job, and we will train you on how to do it – for glider pilots it is something

we already know how to do. Family and friends are also welcome to help out. As an incentive, Airtronics has donated a new SD-10G 2.4 10 channel radio to be given away to some lucky worker. Tickets are only available by working a shift, so the pool of tickets is small. We really appreciate Airtronics becoming the premier sponsor for the US Team Selections!

Please consider coming out to help and get up close and personal to some of the best pilots in the country. Even if you can't work, come on out for a bit and see the action – it's incredible.

NATS Results Jim Monaco

While I don't have the detailed results, I can confirm that RMSA is clearly at the top of our game. Our pilots did very well in both the Open and F3J events. As I recall Mike, Blayne and Skip all made the top 10 in Open class and we put 5 of the top 10 pilots into the fly-offs in F3J. While the conditions were brutal for the fly-offs, our pilots took 4 of the 5 top positions, with Jon Padilla as the new F3J national champion! We are a force to be reckoned with and expect to do very well at the team selections.

July Open Contest Report Jim Monaco

The July contest was well attended with folks preparing for the Nats. I took over for Don Ingram who had a personal commitment and could not CD the contest. We ran a typical F3J with winches contest and everyone was eager to get started. While I had hoped to get started early to avoid the common afternoon storms, the weather cooperated and we had beautiful weather the whole day. I ran 10 minute rounds all day and surprisingly the early rounds were no problem, with most everyone getting their times. The Colorado conditions however were ready to smite the overconfident in rounds 5 and 6. The wind came up a bit and the sink was strong. There were a number of pilots that landed out and got that big fat zero. Some rounds were won with just 8 minutes. Personally I flew pretty well, and used my old #51 Supra most of the day. The last round however, the wind came up and I brought out my new Supra, this is the conditions that I bought it for... I surfed the wave a bit and then it started petering out, Jon convinced me to take the next thermal that came by and I managed to sky out way downwind. I had just put in the new 2.4 GHz receiver for my SD-10G and was not sure what to expect in the range department. I was definitely as far as I had ever flown and it was rock solid. I'm loving the new radio.

In the end I wound up in 5th place, just one point behind Jon Padilla in 4th. Blayne flew very well and took 3rd place by 20 points and Cody edged out Mike Verzuh by 4 points by flying excellent. It should be noted that per F3J rules we allowed one throw out and everyone needed it!

Be sure to come out and enjoy the August open contest.

Jim Monaco CD

Scores

XXX Open Contest Contest Date:

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	# Throw Outs	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Masters										1				
M	Cody Remington	1	1000.00	999.77	1000.00	588.59	1000.00	1000.00	5588.36	6	1	4999.77	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Mike Verzuh	2	996.15	1000.00	1000.00	999.18	845.20	1000.00	5840.52	6	1	4995.32	999.11	999.11	2
M	Blayne Chastain	3	997.57	996.55	647.75	1000.00	998.58	1000.00	5640.44	6	1	4992.70	998.59	998.59	3
M	Jon Padilla	4	992.94	1000.00	986.46	1000.00	992.90	772.52	5744.81	6	1	4972.29	994.50	994.50	4
M	Jim Monaco	5	1000.00	822.03	998.86	987.27	995.47	989.57	5793.19	6	1	4971.16	994.28	994.28	5
M	Steve Suntken	6	1000.00	990.15	987.69	996.86	922.28	939.61	5836.58	6	1	4914.30	982.91	982.91	6
M	Bruce Martin	7	997.01	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	817.48		4814.48	5	1	4814.48	962.94	962.94	7
M	Dr Dan Williams	8	993.15	997.41	989.19	796.81	997.11		4773.67	5	1	4773.67	954.78	954.78	8
M	Tom Gressman	9	986.10	996.29	971.38	792.48	986.66	825.74	5558.64	6	1	4766.17	953.28	953.28	9
M	Bob Lewan	10	996.22	654.42	877.17	929.58	1000.00		4457.39	5	1	4457.39	891.52	891.52	10
M	Mark Howard	11									1				12
S	Sportsman										1				
S	Gary Slocum	1	764.88	543.16	986.37	807.97	1000.00	727.14	4829.52	6	1	4286.36	1000.00	857.31	11
N	Novice										1				

July DLG Contest Report

Garry Jensen

The HLG contest for the month of July was one of the most enjoyable contests I've experienced at RMSA. Perhaps the best thing for me personally was that we had a good turnout from the first-timers, with 3 brand-new HLG contest pilots joining us. The weather was superb, and allowed us to get in 8 full rounds of flying. Lift was often present, but it usually played hard-to-get and often fast-moving. The pilots who were good/lucky enough to find it was rewarded with great times... the rest suffered frustration. The flying was so good, that we flew right through lunch, not even having any requests for a break!

This contest we flew a new task for us, the "Poker" task. The challenge here is to call your flight time prior to launch. You don't get credit for the flight unless you get your called time... and if you don't get your called time, you keep launching until you get it. Everybody seemed to love the challenge. This task is definitely going to be appearing in future contests.

Dave Jensen

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Scores

	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			Total	Norm	Final Rank
	Grp	Raw	Norm																								
John Lovins	B	405	1000	B	580	1000	A	488	1000	A	263	1000	B	419	1000	A	256	1000	B	215	1000	A	495	1000	8000	1000	1
Dave	A	405	1000	B	568	979	B	487	1000	B	300	1000	B	404	964	B	259	1000	A	134	817	B	395	908	7669	959	2
John Jonke	A	210	519	A	466	1000	A	393	805	A	155	589	A	255	870	B	250	965	A	164	1000	A	360	727	6476	810	3
Shawn	A	210	519	A	411	882	A	315	645	B	279	930	A	293	1000	A	198	773	A	151	921	A	256	517	6187	773	4
Bruce	B	210	519	B	335	578	B	301	618	B	114	380	B	350	835	B	161	622	B	196	912	B	435	1000	5463	683	5
Dale	B	210	519	A	318	682	B	239	491	A	177	673	A	252	860	A	101	395	B	100	465	B	200	460	4544	568	6

POTPOURRI

FOR SALE

Schpotdorker Used \$250

If you are looking to get into F3J with a full house ship. This is an inexpensive way to get up to speed. Ready to go. Includes servos, receiver, batty, and batty monitor. I have flown it over 20 flights on wing spar repair. Very predictable smooth handling, good in light to moderate winds, and lands right on the "Schpot".



2-meter rudder and elevator. \$100

New - Gentle, beginner. Includes Hi-Tech Eclipse-7 transmitter, Castle 7 channel receiver, Hi-Tech 55 servos, and battery. Needs radio installation.

Email me for more pictures.



Gary Slocum Highlands Ranch 720-236-4383

WIN

A NEW AIRTRONICS SD-10G 2.4 10 CHANNEL RADIO SYSTEM IN THE USA F3J 2009 R/C SOARING TEAM SELECTIONS

VOLUNTEER RAFFLE



A Number of Great Volunteers
for
The F3J R/C US Soaring Team Trials
to Select a US Team for the 2010 World Championships

Dates: September 5-7

Held at: Scienturfc Sod Farm 120th Avenue and Tower Rd. north of DIA – Denver CO
Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Soaring Association (<http://www.rmsadenver.com>)

Why should I volunteer? An **Airtronics SD-10G 10 Channel Radio System** has been generously donated to the volunteer raffle by **Airtronics** the premier sponsor of the US F3J Team. Yes, you could volunteer, have a great deal of fun AND win an **Airtronics SD-10G Radio**. Several other prizes will also be awarded and they are ONLY available to volunteers. No tickets will be sold for the raffle.

Job Description: Timing the Flight, Reading the Landing Tape, and Marking the Score Card.

You will be an official and your job is to time the flight from the moment the plane disconnects from the line on launch, stopping the time the moment the plane touches the ground then recording the landing score from the marks on the landing tape. *We will train you at the field on all the procedures – you will be provided with a watch.* It is not complicated and will be fun. You will be standing next to some of the best pilots in the world, including several former world champions and have an up close and personal view of the action.

Shifts Available: September 5-7

- Saturday: 7:30AM-12:30PM 12:30PM-5:30PM
- Sunday: 7:30AM-12:30PM 12:30PM-5:30PM
- Monday: 7:30AM-12:30PM 12:30PM-5:30PM

The more shifts you work, the more raffle tickets you collect, the better your chances of winning the **Airtronics SD-10G Radio** and other cool airplane modeling stuff. Details of how tickets are earned are described at the web link below.

You can sign up as a volunteer online and find more information at <http://www.rmsadenver.com/f3j-ts.htm>.

Questions: Call Hal Remington (303) 817-6623 or use his email hal@hill.com

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Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2009

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

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*	Cody Remington	Co CD Bob Lewan
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*	Dr. Dan Williams	
<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*	Jim Monaco	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	Dave Jensen	
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

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

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

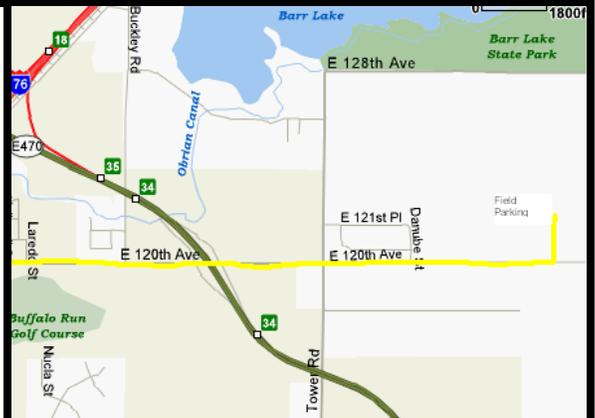
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Battery Masters

Bob Lewan
 Skip Miller
 Mike Verzuh
 Cody Remington
 Dr. Dan Williams
 Steve Suntken
 Bruce Martin

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.



Rocky Mountain Soaring Association
 1123 S. Oakland St
 Aurora CO 80012

Forwarding Address Requested

First Class Mail