



# Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

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## President's Message

Bruce Martin

Well, another year has flown by, the snow is hitting the ground and everyone is contemplating and working on the next world beater for next year. This year has seen RMSA members and our club obtain quite a few accomplishments. The hosting of the US F3J Team selects here with a near perfect contest is just one of them. Individuals have also seen some spectacular achievements as well. RMSA is definitely a force to be reckoned with at any contest. Want to hear more about what we have done this past year? Then please make plans to attend the end of year banquet at Cinzettis on Sunday.

### **RMSA end of year banquet**

5:00pm on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

#### **Cinzettis Italian Market**

**281 West 104th Avenue Northglenn, Colorado 80234**

If you are planning on attending please let Jim Monaco know. It should be a great time with good food and great friends. Besides reminiscing about the past year we also will be conducting a club meeting and voting on a few important things.

Things that we will be voting on are;

### **Scoring for F3J contests as it relates to club contest scoring.**

- For a single one day contest it is too complicated to try and factor in a fly off result for club season points. Therefore it is proposed that all one day contests shall be scored by the preliminary rounds only. Any fly off results will only be for bragging rights or the contest trophy at the C/D discretion. Season points will be based solely on the prelims.
- National level contests that are at least two days with a fly off will be scored based on the scoring algorithm formulated by Jim Monaco and previously approved by the membership.
- As the current contest guidelines specify 9 counting contests for RMSA and because F3J in the Rockies is a 2-day national event and scoring it would be different than normal club contests, it will not be counted as a normal season contest, but may be counted as your one national level contest.

**Throw-out rounds for club contest are no longer supported regardless of the number of rounds a contest has for single one day event.**

- We think that consistent flying should be rewarded and everyone must take into account all rounds flown.
- This is the same reason the F3J team selects do not throw out the prelim scores during the finals.

**A reaffirmation of existing club rules of the procedure to handle line breaks during any contest.**

- Any flier will be given a full refight for any official flight that suffers a line break or an allowed pop off regardless of if it occurred during the primary flight or a re-launch in F3J with winches.
- The C/D or line judge that he designates while he is flying will be the sole person responsible for calling a whole group down for a refight. The C/D will only call down the whole group if there is not another group left that a refight can be done in or we do not have a minimum number of fliers left in that round.(3)
- The C/D will also attempt to inform the group before launch that no refight group exists and if a refight is needed the whole group will be called down.
- All fliers will fly under the assumption that no refight will be granted for any particular round unless directly informed by the C/D. Assuming a refight will take place is at your own risk.

**Amend the by-laws to conduct the official vote for club officers at the December meeting which is always the banquet.**

- This is generally a meeting that we can count on having enough attendance for a vote.
- This has been the un-official practice the last few years.
- Nominations for club officers will be due during the November club meeting or by email if no November club meeting takes place.

**Affirmation of the current club officers.**

President	Bruce M
Vice Pres	Hal R
past pres	Mike V
field manager	Steve S
Secretary	Bob R
Treasurer	John P
Newsletter	Tony O
Jim M	Scorekeeper/webmaster

The official board members are: Bruce, Hal, Mike, Bob and John.

No one has come forward seeking a club position and these people have agreed to continue at the post for one more year.

We will need help next year with scorekeeping for 2 day events and even for regular club contest. The club has a new laptop with Jim's scoring program that works really well. Right now we do not have enough people versed in the program. Please consider helping out in this area and learn how to run the program and be available to help for some of the contest. We are relying to heavily on Jim to score regular contests and Tony has decided to

step down from scoring any major two day event. We can give thanks to him for the huge help he has been in the past helping out with scorekeeping. It is time for more people to step up and help in this area.

Please also start considering next years schedule and participating in helping run a contest. We need C/Ds. If you have not C/D a contest yet please consider doing so. I really would like to see some new faces getting involved in this area.

During the winter season we have secured a few locations to conduct indoor flying sessions. If you are interested in participating in an indoor flying session please let me know.

Thanks to everyone in the club for making this a very fun year. It is the friendships in the club that really makes all of this worthwhile. While most of us enjoy the challenge of the contests, it's the camaraderie that we all come together to fly for. I look forward to seeing each of you at the banquet.

Good flying all,

*Bruce Martin*

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**Annual RMSA Banquet**  
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**Cinzetti's Italian Market**  
**104<sup>th</sup> & I25 (North of Lowes)**

**5:00pm Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**\$23.00 per adult**

**Club year end awards will be presented along with some club business.**

**Be there or be square.**

**Please send Jim Monaco an email if you plan on coming and have not yet responded.**

**Jim Monaco**

# November Open Contest Report

Steve Suntken

Sorry folks..but I absolutely, positively do not remember a single event at our November's comp. Other than I was CD and it was not a bad day. So the best I can do is close-out this year's flying season with the scores and a joke. ...Steve

## Scores

### November Open Contest Contest Date: 8 November

Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Hounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
<b>Masters</b>													
Mike Verzuh	1	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	6000.00	6	6000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1
Cody Remington	2	984.96	1000.00	991.38	998.57	992.83	1000.00	5967.73	6	5967.73	994.62	994.62	2
Skip Miller	3	987.47	1000.00	992.84	1000.00	1000.00	871.20	5851.51	6	5851.51	975.25	975.25	3
Chris Keller	4	909.81	961.32	1000.00	984.22	972.70	925.07	5753.12	6	5753.12	958.85	958.85	4
Jim Schoon	5	978.78	967.12	985.63	725.30	505.75	1000.00	5162.58	6	5162.58	860.43	860.43	6
Dr. Danny Williams	6	1000.00	990.33	992.84	1000.00	772.33	393.98	5149.48	6	5149.48	858.25	858.25	7
Lenny Keer	7	949.37	984.59	583.93	989.96	1000.00	489.91	4997.75	6	4997.75	832.96	832.96	8
Steve Suntken	8	807.02	914.89	992.84	806.92	817.53	629.68	4968.88	6	4968.88	828.15	828.15	9
Jim Monaco	9	703.80	984.59	1000.00	428.92	988.52	428.37	4534.19	6	4534.19	755.70	755.70	10
Bob Lewan	10	1000.00	992.26	469.15	422.19	1000.00	528.22	4411.83	6	4411.83	735.30	735.30	11
<b>Sportsman</b>													
John Lovins	1	981.43	974.85	965.57	988.47	368.88	989.97	5269.17	6	5269.17	1000.00	878.20	5
<b>Novice</b>													

## SMART HUSBAND!!

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target.

Dear Mrs. Samuel,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Samuel, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras.

1. June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in

Housewares. Get on it right away.' This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money.

5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.

6. August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.

8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.

9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.

11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.

12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.

13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'

14. October 21: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed 'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'

And last, but not least:

15. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

## FOR SALE

Airtronics Stylus with Glider card and 2100 mah battery pack. \$ 200.00

Airtronics 92788 FM eight channel receiver, brand new \$45.00

3#-Airtronics PCM receivers \$50.00 each.

**Bob Lewan**     [blewan@q.com](mailto:blewan@q.com)

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## POTPOURRI

In case you missed it!

Just ran across this deal. I have a half a dozen of these packs to run in my 3-meter electric sailplane and 450 helis. They are a good pack and a fantastic value @ \$11.99

I paid \$20 or more for mine and they were a good deal at that price.

[http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/uh\\_viewItem.asp?idProduct=6306](http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/uh_viewItem.asp?idProduct=6306)

**Mark Howard**

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## 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>

# 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**

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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**

1860 S. Vrain St  
Denver CO 80219

## 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:

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Signature



**2009 RMSA Contest/Event Calendar (last 3 months)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Name/Notes</b>
<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Open*</b>	<b>Hal Remington</b>	<b>Colorado Challenge Cup</b>
<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		
<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>Open*</b>	<b>Steve Suntken</b>	
<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jerry Murphy</i>	<i>Turkey Shoot (Members Only)</i>
Dec 6	RMSA Banquet		
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>HLG etc</i>	<i>John &amp; Jo-Anne</i>	<i>Barn Fly (Members Only)</i>

**\*Club Open points contest**

**\*\*Club HLG points contest**

*Italics indicates PPSS events*



**2008 Board Members**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Bruce Martin</b>	<b>303 963 5019</b>	mail to: <a href="mailto:rbrucemartin@aol.com">rbrucemartin@aol.com</a>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Hal Remington</b>	<b>303-661-9244</b>	mail to: <a href="mailto:hal@hill.com">hal@hill.com</a>
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**Member Support**

Web Site <http://www.rmsadenver.com>

Chief

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**Winch Master**

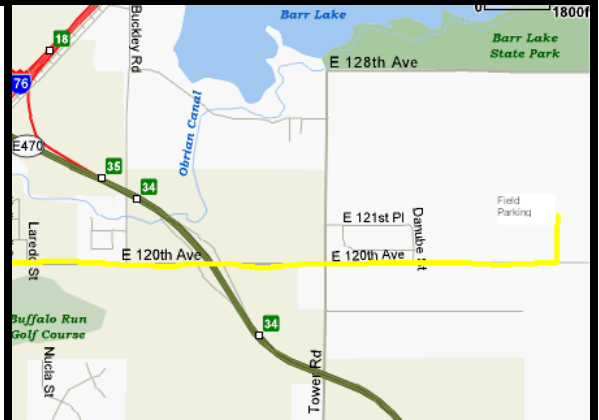
Steve Suntkin 303-477-6184 [flvingdogtwo@cs.com](mailto:flvingdogtwo@cs.com)

**Battery Masters**

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

**For Winch Use;**

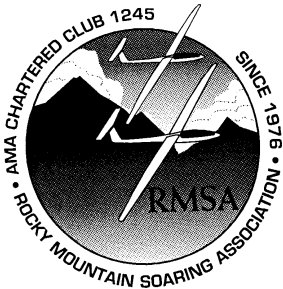
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



**Directions to Field**

Take I-76 to exit 16. Turn left and follow the frontage road to the stoplight and turn east onto 120<sup>th</sup> eastbound towards the airport. Take 20<sup>th</sup> 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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First Class Mail

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