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President's Message

Bruce Martin

Wow, lots of great soaring going on around the world. RMSA is certainly being well represented. Congrats to SKIP Miller for winning the open class division at the Nats, WTG!!!! He could not just stop there though. He went on in cross country to set a new course record of 69 miles and win that event as well. He did a great write up of it in the Nat news. Look it up it is worth the read. Then of course we have Cody Remington and Mike Verzuh representing us over in France at the F3J worlds. I have been constantly looking at RC Groups trying to get new information. It makes it hard to work thru the day. It looks like the whole team has been doing some fantastic flying. Cody won the opening Jura cup!!!! He was also flying well in the worlds but had a couple of issues that barely kept him out of the finals. I will leave the details for Mike to write up in a future newsletter. I am sure he will be back next cycle. Mike sure seems to be doing a great job as team manager. The whole team is flying well. DP is in the finals and doing well. The juniors all made the finals and placed first as a team!!! WTG. I can't wait to hear all the stories when they come back. Watch RC groups on Saturday to see how the finals turn out. Go USA!!!

The next club meeting will be at the contest on Sunday at the field. I have not had enough interest in indoor flying to set that up. Keep in mind that Blue skies over Colorado is coming soon. August 14-15th. I think registration is closed but you might check with Dave Jenson if you are still interested in getting in it. Even if you are not flying you should definitely come out to watch and help out. It is really a great H/L event and the Jensen's do a great job running it. You will get to see some phenomenal flying. The strategy and tasks that are used for H/L are a lot of fun to watch. Hope everyone can make it out.

Hope to see everyone out at the open contest on Sunday Aug 8th. The weather looks like it will be nice. Even if you are not flying come on out and say hello to the guys.

Please also keep in mind that we have a RES contest C/Ded by Blayne Chastain on Saturday Aug 21st. So we really have a full month of flying. No excuses on the RES contest people. It is the ONLY RES event that we are doing this year. So come out and claim your bragging rights for the year. Let's see what you can do with a non-moldie airplane. If you have never entered a contest before this a good one to get your feet wet on. Hope to see everyone out for this one as well.

Good flying all,

Bruce Martin

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NEW WINCH TRAILER

Fellow RMSA members:

Whelp, here it is the end of July. "Holy Crap", one starts thinking...time is really on the downhill slide and accelerating...***FAST*** !! Shortly we'll be reading the results of the F3J & F5B Worlds. Both of which we have some of our finest pilots competing in. Seems like just yesterday we were holding the F3J / U.S. team trials. Sheesh!!.

Any how, I digress.. As many of you know by now, thru the impeccable timing and diligence (as in searching) of Jim Monaco., our club acquired a new trailer to store and haul around our equipment. Soon after (actually I think it was the same day), Jim asked if I would be interested in modding the trailer for better storage usage. Well, like a dummy, I said..OK. Shortly thereafter I ask Jon Lovins (or did I simply tell him? Hmm.. I forget..hehe), "Wanna give me a hand at this makeover?". Without hesitation, he accepted and away we went. In all reality, I do believe Jon stepped forward without me having to ask. I took the trailer over to his shop and we promptly started in by ripping out any semblance of what the trailer **use** to look like. Well, long story short... after a few minutes of intense staring, calculating and exchanging various hand gestures, we grabbed the saws, screw guns and went to work. The pictures tell the rest of the story. IMHO, it's about 75% completed and came out quite well. This was a pretty healthy investment in time/money and sweat for just a hobby. But... I know we will all enjoy the convenience this transformation should bring us as a club. I just hope it's used in the manner it was meant to be. A **place** for **everything** and **not** having to leave anything in containers or thrown haphazardly on the floor anymore. I know this sounds semi preachy, but, I for one am very excited to have something strictly dedicated towards our club and hobby. As always, I believe the needs of the many should not rely just on the few. Everyone...should take pride in this thing and treat it as their own for years to come. I want to pass along a "**Big Thanks**" to Jon's employees, who did all the iron work for the spare tire/generator mount. Go to any iron works and see what they charge ya now-a-days, to measure, cut, weld and grind out angle iron from conception to finished product. It would probably floor you. No small task, I mind you. **And**..to Jon, for the use of his shop and time spent in making this project become a reality. Without his generosity, both with offering the use of his shop & valued help with the planning/constructing, I'd **still** be drilling holes or sawing wood in this triple digit weather.

Oh yea, bout forgot. We're still needing a bottle/scissor jack & lug wrench for the spare. So...look thru your piles of spare junk to see if you have something hidden in there.

ThanksSteve

NEW TRAILER ADDITIONS PHOTOS





SUNDAY AUGUST 8th Open Contest CD Bob Lewan

REGISTRATION	Before 8:30 AM	Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00
PILOT'S MEETING:	8:30 AM	
FIRST FLIGHT:	9:00 AM	
Tasks:	F3J with winches. Or WSM 12 minute tasks	
	No skegs allowed.	
Battery Masters –	Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:00 AM charged &	
“topped-up”		

Blue Skies Over Colorado, August 14-15th

CD Dave Jensen

The Colorado leg of the Blue Skies DLG Series will take flight on August 14-15. If you haven't yet seen a regional-level DLG contest, I would encourage you to come out to the field to see what it's all about. We have a few of the top pilots from the West joining us, and competition should be at a high level. A reminder to those who've registered -- On Friday, we're going to have some informal flying/training time during the afternoon, a DLG Poker Tourney starting about an hour before dusk, and a spaghetti dinner beginning (free for all registered pilots) right after that. On Saturday and Sunday we will begin with the pilots meeting at 8am, and first flight at 8:30.

Dave Jensen
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DETAILS NA

July Open Contest Report CD Jim Monaco

It was a light turnout for such a nice flying day. Nine pilots showed up for the event so instead of the F3J that was scheduled we ran standard MoM TD. We had a new club member John Christiansen show up to play as a new Sportsman member. He was flying a full house Spirit that was launching pretty well. Unfortunately in Round 5 the spar broke on launch and John finished out the event with another built-up plane. The air was finicky and some groups got their times and others really struggled. In the 3rd round Bob Lewan won his group with a 5:17... I was flying my Pike Perfect ET and I really have not bonded with it. I flew very poorly and finished at the bottom of the pack. Almost everyone had one bad round except Bob Lewan who flew like a machine! Round 6 was brutal with everyone except Bob, Cody and Steve taking big hits. Unfortunately for Cody rounds 4 and 5 were not good so he finished down in the pack.

In the end Bob Lewan cleaned house with all 1000 rounds except one 997.4 – excellent flying Bob! Mike and Skip finished 2 and 3 well behind Bob.

John Christiansen was our Sportsman winner – besting all of the other (0) sportsmen, Hopefully we can get a few more out to give him some competition. John has since upgraded his fleet to one of my Supras. He will be much more competitive with his new ship.

The rest of the scores are posted below.

Jim

SCORES**XXX Open Contest**

Contest Date: July 2010

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Masters													
M	Bob Lewan	1	1000.00	997.40	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5997.40	6	5997.40	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Mike Verzuh	2	1000.00	994.95	996.91	1000.00	995.93	882.20	5870.00	6	5870.00	978.76	978.76	2
M	Skip Miller	3	999.87	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	772.47	5772.34	6	5772.34	962.47	962.47	3
M	Cody Remington	4	997.65	1000.00	1000.00	734.81	847.07	1000.00	5579.53	6	5579.53	930.32	930.32	4
M	Bruce Martin	5	1000.00	985.82	988.37	986.82	1000.00	600.60	5561.61	6	5561.61	927.34	927.34	5
M	Lenny Keer	6	997.31	992.88	541.20	992.10	998.53	826.53	5348.55	6	5348.55	891.81	891.81	6
M	Steve Suntken	7	841.57	990.81	988.31	215.80	993.03	1000.00	5029.52	6	5029.52	838.62	838.62	7
M	Jim Monaco	8	660.40	1000.00	990.61	545.20	682.74	539.96	4418.90	6	4418.90	736.80	736.80	8
S	Sportsman													
S	John Christiansen	1	347.55	535.55	421.50	363.22	10.21	147.09	1825.10	6	1825.10	1000.00	304.32	9

July DLG Contest Report

Dave Jensen

We held a very successful contest and had what I believe to be a record turnout for an RMSA club DLG contest. We had a couple new pilots show up to join the veterans, and it made for a great day. The conditions were very challenging, with many occasions where one pilot was lucky enough to get the lift, while everybody else was left behind watching from the ground. The lift was sparse, and in very tight columns, but when you hooked up with it, it was an amazing ride.

Undoubtedly, the best thing about the contest was the first-timers. We had 2 pilots join us (Micah and Scott Ginn) who had never flown a contest before... for that matter, they both had less than a month of stick time on DLG planes, so the DLG competition world was very new to them. The veterans seized the opportunity to do some one-on-one training, and were able to instill a joy for DLG flying in these new pilots. We look forward to having them join us for more contests in the future.

Results

1 Gary Jensen	1000	1000	951	(883)	(852)	1000	1000	1000	1000	0	6951	100.0%
2 John Lovins	1000	906	1000	1000	1000	(878)	968	905	(800)	0	6779	97.52%
3 Dave Jensen	979	729	954	1000	1000	(594)	1000	1000	(434)	0	6662	95.84%
4 Scott Dueck	969	966	905	(693)	(799)	873	947	1000	827	0	6487	93.32%
5 John Jonke	925	1000	1000	810	866	(631)	814	971	(685)	0	6386	91.87%
6 Bob Pederson	770	969	960	966	870	992	756	(719)	(442)	0	6283	90.38%
7 Micah	774	831	725	1000	630	1000	(593)	666	(509)	0	5626	80.93%
8 Scott Ginn	500	449	287	(153)	642	544	571	551	(0)	0	3544	50.98%

FOR SALE

Nothing this month

POTPOURRI



Saturday & Sunday, August 14-15, 2010
Skyview RC Club and the Shriners
are hosting the
First Annual
Prop Jockey Showdown!
This AMA-sanctioned
FUN-FLY
AMA promises to be an exciting event
for the Panhandle!



Those traveling by RV will enjoy
primitive on-site camping. No hook-ups.

Please Join in on all the events
going on in Alliance for the weekend!

Friday Events
Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance
Dedication Ceremony 11am
BBQ & picnic at Central Park
P-51 Mustang Plane Rides & Photos
1940's Dance at the Airport
Courtesy of the
Nebraska Veterans Cemetery celebrations.

Lunch will be served
for pilots & their families
on Saturday and Sunday.

Pilot registration is scheduled for
Saturday morning between 8am-10am,
preceeding the Grand Opening Ceremony.

Flying will begin both days at 8 am
(or when the first pilot taxis the runway).

Two Air Shows are scheduled each day,
one at 11:30 am and the other at 2:00 pm.

Throughout the weekend,
aircraft will engage in aerobatics,
pattern and scale events, among others!

www.skyviewrcclub.org

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The Love Dress from Steve

A woman stopped by, unannounced, at her son's house.

She knocked on the door and then immediately walked in. She was shocked to see her daughter-in-law lying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music was playing, and the aroma of perfume filled the room. "What are you doing?!" she asked. "I'm waiting for Mike to come home from work," the daughter-in-law answered. "But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed. "This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained. "Love dress? But you're naked!" "Mike loves me and wants me to wear this dress," she explained. "It excites him to no end. Every time he sees me in this dress, he instantly becomes romantic and ravages me for hours on end. He can't get enough of me"

The mother-in-law left.

When she got home, she undressed, showered, put on her best perfume, dimmed the lights, put on a romantic CD, and laid on the couch, waiting for her husband to arrive.

Finally, her husband came home. He walked in and saw her laying there so provocatively. "What are you doing?" he asked. "This is my love dress." she whispered sensually.

"Needs ironing," he said. "What's for dinner?"

He never heard the gunshot.

Contest/Event Calendar

Date	Type	CD	Notes
<i>Feb 10th</i>	if interested		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Feb 18-19	F3J at SWC	Mike Verzuh and Jim Monaco	SWC - Phoenix
<i>Feb 20 Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jim Schoon</i>	<i>PP Snow fly</i>
Feb 20-21	Open,RES,2M and other		SWC - Phoenix
Mar 3rd Wednesday	RMSA meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Mar 13th Saturday	Open*	Dr Dan	RMSA club contest
<i>Mar 21st Sunday</i>	<i>open,RES,2 meter</i>	<i>Bob Vixie</i>	<i>PP March Madness</i>
Mar 21st Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Apr 7th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Apr 11th Sunday	Open*	Bruce Martin	RMSA club contest
Apr 24th Saturday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
<i>Apr 24th Saturday</i>	<i>open,RES,2 meter</i>	<i>Joel Zellner</i>	<i>PP Humps and Bumps</i>
Apr 30th-May 2nd			IHGLF-Poway
May 6th Thursday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
<i>May 8th Saturday</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Milt Woodham</i>	<i>Watts 'o Fun</i>
May 16th Sunday	Open* (Changed date)	Mike Verzuh	RMSA club contest
<i>May 23rd</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>John Read</i>	<i>PP May Fly</i>
May 23rd	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
May 28-30	F3J in the Rockies	Jim Monaco	RMSA national contest
Jun 5-6th	Blue skies- H/L		New Mexico
Jun 9th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Jun 12th	Mentor Day	Blayne Chastain	LSF task day as well
Jun 13th Sunday	Open*	John Padilla	RMSA club contest
<i>Jun 19th</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Austin Cleis</i>	<i>PP Summer Solstice</i>
Jun 26th	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Jul 7th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Jul 11th Sunday	Open*	Jim Monaco	RMSA club contest
Jul 18th Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	
<i>July 25th Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Greg Tarcza</i>	<i>Height o' the Season</i>
July 24th-Aug 1st			Soaring NATS - Muncie ID
July 27th-Aug 8th			World's F3J
Aug 8th Sunday	Open*	Bob Lewan	RMSA club contest
Aug 11th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
<i>Aug 14th-15th</i>	<i>Blue Skys H/L Series</i>		<i>Colorado</i>
<i>Aug 14th Saturday</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Frank Deis</i>	<i>Howling Coyote and picnic</i>
Aug 21st Saturday	RES	Blayne Chastain	
Sep 8th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Sep 12th Sunday	Colorado challenge cup*	TBA	RMSA club contest/vs PP
Sep 19th Sunday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Sep 19th Sunday	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Chris Keller</i>	<i>Soar Bash</i>
Sep 24-26th	<i>Soaring Masters</i>		Soaring Masters
Oct 1-3rd	Visalia		Visalia
Oct 6th Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Oct 10th Sunday	Open*	John Lovins	RMSA club contest
Oct 16th Saturday	Hand Launch**	Dave Jenson	multiple tasks
Oct 22-24th	Texas TNT in Dallas	TBA	H/L, RES and two days of Open
<i>Oct 23rd Saturday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Barry Welsh</i>	<i>pp Witches Brew</i>
Oct 23rd Saturday	Scienturfic Appreciation Day		Also Family Day - SATURDAY
Nov 3rd Wednesday	RMSA Meeting		TBA- possible indoor fun fly
Nov 7th Sunday	Open*	Skip Miller/ Cody Remington	RMSA club contest
<i>Nov 21st Sunday</i>	<i>Open/RES/2M</i>	<i>Jerry Murphy</i>	<i>pp Turkey Shoot (Members</i>
<i>Dec 11th</i>	<i>HLG etc</i>	<i>John & Jo-Anne Read</i>	<i>pp Barn Fly (Members Only)</i>
Dec 12th	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

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2010

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

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Denver CO 80219

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 has 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



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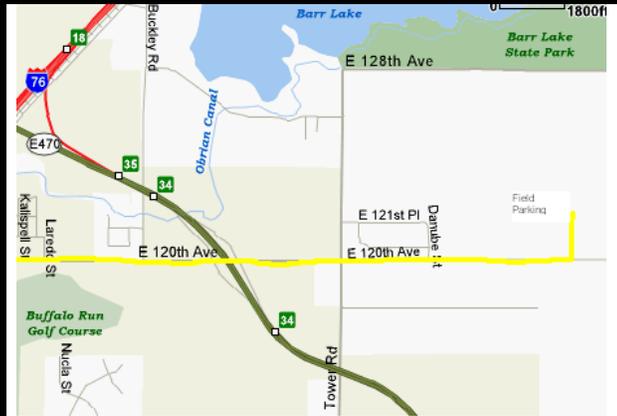
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For Winch Use;

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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