

# Thermals

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## President's Message

Jim Monaco

Finally the weather is turning and while it has been very windy here in Colorado, there have been plenty of fine soaring days. This month we have some unfinished business to attend to. Two months ago I distributed some changes to the contest program via the newsletter that were discussed and drafted for membership approval. There is now an online poll for you to vote to accept or reject the changes. See the February newsletter for the details of the changes if you do not remember. The address for the poll is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J8NN328> - please take the time to vote.

I'd like to take the time to thank John Lovins for hosting the trailer/winch refurb day at his shop and the effort that he put into getting the trailer ready for the SWC. The bars for storing the planes worked great and we got lots of stuff into the trailer. The bars store great on top of the cabinets so we are nice and self contained. Many thanks also to Blayne Chastain for driving the trailer down to the event. It takes a lot of time to do this and we greatly appreciate it. This is what makes this club special – all the great folks the pitch in to get things done!

It looks like I'll be traveling almost the entire month of April and into May so it's not feasible for me to reschedule the Pro/Am yet unless someone else wants to run it. Volunteers anyone?

There is a wild discussion going on about winches at the US F3J Team Trials. If you are interested you may want to join the yahoo group at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USA\\_FAI\\_Soaring/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USA_FAI_Soaring/). Everyone's opinion is valued.

The club meeting will be held at the contest after the event.

Jim

## APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> US F3K Team Fund Raising Event---Dave Jensen

On April 9 at 2pm, we're participating in a nation-wide fund-raising opportunity for the benefit of George Morris, a member of the 2011 US F3K Team. George has been a tremendous help to the Colorado group (as well as pilots nationwide), and this is one way we can help give back a bit. We're going to be gathering at the soccer fields just east of Dakota Ridge High School, which is just southeast of C-470 & Bowles. If you need more specific directions, e-mail me at [dave@integrity-inc.com](mailto:dave@integrity-inc.com).

The plan is that all the participating pilots will fly a single one-hour task, which has come to be called the "GMo" Task. In a one-hour window (a very long time for continuous DLG activity) we will fly a single ladder task from 30 seconds to 300 seconds in 15 second increments. We do the honor system and everybody times themselves, so no need for timers. That adds up to 52 minutes and 15 seconds, so we make it a 60 minute window to see how high you can climb on the ladder.

There is a \$10 entry fee, all of which goes to help fund George's trip. We will post results to a thread on rcgroups, where all the nationwide scores will be ranked.

This should be an awesome event. One single coordinated flight task happening simultaneously all over the country. All those planes up in the air at the same time for George! And we get to see the results. We can also

post our photos of it. If it works well then we may repeat it for the other team members as well. Again, new folks are welcome... we'll make this a fun time!

## SUNDAY APRIL 10th Open Contest CD Mike Verzuh

**REGISTRATION** Before 8:30 AM Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00  
**PILOT'S MEETING:** 8:30 AM (also Club meeting.)  
**FIRST FLIGHT:** 9:00 AM  
**Tasks:** F3J with winches.  
**Battery Masters –** Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM  
**charged & “topped-up”**

## SATURDAY APRIL 16<sup>th</sup> DLG Contest CD Dave Jensen

Saturday, April 16, is our next DLG contest. Warmer weather is approaching, along with the promise of better flying conditions. We'll have the sound system out at the field again, to provide a "real" contest atmosphere. But newcomers are as welcome as ever - we're more than happy to take a break to do some training, or allow extra prep as needed.

We'll have our pilots meeting at 9:00 with the flying starting shortly after.

Remember -- the sky isn't our limit... it's our playground.

## MARCH OPEN CONTEST RESULTS CD Blayne Chastain

The March Open was F3J style with winches. We flew 10 minute tasks and had a blast. Weather was cooperative. We got an early start with the first flight at 8:45 which was good early morning practice - though interestingly enough, thermals were kicking off early. In the afternoon the air was more high contrast - you were either decidedly going up or down. Some great flying to watch - my favorite round was watching Skip Miller and Bob Lewan duke it out way downwind with the advantage going to Bob I believe. Mike Verzuh couldn't make it but called in on a round or two - it was wildly entertaining hearing Jim Monaco announcing the play by play of the Miller/Lewan skirmish to Mike on the phone! In the end, yours truly won the day - my first RMSA Open contest victory! Thanks to all for showing up and bringing their game!

Blayne Chastain

### Scores

### March Open Contest Contest Date: 3/19/2011

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Place by Contest
M	Blayne Chastain	1	925.59	999.97	1000.00	1000.00	990.45	1000.00	5916.01	1
M	Skip Miller	2	1000.00	999.06	997.69	1000.00	884.40	1000.00	5881.15	2
M	Bob Lewan	3	881.92	979.25	997.55	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5858.73	3
M	John Lovins	4	1000.00	985.04	984.44	818.12	872.48	910.18	5570.25	4
M	Jon Padilla	5	943.36	1000.00	1000.00	801.29	1000.00	626.77	5371.41	5
M	Cody Remington	6	994.46	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	999.18	998.69	4992.33	6
M	Bruce Martin	7	869.09	601.74	998.73	640.14	780.58	908.98	4799.25	7
M	Jim Monaco	8	1000.00	1000.00	996.14	732.58	1000.00	0.00	4728.73	8
M	Steve Suntken	9	857.68	521.13	830.43	950.39	542.67	711.88	4414.18	9
S	RES	0							0.00	
S	Jim Smith	1	610.95	520.22	738.55	683.53	340.83	725.95	3620.03	10
S	John Christensen	2	432.37	543.95	372.75	549.02	463.89	590.74	2952.71	11

## FOR SALE

**Pike Perfect ET repaired fuselage but good wings and tail. \$1200.**

Orange over Black. 761s everywhere except the elevator that has a JR 3421. RTF minus receiver  
Pictures on request – or let me know in advance and you can fly it at the contest.

**Contact Jim Monaco ([jimmonaco@earthlink.net](mailto:jimmonaco@earthlink.net))**

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Nothing this month

### Renewal Reminder

It's now past time to renew your memberships for 2011. Renew with the application in  
this newsletter, (below)

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

# RMSA 2011 Calendar

[\(click for online version that may be more current\)](#)

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Jan 13	RMSA Meeting	Broomfield Public Library	2011 Schedule
Sat Jan 22	Trailer/Winch Day	7257 West 116th Place - Broomfield 80020	Trailer and Winch Repair Day
Tue Feb 1	RMSA Meeting	To Be Announced	Club Meeting
Thu Feb 17 - Fri Feb 18	F3J in the Desert	Queen Creek AZ	CD-Phil Renaud
Sat Feb 19	Southwest Classic	Queen Creek AZ	CD-Chico
Tue Mar 1	RMSA Meeting	Club Field	Club Meeting
<del>Mar 6</del> TBA	RMSA Pro/AM	Club Field	CD-Jim Monaco
Sun Mar 13	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sat Mar 19	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Blayne Chastain
Sat Mar 19	RMSA Meeting	Club Field before contest	Club Meeting
Tue Apr 5	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Apr 10	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Mike Verzuh
Sat Apr 16	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Fri Apr 29 - Sun May 1	International HLG	San Diego CA	
Tue May 3	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat May 7	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Jon Padilla F3J w/winsches
Sun May 15	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sat May 28 - Sun May 29	F3J in the Rockies	Sod Farm	CD-Jim Monaco
Tue Jun 7	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Jun 11	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Cody Remington F3J w/winsches
Sat Jun 18	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Jul 5	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Mon Jul 11 - Sun Jul 17	SOARING NATS	Muncie IN	
Sun Jul 17	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Jul 24	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Mark Howard
Tue Aug 2	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Aug 6 - Sun Aug 7	Blue Skies of Colorado DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Aug 14	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Bob Lewan F3J w/winsches
Fri Sep 2 - Sun Sep 4	US F3J Team Selections	Chicago?	Tentative
Sun Sep 4	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Sep 6	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Sep 18	Colorado Challenge Cup Open	RMSA Club Field	CD-Jim Monaco
Tue Oct 4	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sun Oct 9	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-Bruce Martin
Sat Oct 15	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Tue Nov 1	RMSA Meeting	To be Announced	Club Meeting
Sat Nov 5	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-John Lovins
Sat Nov 12	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Dec 4	RMSA Awards Banquet	To be Announced	Jim Monaco - Coordinator

# Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2011

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

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:

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Signature



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**Winch Master**

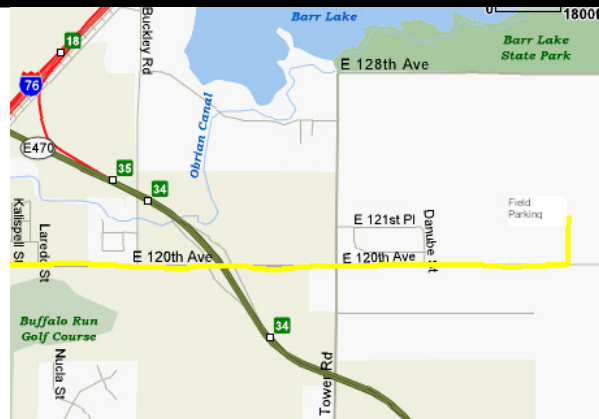
Steve Suntkin	303-477-6184	<a href="mailto:flyingdogtwo@cs.com">flyingdogtwo@cs.com</a>
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**Battery Masters**

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 120<sup>th</sup> eastbound towards the airport. Take 120<sup>th</sup> East to Tower Rd. Take 120<sup>th</sup> 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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