

Thermals

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President's Message

Jim Monaco

Sorry this is late – It has been very hectic at work lately – I guess that's a good thing. As usual the F3J in the Rockies was a great success again this year. Cody ran a great event with helpers Tom Tate and Hal and Sue Remington. Two days of F3J in some interesting conditions – it's always fun. I'm sure Cody will have a report. We really dodged a bullet since Monday was 40mph winds that would have cancelled the event.

We have a busy summer for the competition guys coming up. The Nats in Muncie are in the middle of July and many of us will be going to have a tune-up for the F3J Team Selections. The TS this year will be in Cocoa Beach Fl. While that sounds great – it is a long trip – really too long to drag the trailer – so the logistics of getting all our stuff to the event will be challenging. Planning for this is starting now.

Note that the sod farm is pretty torn up these days. We had enough left for F3J in the Rockies, fortunately, but we are fairly constrained until the new grass comes in. Please follow the guidelines that Steve sent to the membership last month until further notice. Remember not to impair any farming operations while you are out there.

Prime soaring days are ahead – get out and fly!!!

Jim

SATURDAY JUNE 11th Open Contest CD Cody Remington

Note This is a SATURDAY Competition.

It is also late start & late finish!

REGISTRATION

Before 9:30 AM Masters \$10.00 Sportsman/Novice \$5.00

PILOT'S MEETING:

9:30 AM (also Club meeting.)

FIRST FLIGHT:

10:00 AM

Tasks:

F3J with winches. Flying till dark

Battery Masters –

Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 9:30 AM charged & “topped-up”

SATURDAY JUNE 25th DLG Contest CD Dave Jensen

Saturday, June 25, will be our next DLG contest. We'll meet at the Sod Farm this time.

Pilots meeting will be at 8:30, with flying starting as close to 9 as possible.

We'll try to fly at least 8 rounds, and get in a good full day of flying.

As usual, newcomers are welcome, and we'll take whatever time we need in order to make sure everybody is having a great day.

F3J in the ROCKIES RESULTS

CD Cody Remington

For those of you who did not make it to F3J in the Rockies it was again a very successful contest, and once again showed that RMSA is the premier F3J club in the US. After much deliberation about fly offs, Jim Monaco was kind enough to allow me to take over organizing F3J in the Rockies. This was the first year that F3J in the Rockies was going to be all winches, and there was some concern about organizing the fly offs, and how everyone would get equipment. However everything ran very smoothly. I allowed the exact number of pilots in the fly offs as there were teams also allocating one club winch for every pilot. This worked very well and everyone stuck around for the fly offs kindly letting the pilots in need. This format works very good, and there is no reason we should change it in the upcoming years.

The conditions this year were some of the best we have seen in the past 3 years. There was a little breeze, and variable lift conditions from big air to big sink to dead air. It was very challenging at time. RMSA's members again flew very well and filled up 5 out of the 6 fly off positions with RMSA finishing 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. The condition in the fly offs were challenging. The wind had picked up and made it so the pilots needed 2-3 thermals at a minimum to get the full time. This proved to be extremely challenging, and only 2 of the pilots made all their flight time.

There was plenty of support for the contest because of the help of Tom Tate, Jim Smith, and my parents. Because of their help the contest ran very smoothly. Also Jim Monaco was a huge help with the scoring system, and some behind the scene work. The next time you see them please say thanks.

Cody

Scores

Final results

- 1. Cody Remington (3999.50)**
- 2. Rich Burnoski (3993.53)**
- 3. Skip Miller (3599.37)**
- 4. Mike Verzuh (3184.95)**
- 5. Bob Lewan (2997.70)**
- 6. Jim Monaco (2687.44)**

Preliminary rounds

Rank	Name	Score
1	Cody Remington	8000.00
2	Mike Verzuh	7997.63
3	Bob Lewan	7997.44
4	Skip Miller	7995.30
5	Jim Monaco	7967.08
6	Richard Burnoski	7961.79
7	Gordon Stahl	7946.37
8	Steven Garland	7938.97
9	John Lovins	7925.24
10	Charles Morris	7913.25
11	Patrick Crosby	7767.31
12	Bruce Martin	7765.64
13	Kelly Johnson	7755.61
14	Amy Pool	7634.77

15	Jim McNeal	7614.01
16	Mark Howard	7581.11
17	Kent Nogy	7580.91
18	Rick Shelby	7566.67
19	George Morris	7511.05
20	Blayne Chastain	6986.85
21	Richard Bothell	6584.77
22	Matt Garland	5870.56
23	Guillermo Castillo	0.00
24	John Armstrong	0.00

MAY OPEN CONTEST RESULTS CD Jon Padilla

The May open contest format was F3J with winches with the first round task time of 15 minutes and the rest set at 10 minutes.

We were lucky to get in 5 rounds with a late start at 10:00a.m. due to the sod harvesting and coordination of the sod farm equipment. Note that Saturday is a work day for the sod farm.

We launched into a light west breeze for most of the day and lift seemed to be abundant for all flyers.

The contest scores were very close and the top 5 placing were determined by landing scores.

Skip landed well and earned the 1st place, followed closely by Bob Lewan and Mike Verzuh.

I would like to thank Mike Verzuh for setting up the sound system. Jim Monaco was not present, so I had the tasks of scoring, registration, and running the flight line. Jim, thanks for doing this for RMSA all the time! It's much appreciated.

Scores

Contest Name

Contest Date: May 7 2011

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Open												
M	Skip Miller	1	1000.00	995.96	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	4995.96	5	4995.96	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Bob Lewan	2	995.82	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	4995.82	5	4995.82	999.97	999.97	2
M	Mike Verzuh	3	1000.00	999.12	996.26	999.60	1000.00	4994.98	5	4994.98	999.80	999.80	3
M	Blayne Chastain	4	996.53	1000.00	1000.00	996.91	998.33	4991.77	5	4991.77	999.16	999.16	4
M	Jon Padilla	5	997.41	1000.00	998.22	1000.00	965.47	4961.10	5	4961.10	993.02	993.02	5
M	Bruce Martin	6	970.99	993.94	998.91	993.16	996.01	4953.01	5	4953.01	991.40	991.40	6
M	Lenny Keer	7	996.46	776.12	1000.00	997.04	996.52	4766.15	5	4766.15	954.00	954.00	7
M	John Lovins	8	1000.00	745.89	993.11	988.64	999.02	4726.65	5	4726.65	946.10	946.10	8
M	Byron Blakeslee	9	663.59	978.22	983.65	577.03	848.10	4050.58	5	4050.58	810.77	810.77	9
M	Mike Gibson	10	842.89	913.49	952.48	955.49		3664.35	4	3664.35	733.46	733.46	10
S	Sportsman												
s	Jim Smith	1	372.93	472.66	265.98			1111.58	3	1111.58	1000.00	222.50	11
N	Novice												

MAY DLG CONTEST RESULTS CD Dave Jensen

The May DLG contest was held at the Jonke DLG Ranch... and I've gotta say that it's a wonderful place to fly. John has spent a lot of time expanding the flying field on his property, and it easily accommodated us. The views were amazing, and the flying was even better.

After getting a weather-related postponement and some nervousness about the conditions as we approached the new date, we were glad to finally see a beautiful day for flying. Ten pilots joined up for a day of competition. Once again, I was amazed by how conditions can be so different within such a short distance. In the first couple rounds, you were either in good lift, or terrible sink... and once you were in the grips of one, getting to the other seemed nearly impossible. Some of the other rounds became subject to what I'll call the "DLG Ranch Syndrome" – a condition where the sky is either total lift or total sink. Those rounds had some of the most amazing lift I've ever seen, with several planes getting quickly sucked up to speck height. The down-side is that if your round was during the sink cycle, getting a 1-minute flight became a challenge.

Lunch was provided by the Jonkes on the deck of their home. Great conversation with great food and a great group of guys (and a few of the wives, too)! The Jonkes will be hosting another contest at the Ranch again soon – probably the September contest. If you decide to join us for that one, you won't be disappointed.

As for the contest results, it appears that youth, in the form of Scott Dueck, triumphed over maturity... but we gave it all we had, and had a great time trying.

Rank	Pilot	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Rnd 7	Rnd 8	Total	Pct
1	Scott Dueck	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	-870	996	957	6,953	100.00%
2	John Jonke	-787	996	990	1000	1000	884	1000	1000	6,870	98.81%
3	John Lovins	1000	860	1000	-771	1000	1000	1000	1000	6,860	98.66%
4	Dave Jensen	655	980	1000	740	1000	-469	996	638	6,009	86.42%
5	Ian Purdue	493	1000	1000	740	765	1000	965	-444	5,963	85.76%
6	Dave Runyon	1000	913	1000	771	-447	494	618	937	5,733	82.45%
7	Bob Pederson	631	994	1000	771	-517	938	548	585	5,467	78.63%
8	Scott Ginn	444	779	383	740	858	564	592	-222	4,360	62.71%
9	Don Brown	585	613	223	400	329	271	398	-222	2,819	40.54%
10	Shawn Curry	0				630	837	895	382	2,744	39.46%

FOR SALE

For Sale: Tsunami cross tail. Yellow/red.

\$850.00

Like new condition. All JR servos. Former F3J World Champs winning model. Includes spare (repaired) fuselage, wing & fuselage covers. Needs new battery.

Call Byron 303-738-1104.

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RMSA 2011 Calendar

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Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Jan 13	RMSA Meeting	Broomfield Public Library	2011 Schedule
Sat Jan 22	Trailer/Winch Day	7257 W 116th Place, Broomfield	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
Mar 6 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/winch
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/winch
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/winch
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

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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

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:

Signature



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Vice President: Mike Verzuh
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
Past President: Bruce Martin

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Winch Master

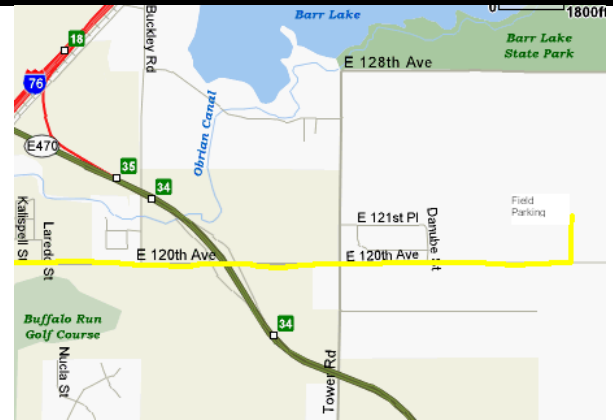
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Battery Masters

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 Cody Remington
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For Winch Use;

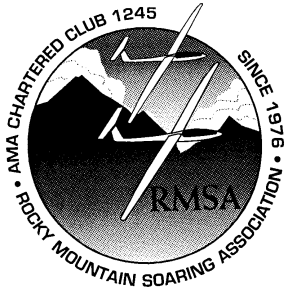
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



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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