

# Thermals

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## President's Message

**Jim Monaco**

Merry Christmas! Winter is finally here and while the opportunities for soaring are less frequent we still have plenty of nice days to get out and fly – take advantage of them when you can. Maybe Santa will bring some nice new toys for the new year. The final results are in, but you need to attend the banquet to get the first look at them. It is now the end of my term and I'm ready to hand the controls over to the new President. We have John Lovins and Jim Smith running unopposed for President and Vice-President respectively. It's time for some new blood at the helm and I know that John and Jim will do a great job. We will confirm their positions during a vote at the banquet. Bob Rice and Mark Howard will remain in their current positions as secretary and treasurer.

As some of you know – I have been nominated for US F3J Team Manager this year and hope to be confirmed by the time you read this. It will be a lot of work getting the team to South Africa this summer, and I know that everyone will help support the team. We have an extra large team going since the returning WC and returning Junior WC are both Americans.

F3J in the Desert registration is open and the event is almost full. I think there are 2 entries left. This is a major fund raiser for the US team and it's great to have such a great turnout. The event will be 2 full days Wed/Thur before the SWC, then on Friday they will have a HL and LMR event, followed by the SWC on the weekend. Woo Hoo 5 full days of flying...

The HL folks are putting in a bid to host the US HLG Team Selections next year – they will need a lot of support and I'm sure we can all pitch in to help. Good Luck guys!

Unfortunately I have to leave for Hawaii on Sunday for business and will miss the banquet L.J... Mike Verzuh will be the Master of Ceremonies for the day.

Have fun at the banquet...

Jim

### **Banquet Info**

The banquet will be December 11, 2011 at:

***Cinzetti's Italian Marketplace***

***281 W 104th Avenue***

***Northglenn, CO 80234***

*The prices include the brunch, standard non-alcoholic drink and taxes and tip.*

The cost is \$22.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for children 5-12.

The banquet will begin at 10:00AM and go until we are done...

It is always a great meal and fun with friends..

There is still room – just email Jim at [jimmonaco@earthlink.net](mailto:jimmonaco@earthlink.net)

Enjoy!

Jim

## Nov Open Contest Report CD John Lovins

After a weeks delay the Sunday before Thanksgiving turned out to be perfect weather for flying. Unfortunately family obligations and Team Trials burnout kept turnout too low for a contest.

Five pilots showed up, 3 masters, Corey, and Jim Rogers. We had a productive session helping them with plane setup and launching practice. Corey HAD an old F3B V tail ship that died a spectacular death when on his first unassisted launch the plane rolled over and went in on full pedal. He took it well and spent the rest of the day flying my Pike and Jim Monaco's Supra. All's well as he and Jim M. worked out a deal for a Supra.

Jim Rogers had a small problem when the winch line broke at the wrong time and the stab was damaged.

Fortunately we had a spare Pike stab that will keep him flying for now.

Thanks to Mike V. and Jim M. for sharing their skills. It's only through these efforts that the club will continue to grow. See you in Feb. at the Southwest Classic.

## Nov DLG Contest Report

NA

## FOR SALE

### Piper Cub

Free to good home... Slope plane

Free to good home...

Flown only once – comes ready to fly with a support box and really old fuel...

Flown a lot but still solid.



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## Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your memberships for 2012. 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 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
<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/winches
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/winches
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/winches
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 12	RMSA DLG	Club Field	CD-Dave Jensen
Sun Nov 13 (Changed)	RMSA Open Contest	Club Field	CD-John Lovins
Sun Dec 11th	RMSA Awards Banquet	Cinzettis	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



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

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**Winch Master**

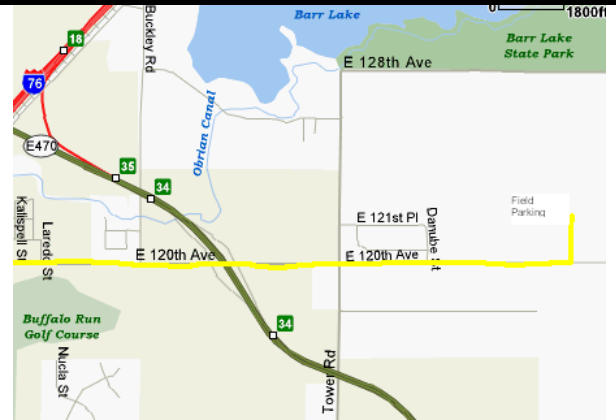
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**Battery Masters**

Bob Lewan  
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 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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