

Thermals

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President's Message

John Lovins

Happy New year to all RMSA members. I hope your holiday season was filled with family and friends, and perhaps something new under the tree? I feel very fortunate to have 2 new hand launch planes ready to maiden as soon as the snow is off the field.

The New Year brings new officers to the club. Jim Smith as VP, Mark Howard as treasurer, Bob Rice as secretary, Jim Monaco as past pres., and myself as pres. I would also like to recognize Tony and his fine job of putting the newsletter together, Steve Sunken as field liaison, Dave Jensen for heading up the hand launch efforts, all those that serve as CDs, and all of you for the support positions you fill throughout the year. RMSA is a strong club with a long history, but it doesn't happen without effort from everyone.

I would also like to thank the outgoing board for their service and guidance. We have large shoes to fill, and I hope to live up to the challenge. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns.

On to business, its time to start planning. I consider the first club meeting of the year the most important. Scheduling and any procedure/rules changes are discussed. Please plan to attend and let your voice be heard, it's your club...The date for the meeting will be Jan 7th at 9:00 am at the Broomfield library, 3 Community Park Rd. 80020. We will cover schedule first as it involves everyone, followed by other club issues.

The SW Classic is Feb. 15-19th and as usual we will have a strong contingent from the RMSA. At this time we have 8 committed, and 2 probable. I would encourage anyone who wants to fly in a low pressure season warm-up to attend. Events will include F3J, Hand Launch, TD, RES, LMR, and probably a couple of others I forgot in 5 days of flying. We will be taking the club trailer down and splitting that cost among those having their gear hauled. Looks like \$100-150.00 per. That's a bargain if you have looked into shipping. Space is somewhat limited so let me know if you are interested.

I look forward to flying with all of you, and if we have any closet DLG pilots out there don't be shy. We have a very friendly group eager to assist you. We also have the only female HL pilot that has flown in regional contests in the US as far as I know, Kelsey Jensen. Believe me she is much easier on the eye than the usual crowd, so come on out. In addition we will be holding a clinic before the SW Classic to get familiar with the tasks. We will set a date for that at the club meeting.

Thanks and Happy New Year

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AMA District IX Website - relocated

From: webmaster@amadistrict-ix.com

To: "RICE" <BRICEFLYER@q.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:03:19 PM

Subject: AMA District IX Website - relocated

Our District IX website was recently hacked for a second time in 2011 therefore we have relocated it for now at the new address which is a .com vs. the old org

Until we can regain full control of the .org it will appear dead on the internet.

The AMA District-IX website can now be found at <http://www.amadistrict-ix.com> and once the issues the .org are corrected it will then function together with this new .com address.

The site has been rebuilt on a new platform from another hosting company. It is a work in progress, but already has most of the same functionality it had before this move. We are using a newer platform with later versions of the base software and have already made some improvements to the site.

We believe this new hosting situation will be much more secure and have deployed a number of additional security features to make sure we won't have to waste our time in the future dealing with this nonsense.

Thanks for your understanding and support/

Norman Berger, webmaster AMA District-ix

FOR SALE

Nothing this month

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>

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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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Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
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Winch Master

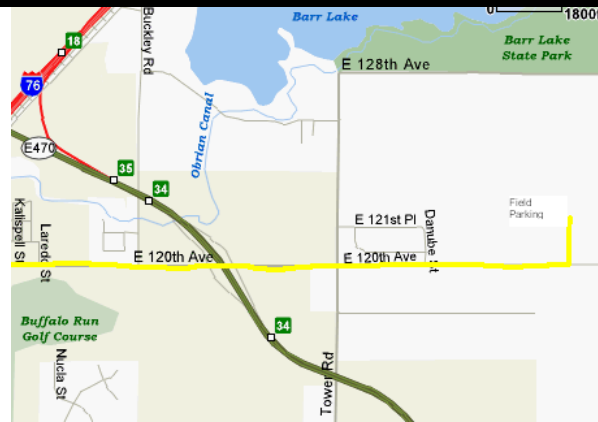
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For Winch Use:

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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