

Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Lovins

July turned out to be the dog days with record heat. The flying schedule was a little light with our usual F3J and DLG club contests. The F3J was a warm-up for Cody and Jim, and Cody didn't disappoint with a close victory over Mike V. Well done Cody and good luck in South Africa. DLG had 10 or 11 pilots and Jon Padilla showed his stuff again. Well done Jon. As I write Skip and Dave Runyon are at the NATS and doing well.

August picks up with the season crowing event for DLG, the 2013 team select being held at the sod farm. We will have 35ish pilots fighting for 3 senior, and 3 junior spots. If you want to check out DLG at its best this is your opportunity. We may be contacting you to help out. Please help make RMSA shine as always.

It's also time to recognize the great folks at the sod farm with an appreciation day. I'm going to ask Jim Smith if he will head up the effort with a barbeque or food of some kind, and bringing out some planes, radians or similar, for them to try. Its easy to take our field for granted, it just seems to happen. There are big efforts behind the scenes by key club members and sod farm employees that make it happen, and its time to say thanks. Please support the effort by coming out and participating. Look for an E-mail on this.

Once again the sod farm is harvesting in the NE corner. Please move to the SE corner where we used to fly. They plowed up to the grass so you can back up to the edge. **DO NOT DRIVE ON THE GRASS**, no matter how dry it looks. Protecting access to the field is my highest priority, and all members need to help by following the field rules. I moved the freq. board and trash can back out there to mark the spot. I want to thank Steve Suntkin for continuing to be the field liaison.

I guess that's all I have for this month. See you at the field.

Thanks,

John

Labor Day Weekend DLG Team Selections for 2013

Timers are needed for this special event. Please volunteer for as much time as you can spend! Call--

Bob Pederson

[970-532-3437](tel:970-532-3437) Home

[720-810-4303](tel:720-810-4303) Cell (no cell reception at home)

SATURDAY August 18th DLG contest

CD Cory Shantz

This will be held at the Club Field. We'll be flying 6 to 8 rounds of F3K tasks, depending on conditions. This contest is AMA sanctioned, so it'll count toward qualification for the next TS cycle. As always, we're beginner friendly, and welcome the chance to work with new guys.

SATURDAY August 25th Open Contest CD Mike Verzuh

We will be flying Thermal duration with the addition of a Radian Class. All you Radian guys come on how and have some great fun.

Pilots meeting 8:30

First Flight 9:00

Mike

July DLG Report

by Bob Pedersen

Thanks to Dave Jensen for CDing another DLG contest. He's got this down to a science. I hope you can get back to flying soon and show us how it's done. Dave used the F3K Master program (an Android app) to run the contest and it gets better each time we use it. Next step is to try to incorporate a large digital clock to show window time. It should be visible from anywhere on the flying field.

This contest was more relaxed than we've had lately. It was not AMA sanctioned, so it did not count to the next TS cycle points. We flew 6 rounds which allowed one drop round. Conditions were great in the morning but got hard to deal with later in the day. It caused a number of pilots to land in the pits. You know who you are. We had to quit early because of a TFR caused by VIPs arriving in Denver. Note the scores below and that Jon Padilla's drop round was 1000 points. Jon is really getting serious about this DLG stuff. Also note that the top 9 flyers out of 11 were above 85%. The scores are getting close at the top. I think the number of DLG contests and fun-flys out at the sod farm and down at John Jonke's ranch are having an effect. Jason keeps getting better with each contest and his launches are steadily improving. He got his first 1000 in a round and really put the hurt on the others in his group. Nice going. Time to upgrade your ride, Jason. I sidelined two planes during the 6 rounds of the contest. One stab knocked loose during a bad landing with my Fr3aK (easy repair) and then I noticed one aileron on my Katana flapping in the breeze with no commands from me. That turned out to be a failing Hyperion servo. The DLG community has noted a number of similar failures that seems to be related to badly connected pot wires. Time to dig it out and replace it with something else.

Scores:

	Name	1 L1x5	2 5x2	3 3200	4 Lddr	5 L2x4	6 1234	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%
1	Jon Padilla	-1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		5,000	100.0%
2	John Lovins	1000	970	1000	1000	-710	1000		4,970	99.40%
3	Cory Shantz	1000	996	945	-518	962	1000		4,903	98.06%
4	Skip Miller	1000	986	925	1000	-748	936		4,847	96.94%
5	Brandon Blair	-511	1000	1000	1000	1000	810		4,810	96.20%
6	Gary Jensen	864	1000	791	-740	1000	825		4,480	89.60%
7	Dave Runyon	-772	910	876	1000	868	821	100/3	4,375	87.50%
8	Jim DeGroot	-543	720	866	1000	1000	747		4,333	86.66%
9	John Jonke	1000	951	903	740	-500	664		4,258	85.16%
10	Bob Pederson	-409	539	673	740	945	536		3,433	68.66%
11	Jason Friedman	522	608	-353	450	436	1000		3,016	60.32%

July Open Contest Report

CD Mike Verzuh

This contest was going to be our last chance to give Jim and Cody a tune up before the F3J world championships so we ran F3J with winches. The weather forecast for the day was to be another hot one, so we worked to get started early. With exactly eight contestants we ran two groups of four pilots. This format worked out well as we able to fly six rounds by 1:30 and finish before the heat really set in. We got a lot of flying in and looks like Cody is getting in good form for the world championships. He took first. I pulled off second and John Lovins third. Best of luck to both Cody and Jim.

ID	Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	# Throw Outs	Safety Penaltys	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
200	M	Open															
2	M	Cody Remington	1	999.83	999.99	1000.00	998.82	1000.00	1000.00	5998.63	6			5998.63	1000.00	1000.00	1
5	M	Mike Verzuh	1	1000.00	1000.00	996.10	1000.00	1000.00	996.82	5992.92	6			5992.92	999.05	999.05	2
6	M	John Lovins	1	992.81	988.23	1000.00	992.80	996.73	995.14	5965.71	6			5965.71	994.51	994.51	3
7	M	Skip Miller	1	1000.00	1000.00	994.47	993.79	816.34	635.77	5440.37	6			5440.37	906.94	906.94	4
1	M	Jim Monaco	1	937.16	463.71	390.69	975.44	995.77	993.26	4756.03	6			4756.03	792.85	792.85	6
8	M	Lenny Keer	1	633.08	617.43	467.12	1000.00	978.22	1000.00	4695.85	6			4695.85	782.82	782.82	7
201	S	Sportsman															
3	S	Jim Rogers	1	596.73	987.12	943.86	977.61	681.73	986.89	5173.94	6			5173.94	1000.00	862.52	5
4	S	Tom Tate	1	402.00	517.46	982.87	960.04	564.42	499.52	3926.31	6			3926.31	758.86	654.53	8

FOR SALE

None this month

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FREE GLIDER

I still have Art's old Poly 2 M Wanderer. I just dug it out from my basement and flew it Monday and it flew fine. It's not that "pretty" but still sound (many repairs!) and is perfect for a beginner or an old man like me! It comes with everything needed, except a hammer for anchoring the highstart! See photos below!



I would even find time to help a beginner get started, if necessary!

Tony

Email me if you have an interest! Maybe we can use it on Appreciation day?

RMSA 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[\(click for online version that may be more current\)](#) **Note:-Italicized entries are changes from original**

Date	Event	Location	Description
Sat Feb 4	Open/HL Skills Day (Cancelled due to weather)	Sod Farm	Open/HL Skills Day
Wed Feb 15 - Sun Feb 19	F3J in the Desert and SWC	Queen Creek AZ	
Sat Feb 25	WOTR Model Expo	Lowrey Air Museum	Wings over the Rockies
Sun Mar 11	Open Class Skills Day	Sod Farm	Launching Tutorials and Practice
Sat Mar 17	DLG Contest	Sod Farm	CD Dave Jensen
Sun Mar 18	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	CD Jim Monaco
Sun Apr 15	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	<i>CD Jim Smith</i>
Sun Apr 22	DLG Contest	<i>Bob Pederson's field</i>	CD Bob Pederson
Sun May 6	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	<i>CD Mike Verzuh</i>
Sat May 19	DLG Contest	Sod Farm	CD Cory Shantz
Sat May 26 - Sun May 27	F3J in the Rockies	Sod Farm	CD Jim Monaco
Sat Jun 2 - Sun Jun 3	California Challenge DLG Contest	California	
Sat Jun 9	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	CD TBD
Sat Jun 23 - Sun Jun 24	Blue Skies Colorado DLG	Sod Farm	CD Dave Jensen
Sat Jun 30 - Sun Jul 1	The Bruce DLG	Kentucky?	
Sat Jul 7 - Sun Jul 8	Blue Skies New Mexico	ABQ New Mexico	
Sun Jul 15	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	CD TBD
Sun Jul 22	DLG Contest	Sod Farm	CD Dave Jensen
Mon Jul 30 - Sun Aug 5	Soaring Nationals	Muncie IN	
Mon Aug 6 - Fri Aug 10	F3J Worlds	Johannesburg South Africa	
Sat Aug 11 - Sun Aug 12	Blue Skies Utah DLG	Utah	
Sat Aug 18	DLG Contest	Sod Farm	CD Dave Jensen
Sat Aug 25	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	CD Mike Verzuh
Fri Aug 31 - Mon Sep 3	DLG US Team Selections (Proposed)	Sod Farm	Contact Dave Jensen
Sun Sep 16	RMSA/PPSS Challenge Cup / Club Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD Jim Monaco
Sat Sep 22 - Sun Sep 23	Soaring Masters	Muncie IN	
Sat Oct 6 - Sun Oct 7	Visalia Fall Fest	Visalia CA	
Sun Oct 14	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	CD TBD
Sat Nov 3 - Sun Nov 4	Blue Skies Arizona	Phoenix AZ	
Sat Nov 10	DLG Contest	Sod Farm	CD Dave Jensen
Sun Nov 11	Open Class Contest	Sod Farm	CD John Lovins
Sun Dec 9	RMSA Awards Banquet	TBD	

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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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Treasurer: Mark Howard
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Winch Master

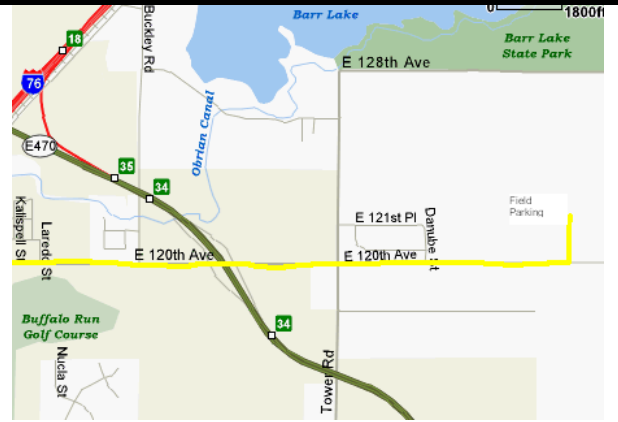
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For Winch Use:

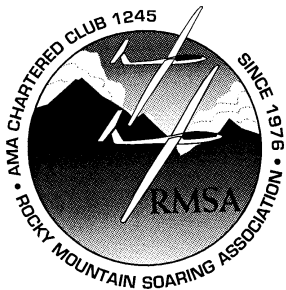
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



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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