



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Smith

As most of you already know, F3K Team USA Seniors took third place overall in the World Championship held in Denmark. George Morris of USA fame placed ninth in the Senior fly offs. No small feat when you consider that his cumulative score was 99.82% of the first place score. Our own Jason Friedman finished in twelfth place in the Junior preliminaries which is also outstanding especially considering the short amount of time Jason has been flying. Alex Trussell of the USA pulled out a seventh overall in the Juniors Fly-off. Needless to say that F3K is continuing to pick up momentum here in the USA and especially within the RMSA. Here is the link to the scores if you haven't already looked. <http://www.wcf3k.dk/results.aspx>

Many of our Open flyers are gearing up for the F3J Team Selection that will be held in Plainfield, Ill August 31-September 2. The RMSA will once again be well represented with Blayne Chastain, John Lovins, Skip Miller, Jim Monaco, Jon Padilla and Mike Verzuh making the trip. A subset of that elite group (John, Jim, Jon and Mike) are planning on attending the F3J in Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 10th and 11th. Spank those NM flyers guys!

Although I haven't been able to get to the field lately I hear that everyone is still enjoying the contests and camaraderie in both the F3K and Open classes. We are on the downside of the contest season so take advantage of a great club and get out there if you can.

Good flying,

Jim Smith 303-818-7576 Gjs.smith@comcast.net

Sunday August 4th-Open Competition CD TBD

Format TBD

Sunday August 18th DLG Contest CD TBD

Format TBD

July DLG Contest report

Sam Pendleton

Ok, Gang... Here's the contest damage report... The scores show some tough flying. I picked the 3x200 task as the first task, knowing it would be tough. Who would have ever imagined that it would turn out to be some of the best air that we had all day? Bob and John schooled everybody by opening the contest with a 1000.

Round 2 started off by a bunch of land outs. The walk of shame was taken by several pilots after flying some decent flights (including two by yours truly).

Dave, Gary and John showed us all how to fly round 3 (1, 2,3,4). The pretty much made their times and put a hurtin' on all of the rest of us.

The round scores will show some strangeness in round 4 as we had to juggle a little bit to have sufficient timers to support all of the pilots. But, F3K Score handled the situation perfectly (thanks, Oleg!).

Round 5 was the last flight, 5 min max. The longest flight of the entire round was 2:40. Round 6 was the ladder task, longest flight was 1:30. Lots of exhausted people after throwing for naught in that round...

As round 6 closed, the sprinkler pivot was working its way towards us. We started round 7, but getting back across the pivot line sink created a headache for the pilots. The end sprinkler put water on a Concept, which then took its revenge on the entire pivot line by striking the pivot in the lead wheel. Fearless Dave took on the pivot (water, sprinklers and all) to recover the blue Concept. A broken tail boom and some wingtip damage was the result.

So, summary of what happened today. The air was a challenge all day. Very humid morning which kept us in heavy air all day. Dave R. observed while we were eating lunch that he was surprised that there was no wind. Within 5 minutes, the wind was blowing. Rounds 5 and 6 were flown in stiff winds

Bowdie did some fine but quite flying. He consistently put up some nice flights, what worked out well at the end of the day. Ira put up some fine flying in the 5x2, showed us all how it was done.

Had a great time today flying with all of you.

Scores

	Name	1 3200	2 AUp5	3 1234	4 5x2	5 L1x5	6 Lddr	7 L2x4	8 3of6	Penalty & Rnd
1	Gary Jensen	983	1000	1000	-981	1000	1000			
2	Bowdie Ormsbee	970	1000	-826	1000	981	1000			
3	Dave Runyon	987	823	879	1000	-381	1000			
4	John Lovins	1000	850	1000	1000	731	-700			
5	Ira Faberman	838	672	821	996	1000	0			
6	Bob Pederson	1000	551	887	861	700	-250			
7	Sam Pendleton	370	-294	456	331	676	450			
8	Harold Bailey									

FOR SALE

None

RMSA 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wed Feb 20	F3J in the Desert	Phoenix	
<i>Sat Mar 16</i>	<i>Open Contest</i>	<i>Sod Farm</i>	<i>CD - John Lovins</i>
Sun Mar 17	DLG	Sod Farm	CD -
Sat Mar 23 - Sun Mar 24	Red Rocks Utah DLG	St. George Utah	
Sun Apr 7	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Mike Verzuh
Sat Apr 20	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun May 5	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Jim Smith
Sun May 19	DLG	Sod Farm	CD John Jonke
Sun Jun 2	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Jim Monaco
Sun Jun 2	California DLG Challenge	California	
Fri Jun 21 - Mon Jun 24	RMSA Soaring Festival	Sod Farm Denver	
Sat Jun 29 - Sun Jul 7	NATS	Muncie\, IN	
Sat Jul 6 - Sun Jul 7	Blue Skies New Mexico	Moriarty New Mexico	
Sun Jul 14	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD -
Sun Jul 21	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun Aug 4	Open Contest	Sod Farm	
Sat Aug 17 - Sun Aug 18	F3J New Mexico	ABQ New Mexico	
Sun Aug 18	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sat Aug 31 - Mon Sep 2	F3J Team Selection	Chicago or Seattle	
Sun Sep 8	DLG	Sod Farm	
Fri Sep 13 - Sun Sep 15	The Bruce DLG	Louisville\, KY	
Sun Sep 15	Open Contest	Sod Farm	CD - Jim Monaco
Fri Sep 20 - Sun Sep 22	Soaring Masters	Muncie IN	
Sun Oct 13	Open Contest	Sod Farm	
Sun Oct 20	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sat Nov 2 - Sun Nov 3	Blue Skies Arizona	Phoenix AZ	
Sun Nov 10	Open Contest	Sod Farm	
Sat Nov 16	DLG	Sod Farm	
Sun Dec 8	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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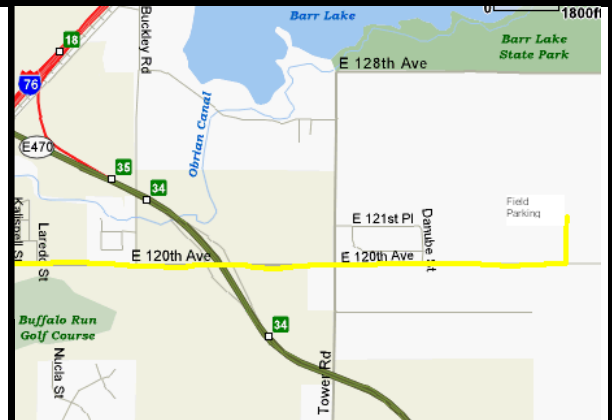
Cody Remington

John Lovins

Jim Rogers

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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