



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Smith

The F3J Team Selections are now history and it looks like one of our club members is first alternate for the USA team. Blayne Chastain finished 4th out of a field of thirty one senior J pilots trailing 3rd place by only 0.78 point. It just doesn't get any closer than that. Way to go Blayne!! Congratulations are in order to the remainder of the RMSA contingent as well. Thanks for representing the RMSA and for the team spirit and cooperation that I am sure occurred during the event. I am looking forward to our next newsletter for an insider summary of the contest.

The annual Challenge Cup will be held on September 15 with Jim Monaco CDing the event. It's a fun TD event with our Open colleagues coming up from Colorado Springs. Come on out and help us outscore them, thereby keeping the 2014 Challenge Cup here instead of Colorado Springs. Don't miss it.

See you there,

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Sunday August 4th "Death Match" Competition Report

I made the decision to host the August 4th RMSA competition with a modified "DEATH MATCH" structure. We would scrap the traditional set up winches, fly F3J style intensity and opt for the more relaxed, more flying from short high start "death match" bungee format. I recently noticed that the Canadian F3J team selected their J team off short bungees, so I decided "why not us" locally...it's simple, fun, and measures excellent soaring skills.

The "death match" name was given by Don Ingram and myself over the years to the man on man format of low level, informal, park style flying with 50 feet of rubber and 35 feet of mono filament line. We had 7 competitors show up, with a schedule "first launch" at 9:15. The format worked better than perfect.

We completed 10 rounds of 5 min precision duration, had a lot of flying, including a 20 min charge break, and were complete by 1:15!

It was interesting to note that often a round was won with a much less than perfect score..a lot of 2 ½, 3 and 4 minute flight were posted.

Up through round 9, it was a heated battle, with a new name close to the top of the leader board. Gary Baughman was in 2nd going into the final flight, followed closely by Lenny Keer, and Blayne Chastain.

Unfortunately luck would have it, and in this case bad luck, as Gary and Richard Hall entangled in a high velocity 10 the round launch, air impact, that destroyed two fine models.

We all stood in shock, as the parts rained down.

Up until the final round, the overwhelming response to the format was, "amazing, best contest of the year,

most flying I've done in a contest" etc. It was man on man, measured landings. With 3 masters and 4 novice battling for top honors.

Jason assisted me in the scoring department, and hopefully can attach the computerized scores. In the end out of 10,000 possible points it was Miller 9737, Chastain 8675, Keer 8275 for the Master flyers, Baughman 7829, Hall 7075, and Friedman 4773 in the sportsman category.

A great format that I know will be flown again.

Scores

August TD

Contest Date:8/ 4/13

M	Open																
M	Skip Miller	1	897.61	1000.00	839.74	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	8737.35	9	8737.35	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Gary Baughman	2	1000.00	977.39	740.38	790.70	982.05	969.77	904.55	1000.00	465.12	7829.96	9	7829.96	896.15	896.15	2
M	Lenny Kreer	3	1000.00	896.69	1000.00	1000.00	974.75	693.47	687.50	505.05	1000.00	7757.46	9	7757.46	887.85	887.85	3
M	Blaine Chaisan	4	689.42	1000.00	821.14	994.97	738.46	570.35	1000.00	994.96	866.16	7675.47	9	7675.47	878.47	878.47	4
M	Richard Hall	5	936.94	989.95	1000.00	427.91	1000.00	1000.00	881.82	241.81	596.90	7075.32	9	7075.32	809.78	809.78	5
S	Sportsman																
S	Jason Friedman	1	900.90	619.83	422.76	336.68	987.37	261.96	247.50	1000.00		4777.02	8	4777.02	1000.00	546.74	6
N	Novice																

Skip Miller

Sunday August 18th-DLG Report CD Dave Runyon

Pilot List	Task List	Flight Matrix	Start List	Round Scores	Total Scores	Team Scores							
	Name	1 Lddr	2 3of6	3 AUp	4 Pkr	5 5x2	6 1234	7 L1x5	8 L2x4	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%	
1	Bowdie Ormsbee	1000	(751)	1000	1000	1000					4,000	100.0%	
2	John Jonke	1000	1000	1000	(554)	1000					4,000	100.0%	
3	Waldo Pepper	1000	1000	(567)	1000	666					3,666	91.65%	
4	Ira Faberman	571	(566)	625	630	954					2,780	69.50%	
5	Shawn Curry												
6	Guest One												

Sunday September 8th DLG Contest

CD Shawn Curry

Our September DLG contest is this Sunday the 8th, 8:45 pilot's meeting, 9:00 start. I'll be CDing so I'd like to get a head count to prepare for the contest. Weather is looking good and October's contest is toward the end of the month so this is probably our last chance for a summer-weather contest. Be there! I'll repeat this on the Colorado DLG thread on RCGroups and keep the head count there.

See You at the Field,

Shawn Curry

Sunday September 15th-Annual Challenge Cup

CD Jim Monaco

Sunday September 15 is the date for the annual Challenge Cup. For those new members, this is an event between the RMSA club and the Pikes Peak Soaring Society (PPSS); We take the top 4 pilots from each club for the team award, and individual awards for the top pilot from each team. The RMSA has won this event for the last few years (quite a few) and we would like to win again! The more the merrier. We don't want to lose this for lack of attendance...

It will be standard TD with no simultaneous launches so it will be a relatively relaxed affair. Come on out and enjoy the soaring day with our brethren from Colorado Springs. They have quite a hike up here – so let's give them some competition. Oh – I failed to mention that the real prize for winning is that we get to host the next event, so if you don't want to go to Colorado Springs next year get out and make sure we win this one... J

We will start a little later than normal to give the springs guys a little more time to get here.

Pilot Meeting at 9:00

First Flight at 9:30
No rounds start after 3:00pm

Jim Monaco

F3J in NM Report

The ABQ club put on a great inaugural F3J event. It was a fantastic grass field - surrounded by incentives to land in bounds... The field was set up for launching in 2 possible directions with minimal fuss. We set up and launched south all weekend and it was perfect. Taylor Collins was the CD and did a great job keeping things moving and we managed to get 13 preliminary rounds and 3 fly off rounds and leaving plenty of time for us to get back to Denver before it was too late.. Rocky kept the scoring in line and we always had the lasted data available on our phones..

On Sat the flying ranged from Helen Keller air to real crap especially in the afternoon. On Sunday the weather was perfect with light breezes and plenty of thermals. This meant you needed to launch fast and land good...

There were 4 in the fly offs (in finish order)

- 1) John Lovins
- 2) Jon Padilla
- 3) John Armstrong
- 4) Jim Monaco

The fly offs had generally good lift but pockets of smog were around. The save of the fly offs was by Jon Padilla. He managed to get himself in trouble and was at about 50 feet way downwind and a Buzz pointed out a trash bag that was thermalling in his general area. He scooted over to the bag and in minutes was skied out with the rest of us. John Armstrong flew a solid flyoff with no mistakes. John Lovins came down a bit early for his approach in the first round and hit a bunch of sink and barely made it back to the LZ for a 75 landing that hurt.

I had the bonehead play of the day in round one - My read was good and I was stupid high at 3 minutes. As some of you know my eyes are not very good so with about 5 minutes left I decided I had enough and needed to get lower.. BAD IDEA.. It was all crap (see Lovins above...) and I wound up 55 seconds short and no landing... For my next 2 rounds I was determined NOT to do that again and managed to win the other 2 fly off rounds.

All in all it was a great weekend with a great bunch of guys... Thanks to Buzz for taking on the effort to organize this event. Next year you all that missed it need to put it on the calendar...

Thanks guys - Jim Monaco

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

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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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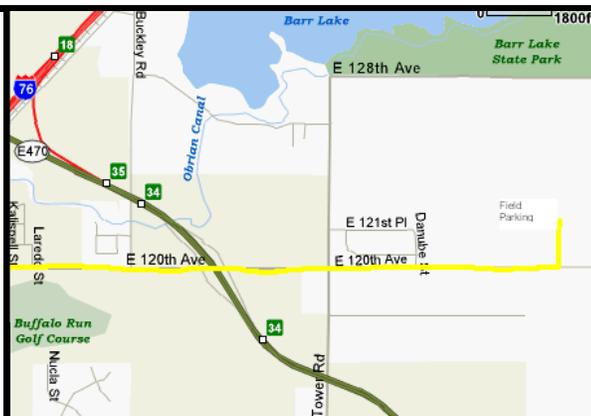
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For Winch Use;

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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