



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Smith

I hope that everyone was safe and had no property damage during our recent floods. Unfortunately Skip Miller Models has been shut down due to flooding and is in the process of recovering from the damage. We are extremely lucky to have easy access to Skip and Cody and I'm sure that I speak for all of us in wishing them a speedy recovery. The skies have once again turned blue, the winds are calm and the thermals have returned. Hope that you can take advantage of our outstanding club and field.

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Sunday 22nd September Competition Report

Normally the September contest is our annual Colorado Challenge Cup event. Because of the flooding we needed to postpone it 2 weeks, and that did not line up with the PPSS schedule so we instead made the Sept contest a normal club contest and the October event will be the Challenge Cup. Be sure to put it on your calendar!

We had 7 pilots show up for the contest, 5 masters and 2 sportsmen. Now 7 is a difficult number for MoM scheduling, but we made it work thanks to Terry G who was flying an electric. Terry always flew in the first group of 4 and the timer for lane 3 also timed for Terry. It was a fun contest getting 8 rounds of flying in with some quite challenging conditions. For example, the best score of the first round was 6:41! Every pilot had at least one hit with a score less than 900 normalized. In the end Mike Verzuh won the event with one hit and a nick...

In the Sportsman group Tom Tate won the class with some good flying. Tom actually won round 4 with a 9:55 70 beating both Lenny and myself! Tom has not been flying much and was a little rusty – but with some more practice he will be dangerous. Terry struggled a bit as the conditions were tough for his electric plane.

The main thing is we all had fun – and that is the main goal. I hope to see a bunch of pilots out for the Challenge Cup in October.

Scores

Sept. Open

Contest Date: 9/22/13

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	RD 7	RD 8	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	# Throw Outs	Safety Penalties	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
M	Open																	
M	Mike Verzuh	1	1000	1000	1000	1000	952.79	1000	1000	833.03	7785.8	8			7785.8	1000	1000	1
M	Jim Monaco	1	1000	998.57	837.18	900.75	1000	1000	1000	1000	7736.5	8			7736.5	993.66	993.66	2
M	Jim Rogers	1	714.61	856.16	989.99	656	987.11	758.54	968.53	981.43	6912.4	8			6912.4	887.81	887.81	3
M	John Lovins	1	683.15	1000	772.33	852.8	972.82	1000	608.01	1000	6889.1	8			6889.1	884.83	884.83	4
M	Lenny Keer	1	742	978.51	1000	849.62	1000	781.32	836.91	652.86	6841.2	8			6841.2	878.68	878.68	5
S	Sportsman																	
S	Tom Tate	1	504	568.49	988.56	1000	313.75	461.98	981.4	535.39	5353.6	8			5353.6	1000	687.61	6
S	Terry Grau	1	429.21	457.02	376.08	446.4	467.81	370.16	801.14	522.86	3870.7	8			3870.7	723.01	497.15	7

Sunday September 8th-DLG Report CD Shawn Curry

I advertised this contest on RC Groups as possibly our last chance this year to have a summer weather DLG contest. After the last few weeks, I'm not so sure what summer weather is in Colorado. Nevertheless, we were treated to a hot day with little wind and surprisingly troublesome soaring conditions. In seven rounds of flying only one task saw pilots achieve maximum times. Gary Jensen, Dave Runyon, and Brandon Blair all flew their two minute flights in the ladder. The next best rounds flown were Bowdie Ormsbee dropping 36s in 1,2,3,4 and John Jonke dropping 37s in 5x2. In the end Brandon Blair came out on top with 5795 points, Bowdie Ormsbee and John Jonke came in second and third with a close 5696 and 5651 points respectively. Round winners were walking off the field shaking their heads, sure they had just flown their dropped round. After four rounds of flying, Harold had to leave, and "Guest One" Runyon thought he'd have to too, but didn't (glad you could stay Dave). We re-jiggered the flight groups to fly two heats rather than three per round. This complicated scoring a little, so let me know if you spot an error, especially if it benefits my score!

If you're thinking of becoming a contest CD, and are worried about messing things up, don't sweat it just do it. This was my first attempt at CDing and I think it went smoothly. No one threw a transmitter at my head anyway. With the help of easy to use scoring software and especially Bob Pederson's help I was able to run the contest, enter scores, and fly. Thanks Bob!

Final Scores:

- 1-Brandon Blair 5795
- 2-Bowdie Ormsbee 5696
- 3-John Jonke 5651
- 4-Gary Jensen 5584
- 5-Dave Runyon 5548
- 6-Bob Pederson 5033
- 7-Shawn Curry 4594
- 8-Ira Faberman 4223
- 9-Harold Bailey 3323-Brandon Blair 5795

Round Scores:

Note: Lowest score was thrown out to calculate total.

SPT CONTEST ROUNDS 5,6,7

	Name	1 3200	2 1234	3 AUp	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%	Class	FAI/AMA number	Club	State
1	Bowdie Ormsbee	1000	1000	967		2,967	100.0%				
2	Brandon Blair	881	1000	988		2,869	96.70%				
3	John Jonke	885	913	1000		2,798	94.30%				
4	Guest One	954	862	857		2,673	90.09%				
5	Bob Pederson	637	957	1000		2,594	87.43%				
6	Gary Jensen	1000	640	594		2,234	75.29%				
7	Shawn Curry	669	787	398		1,854	62.49%				
8	Ira Faberman	544	804	475		1,823	61.44%				

RMSA Sept DLG contest 2013

	Name	1 5x2	2 L2x4	3 3of6	4 Lddr	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%	Class	FAI/AMA number	Club
1	Gary Jensen	989	1000	955	1000		3,944	100.0%			
2	Branddon Blair	798	1000	926	1000		3,724	94.42%			
3	John Jonke	1000	853	1000	771		3,624	91.89%			
4	Guest One	679	875	1000	1000		3,554	90.11%			
5	Bowdie Ormsbee	1000	663	729	1000		3,392	86.00%			
6	Harold Bailey	815	820	917	771		3,323	84.25%			
7	Shawn Curry	857	1000	881	400		3,138	79.56%			
8	Ira Faberman	1000	386	1000	400		2,786	70.64%			
9	Bob Pederson		856	843	740		2,439	61.84%			

Sunday October 20th DLG Contest

CD ?

See RC Groups for details

Sunday October 13th-Annual Challenge Cup CD Jim Monaco

Sunday October 13th is the new 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 AM

First Flight at 9:30 AM

No rounds start after 3:00pm

Jim Monaco

YTD RMSA Open Standings

2013 Open Standings

	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place
Masters														
Jim Monaco	971.56	450.28	999.52	916.98	1000		993.66				996.86	F3J NM	5878.58	1
John Lovins	1000	985.61	1000	985.31	853.94		884.83				1000	F3J NM	5855.75	2
Jim Rogers	758.85	765.75	875.61	971.8			887.81				986.72	F3J Desert	5246.54	3
John Padilla	980.03	1000		998.72	882.93						1000	F3J NM	4861.68	4
Mike Verzuh		998.35		1000			1000				998.58	F3J Desert	3996.93	5
Lenny Keer		833.84	928.36			887.85	878.68						3528.73	6
Skip Miller				997		1000					999.68	F3J Desert	2996.68	7
Blayne Chastain					948.53	878.47					976.73	F3J TS	2803.73	8
Mark Howard		985.75											985.75	9
Don Ingram			869.86										869.86	10
														11
Sportsman														
Gary Bauman			709.73	1000		1000							2709.73	1
Tom Tate		667.94	958.67				1000						2626.61	2
Richard Hall			1000			969.27							1969.27	3
Jim Smith	1000	622.91	334.18										1957.09	4
Terry Grau				475.09			723.01						1198.1	5
Jim DeGroot		1000											1000	6
Brody Wilson			874.6										874.6	7
Jason Friedman						610.09							610.09	8

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	Challenge Cup	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	

Rocky Mountain Soaring Association - 2012

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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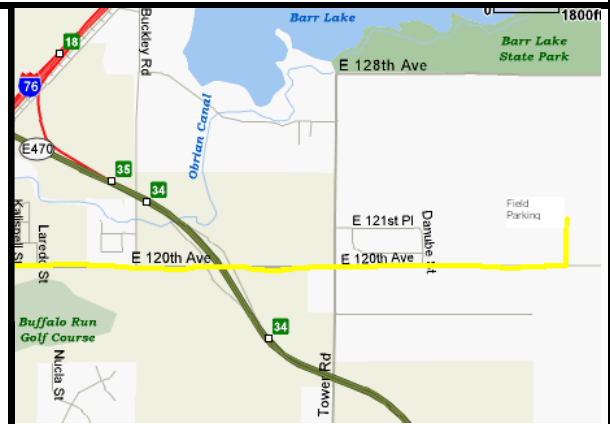
Cody Remington

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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