



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Smith

The contest season is quickly drawing to a close with the Open scheduled on Nov. 10th and the DLG contest scheduled on the 16th. As a wrap to this season Jim Monaco is in process of arranging our annual awards banquet that will be held in December. All three events shouldn't be missed.

John Lovins and I are ending our term as Vice President and President. I hope that several volunteers will step forward prior to our December banquet. This is a great opportunity to guide the club's future direction and give back to the club. Please give me or John a call or email if you are interested. In the meantime enjoy our great club and the privilege to fly in Colorado.

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October Challenge Cup Contest Report Jim Monaco

The annual Challenge Cup event that pits the RMSA club against the Pikes Peak Soaring Society (PPSS) was held Sunday October 13. We had 11 pilots show up with 4 from PPSS. In this event the scores for the top 4 pilots from each team count toward the team score.

The weather was beautiful despite the predictions of 40mph winds. We set the winches out to the south with that direction being the prediction for all day. As usual, about 30 minutes after we started the wind switched to the north and stayed there. We launched downwind for the first 3 rounds and then switched to the north and were good for the rest of the event.

The PPSS team got off to a bad start when, in the first round, Frank Deis lost track of his sailplane and was looking at someone else's plane. Unfortunately the model was badly damaged in the crash. After that there was no more carnage of models..

Round 1 was pretty easy with nice light lift and most everyone got their times. It was not to be that way for the rest of the event however. Round 2 had a few short flights with the air being quite tricky. Round 3 was worse. I managed to win my group with a 3:14 flight and there was no more air to find...

Round 4 was similar, with some very down air. In group 3 Skip Miller was battling with John Lovins and had air that was bad enough that he barely made it back to the landing tape at 5:15 and only got a 50 landing – and Skip ALWAYS gets back... John managed to go a different way near the end of the flight and hung on for 5:25 and a 97 landing to win the round. This was the only round that skip did not get 1000 and it cost him.



John Lovins and I battled it out for the last 2 rounds with John edging me out for first by 1.4 points. Great flying in hard conditions John!!!

The RMSA club retained the challenge cup that will be held by John Lovins for the year.

Thanks to everyone that came out and had a great time.

Now John and I are only a few points apart for the Club Championship – we need you guys to show up in November so we have great final contest that decides the winner of the Club Championship!!!

See you in November...

Jim

October DLG Contest Report

Bob Pederson

October 20th started out cold and windy and stayed that way all day. Even so, 9 pilots braved the weather to toss DLGs all day and surf the east wind coming over the field. Most people never made a thermal turn all day. Those few souls who attempted to follow lift downwind were in jeopardy of landing out. The trick was to launch high and get out of the low altitude turbulence and pick up the few waves that passed over the field. If you couldn't launch high enough, you were down in less than 1:30. John Jonke and Ian Purdue had some great launches and made it work for them. John and Ian both had a really long flight (~4 min) in marginal conditions.

Gary Jensen made 5 x 1000's for the win. He should be ready for Blue Skies over Arizona. Kelsey joined us to time and do the scoring after the contest. Thanks Kelsey. Gary, you should buy your daughter a warm coat. The poor girl was freezing out there.

Randy Johnson (Elkski on RCG) joined us since he was in town from Utah. He busted a concept due to TX problems. He has since repaired it but is worried about a systemic problem with his Futaba T8FGTx. He started a thread about it on RCGroups here: [Futaba TX problem](#)

Ira Faberman showed up with his new Snipe kit. Looks like a nice plane with some innovative design features. 4 servos in the fuse and a blaster-like nose. There will be a few more in the area when the season starts next spring.

We voted to quit after 6 rounds to go home and warm up. Of course John J wanted to keep going. My excuse was that the Broncos were playing. My highest score for a round was less than Gary's lowest score. Bummer. I need to launch higher when I get into these weather conditions.

Scores:

	Name	1 3of6	2 5x2	3 Lddr	4 L2x4	5 3200	6 1234	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%
1	Gary Jensen	1000	1000	1000	-714	1000	1000		5,000	100.0%
2	Dave Runyon	-738	1000	1000	934	962	1000		4,896	97.92%
3	John Jonke	1000	1000	771	-565	1000	1000		4,771	95.42%
4	Brandon Blair	1000	896	771	1000	861	-767		4,528	90.56%
5	John Lovins	828	784	-771	1000	1000	852		4,464	89.28%
6	Ian Purdue	-650	778	1000	1000	718	936		4,432	88.64%
7	Randy Johnson	870	766	771	833	608	-602		3,848	76.96%
8	Bob Pederson	574	635	571	-310	633	651		3,064	61.28%
9	Ira Faberman	659	774	571	0				2,004	40.08%

Sunday November 10th Open Contest CD Jim Monaco

This is the final contest of the season and will decide the club championship. Please come on out for a fun day of flying. It looks like a seasonable fall day will be expected...

REGISTRATION before 8:30 AM

PILOT'S MEETING: 8:30 AM

FIRST FLIGHT: 9:00 AM

TASKS: Standard Thermal Duration with FAI tapes

BATTERY MASTERS: Please be sure to have your batteries at the field by 8:30 AM charged & “topped-up”

Jim Monaco

2013 YTD RMSA Open Standings

2013 OPEN STANDINGS

	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place
Masters														
John Lovins	1000	985.6	1000	985.3	853.9		884.8	1000			1000	3J NM	5971	1
Jim Monaco	971.6	450.3	999.5	917	1000		993.7	999.8			996.9	3J NM	5961	2
Jim Rogers	758.9	765.8	875.6	971.8			887.8	838.1			986.7	Desert	5326	3
John Padilla	980	1000		998.7	882.9						1000	3J NM	4862	4
Lenny Keer		833.8	928.4			887.9	878.7	895.2					4424	5
Mike Verzuh		998.4		1000			1000				998.6	Desert	3997	6
Skip Miller				997		1000		978.7			999.7	Desert	3975	7
Blayne Chastain					948.5	878.5					976.7	F3J TS	2804	8
Mark Howard		985.8											985.8	9
Don Ingram			869.9										869.9	10
														11
Sportsman														
Gary Bauman			709.7	1000		1000		1000					3710	1
Tom Tate		667.9	958.7				1000	919.7					3546	2
Richard Hall			1000			969.3							1969	3
Jim Smith														

Saturday November 16th DLG Contest

CD ?

See RC Groups for details

NOTE: A CD IS NEEDED!

2013 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

It's time to coordinate the annual awards banquet. I'm looking for some member feedback.

- Did you like the place we went last year? (Baker Street Pub in Westminster.)
- Would you refer a different venue?
- Do you want to go back to Cinzettis?
- Do you have any suggestions for an alternate location?

Send me some feedback so I know what you all would like to do this year...

Jim Monaco

POTTPORI

Proposal Radian Fun Fly

I know there are a lot of Radians lurking out there so why don't we test the interest and have a simple Radian Fun Fly?

Obviously winter means a scheduling problem, but we get plenty of 50F, lite wind days. With the email list and members notifying interested friends, think we could do it.

On a Sunday, Pilot meeting a noon with a 2pm or 3pm end. Come early or stay late as weather permits.

Four landing tapes to establish launch and landing zone.

All up on the horn with 30 sec motor run confirmed by timer/spotter.

Tasks as assigned by C/D

Points, raw time minus 30sec, landing first ground contact less one point/ sec over task. 100 point bonus for landing within diameter of the tape. Radians with landing aides receive no landing bonus but 100 point penalty for landing outside the tape diameter. Landing aides may be disabled for normal scoring.

With 30 second run time you can go high or long, upwind or down, but must cut at 30 sec.

Without winches, turnaround time should be as fast as we like and minimal setup.

Any Foamie may participate but will be scored separately. Foamie shall be defined as having a substantially foam wing structure without surface structural skins, packing tape or fiber reinforced packing tape is allowed.

At least for now, please direct questions/comments to me at terrygrau@gmail.com and I will forward to the members.

Terry Grau

FOR SALE

WANTED

A used, beginner DLG sailplane!

Need something simple and cheap <\$100!!

Can even be minus Electronics and/or servos. Not looking for competition ready, just something to throw around and have fun flights with!

Hoping somebody out there has something that they're not using, and willing to let go of, cheap!!

Contact Ryan O'Hara @ rydawgpossie@yahoo.com

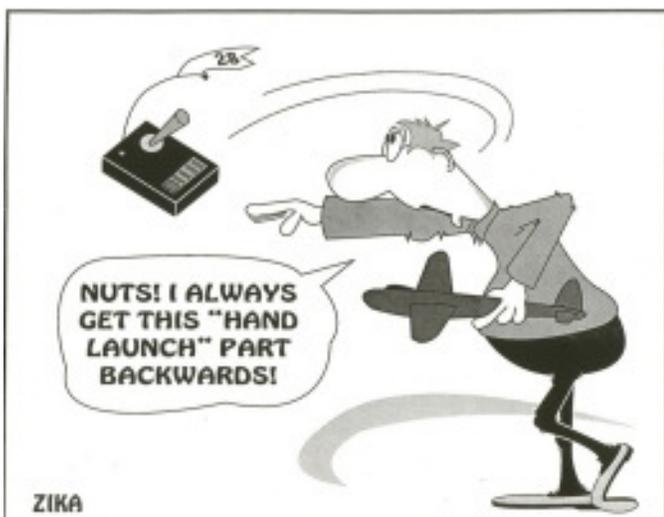
Thank You!

Membership Renewal Reminder

It's time to renew your RMSA memberships for 2014.

Renew with the application in this newsletter

Or on-line at <http://www.rmsadenver.com>



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 - 2014

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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Vice President: John Lovins
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
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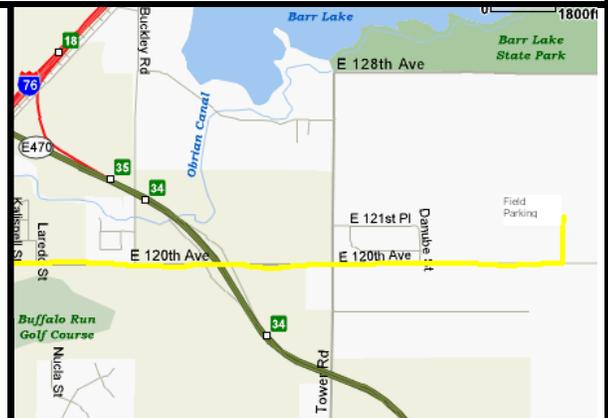
Cody Remington

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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