



# Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Jim Smith**

Here we are at the end of another great flying season. Our final event for the 2013 season will be our annual banquet scheduled for Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Thanks to Jim Monaco for making all of the arrangements. We can all look forward to Jim taking over the reigns as RMSA President for 2014. I would also like to thank all the club officers for making my job so easy and keeping the club running smoothly. .

See you at the banquet.

Delvickios Broomfield, LLC  
1100 US HWY 287  
Broomfield, CO 80020  
303 466-5333

Happy holidays,

**Jim Smith** 303-818-7576 [Gjs.smith@comcast.net](mailto:Gjs.smith@comcast.net)

## November Open Contest Report **Jim Monaco**

We had beautiful weather for the November Open. Nine pilots came out to play with Bob Vixie joining us from the Springs... with 9 guys it was perfect for 3 – 3 pilot flight groups. We flew standard thermal duration with B winches and FAI landing tapes.

While the weather was beautiful, the air was fickle. Everyone except Mike V took at least one big hit. We all knew that John Lovins and I were battling for the club championship in this event so we were both intent on doing well. The first round did not start out well for John as he missed his time by 1.5 minutes. We both did well in round 2 and 3, but in round 4 we flew against each other. This time he kicked my butt, and I only got 2 minutes and flipped over on landing so I got a zero.. Ouch that was gonna hurt. The very next round we flew against each other again. This time John had a read and went smoking south and hit some light air after a long run. Mark Howard and I stayed over the field working some light lift as well. John's air fell apart and he came back to us but was too low to get into our air and he was done at 6:30ish and zeroed the landing. We both did well in the final round. This put me ahead by a good margin for the event. Since I only was behind John by a few points in the standings, it looked like I would win the club championship.

John was quite disappointed as he left. I then went home and did the final standings and actually John was the winner of the Club Championship! As it turns out, the hit he put on me in the fourth round dropped my normalized score below the least of my 6 counting scores, so I could not improve my year end totals...

Mike V flew a great contest and won the event, Bob Vixie from the Springs had the smallest hit of the rest of us to take second, and I rounded out the money in third. Congratulations to John for winning a hard fought battle...

## Scores

### November Open

Contest Date: 11/10/2013

Class	Name	Place by Class	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5	RD 6	Raw Total	Rounds Flown	Total	Norm by Class	Norm by Contest	Place by Contest
<b>M</b>	<b>Open</b>													
M	Mike Verzuh	1	1000.00	982.63	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	5982.63	6	5982.63	1000.00	1000.00	1
M	Bob Vixie	2	994.26	1000.00	1000.00	982.73	832.62	1000.00	5809.61	6	5809.61	971.08	971.08	2
M	Jim Monaco	3	1000.00	1000.00	998.57	702.31	1000.00	1000.00	5700.88	6	5700.88	952.90	952.90	3
M	Jon Padilla	4	755.43	937.92	925.29	997.14	1000.00	992.85	5608.62	6	5608.62	937.48	937.48	4
M	Mark Howard	5	1000.00	711.44	994.25	861.87	1000.00	994.27	5561.84	6	5561.84	929.66	929.66	5
M	John Lovins	6	872.31	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	579.63	1000.00	5451.94	6	5451.94	911.29	911.29	6
M	Lenny Keer	7	995.70	741.61	998.56	1000.00	995.71	473.46	5205.04	6	5205.04	870.03	870.03	7
M	Jim Rogers	8	988.54	701.88	685.80	982.83	584.12	992.85	4936.02	6	4936.02	825.06	825.06	8
<b>S</b>	<b>Sportsman</b>													
S	Gary Baughman	1	541.24	655.06	961.21	553.47	621.93	408.90	3741.80	6	3741.80	1000.00	625.44	9
<b>N</b>	<b>Novice</b>													

## Jim

### November DLG Contest Report

Bob Pederson

No contest was held.

## 2013 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

This year our annual Awards Banquet is being held at:--

Delvickios, 1100 US HWY 287, Broomfield, on [Saturday December 7 at 11:00AM](#).

This is in the King Sooper's plaza at the corner of 287 and Miramonte. The restaurant is on the South end of the plaza.

If you are coming from US36 take the Broomfield 287 exit north. At the top of the hill you will see an entrance to the King Sooper's just past the King Sooper's gas station. Turn right into the plaza and then another right at the stop sign. Look for Delvickios on the left.

The cost will be \$11.95 plus tax and tip.

The menu will be a buffet:

- Egg Shuffle and Spinach Frittatas
- Bacon, Ham, Maple Sausage
- Pancakes ( Traditional & Blueberry )
- French Toast
- Hash browns
- Fruit Salad
- Pastry Basket
- Soft Drinks/Coffee

Alcohol is separate.

See you there...

**Jim Monaco**

**POTTPORI**

None

**FOR SALE**

None

# 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	
Sat Dec 7	Banquet	Delvickios, 1100 US HWY 287, Broomfield	

# 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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

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Signature



**President:** Jim Smith  
**Vice President:** John Lovins  
**Secretary:** Bob Rice  
**Treasurer:** Mark Howard  
**Past President:** John Lovins

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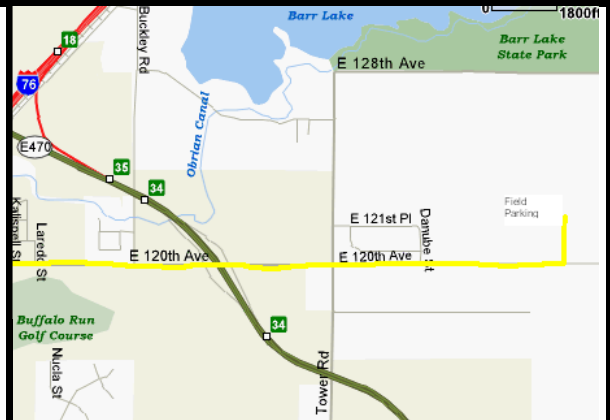
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John Lovins

Jim Rogers

**For Winch Use;**

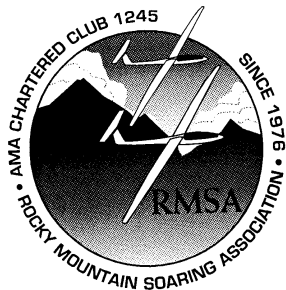
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



**Directions to Field**

Take I-76 to exit 16. Turn left and follow the frontage road to the stoplight and turn east onto 120<sup>th</sup> eastbound towards the airport. Take 120<sup>th</sup> 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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*Forwarding Address Requested*

**First Class Mail**