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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Monaco

I hope everyone had a great Christmas! The banquet was a fun event this year and it was great seeing the good turnout. My feedback on the food and the venue was great, so I think this is a keeper.

The most important meeting of the year is coming up – this is where we set the schedule for the year. I invite all members to attend to ensure that we provide a schedule that meets your needs. We would also especially like CDs to attend so we can spread the wealth of running the events. Attending the meeting lets the CDs work out the events that best fit their schedules. I know there will also be some talk of some new events this year and perhaps some rules change proposals so please come and support your club.

This annual RMSA planning meeting will be held January 9 at 6:30pm at Skip Miller Models NEW facility in Boulder (see details below) and will celebrate the grand opening! Skip Miller Models is moving out of the current garage and into a nice space on 28th street at the corner of 28th and Glenwood. There is a side entrance from the parking lot – enter there and go up the stairs and to the left. See the announcement later in the newsletter.

3200 28th St Boulder, CO 80301

We have a full agenda and would like to get a good attendance for the discussions. On the agenda (not necessarily in this order)

- Set the RMSA competition schedule for Open and HL. Please come prepared with the dates of any competing events that we may want to schedule around. Our goal is to optimize the schedule to avoid conflicts with other events in order to get better attendance at our scheduled events. We would like everyone that can CD an event to attend so we can distribute the workload of running our events.
- Discuss some Open competition rules proposals. In order to get a better attendance and participation in open events we want to discuss the pros and cons of the proposals and to discuss anything that might help.
- Discuss contest/membership fees for 2014.
- Discuss any budget items that may be out of the ordinary for the year. Requests for spending or purchases can be discussed.
- Discuss any member initiated proposals or observations to make our club even better than it is...

Please plan on attending to help us make the club as good as it can be. We need the members to be vested in what we do or it is all for naught. Apathy will only help the demise of our club.

Hope to see you there.

Here is looking forward to a great new soaring season!

Jim Monaco

SKIP MILLER MODELS GRAND OPENING

SkipMillerModels is pleased to announce the GRAND OPENING of our new retail store at 28th and Glenwood in Boulder! Open Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm.

After years of servicing the competition sailplane customers for Colorado, the US, and the World, we have made the move to an easy access retail location.

This exciting decision was made to meet the needs of the novice to pro RC enthusiast.

Our National and World level pilots are here to help! We provide knowledge unequalled to any retailer in the US, and have a product line to suit any flying activity. Multi rotors, plug and play sailplanes, fun fly's, high technology and all the support equipment....we stock it all.

The Rocky Mountain Soaring Association, one the most notable, competitive, and highly respected soaring clubs in the USA, now has reliable access for our monthly meetings that is literally attached to our retail shop!

Come and join the excitement!

Snacks and drinks will be provided courtesy of SkipMillerModels.

NW corner Glenwood and 28th, Blue Spruce Autos, 3200 28th St. large white building 2nd floor

Jim

Year 2013 DLG Contest Final Scores

Bob Pederson

Contest Date							
RMSA DLG Member	DLG Class	Best 6 contests local	Best out of town to replace one local	best 5 + 1 OOT (only if it improves score)	Overall scores for 2013	% of winners score	
Gary Jensen	O	590.05	96.08		590.05	100.00	1st Open
John Jonke	O	586.05	92.38		586.05	99.32	2nd Open
Dave Runyon	O	572.74	84.06		572.74	97.07	3rd open
John Lovins	O	512.91	90.66	548.36	548.36	92.93	4th Open
Bob Pederson	O	468.98	32.37		468.98	79.48	5th Open
Ira Faberman	S	398.59			398.59	67.55	1st Sportsman
Bowden Ormsbee	S	378.44			378.44	64.14	2nd Sportsman
Skip Miller	O	200	99.1	299.1	299.1	50.69	
Jon padilla	O	199.78	98.79	298.57	298.57	50.60	
Brandon Blair	O	270.59			270.59	45.86	
Sam Pendleton	S	170.53	53.9	178.67	178.67	30.28	3rd Sportsman
Jason Friedman	S	83.75	91.11	174.86	174.86	29.63	
Shawn Curry	S	79.28	60.59	139.87	139.87	23.70	
Cory Schantz (Member)	O	0	86.69	86.69	86.69	14.69	
Mike Verzuh	O	0	59.9	59.9	59.9	10.15	
Jim Monaco	S	0	16.44	16.44	16.44	2.79	
Dave Jensen	O	0			0	0.00	
Mark Howard	O	0			0	0.00	
Jim Smith	S	0			0	0.00	
Shannon Bingham	O	0			0	0.00	
			more than 6 contests flown. Only highest 6 used				

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RMSA Rules Change Proposal

Mike Verzuh has submitted the following RMSA Rules Change Proposal for consideration for this year's competition series. This proposal will be discussed at the January meeting and voted on via email prior to the February meeting. Please come to the meeting to express your opinions or forward them to me for discussion at the January meeting.

Thanks

Jim Monaco

To RMSA Board,

I would like to propose changes to our yearly RMSA championship program, and I request that these be put to a vote.

Background: Over the course of the last few years the open competition has been losing participation. Last season we had several events that had below what we used to consider minimum participation of 6 pilots. Meanwhile hand launch participation is growing and very attractive to new pilots. We also have other challenging events. Last summer I ran a trial cross-country event at my house. Lenny Keer continues to excel at F5B for example. As part of our club tradition I believe we need to sponsor and fully support all disciplines of soaring. I believe the variety of events is a major contributor to lower Open Class turn-out. I believe our club championship should be more inclusive of other highly competitive events. A championship series should have the effect of increasing participation.

Proposal:

1. The yearly championship series consider F3J in the Rockies as a local event in terms of scoring. This means one other national event can be consider in the year end score as well.
2. Two local hand launch event scores be considered as part of the championship.
3. One national hand launch or F5B or F3B event could be considered for the year end score out of town event.
4. One cross country event be considered as part of the championship. I will volunteer to run this event again.

Thanks very much,

Mike Verzuh
[303 709-3232](tel:3037093232)

FOR SALE

Free High Start (Rubber only)

It is a Hobby Express Product #HIS004 which anyone can look up on the website. The description includes: 3/8" ID with 1/8" wall thickness 100' unspliced latex tubing. It is colored to protect it from ultraviolet radiation and ozone. They recommend it for ships up to 4 meters (157") and it almost pulled the wings off my 120" balsa model. It should be good for composite models.

I will GIVE it, or sell to highest bidder, just so it gets a good home with someone who will put it to use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Thompson

DAVIDPTHM@AOL.COM
[\(303\) 469-9202](tel:3034699202)

For Sale: Old Soarcraft Magnum 12 Kit w/ Accessories - \$250 OBO (Tail has minor damage).

Includes:

- Plans
- Instruction Manual
- Canopy
- Wing Hardware
- Spoiler Assembly
- Rudder Wood Kit
- Wing Wood Kit
- Built Stabilizers
- Fuselage Hardware
- Wing Ribs
- Canopy Wood Kit



- Wing Webbing
- Plywood Sheer Webs
- Fiberglass Fuselage (tip of tail is wrapped to one side with a couple of small cracks)
- 1 dozen sheets of 4" x 4' Balsa wood, varying thicknesses



If interested please call Harold Kouts [303-570-6030](tel:303-570-6030).

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>

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: Bob Pederson
Secretary: Bob Rice
Treasurer: Mark Howard
Past President: John Lovins

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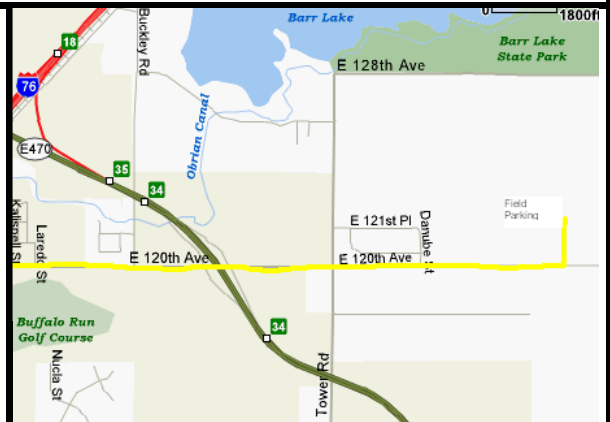
Cody Remington

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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