

Thermals

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Soaring Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Pederson

This month's meeting will be held at Skip Miller Models in Longmont. The date is Wednesday April 8th at 7:00 PM. This month's meeting program will be a presentation by Blayne Chastain about aerial photography. He will have his full set of gear with him and a video to show how he does it. Should be interesting. Blayne will be leading the meeting as VP. I will be out of the country.

Old Business and February meeting Minutes:

- Jason Miller, Peter Wickwire, Mike O'Hearn, AD, Bowdie and myself showed up mainly to talk about RMSA business.
 - We discussed the possibility of doing videos of interesting meeting presentations. We could post them online so members who could not make the meeting could at least view the presentation.
 - We also discussed the need to identify "Mentors" for new and improving members. I'm calling on Bob Rice to update the club membership form to include a series of check boxes that list areas where each member can check off those skills where they can help new guys improve.
- I'm still looking for a copy of the hobby shop fliers that we used to distribute around the area. Does anyone have a copy – electronic or hardcopy? We need to re-supply the local shops so they can hand out the club info to new glider buyers. We used to ask the owners to put one of our RMSA stickers on each glider kit box and offer a handout with club website and instructional info.
- Who needs RMSA stickers to bling up your flight box, vehicle, airplane? New member John Knott has updated the RMSA logo and is looking into getting some stickers printed. Thanks John. Cost to be determined by the interest and quantity made.
- We have had some interests in a group buy of RMSA logo'd apparel like T-shirts, golf shirts, hats? We haven't done this in a long time and my old stuff is really tattered / doesn't fit anymore. We need a volunteer to take charge of this effort It's always great to represent your club at out-of-town contests. Show your club pride.
- I am still looking for a second meeting room, hopefully in North Denver. If any member knows of alternate meeting locations that are available free or for a low fee such as churches, fraternal organizations, beer distributor ware houses with a tap room (hint, hint...) please let the officers know.

New Business

- The 2015 membership list is listed later in the newsletter. If your name isn't on it, we don't have a record of you renewing. Contact Bob Rice to renew.
- Mike O'Hearn made up some simple note cards with some club information that we can hand out to visitors to the field. See Mike for a few copies and keep them in your flight box.
- John Knott has identified a possible new meeting room in South Denver. I'm negotiating with a church near Cherry Creek to use one of their meeting rooms for next month. It may allow a larger number of members to make the club meeting. I'll send out an e-mail blast to the membership when I have things finalized. I'll also post in the newsletter.
- We still need a CD (and assistant CD) for Blue Skies over Colorado in May. If we can't find a CD, then we can't have a contest, simple as that. Time is running short to get something going. It's only two months away. We need to decide if we are doing this so pilots can make travel and vacation arrangements

Just a reminder to get your membership dues in by this month. So far, only 32 of about 53 2014 members have renewed. See you at the club meeting.

2015 Membership List as of 3/2015

Wayne Angevine
Gary Baughman
Blayne Chastain
A.D. Dailey
Jim DeGroot
Steve Elder
Terry Grau
Peter Hendel
Don Ingram
John Jonke
Lenny Keer
Bob Lewan
John Lovins
Jason Miller
Jim Monaco
Mike Nelson
Bowdie Ormsbee

Robert Pederson
Sam Pendleton
Tom Powers
PPSS
Bob Rice
Ken Roberts
Jim Rogers
Dave Runyon
Jim Smith
Steve Suntken
Robert Thomas
Mike Verzuh
Bob Vixie
Peter Wickwire

March DLG Contest Report

What a great day for flying DLGs. We had 11 pilots including John Lovins who could only stay for one round. We had a lot of land-outs that spread out the scores. We had an All Up Last Down round where a 3.03 (Total of three 3 minutes potential flights) got the grand. Ballast was king. If you didn't have it, you most likely landed out. As always the cream always rises to the top. Skip came in first followed by Jon Padilla and John Jonke. Mike O'Hearn didn't fly but he did take some great pictures that he posted here:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1317529&page=604#post31059665>

Final Results

Competition: RMSA March 2015 DLG												
Pilot List	Task List	Flight Matrix	Start List	Round Scores	Total Scores	Team Scores						
	Name	1 Lddr	2 5x2	3 AUp	4 L1x5	5 Pkr	6 3of6	7 L2x4	8 1234	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%
1	Skip Miller	1000	962	1000	(903)	1000	1000	1000	986		6,948	100.0%
2	Jon Padilla	1000	1000	(590)	1000	1000	1000	882	1000		6,882	99.05%
3	John Jonke	(571)	1000	1000	930	846	827	974	981		6,558	94.39%
4	Bowdie Ormsbee	1000	703	619	(527)	874	1000	866	991		6,053	87.12%
5	Jim DeGroot	700	(384)	819	1000	923	809	1000	666		5,917	85.16%
6	A D	1000	844	(245)	710	659	775	663	1000		5,651	81.33%
7	Doug Englert	700	733	(0)	493	800	516	608	907		4,757	68.47%
8	Harold Bailey	571	591	566	(450)	769	548	705	946		4,696	67.59%
9	Ira Faberman	400	700	(340)	407	626	635	747	811		4,326	62.26%
10	Bob Pederson	400	733	347	(283)	923	562	492	500		3,957	56.95%
11	John Lovins	1000	(0)								1,000	14.39%

Individual round results are listed here:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1317529&page=605>

April DLG Contest Notice - Sunday April 12th

Note the date change. We will have the contest on Sunday April 12th NOT the 11th. This was a change to get more participants. Monitor RCGroups, Colorado DLG Happenings thread to see what the tasks will be flown. Pilots meeting will be at 9:00 AM and flying will start immediately thereafter. Please get there early to help set up and get your planes tuned up. Also, if you plan to fly, please respond on the "Happenings" thread

(<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1317529>) so we can set up the pilot matrix on F3K Master. As always, I'll have a few extra pilot slots available (Pilot Juan and Pilot Tool!) for those who can't decide until the last minute. Check and charge those batteries!

Bob Pederson CD

F5J Contest - Sunday, April 26th -- Lenny Keer CD

Any electric sailplane (4M maximum wingspan) can be flown.

Please be on time for the **8:30 pilots meeting**, as we will go over the rules to make sure everyone understands the format.

Come with your batteries charged as we will get started right after the pilots meeting.

An F5J altitude logger is needed, but there's no need to be left out if you haven't got one.

The preferred logger is the "Altis V4" and I am hoping to have several loaner units available for use.

If you have a CAM unit, that may also be used (although you will be limited to the 3 altitude choices it offers).

The logger is simply inserted in the lead between the ESC and receiver, and it should be placed in an easily accessible location such as under the canopy.

After each flight, the launch altitude is read from the logger and recorded on the score sheet.

RMSA 2015 Calendar Of Events

[\(click for online version that may be more current\)](#) Note:-Italicized entries are changes from original

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Feb 19 - Fri Feb 20	F3J in the Desert 2015	Schnepf Farms Queen Creek AZ	
Sat Mar 7	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD Blayne Chastain
Sun Mar 15	DLG Contest	TBA	CD - TBD
Sat Mar 28	Red Rocks Utah DLG	St George UT	Red Rocks F3K 2 day contest and TS qualifier
Sat Mar 28 - Sun Mar 29	F3J in the Deep South	Houston Tx	F3J Tour Event
Sat Apr 11	DLG Contest	TBA	CD - Bob Pederson
Sun Apr 26	F5J Electric	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Lenny Keer
Sat May 2 - Sun May 3	IHLF Handlaunch	Poway CA	International DLG
Sat May 9	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jim Monaco
Fri May 22 - Sat May 23	F3J in the Rockies	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	F3J Tour Event
Sun May 24 - Mon May 25	Blue Skies Over Colorado DLG	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Need Volunteer
Sat Jun 6	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Sam Pendleton
Sun Jun 7	F5J Electric	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Lenny Keer
Sun Jun 21	Cross Country	Verzuh Ranch	CD - Mike Verzuh - Note this is Fathers Day
Sat Jul 11	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Blayne Chastain
Sun Jul 19 - Sun Jul 26	DLG F3K World Championships	Croatia	
Sun Jul 19	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - TBD
Sun Jul 26 - Sat Aug 1	Soaring Nats	AMA Field Muncie IN	F3J July 31 - Aug 1
Sun Aug 9	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jim Rogers
Sat Aug 15 - Sun Aug 16	F3J in New Mexico	Albuquerque NM	F3J Tour Event
Sat Aug 15	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jon Padilla
Sat Sep 5 - Mon Sep 7	F3J Team Selection	TBD	CD - TBD \nAlso F3J Tour Event
Sat Sep 19	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - TBD
Sun Sep 20	RMSA/PPSS Challenge Cup	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Jim Monaco
Sat Oct 3	Visalia Fall Fest	Visalia CA	TD Event
Sun Oct 4	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Mike Verzuh
Sun Oct 11	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - TBD
Sat Nov 7 - Sun Nov 8	Blue Skies Arizona DLG	TBD	TBD
Sun Nov 8	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - Shannon Bingham
Sun Nov 15	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field - 120th Ave	CD - John Jonke
Sun Dec 6	RMSA Awards 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
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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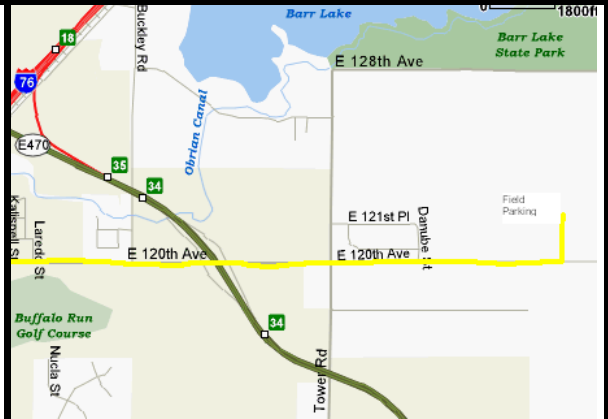
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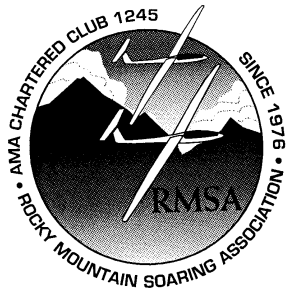
If you are interested in using a club winch please contact Mike for the first time, and I will insure you have all the details for trailer access. Also if you are a new member and have not had a winch operation and safety briefing we will coordinate that.



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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