

Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Pederson

Presidents Message September 2015

New members

I'd like to welcome 4 new members to the club this month. Jim Brennan, Robert English, Bruce Hatfield and Dean Lassek showed up on the latest membership list (thanks Bob Rice). I haven't met any of these guys yet but hope to see them out at the field soon. If you see a new guy out at the sod farm, introduce yourself and offer to help. To all the new members this year, please drop me a line and let me know about yourself and what you are looking for in RMSA. My e-mail address and phone number are on the last page of the newsletter.

New date for Club Banquet

The club event calendar shows the yearly December banquet as Dec 5th. We have had a request to move the date out a week so it doesn't conflict with a major F5J event in Arizona. Some club members will be there so, in the interest of getting the most attendance at the banquet, I am moving it to **December 13th**. Hope you all can make it. Put the date on your calendar. The location and time is still being considered. We had some requests to change the venue this year. If you have a favorite place you would like to have the brunch, let me know. I'll need to get our reservation in by next month.

September contests, DLG and Colorado Challenge Cup with PPSS

We have a F3K contest on Saturday the 19th and the Colorado Challenge cup with the Pikes Peak Soaring Society on the 20th. It will be a busy weekend. Jim Monaco will CD the Co. Challenge Cup. Bring your open class ship out and show the Pikes Peak guys how to fly.

F3J team select Sept 5 – 7th in Arizona

At least 6 club members will be there to try to make the USA F3J team. Good luck.

Blue Skies over Colorado. Oct 10th and 11th.

John Lovins will CD the annual Blue Skies over Colorado F3K event next month. This is a big deal and John will need a lot of help to pull it off. We have pilots coming from the surrounding states and we need to show them a good time. Please offer you help to John even if it is only for part of the contest.

No club meeting for September

There is no club meeting scheduled for September. I hope to pick up the monthly meetings in October. I'm working on meeting programs and meeting location now. Stay tuned. I'm open to ideas.

Bob Pederson

F3K August Contest Report

Brutal conditions today. I think I got more flight time on my Shade cover than I did on my DLGs. Andrew Williams made a good choice to go sloping instead of DLG flying. He needed the wind, we didn't. There were a lot of low flight times and land-outs. During one round everybody landed out even though they got good times. Jon Padilla ended up flying his ~240 gm DLG with another 110 gms of ballast. On one landing, Harold's super light home-brew landed in bounds then proceeded to tumble end over end for 30 yards. Luckily only minor damage. Time to build a high wind plane Harold. Maybe something in the 9 oz range 😊 You still had a very respectable score for the day considering how light your plane is and the wind speeds we encountered. Looks like you have the wind penetration thing and contest decision making skills worked out. All in all, we had fun and then quit after 4 rounds. No sense busting planes in the high winds.

Congratulations to Jon Padilla, John Jonke and Reid Roberts on making the rough conditions work. It wasn't easy.

Some of us adjourned to the restaurant at Buffalo Run Golf Course and had a few beers and a nice lunch. Thanks Jeff. Jon Padilla gave us some highlights from the recent F3K World Championship in Croatia. It sounded like a fantastic experience. As part of the F3K team support raffle, Jon donated one of his Vortex 2.5s that he flew in Croatia. John Jonke was the lucky winner so now he has something else to fly besides all those old Concepts. I hope he can adapt.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
	Name	1 Lddr	2 1234	3 AUp	4 L1x5	5 5x2	6 L2x4	7 Pkr	8 L3x3	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%	Class
1	Jon Padilla	1000	1000	1000	1000						4,000.0	100.0%	
2	John Jonke	1000	923.1	902.7	1000						3,825.8	95.65%	
3	Reid Roberts	740.7	812	1000	627.3						3,180.0	79.5%	
4	Bodie Ormsbee	740.7	1000	800	434.1						2,974.9	74.37%	
5	Harold Bailey	700	711.1	758.8	745.5						2,915.3	72.88%	
6	A Dee Dailey	1000	915.2	890.7							2,805.9	70.15%	
7	Jeff Burg	450	872.7	743.2	375.6						2,441.5	61.04%	
8	Bob Pederson	450	512.8	333.3	636.4						1,932.5	48.31%	

Bob Pederson

August Open Contest Results

8/9/15

Another beautiful day for soaring in Colorado!! Six pilots came out to enjoy each others company and gather more points towards the RMSA open series championship. New member, George Messer, joined us for his first RMSA open contest. Please give George a warm welcome when you see him at the field. We had three Sportsmen and three Masters pilots. So, we flew a Sportsman group and a Masters group for each round. This worked out quite well logistically and gave each of us a chance to work with the same caller all day.

Soaring conditions were pretty good most of the day, with light winds starting from the SW and swinging around more Northerly by late morning. There was even some discussion of shortening the 10 minute flight times when everyone made their time on the first round. But, most folks struggled on the second round with dead air and disappearing lift. So, we flew 10 minute rounds all day. We wrapped up a bit early since the sprinklers were closing in on our area and the wind had increased in speed and switched to the NE. However, we did get a little practice with the inevitable downwind launches before we shut down for the day.

In Sportsman class the race was fairly tight. Gary set the bar high on the first round, getting the full flight time and a very nice landing. Jim DeGroot was very close on his heels, giving up just a few points on landing. All of the Sportsmen were flying at a very high level, with each pilot taking one or more rounds.

In Masters class the race was not so close. John showed us that he is focused and ready for the World Championships. He gave up only one point on flight time during the entire contest and had great landing scores to match. Reid moved up to Masters this year and gave John a pretty good challenge. However, the second round thermal doldrums slowed him down a bit. I lagged far behind, but was just happy to be out flying again.

Since the sprinklers shut us down a bit early, we had time to quench our thirst at the Buffalo Run Golf club nearby. It is a pretty nice place – this may become a tradition.

Jim Rogers

Name	R o u n d	Flight Minutes	Flight Seconds	Flight Points	Landing Points	Raw Score	High Score	Normalized Score	Contest Total	
Gary Baughman	1	10	3	597	98	695	695	1000.00		
Gary Baughman	2	4	48	288	90	378	378	1000.00		
Gary Baughman	3	9	58	598	90	688	691	995.66		
Gary Baughman	4	10	1	599	80	679	689	985.49		
Gary Baughman	5	10	2	598	70	668	684	976.61		
									4957.75	1st
Jim DeGroot	1	9	58	598	90	688	695	989.93		
Jim DeGroot	2	3	51	231	0	231	378	611.11		
Jim DeGroot	3	9	51	591	91	682	691	986.98		
Jim DeGroot	4	10	1	599	90	689	689	1000.00		
Jim DeGroot	5	10	6	594	90	684	684	1000.00		
									4588.01	2nd
George Messer	1	10	15	585	0	585	695	841.73		
George Messer	2	3	28	208	93	301	378	796.30		
George Messer	3	9	53	593	98	691	691	1000.00		
George Messer	4	9	58	598	90	688	689	998.55		
George Messer	5	10	33	567	0	567	684	828.95		
									4465.52	3rd
SPORTSMAN										

Name	R o u n d	Flight Minutes	Flight Seconds	Flight Points	Landing Points	Raw Score	High Score	Normalized Score	Contest Total	
John Lovins	1	9	59	599	100	699	699	1000.00		
John Lovins	2	10	0	600	97	697	697	1000.00		
John Lovins	3	10	0	600	98	698	698	1000.00		
John Lovins	4	10	0	600	75	675	698	967.05		
John Lovins	5	10	0	600	95	695	695	1000.00		
									4967.05	1st
Reid Roberts	1	10	2	598	90	688	699	984.26		
Reid Roberts	2	4	18	258	99	357	697	512.20		
Reid Roberts	3	9	59	599	94	693	698	992.84		
Reid Roberts	4	10	0	600	98	698	698	1000.00		
Reid Roberts	5	10	3	597	0	597	695	858.99		
									4348.29	2nd
Jim Rogers	1	10	2	598	90	688	699	984.26		
Jim Rogers	2	5	49	349	99	448	697	642.75		
Jim Rogers	3	10	0	600	96	696	698	997.13		
Jim Rogers	4	2	26	146	0	146	698	209.17		
Jim Rogers	5	10	3	597	95	692	695	995.68		
									3829.01	3rd
MASTERS										

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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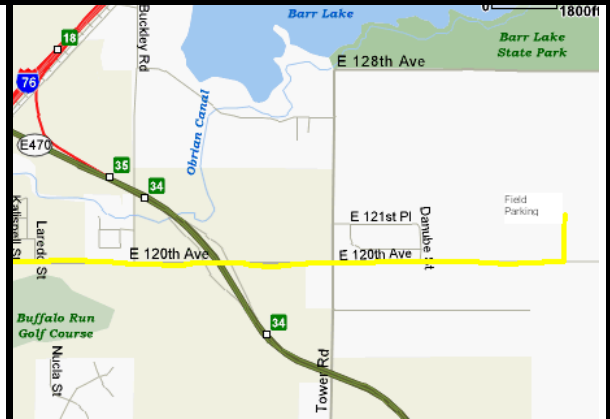
Cody Remington

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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