



Thermals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Pederson

RMSA Presidents Message November 2016

There will be no club meeting this month. See you at the December awards banquet.

Reminder: The annual AMA District IX Club Officer's meeting will be held on Dec 10th at Wings over the Rockies museum. All club officers are invited to attend. The time is 10:00AM to 2:00 PM. I plan to attend.

Rick McCaskill will be posting the meetings and agenda on the District IX Facebook page event calendar (<https://www.facebook.com/AMADISTRICTIX/>), so watch the site for more details on the meeting as it gets closer.

Please let myself or Jim Monaco know of any issues, questions or concerns that we should address at these meetings. These meetings are for us to learn what is happening with AMA and for us to meet other club leaders and learn from each other.

Club Officer Nominations:

I have been president for two years now and I think it is right to pass the baton to another worthy individual. I will still be involved with the club as a CD but I need to take a break. I am accepting volunteers for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These jobs aren't hard and they only take a few hours a month. Please call me or drop me an e-mail to volunteer or put someone else's name into nomination. This is a great chance to give back to the club and make things the way you want them. Mark Howard has volunteered to continue as newsletter for 2017. Thanks Mark.

Contest Report October 16th F3K

What a perfect day at the sod farm. It was warm and mild all day. No high winds as was predicted so all-in-all conditions were great. Significant heating through the day produced some really nice thermals and then after things warmed up, you had to scratch for a 1.00 or 1:30. I sure am glad we fly man-on-man as conditions varied from group to group.

We had 9 guys show up so we flew two groups with breaks every few rounds. We got in 8 rounds and left the field by 2:30. Reid couldn't make it but John Lovins did so he became Reid for a day. Bruce Martin showed up but could barely walk so we got other pilots to launch for him. We did the same for Skip. I flew a few rounds launching with my new shoulder but quit after a few rounds before I did any new damage. It felt good to be back in the game.

Congratulations go to Jon Padilla for flying hard all day and scoring a perfect 7000 after a 978 drop. Second was Skip Miller with 94.11% and third was Bowdie Ormsbee with 93.66%. John Jonke was 4th but remember he is flying with a torn rotator cuff.

He is getting it fixed soon so watch out for him next year. John is retiring in a few days from the Denver Airport fire department which means he will have even more time for practice (and honey-do's). Thanks for your service John. Harold was flying his new airframe and doing well with it. He is already designing a new fuselage for next year's campaign. He is a home-building fool. Bruce Martin was flying very well considering he could barely stand out in the field. If everybody who is injured now continues to heal and flies next year, we are going to have a spectacular F3K season in 2017. Bill Beamer has significantly improved his launch height by watching YouTube vids. His practicing has really improved his flying. John Lovins was doing really well until he had to bail due to family commitments and I quit to avoid screwing up my new shoulder. Here are the final results

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Event Name: RMSA October 2016 F3K					Start Date (MM-DD-YYYY): 10-16-2016			End Date (MM-DD-YYYY):				
Pilot List	Task List	Flight Matrix	Start List	Round Scores	Total Scores	Team Scores						
	Name	1 Laddr	2 3of6	3 5x2.0	4 1234	5 AUp	6 3200	7 BLddr	8 Poker	Penalty & Rnd	Score	%
1	Jon Padilla	1000	1000	1000	(978)	1000	1000	1000	1000		7,000	100.0%
2	Skip Miller	1000	769	827	1000	1000	992	(756)	1000		6,588	94.11%
3	Bowdie Ormsbee	1000	861	955	970	867	1000	903	(570)		6,556	93.66%
4	John Jonke	1000	997	1000	1000	(592)	845	771	649		6,262	89.46%
5	Harold Bailey	1000	(575)	959	992	875	826	675	648		5,975	85.36%
6	Bruce Martin	771	607	944	873	950	709	1000	(466)		5,854	83.63%
7	Bill Beamer	771	700	714	616	(524)	738	959	870		5,368	76.69%
8	John Lovins	1000	1000	838	860	994	(0)				4,692	67.03%
9	Bob Pederson	571	526	(0)							1,097	15.67%

General info of interest to our membership:

I got a nice e-mail from Dave Runyon. It seems he is selling out and moving to Florida. Here is his letter:

I've been reducing my belongings across the board ... sold the motorhome, Jeeps, motorcycles, all sail planes, RC helis, cars, etc. ... now cleansing the basement, most of which is going to the Salvation Army ... sold most of the furniture, except for one bed and a grandkids set ... the outside of the house is freshly painted, and the yard looking good ... interior paint and hardwood floor refinishing are next ... hope to list the house before Thanksgiving moving to Miami after the sale ... taking one car and a U-Haul trailer ... as they say, reducing my Carbon Footprint ... feels really really good to live out of a back pack; aiming for a "scorched earth" lifestyle-to-own-as-little-as-possible-and-wander-the-beaches ... kinda like college days, 'eh ... Life Is Good :o)

Sounds like your shoulder is healing good; glad to hear that you are still chucking pumpkins ... tell all the crazy wing nutz hi for me ...

Best regards,

Dave

Wow, Dave. That is quite the lifestyle change. I hear that Key West is nice this time of year. Enjoy and keep in touch.

Mike Verzuh seems to be doing well on the East Coast. He is in Boston now and flying F3J with the Eastern Soaring League (ESL) You can find him on Facebook.

Cory Schantz(former member from about 2010) has moved from California to Florida and is continuing to fly. He is now in Melbourne and continuing to fly DLGs.

If you keep in contact with any former members of RMSA and think the membership would like to be kept up to date, please forward the info to me and I will include it with the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Pederson

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Editors Notes:

I'll be leaving for Maui for most of the winter, so this will be the last Thermals for 2016. I will be back in the spring and I'm planning on having several aerotow events next year. There has been a lot of interest in aerotow. There is a thread on the RMSA facebook page. Please do let me know your interest if you haven't already – and if you would like to help with the planning.

Thanks!

Mark

October F5J Contest -- Lenny Keer, CD

We were fortunate to have some beautiful fall weather for the October contest, and ten pilots came out to fly. We used the F5J format, which does seem to be gaining in popularity locally and across the country. It was nice to see several club members participating, who don't normally fly the club contests. As usual, we had a wide range of models used. There were some of the latest and greatest moldies, a couple of winch models converted to electric, two foam Radians, and a built up balsa Bubble Dancer. We also had one model launching from a high start. The pilot's choice of launch altitude and direction and thermalling ability were generally more important to success than the choice of model used. The two Radians were pretty competitive in most of the rounds, and Wayne's Bubble Dancer was very competitive with the high end molded models.

Despite the sunny skies and light wind, the thermals tended to be pretty small and elusive, so it was a challenging day. We flew six rounds including a short lunch break and still finished by 2:00. There was a 180 degree wind shift at one point, but with no winches to move it only took about 2 minutes to turn the whole flight line around. Most launch heights were about 100-150M. Jim DeGroot was recognized for have the lowest launch resulting in a max flight at 72M. Congratulations to Skip for entering his first F5J contest and finishing in first place flying a pieced together electric Egida. Wayne Angevine took second place with his Bubble Dancer. Jim Monaco finished third with his new Pike Perfection F5J model.

Just a couple of F5J events left this year --

1. I will try to organize one more fun fly in November if the weather allows. I'll send out an email notification later.
2. A regional F5J contest will be held in Phoenix on Dec 3rd and 4th.
I'll be driving down and have room to carry a few extra models. Airfares are cheap and the weather should still be nice.

Name	Score	Pcnt	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
MILLER, Skip	4938.4	100	938.4	1000	871.7	1000	1000	1000
ANGEVINE, Wayne	4609.1	93.33	960.8	663.5	1000	984.8	1000	393.6
MONACO, Jim	4385.6	88.81	1000	1000	1000	666.7	718.9	619.3
KEER, Lenny	4295.4	86.98	970.4	256	767.5	1000	557.5	1000
MARTIN, Bruce	4060.3	82.22	1000	985.8	946.1	725	281.1	403.4
HSU, John	3634.6	73.6	967.8	965.9	0	736	411.6	553.3
BAUGHMAN, Gary	3318.9	67.21	934.7	227.3	929.9	448	400.2	606.1
NELSON, Mike	3173.8	64.27	851	894.9	382.8	521.2	183	523.9
DEGROOT, Jim	2794.3	56.58	967.5	183.6	230.1	632	479.3	485.4
ROBERTS, Reid	507.1	10.27	507.1	0	0	0	0	0

All, below are the current standings as best I can put together. The main thing you need to check is whether I have included your best national level 2 day Open class contest.

I scanned most of the event results to determine what to use. If you have a score that I am unaware of please let me know ASAP.

The final Open contest of the year is scheduled for Sunday November 6 – weather permitting. This final event could make a big difference in the standings, but Mr Lovins will be hard to catch... ☺
Hope to see you there...

Jim

	Apr	PI	May	PI	June	PI	July	PI	Aug	PI	Sep	PI	Oct	PI	Nat. Lvl.	Name	Best 6	Place
Masters																		
John Lovins	1000.00		968.40		938.26		994.73		994.80		1000.00				984.94	F3J Rockies	5942.87	1
Jim Rogers	991.85		965.59		1000.00				832.49		852.78				952.46	F3J Desert	5595.17	2
Lenny Keer	954.75		930.10		887.94		827.28				991.75		869.80		956.84	F5B	5591.18	3
Jim Monaco	956.55		915.10		853.07		901.28				917.50		888.10		957.12	F3J Rockies	5535.65	4
Reid Roberts	937.55		1000.00						1000.00		872.28		102.70		918.90	F3J Rockies	4831.43	5
George Messer					928.49		943.19		994.23		867.07				718.37	F3J Rockies	4451.35	6
Jim DeGroot	873.00				998.05				729.39				565.80		743.32	F3J Rockies	3909.56	7
Skip Miller							1000.00				847.87		1000.00		1000.00	SWC RES	3847.87	8
Bruce Martin					861.73		497.37				823.78		822.20				3005.08	9
Wayne Angevine			917.60										933.30				1850.90	10
Blayne Chastain									757.68						871.06	F3J Rockies	1628.74	11
Mike Verzuh																		12
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Sportsman																		
John Hsu	1000.00				977.58		858.23				1000.00		736.00				4571.81	1
Bowdie Ormsbee			919.50		1000.00		1000.00		1000.00								3919.50	2
Gary Baughman	944.88										869.06		672.10				2486.04	3
Peter Wickwire									688.45		593.45						1281.90	4
Sam Pendleton					676.47												676.47	5
Mike Nelson													642.70				642.70	6

RMSA 2016 Contest Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thu Feb 18 Sun Feb 21	F3J in the Desert	Schnepf Farms, Queen Creek, Az.	
Sat Mar 5 Sun Mar 6	F3J in the South	Dallas Tx.	
Sat Mar 5	Pro-Am Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Sun Mar 6	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Bob Pederson
Mar 12 - 13	Arizona Open F3K	SAGE Field Marana Az.	CD Charles Martin
Sun Mar 20	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Rogers
Sun Apr 3	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Fri Apr 8 and Sat Apr 9th	Red Rocks Utah F3K TS Qualifier	St. George Ut.	CD Jon Lemon
Sun Apr 10	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD Reid Roberts
Sat Apr 23	Central California F3J		
May	IHLF Handlaunch	Poway, Ca	
Sat May 7	F5J	RMSA Club Field	CD Lenny Keer
Sat May 14	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD TBA
Fri May 28 Sun May 30	F3J in the Rockies F3J Tour event	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Sun June 12	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat June 18	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun June 25	F3J Chicago		CD
Sat July 9	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun July 10	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat July 16 Sun July 17	Blue Skies over New Mexico	Moriarity, NM	
Sat Aug 6	Fun Fly	RMSA Club Field	
Sat Aug 13	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat Aug 20	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun Sept 11	RMSA/PPSS Challenge Cup	RMSA Club Field	CD Jim Monaco
Sat Sept 17 Sun Sept 18	Blue Skies over Colorado F3K	RMSA Club Field	CD John Lovins
Sat Sept 24 Sun Sept 25	Masters Open Contest	Muncie Indiana	
Sat Oct 9	F5J	RMSA Club Field	CD Lenny Keer
Sun Oct 16	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat Oct 22 Sun Oct 23	F3J Virginia		
Sun Nov 6th	Open Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sun Nov 13	DLG Contest	RMSA Club Field	CD
Sat Nov 12, Sun Nov 13	F3J SOCAL		
Sat Dec 10	RMSA Awards Banquet	TBD	

Note: Additional contests and regional events may be added as the schedule matures. Fun Flies at the RMSA field will be added after the present schedule is firmed up.

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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
% Mark Howard
19015 W 62nd Ave
Golden, Co. 80403

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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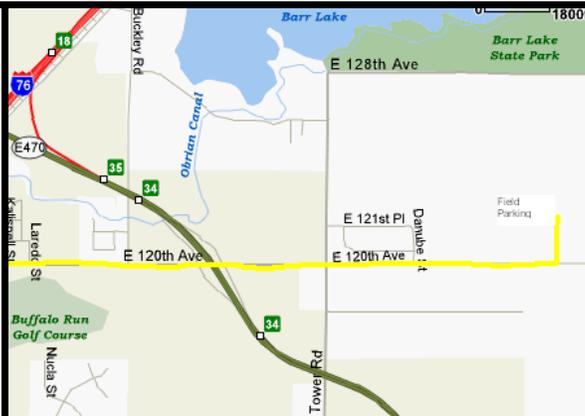
Cody Remington

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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