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Chris Franco's Big Daddy took off in a big hurry on a F240. Photo by Jim Norton.

By Jim Norton. Photos by Jim Norton, Aaron Hagadorn and James Dougherty

The un-official theme for the August launch was to fly your rockets very high and/or very fast and then spend lots of time looking for them. Gene Engelgau from Los Gatos flew his Dark Energy on an I435 T to 11745 feet. The rocket went over 90G (because the accelerometer was pegged), and hit mach 1.7 as expected. James "mil spec" Dougherty flew his black and blue Mongoose 98 on a L339. The flight got off to a slow start, but went on to an impressive height and also recorded some great video and photos. Robert Briody chose to fly his black Mongoose 98 on a L952. Chris Franco flew his green Estes Big Daddy using a F240 motor. He decided to drag race his dad Jimmy when he went for his level 2 certification. Sometimes you have to check the photos to see who was the first off the pad, but that was not the case this time. Chris's black and yellow Carbon Heights on a J449 left dad's J460 powered blue and orange Inject the Venom to eat rocket exhaust. Congrats on your certification Chris. Justin Jordon of King City used his blue and Yellow Maria-1 and a Cessaroni H123 motor to get his Level 1 certification. He flew the same rocket on a G76. Matt Powell of Visalia tried to get his Level 1 certification with his orange and black Madcow Squat but the flight was unstable. Better luck next time Matt. His son Kenneth had four flights including an attempt in the D motor time aloft contest, but the flight was disqualified because of a separation. Rob Diehl of Clovis flew his 2.6 inch Madcow Patriot on a H400, while Ryan Diehl flew his camera equipped Cheetah using a G77. Robert Zylstra of Denair flew his red Der Max Squat on an I366 redline motor. The flight was entered in the mile high contest and reached 3284 feet. Aaron Hagadorn flew his white Stubby rocket on a G76. David Close of Fresno launched his white and red Ann rocket on a G64. Martin Hall flew his Wild Thing on G65. And Jack Garibaldi flew a saucer on a large 38 mm motor.

Jim Norton flew his trusty I-ROC on an I212. He flew the top stage of a CC Express on a D12-5 to win the D-duration contest with a time of 1 minute and 53 seconds. I tried to launch me LOC Weasel on a G75, but flame and sparks came out of both ends. When I got to the rocket the bottom was on fire, so I lowered the launch rail and poured the contents of my water bottle on it. The parachute was OK, protected by wading and an extra long shock cord, but the bottom part of the rocket is toast.

The launch also featured the burning of a large motor grain that did not form properly and a static test.

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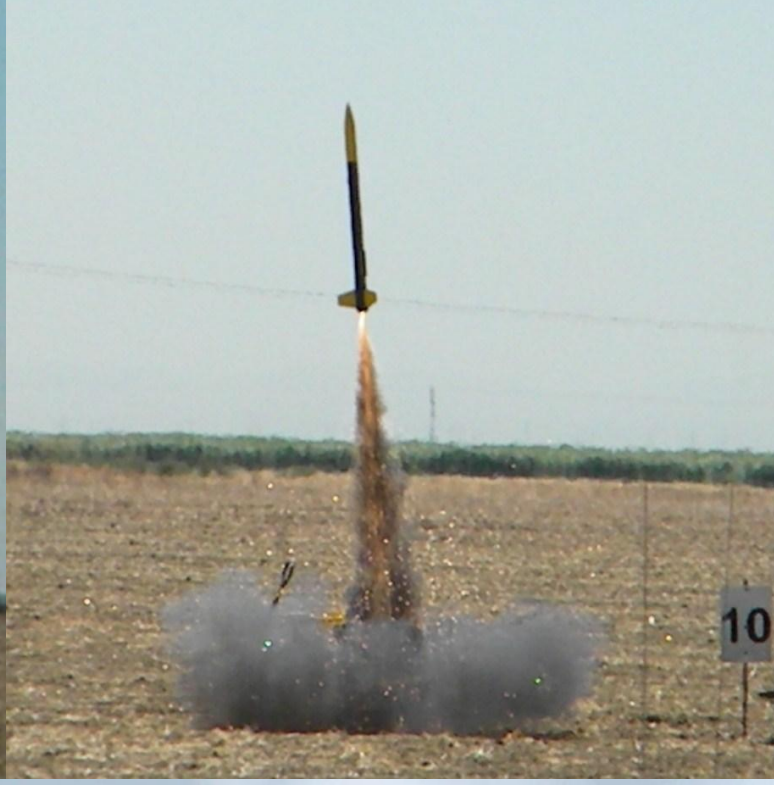
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