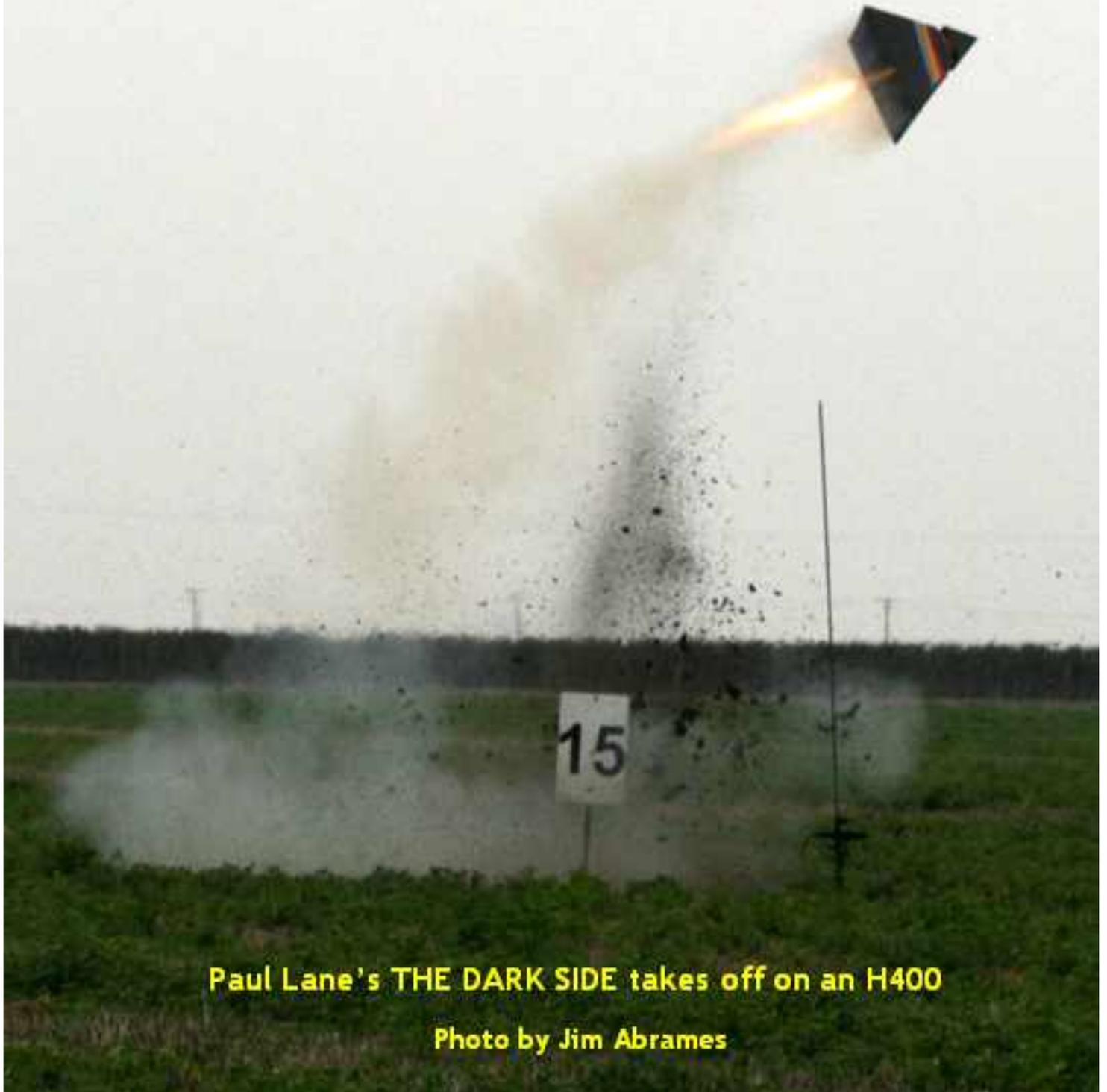




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Paul Lane's THE DARK SIDE takes off on an H400

Photo by Jim Abrames

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Research Day on Friday!

Group photos to be taken each day at noon!

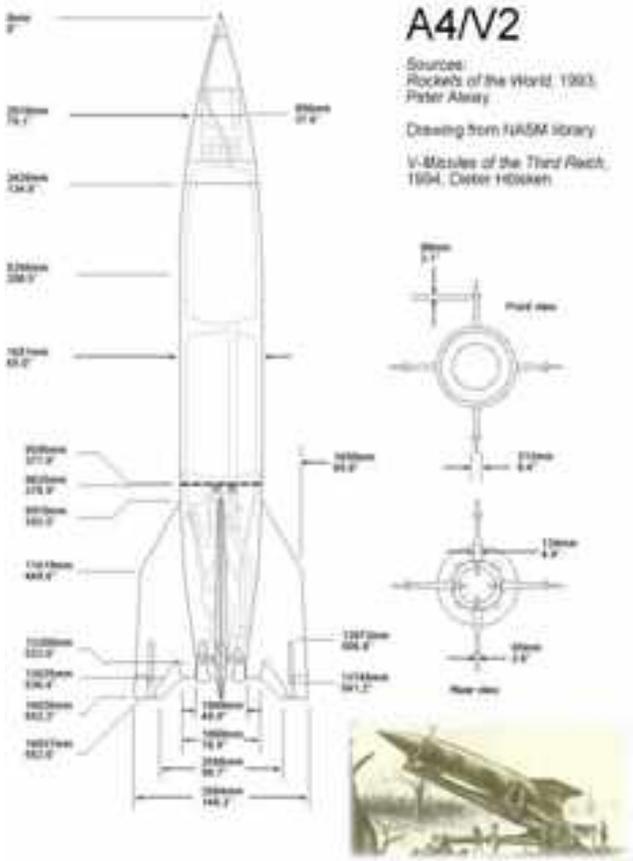


May 18-20, 2007

This year's theme is...

V2'S

and other historic rockets





Mark Canepa's M-Powered rocket at the recent Florida Winternationals.

Photo by Mark Canepa

February 18th Launch

Although we put up with a cool, hazy and sometimes cloudy sky, this February's monthly launch was a fairly busy one. Flying went on unabated with 35 flyers getting in almost 90 total flights. Considering that most years we can't even get out this early in the season, we can't complain about the weather too much.

While there were some high powered flights, the majority of flights were low and mid powered due to the cloud ceiling.

Andy Woerner of What's Up Hobbies displayed a large, cool looking, although somewhat different, triple engine cluster rocket and flew a smaller version of it several times successfully. If he should decide to do so, this could be a really popular kit.



Jack Garibaldi with his Mad Dog prior to launch - Jim Abrames Photo

This flight would exorcise that cato demon as the Mad Dog roared off the pad and screamed skyward...only to disappear into the afternoon sky, never to be seen again. I thought I had heard the rocket come whistling in with that distinctive ballistic howl a few moments later, but we never found or confirmed it. Too bad Jack, she was a beauty.

Derrick Hampton of Sacramento was on hand to do his Level 1 certification flight using his 54" blue and yellow 38 Special loaded with a Cesaroni I350. The up part was nice, but the rocket suffered a broken fin on landing. Undeterred, Derrick made a quick field repair and made a 2nd try, this time upping the ante with an I540! This time he was successful. Congrats Derrick! Welcome to high power rocketry!



Andy Woerner's cluster rocket - Jim Norton Photo

Our main man, TCC's president, Jack Garibaldi had the only K-powered flight of the day with his aptly named *Mad Dog* taking to the sky on a Cesaroni K1440. Jack related the history of this rocket with a bit of an edge in his voice. It had only been to the pads once before, loaded up with an identical K1440 motor. The motor had catoed on the pad leaving Jack to do some rather extensive repairs.



Derrick Hampton's L1 flight - G. Walker Photos

Johnathan (sorry I missed your last name) of San Luis Obispo had the only Level 2 certification flight for the day. He successfully made the jump to L2 flying his 70" tall, red and black *The Stig* powered by a J275W. Congratulations!



Johnathan's successful L2 flight - G. Walker Photos

Rodeo's Paul Lane had a few "Heads Up" flights with this black *The Dark Side* pyramid topping the list. The pyramid shot off the ground on an H400 Vmax motor and did a cruise missile impersonation as it shot down the row of pads and slammed into the ground. (See front page) The other was Paul's white 4 ½ foot tall *Excaliber* flying on an H101. This one flew nicely though. Paul rounded out his flights with his white and black *Midnite Oil* flying on a G125.



Paul Lane with his Excaliber - G. Walker Photo

Fresno's Jim Norton was the hands-down winner of the frequent flyer award with 10 flights under his hat. *Praetor* on a C6, *Fat Boy* on a C6, *Big Daddy* on a D12, *Minnie Magg* on an H143, *Super Cinco* on a D12, *October Skies* on an F40, *FX* on an A8, *Bandit* on an A8, *Pyramid* on a C6 and his *Bandit* on a B6. Wow!



Jim Norton's Minnie Magg on one-of-many flights - G. Walker Photos

Union City's Ross Ohmen was a slightly distant second with 7 flights. He flew his *Hellfire* on a D12, his *Sidewinder* on a D24, *Mimi* on an E18, his 54" *Ariel* on an H220T, 50" orange *Tang* on a G67R, *Nike Smoke* on a C6, and his *Honest John* on a B6.



Ross Ohmen's Ariel takes to the sky - G. Walker Photos

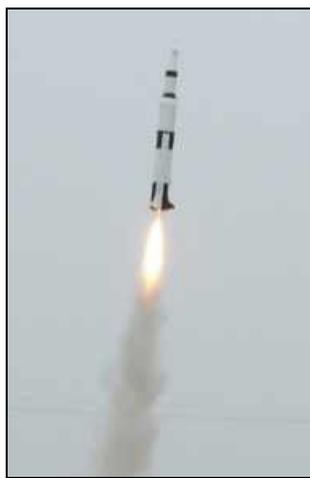
Coming in with 6 flights each were Cliff Sojourner, Conner Kuhns and Darcy Faegre.

Cliff's *Sierra* went up on a B6, *Arreaux* on an F22, his *Force 5* on a C6, a *Nike Smoke* on a C6, his *Pershing II* on an I357T and his *Short Tomahawk* (AKA Tomahawk of Doom) flew on a J180 with a Control altimeter and Big Bee Tracker,



Cliff Sojourner's Pershing II - G. Walker Photo

Conner had his Estes *Saturn V* go up on a G64 (after several igniter failures), the *Silver Dart Is Gone* on an E9, his *Full of Crap* on an E9 (not sure if anyone checked to see if it was COMPLETELY full), a LOC *Spool of Death* on an F40, the *Crapshoot* on a D20 and an *Arcas* on an F124.



Conner Kuhns with his Spool and his Saturn's liftoff - G. Walker Photos

Darcy kept the Estes pads humming all day, as well as contributing photos. He flew his *Spaceship 1* on a C6, a couple of *Itty Bitty Rocket Committee* rockets powered by 1/2A3-4T's, a red and black paraglider dubbed *Eagle* on a C6, a purple *Pip-Squeak* on an A8 and his *ATW* (Anti-Tank Weapon) on an A8 as well.



Darcy Faegre and family prepping for flight - G. Walker and D. Faegre pics

Kevin McGrath's 66" PML *Ariel* had a good flight on an I161W, his 60" yellow and black *Blown Away* on an H148R and his red, white and blue *New Captain America* flew on an H128W.



Kevin McGrath's New Capt. America and flamed Ariel - G. Walker Photos

Scott Christiansen, of Los Osos, made a single flight with his nameless grey LOC kit that he modified for zipperless recovery. An I195 took it for a nice ride into the grey matter above.



Scott Christiansen's rocket off on an I195 - G. Walker Photos

Also with a single flight, in the unusually quiet Auberry camp, Vito Orlandella flew his slim 50" *Weasel* on an H238... and I think he actually got it back!

With a little assistance from Vito, Storm McNerney launched an 80" Estes *Mean Machine* on an E9 and her green *Mike-N-Ike* on a G80.



Storm's Mike-N-Ike and Mean Machine - G. Walker and D. Faegre Photos

Kyley Heggen flew her pink and green *Fatboy* on a C6 while dad, Merle Heggen, flew his new *Goblin* on a G185 for its first flight and an H400 for a smokin' follow up.



Merle Heggen's Goblin - G. Walker Photos

Also flying out of the Heggen camp were Kade and Kaisyn Watts. Kade flew a *Baby Bertha* on a B6 and a *Boya* rocket on a D12. Kaisyn flew a *Patriot* on a B6 and a *Fat Boy* on a C6.



Merle helps the Watts crew prep for a launch - Jim Norton Photo

Dave Raimondi of San Jose flew his *X-Caliber* on an H123 while son Chris flew an *F15* on a C6, his *Megalodon* on a C6, *Icarus* on a B6 and a *LOC Onyx* on an E28.



Dave Raimondi readies his X-Caliber and Chris shows off some rockets.

Also from San Jose, Steve Kendall launched a white *Bull Puppy* on an F25.



Steve Kendall with his Bull Puppy. Sorry, no launch photos L

In another father/son effort, Bill Puckett's really cool, black and yellow *Bumble Bee* took to the sky on an H242T while Charlie Puckett flew his blue *Aura* thrice on a D12, E15, and an F62.



Visalia's Ben Sandoval's *October Skies Gordon* rocket flew on a G79 and his *Big Daddy*, a.k.a. *Rocket Rocket*, ripped off the pad on an F124.



Ben Sandoval with the *October Skies Gordon* rocket. - G. Walker Photos

Mike Smith's *Polecat* kit, *Thrust To Weight*, flew on a REALLY LOONG burning J90 for a nice flight.



Mike Smith's J90 powered *Goblin*- G. Walker Photos

Newark's Alan Thym launched his yellow *Arreaux* on an F25, his white *Phoenix* on an E9, and his 60" red *Gladiator* on an I218R for a beautiful flight.



After suffering a few igniter problems, Danny Jay's(?) black *Aamram* got off the pad for a good first flight on a G40.



Danny Jay's *Aamram* takes to the sky. - G. Walker Photos

Liam(?) & Wil Kisse launched a *Cosmic Cobra* on a C6. Wil continued on flying his *Screamin' Pink* (I think this was Wil's L1 rocket) on an H153, his *Grey Matter* on a G79 and the *Grey Goose* on an I566.



Will Kisse's *Grey Goose* and *Screamin' Pink* - G. Walker Photos

Adam Best and Seth Gardner had a pair of flights each. Adam flew his blue and orange *Boomer* on unknown motors and Seth with his blue and orange *Beast*.

Matt K. of Kerman had a single flight of his *Chrome Dome* on a C6

Rick Miller had a good flight with his green *Polecat Goblin* on an H97.



Rick Miller's Goblin - G. Walker Photos



Unknown flyer and his rocket. - G. Walker Photos

Tranquility's Matthew Cantu launched his green and blue *Dairy Aire 2006*, a commemorative kit from LOC, twice on G33's.



Rick assists Matt in prepping his D.A. Lil Diter - G. Walker Photos

Well, that was about it for February. There are only a few more months/launches until Dairy Aire 2007, so, get workin' on those special projects you started this winter. See ya next time!

Gary Walker
CVRN Editor

Photos in this issue submitted by Jim Abrames, Jim Norton, Darcy Faegre and 1 by Mark Canepa. THANKS!

The last flight of the day was Fresno's Kris Hauert and others in the CPSS (Cal Poly Space Systems) crew. Kris' orange and blue *Kahn* was a 96" tall 2-stage. The booster lifted the assembly off the pad on an I357T and the upper stage lit off an H148R on cue for a nice flight.



Kris Hauert's Kahn 2-stage - G. Walker Photos



Photo by Jim Abrames

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