

# Tripoli Central California Rocket News February 2008



Welcome to the February Issue of the "Central Valley Rocket News" Tripoli Central California. Needless to say it was a beautiful day with blue skies and little to no wind all day long. It was in the upper 50's at setup and launch time, but soon got into the 60's as the day went on.

Featured in this first set of pics is Rod Lovely's "Honest John". Went off on a K550 straight off into the blue picture perfect. He also launched his Black Brandt on a D12, nice flights Rod.

But there were other flights during the day and all but one seemed to go off without a hitch. All in all there were 31+ flights.

Along with many frequent flyers we had some new news in the club as well as a monster static burn.

News is that Our club President Jack Garibaldi is now the proud owner of "Whats Up Hobbies". Way to go Jack, Good luck. All our waivers are in with hopefully no surprises along the way.



We all know Rod as part of the madness behind our graphics every "Dairy Aire" and "October Skies". He also is a Master Painter with an Eye for Detail. If you have ever seen one of his rockets you know what I'm talking about.

Thanks Rod for all your efforts throughout the year, this years Design is Really nice. Are you working on October already? Just kidding.

All the pictures posted here were from Cliff Sojourner, Jim Norton, Brett Wilkins and Ben Sandoval.

On to our flyers,

Jim Norton had 5 flights, Delta B on a B-4, Storm Caster using a D12, Initiator G77R, Polecat Goblin on a I161, notice they're getting bigger and a Endeavor on a I305.

Cliff Sojourner also had 5 flights. Polecat Thumper using a J500, Caliber ISP on a I229, Interceptor on a C6. His other flight was a Rack Rocket which was quite interesting. It started on a D12-0 to D12-0 to D12-0 to an E9. Did you ever get it back, it was way up there?





Doesn't this guy look relaxed, well he's always relaxed. Just in this picture he's getting ready to fly, normally he's resting after bringing our equipment trailer and setting up the site. Yes he got help but usually had a big part of it done before most of us got there. Enjoy Jim you deserve the rest, now about that project you were working on? Good to see you and your toys, makes the day a bit interesting. You see Jim doesn't just fly rockets, he also brings his helicopter which helps break up the day. Thanks for all your hard work all these years. Enjoy.

Kevin McGrath had 4 flights during the day. His Thunderbolt on a J415, PML Ariel on a I211. His Edmunds Thunder (a glider) was a big hit because there was little to no wind blowing. He flew it twice on D-12's with what seemed to be endless gliding time. The biggest surprise is how straight up it went upon liftoff. Great flights Kevin, thanks for the entertaining flights.



Dave flew his Antak Arcas three times on a G-80, each time without a hitch. This rocket has been around a long time, with many flights.

David Close had three flights as well, LOC Bata on a G64, Aerotech Arcas using a G64 and a Big Bertha on a C-6.

Rob Stratten flew his Camo Can two times, once on a Cessaroni V-Max G185 then on a G79. He also put up a Polecat Goblin on yet another G185 V-Max. I feel ya Rob, I like that V-Max as well.

Rod had two flights, his Honest John on the K550 and a Black Brandt on the D12.

Dave R. had the Eliminator Drag Race using E9's, nice drag race Dave.

As mentioned earlier Jim Abrames flew his Loc Taz Attack on an I284. Richard Giacomi flew an Executioner on a E9 and Ben Sandoval flew his Estes Big Daddy on a H165. If I remember correctly Richards Executioner had a nice paint job with lots of airbrushing done. Hope to see it again soon.



One of our highlights during the day was James Dougherty of Morgan Hill and his 10" V-2 flying on a M2500. Not just you average flight though, not that a V-2 on a M2500 is average just that this was the start of something new. James installed a Gwiz LCX, Perfectflite MAWD, and a Ozark GPS unit. The Ozark unit was of particular interest, real time data the works. It was a work in progress and this was the first flight using this unit. James along with Jack G. worked out some the kinks during this initial flight. The rocket lifted off straight then took to a sort of corkscrew direction. It eventually landed about 2 miles away but was transmitting data all the way to a laptop at the RSO table. Minimal damage occurred during the flight but all in all it was a great flight. Good job. The part that was interesting was the real time data and GPS. Hopefully we will see more of this in the future.





What could be so interesting that these Guys would both be looking at the same Thing. Live data transmission of all the da From the V-2 to a remote laptop. Not n But cool nonetheless. G's, acceleration, Coordinates, the works. It was Kool.

This is a work in progress for both Kevin and Jack, but no doubt we will see more of this as time goes on.

Richard Giacomi was also in on the action flying his Executioner on a E9. If I remember correctly this rocket had a custom paint job with lots of airbrush work. Nicely done, I look forward to seeing more of this rocket.



Another highlight of the day was a Static Fire by Kimball Tucker, a M2020 (baby M, is there such a thing). The setup was really slick, custom stand with everything needed to record the event. No digging holes here we're talking a custom made stand, we'll let the pics do the talking.



If I have left someone out I apologize, I am new at this and hope to do a better job in the future. I also have some ideas to make it a bit more interesting for future issues. Enjoy the pics and hope to see you all flying here real soon.





When you are putting together a motor you are supposed to pay attention. It also helps if you use all the parts. If you don't "This can happen to YOU". Lesson for the day folks, keeping spare parts is ok just don't mix them up.







