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JULY Launch Pictorial



July 17 Launch Report/Pictorial

EDITOR'S NOTE: This month's newsletter is a bit brief as the sun has baked out a bunch of my brain cells this summer and you're all probably a little tired of my rambling anyway, so this is mainly a pictorial issue. (Not to mention that I'm in the middle of a re-roofing project.) So, hammer in hand, here we go... - GW

HOT! HOT! HOT!

That pretty much sums up the weather for our July 17th launch at the Maddox Dairy. The predicted "high" for the day was 110 degrees and if it didn't make it to that point, you sure couldn't tell. Although the temp may have felt like we were at Lucerne or Black Rock, our launch site was a newly harvested and relatively green alfalfa field. The sky was cloudless and blue.

STATS...

We had 27 flyers with 64 flights including 2 2-stage flights, 1 cluster of 3 C's and 3 Level 1 Certification flights (all successful!)

A total of 68 motors were burned in all.

3 A's, 2 B's, 15 C's, 5 D's, 3 E's, 5 F's, 10 G's, 11 H's, 9 I's, and 5 J's

Flyers

Stockton's Mark Anderson flew a yellow/red LOC Legacy on a G77, a yellow/black LOC Vulcanite on an H180 with a GWIZ LC, and a yellow/red YANK Iris on an I357.

Rob Briody's black/white LOC Primer Special flew twice on an H242 and an I218 with a GWIZ MC.

San Jose's David Cummings made a single flight with his "nakes" LOC Vulcanite on an H123 with Perfect Flight and GWIZ LC altimeters.

David Erbas-White launched a red PML Black Brant VB on an H123 and a PML Tomahawk on an H242.

Jack Garibaldi, also from Stockton, flew his Estes Phoenix thrice on an E30, F21 and an Ellis Mountain G37. He also flew a LOC IV on a Cesaroni I205 and a gold and black Performance Rocketry Little John on a J295. The Little John was lost.

Justin Hunt flew a 5 inch un-named rocket on a ½ A motor.

Auberry's Amanda Kaestner's Purple Haze launched on a G80.

James Marino launched a red ARLISS-K project rocket on a J460 with a GWIZ MC and a "CANSAT" on board. I believe the CANSAT was lost and not recovered.

Storm McNerney's green Mike-N-Ike went up on a G80.

Greg Morgan's Polecat Blue Smoke flew on an I366 Redline.

Fresno's Anthony Morini flew a white and black Estes Sizzler on a C6 and a custom red Der-V3 on an F20.

Dominic Morini's blue/gray AT Strong Arm flew on a G64.

Photo contributor Jim Norton of Fresno launched a Quest Spin Fin on a C6, a white Quest Bright Hawk on a C6, a white Storm Caster on a D12 and a gray PML Endeavor on an I211.

Ross Ohmen Launched a D-Dart on an E15, a Wasp- Arrow 29 on an F50, a Wasp - Arrow 54 on an I284 with 2 PerfectFlight MAWD altimeters, a PML IO on an H128, an Arrow 13 on a ½ A3, an Arrow "Glow Worm" on a D12 and a Ranger on a G40.

Auberry's Vito Orlandella flew an un-named LOC kit on an H238 and Sandy O. launched her yellow Fat Canary on a J90.

Fresno's Bill Puckett launched his blue and yellow LOC Graduator on an E30 and an F50.

Bruce Rohn flew an AT ARCAS on a G64 with a BlackSky ALTACC 2A altimeter.

Dylan Rocha launched an Estes High Flyer on a C6 and a Mongoose boosting on a C6-0 and staging to a B6.

San Jose's David Raimondi flew an Estes Phoenix on an F21, his red PML X-Caliber on an I357 with a GWIZ MC altimeter, and his Quantum Leap II on a J350 with a GWIZ MC II.

David's son Christopher flew 7 different rockets, his Megalodon on a C6, Icarus on a C6, Solar Warrior on an A4, a Mean Machine on a D12, an Alpha on a C6, the Totally Tubular on a C6, and a Gemini DC on a C6.

Visalia's Ben Sandoval flew his blue and red flamed LOC October Skies Gordon twice on G77 redlines.

Dave Springer made a successful Level 1 certification flight with a red, white and blue rocket on an H180 after a preliminary flight on a G80.

Craig Sanders also made a successful Level 1 certification flight with his PML kit named Heart Attack on an H242.

Cliff Sojourner flew his Nartrek PD on a B6, his Tri-Star cluster on 3 C6's, 2-stage SAM-X on a C6 to C6 combo, his Fliskits Drake on a D12, Apogee Aspire on a D9, his Sabrante PML kit on an H112, and a custom K-Buster on a J350 with a GWIZ-MC.

Roxana Safipour's Level 1 flight was with her red Raspberry Jam on an H242 and then later on an I218 redline.

Brett Wilkins flew his PML Explorer on an I357 which suffered a shredded chute.

Once again, Congratulations to Craig Sanders, Dave Springer and Roxana Safipour for their successful certification flights.

See you at the next launch in August. Hopefully it will be a bit cooler!

Gary Walker
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THANK YOU
Steve Maddox
& The Maddox Dairy



Jim Norton's *ENDEAVOR*



Vito and Sandy Oriandella
and the *FAT CANARY*



Cliff Sojourner
& the *K-BUSTER*



Brett Wilkins
and his *EXPLORER*



The Morini's with
Dominic's *STRONG ARM*

David Raimondi readies his *QUANTUM LEAP* as James Marino looks on.



Bill Puckett and son prep their *GRADUATOR*.



Jack Garibaldi sets up the *LITTLE JOHN*.



Ross Ohmen checks the altimeters on his custom *ARROW*.



Greg Morgan preps his *BLUE SMOKE*.



James Marino listens for life in the *ARLISS-K*.



Dave Cummings with his "naked" *VULCANITE*.



Rob Briody preps his *PRIMER SPECIAL*.



Dave Springer readies for his L1 flight.



Ben Sandoval sets up while Alden and Dylan Rocha observe.



*Takin' a
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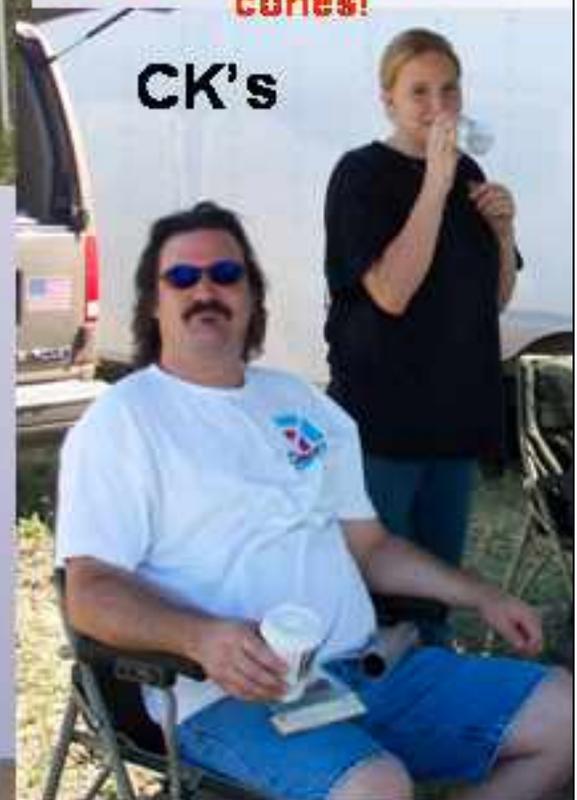
Larry Frieson sporting some new colors.

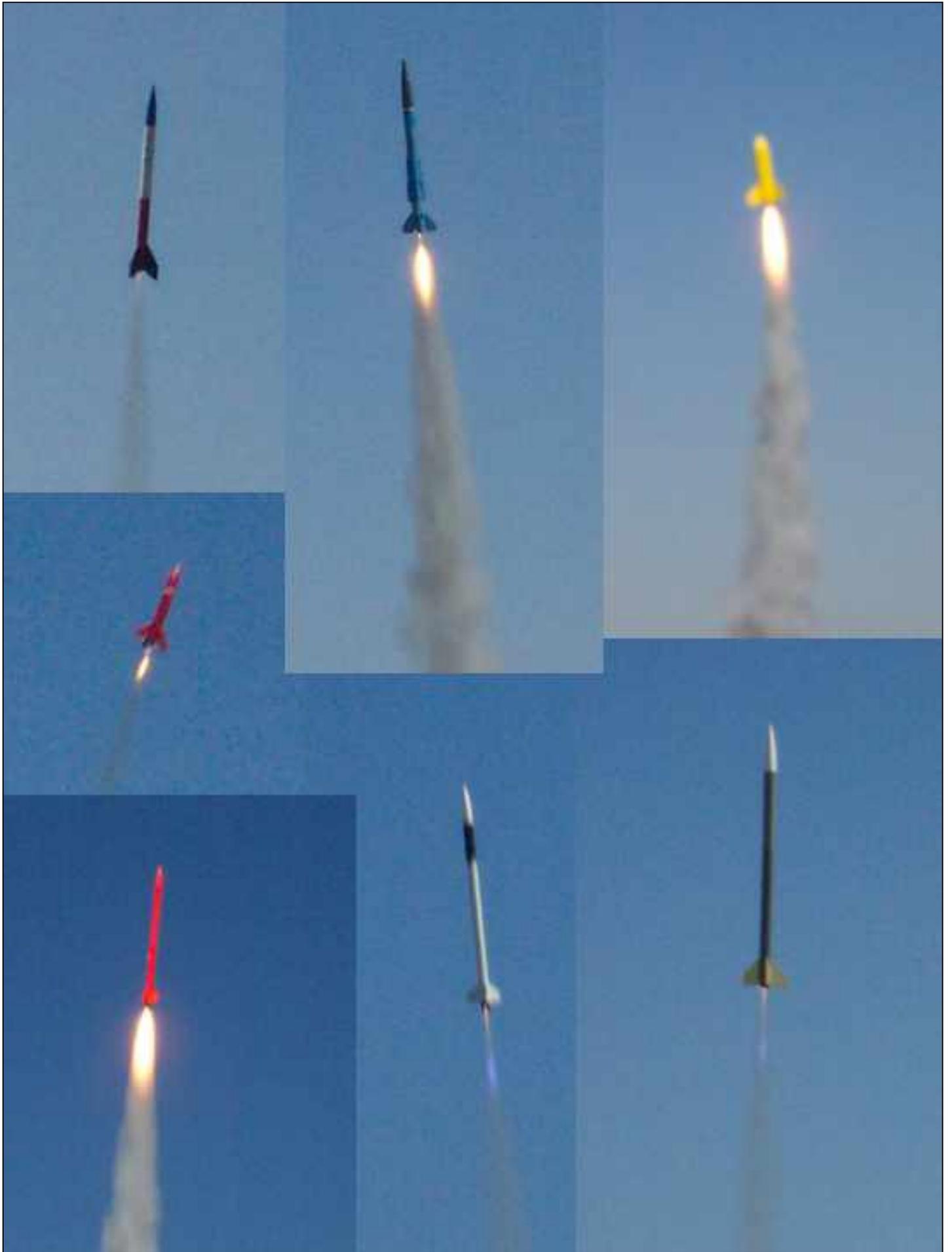
VENDORS!

Judy Warner of What's Up Hobbies had the boys buzzing the landscape.



The Wilkins' cornered the market on snow cones!







LETTERS / E-MAILS to the Editor

To all of you that attended the launch today [July 17]....you're nuts!!! How many people do you know that cheered when it hit 106 degrees by 2:00 and seemed oddly disappointed that we didn't see the 110 promised? I think I drank about a gallon of one thing or another and never visited the porta potties once.... Thanks to CK's!!!

Richard King

Hey Everyone

Even though it was a billion degrees out there, I still had a great time. Just wanted to say thanks, you guys deserve it. Setting up and tearing down and making it happen, especially on a day like today where if the sun wasn't beating you down then the flies were eating you. I also want to post a \$60.00 reward to anyone who finds a 4" diameter Performance Rocketry Little John with a 54mm motor mount. The rocket was directly east in the next field over from the one we were launching from. It was all metallic gold with a black metallic nose cone, has my casing and all. The parachute was Yellow and Blue. I saw James over there looking for his rocket, hopefully you found yours James.

Thanks

Jack Garibaldi

Jack (& all),

Sorry we didn't have any luck finding your LJ. Maybe this reward will get one of the more local people out there in the early morning to search for it.

If anyone goes out in search of Jack's rocket, please keep an eye out for a missing can-sat. Pretty sure it's in the same field. It's a Coke can with a small orange parachute attached. No reward for that, but those students wouldn't mind getting it back. The important part is the data it contains.

I want to send a monster Thank You to Lowell "Eagle Eyes" Hart for all the help during the day, and for helping me recover the Arliss-K. I would never have spotted it. Thanks a ton, Lowell.

James

Hi Gary:

Thanks for the newsletter. It was a kick for me and the two boys to see R2 launch - can you imagine back in the day when we were kids - seeing the kind of stuff we're into now - absolutely stunning!

106 - very cool indeed.. It was either go to the launch, or spend the day with my 11 year - LOL, we FINALLY got a chance to go see STAR WARS. Here's to hoping I can get outta the house and burn some motors in August.

Cheers - you crazy diamonds!

See you in August

Wil Ladewig

Hi all,

First, I want to say that I am not leaving rocketry or the club anytime soon. However, as my business has grown, I am unfortunately unable to commit my time to the duties of club president. During my last 5 years as an officer of the club, (2 president, 3 equipment chair) I want to personally thank everyone who has helped to make these positions so enjoyable. But, alas, it is time for someone else to take over. To those who have the desire to serve the club, please email myself or any club officer. I will continue throughout the remainder of the 2005 season, and thereafter I'll be a flyin'

Thanks again,

Scott

THANK YOU SCOTT!