

Serving the Central Valley Chapter of the Tripoli Rocketry Association -March 2006

TRIPOLI CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Central Valley Rocket News



Shawn Stephens' KING QUARK lifts off on an L952

President's Message!

Hi Everyone

Well, for the first launch of the year I thought it turned out pretty darn good. I know everyone was sweating the weather issue but we had a beautiful day. There was a little cloud cover moving through but my bald head got some Sun. Yes, for those of you who didn't make it, it was Sunny all day.

We had some great launches and the crowd was really thin early a.m. and then a few flyers showed up late morning. We had two level one Cert flights so congratulations on Level one.

I just wanted to Thank everyone who helped out with set-up and tear down and range duties. We were thin on people but we made it work. Thanks to Andy for keeping us stocked up on supplies and coming down when the odds were against us and Especially, while I was running around he was wiring up my FPOD. That's right folks the Flaming Pyramid Of Death had two flights on some Cesaroni J400 SS.

Huge thanks to Jim Abrames for bringing the trailer out and getting us all squared away with set-up before taking off to celebrate his wife's birthday. Also a double huge thanks to Gary Walker. Gary brought the Porta Potties out, Took pictures all day, helped out with set-up and tear down, took the porta potties back then picked up equipment trailer and took it back into town. We need to clone this guy.

Lastly for Vito, Sandy, and there daughter (sorry I forgot her name) for there help too and there daughter was the best button pusher all day. She was lighting them as fast as we could.

Scott Bartell also donated a small Rail from Blacksky so a big thanks for that too.

All of our waivers are in place for the year so we hope to see everyone next month and thanks again.

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February 19, 2006

Tripoli Central California hosted its first launch of 2006 on Sunday, February 19th. But just barely. The weekend had been predicted to be completely rained out, but TCC President Jack Garibaldi stuck to his guns and we were all rewarded with favorable results.

While much of the rest of California was still seeing some rain, the TCC launch site at the Maddox Dairy in Riverdale was spared and only experienced some scattered clouds throughout the day.

Stats...

We had a total of 22 flyers with 66 flights, which was relatively high since many folks hesitated on coming out due to the weather.

The motor breakdown went as follows...

5 A's, 6 B's, 19 C's, 9 D's, 3 E's, 6 F's, 3 G's, 9 H's, 5 I's, 3 J's, 1 K, 1 L and 1 M

Flyer List

Scott Bartel
Matthew Cantu
Jack Garibaldi
Clayton Gross
Norm Heiger
Avery Henderson
James Marino
Storm McNerney
Rick Miller
Jim Norton
Vito Orlandella
Sandy Orlandella
Cole Pennington
Jeff Pennington
Bill Puckett
Sarah Puckett

Thomas Ridgeway
Martin Ridgeway
Steve Sawyer
Cliff Sojourner
Shawn Stephens
Max Ullrich



Coming in May...

DAIRY AIRE 2006





Jim Abrames hosted the January Equipment repair party in his expansive garage. Photos by Jim Norton



Jack Garibaldi presided over his first TCC launch as President. He also set up a coffee shop.



Photos by Jim Norton





Scott Bartel, of BlackSky Corp. came all the way from Carlsbad, CA for the maiden flight of his beautiful Optimal 102H. Capable of 30,000 feet, the Hypertek M1000 nitrous tank was only half filled to accommodate our waiver. Unfortunately, the upper airframe shredded and the rocket came screaming in and buried itself in the soft dairy soil. Scott may be back in March for another attempt.



Debris photos by Jim Norton





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Photos by Gary Walker





**Jeff & Cole Pennington (Cole
pictured at left) came with a
fleet of scale spacecraft!**

Photos by Gary Walker



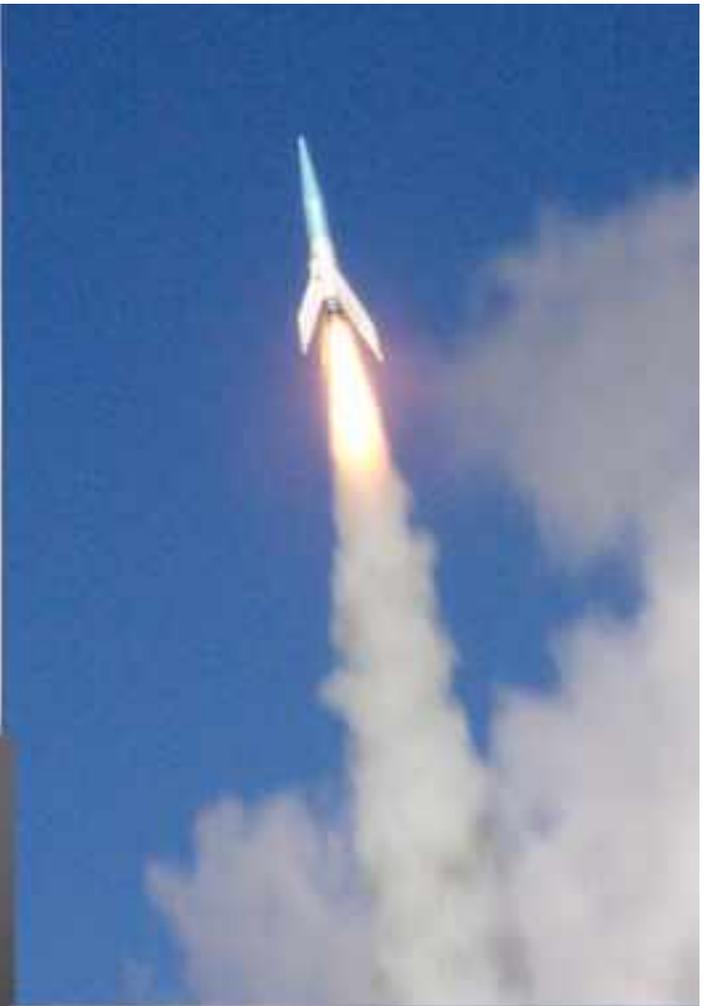
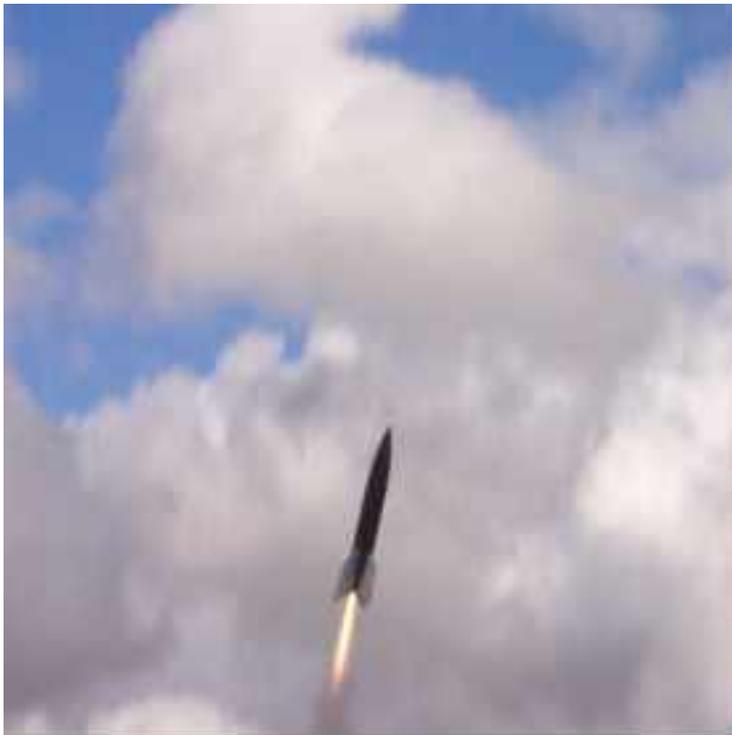
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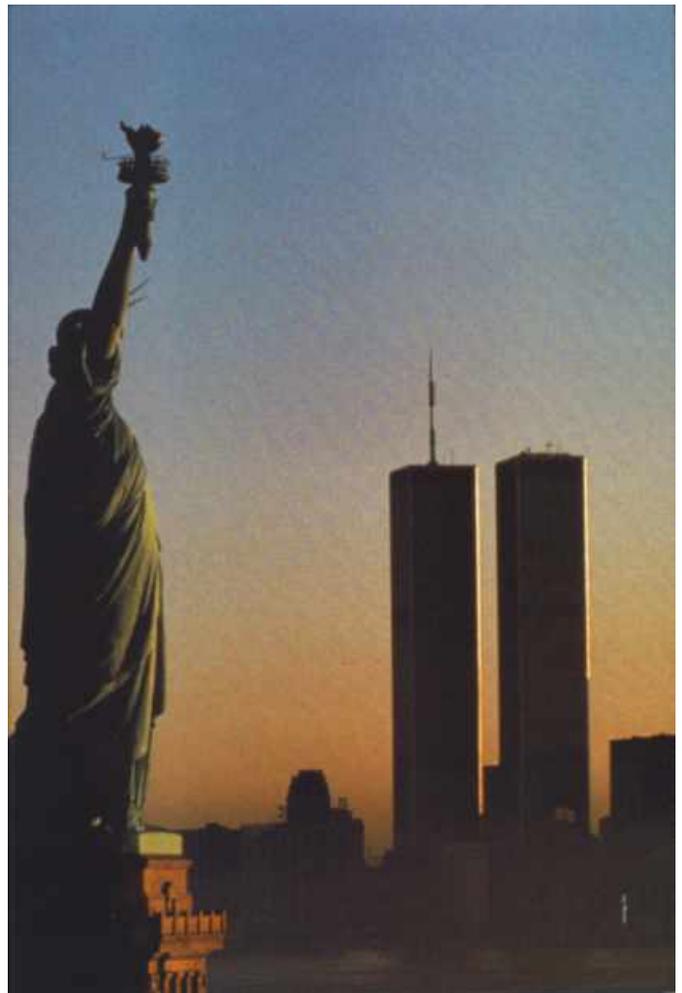
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