July Launch Report

Our launch on the Fourth of July weekend had a surprisingly good turn-out. We had 20 flyers and launched 88 rockets from A to K power. The weather was good with moderate winds and much lower temps than the 90°F days we had just the week before.



Mark Coburn (above) with one of his many "Bug Juice" rockets, this one flying with an AT G80 motor. Chip Jenkins (right) with his LOC/Precision "Stovi" that he flew with an AT G54 motor.





Mark Hanna (above) with his scratch-built Gemini-Titan that he flew with a cluster of two CTI H180 motors. A great flight!

Andrew Kleinhenz (right) flew his upscaled Centuri "Orion" with a custom paint job on an AT G80 motor for a perfect straight up flight and close-in recovery!

Andrew also flew a Mach 1 "Scorpion" with an AT I211 motor to an altitude of 3500 feet.





Brand new NOTRA member Chris Feyerchak (left) with his Estes "Star Orbiter". He flew it at last month's launch with a E16 motor and I told him he needed to fly it with a F15 motor, so he did, and it had a great flight!

Jeff VanScyoc (right) with his Estes "Broadsword" that he flew with an Estes F15 motor.





Pat Ralph (above) with his slightly shortened Aerotech "Arreaux" that he flew to about 1000 feet with an AT F44 motor.

Steve Eves (right) with his scratch-built "Bad Attitude" rocket that he flew to 2000 feet with a 54mm Research J389 motor.





Casey Anderson (above) with his "Little Dude BBX" which he flew to an altitude of 4400 feet with a 54mm CTI K400 Classic motor. A great shot of the launch (below left), and an airborne photo of beautiful Amherst (below right).







Mike Schevey (above) with is heavily customized 'Der Red Max Heavy" which is basically a triple Red Max. Capable of flight with a cluster of 3-29mm motors, the first flight was on an AT G80 motor (right). The second flight was with three AT F42 motors but only two ignited, sending the rocket southward but it was recovered safely.





Pete and Evangeline Taran (above) flew her LOC/Precision 4" "Goblin" with an AT I327 Dark Matter motor to an altitude of 3500 feet. An original Estes "Goblin" is held next to it for a size comparison.

Mark Sadowski (right) poses on the pad with his LOC/Precision "Magnum Plus" that he flew with an AT J415 motor for a spectacular flight!





Alec Phillipson along with Braxton Eves (left) pose with an original (probably #1) LOC/Precision "Norad" built by Ron Schultz back in the '80's. Back then, LOC was known by the name "Lots of Crafts." It flew with a 30+ year old Propulsion Industries F61 motor.

Mike Schevey (right) and his daughter pose with their "Unicorn Dreams" rocket (which looks suspiciously looks like a T-LOC) which they flew with an AT G80 motor to an altitude of 995 feet.





Randy Jenkins (left) gets ready to fly his Rocket R&D "Brutus" with a CTI I180 motor which took the rocket to 2000 feet.

Pat Ralph (right) puts his LOC/Precision "LOC 4" on the pad. The CTI H64 motor took the rocket to an altitude of 1700 feet.





Mark Coburn (left) flew a lot of mid-power stuff at this launch, like this upscaled Estes "Viper" with an E12 motor.

Mark Hanna (right) heading out to the pads with his 4" LOC/Precision V-2 that he flew to an altitude of 1100 feet with a CTI H133 motor.





Pete Taran and Evangeline ready to take their LOC/Precision "Tomahawk" out to the pad. It was equipped with dual-deploy and a GPS tracker. It flew to 3500 feet with a CTI H250 Green motor.

Lift-off of the LOC/Precision "Tomahawk" on a CTI H250 Green motor!





Casey Anderson (Left) with his "Lotus 3" which featured a clear yellow fiberglass airframe (cool!). He flew it to an altitude of 1050 feet on a CTI H220 motor.

Mark Sadowski (right) ready to take his LOC/Precision "Expediter" to the pads. He flew it with an AT H180 motor.





John Bryan (left) with his Estes "Super Big Bertha" getting ready to fly it with an Estes F15 motor.

Mark Coburn (kneeling) hooking up the igniter on his rocket named (wait for it!) "Bug Juice" which he flew with a 54mm Research J460 motor to an altitude of 4800 feet. Steve Eves assisted.





Casey Anderson (above) poses with his SBR "Thor" on the way out to the launch pad. He flew the 4" diameter rocket with an AT I284 motor which took it to an altitude of 2750 feet. (Right) The Thor in flight!

