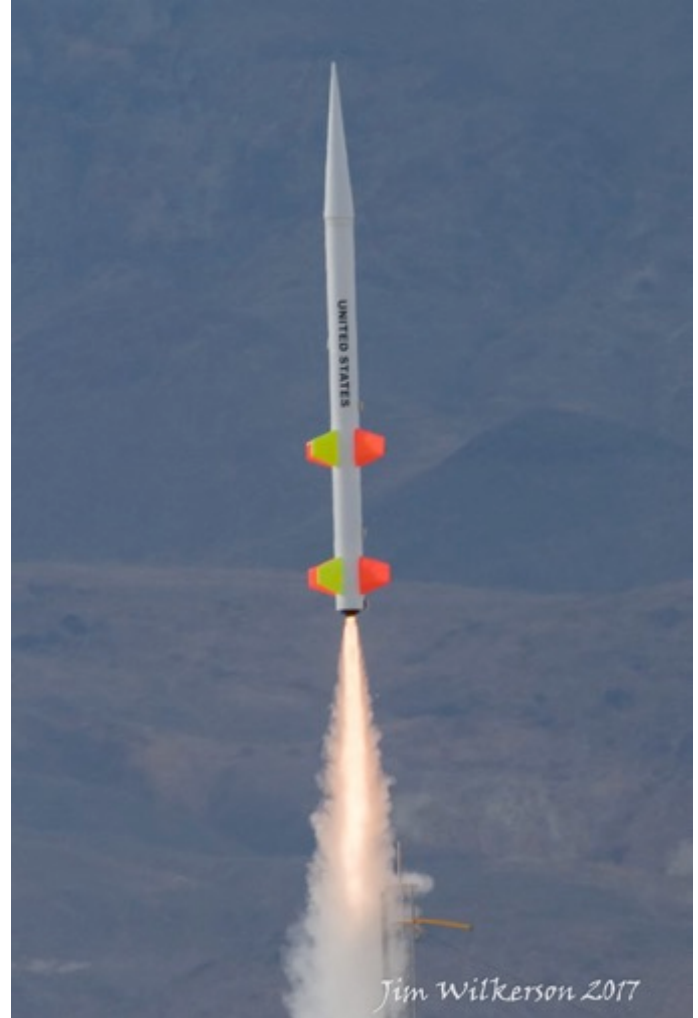


Balls-26 Launch Report

I didn't make it out to Black Rock to attend the 26th annual Balls launch. I had a kitten emergency at the last minute and had to cancel my trip. Here are some photos taken from Facebook of some of the more spectacular flights of the launch. More pics will be featured as they show up on Facebook or the TRA forum.



Tripoli Central California's 2-stage O to O motor Nike-Smoke. Don't let the size of the launcher fool you. This rocket is about 18" in diameter! Unfortunately it went unstable shortly after lift-off and broke apart. TRA Central CA will be sponsoring LDRS next year.



Tripoli Gerlach does a rocket building and flying session with the Gerlach K-12 students each year. What you see pictured is the total enrollment for the Gerlach school system! TRA Gerlach also builds a rocket and Research motor for them to fly. This year the rocket was donated by Chris Pearson, repainted the school colors by Tom Blazanin, and the M motor was built by Dave Rose.



At right is the Oregon State University two-stage student project on its way to 79K feet!

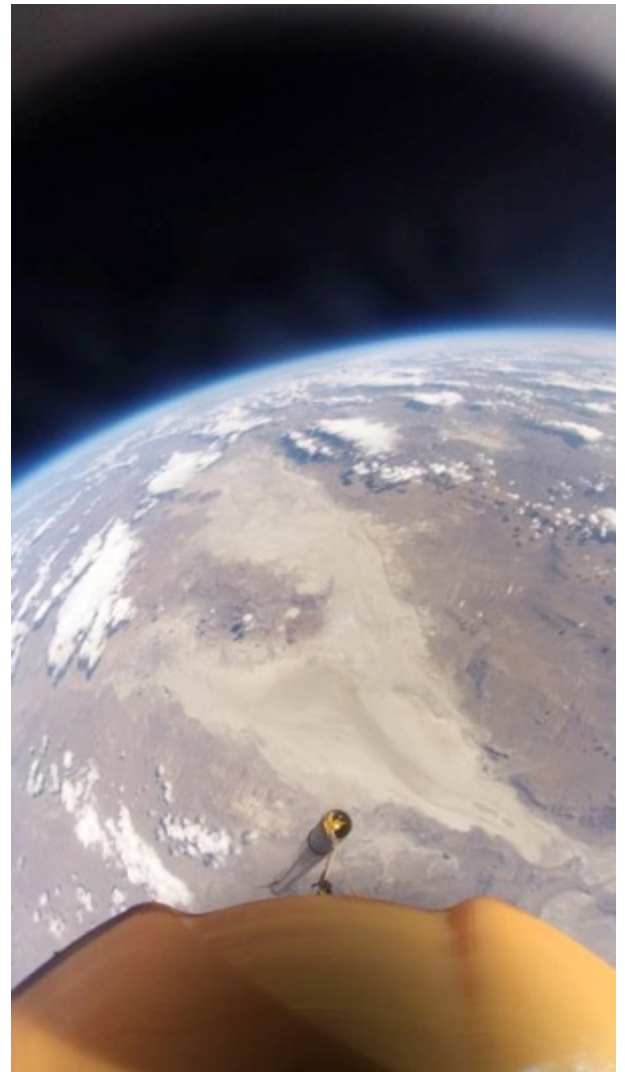
At right is Richard Hagensick's case-bonded Q motor failing at ignition.



At left is Noah Joraanstad two stage rocket taking off.

At right is the view from 96K feet of recovery system deployment on Noah Joraanstad upper stage.

This pic in no way disproves the claim that the earth is flat!





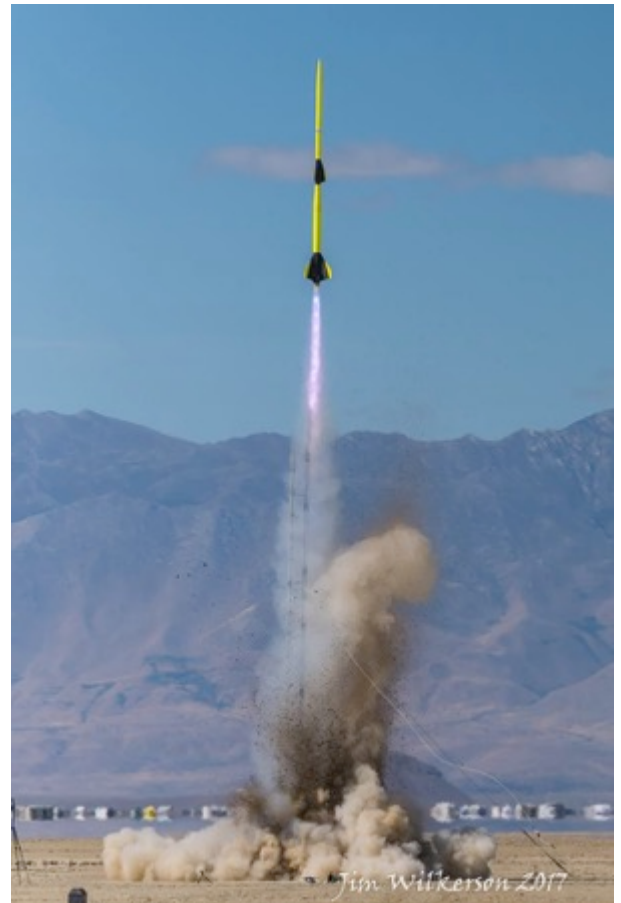
At left is Gerald Weesner's 2-stage Research N to M motor project.

At right is Lift-Off!



At left is Andy Barwick's 75mm "Mongoose" on its way to 30K feet.

At right is Neal Anderson's and Steve Cutonilli's "Dos Huevos" 2-stage O-motor, with a 6" booster to 4" sustainer





Chris Atteberry's 75mm minimum diameter rocket which hit 38K' on an AT M685 motor.

A couple of photos taken of the sunset at Black Rock. Now you can understand why people will drive all the way across country to fly rockets here. The best launch site in the world.

