

GLRMR Launch Report

Saturday, May 9th dawned cloudy and rainy, and the decision was made to cancel the launch, but people were already showing up, including about 30 Cub Scouts, so the low-power rail and one high-power launcher were set up to accommodate the members who were in attendance along with the Cub Scouts and their parents.



Skybusters president, Jerry Appenzeller and Mark Coburn assist the Cub Scouts in prepping and flying their model rockets (top left and center). At right, Don Williams flies his rocket "If its too loud, too bad!" still in primer, with an AT H669 Warp 9 motor.



Dennis Bova flew his modified LOC Warlock (left) on a CTI I287 and his NCR Bomarc (right) on an AT H195 DMS. Mark Hanna (center) flew a scratch built Astrobee D on a CTI G118.



Don Williams (left) flies yet another rocket in primer with a I305 FJ. Don's excuse for not painting his rockets is that he no longer has a place to paint in.

Mark Hanna (center) flies his Estes Nike-Smoke with an AT G80. He also flew his LOC Starburst on 2-CTI G83's.



On a much sunnier May 16th, Pat Ralph (left) preps his Aerotech Arreaux flown with an AT F20-7. Steve Eves (center) with his EZI clone flying on an AT H238 and again on a H250. GB Geisey (above) poses with his Estes Mega Mosquito flown on an AT F22.



Above: The weather on the 16th was much nicer and Dan Vento (right) poses with his Aerotech Sumo flown on an AT H163. (Center) Jim Seibyl's RedStar 3 (a heavily modified Estes Leviathan) flew to 3074 feet on AT I205W SU motor. NOTRA's newest member GB Geisey (right) flew his Sumo on an AT G80.



Above: Andrew Kleinhenz (left) flew his Super Saffron on an AT K550W to 4453 feet. Pat Ralph (center) flew his Level 1 certification flight using a modified LOC/Precision LOC IV on a CTI H200 Blue Streak. An oversized

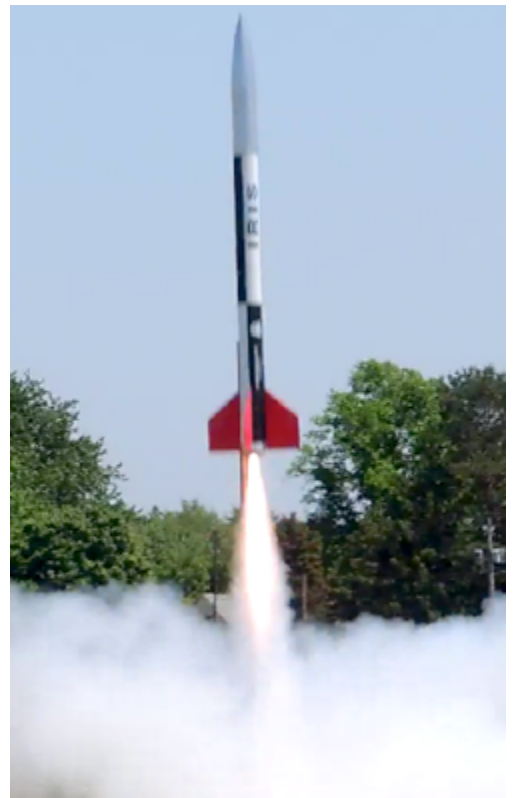
chute gave him a long walk to recover. Steve Eves (right) flew his Black "Mad Dog" flew to 1250 feet on a Loki J396. Andrew's rocket was equipped with a video camera. Below are some frame grabs. Notice how close we are to Lake Erie!



Jim Seibyl (right) flew his Madcow Torrent on an AT I211W to 1456 feet using dual deploy.

Despite two cancelled launch dates, we had a very good turnout for the GLRMR launch. The weather cooperated on the second Saturday and a great many high power rockets were flown. We didn't get any Cub Scouts or 4H members this weekend, so the low power flying was pretty limited.





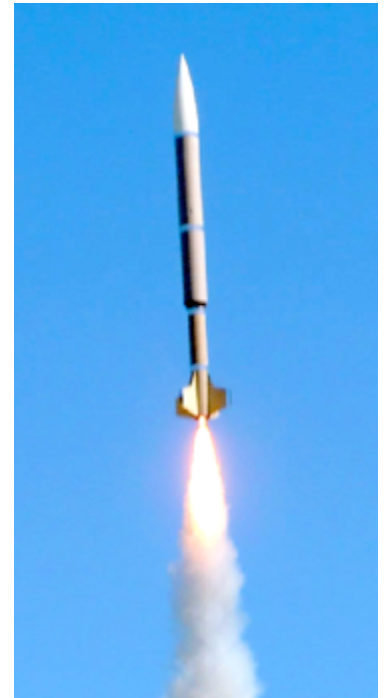
Above: Chris Pearson (left) poses with a prototype LOC Explorer flying on a Loki H160 (center). Neglecting to put an ejection charge in the motor resulted in some serious airframe damage. Mark Hanna flew his scratch built 5.5" IRIS (right) on a CTI K740 C-Star motor.



Above: Steve Eves' Cosmic Intruder set the field on fire with an AMW J275 Sparky motor and went to an altitude of 2495 feet. Jim Seibyl (center) flew his Madcow Frenzy on an AT J270W SU to 2673 feet. Steve Eves blew up his Army Hawk rocket (right) when the forward closure let go on the Loki I405 motor.



Above: Mark Hanna and Andrew Kleinhenz discuss the construction techniques on Mark's scratch built Mercury Atlas which he flew on an AT J460. Mark Coburn (right) heads to the pads with his LOC IV, which he flew five times during the launch (below left).



Above: Dave Sears and Chris Pearson (center) load Dave's LOC Caliber ISP on the pad, which flew with a CTI H100 Imax for the first flight and a CTI H225 White Thunder for the second flight. Chris Pearson's second unpainted prototype LOC/Precision Explorer XL flew on an AMW White Wolf J375 on a much more successful flight to 2500 feet and was recovered with dual deploy 500 feet from the pads.

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