June Launch Report

Our second launch of the season turned out to be a hot day, with cloudless skies, mild winds and a light flyer turnout.

Jim Seibyl (an official member of the Estes Aerospace Club) flew his MadCow “Mantis” with an AT I300T motor which made it scream off the pad for a 3000 foot flight!

John Bryan flew his Estes “Executioner” with a Q-Jet E26 motor to a modest altitude of 650 feet. He also flew an Estes “Nike-Smoke” with an AT F26 and a “Super Big Bertha” wit a Q-Jet E35 motor.

Katie Lane flew her LOC/Precision “T-LOC” with an AT G78G motor to an altitude of 800 feet.

Long-time member Chris Miller came out to the launch site for the first time with members of the Cleveland State University rocket club and flew a Aerotech "Extended Mega Initiator" (above) that was loaded with electronics that they are testing. They flew it to an attitude of 2000 feet with an AT H195 motor. They are hoping to compete at the IREC launch next year.

Mark Hanna (right) flew his scratch-built "Black Brant VC" with an AT I161 motor to an altitude of 1550 feet.

Back from the dead! Catherine Calo shows off her rebuilt Bad Boy Rocketry "QCC Explorer" which suffered severe damage from a motor cato at the last launch. It looks good as new! She had a beautiful fight with an AT H220T motor which pushed it to an altitude of 1500 feet.

Mark Fickenscher shows off his Sirius Rocketry "Eradicator" that he flew to an altitude of 1500 feet with an AT G64 motor.

Chris Pearson heads to the launch pad with his North Coast Rocketry "Cluster Duck" which had a core Estes E12 motor and 6-C6 outboards, all ignited with flashbulbs and Thermalite wick. Unfortunately, the E12 went KABOOM about 100 feet in the air and the rocket landed under parachute with no damage. It will be back at the next launch!

Dennis Calo shows off his beautiful scratch-built 'Bullpup" which featured many 3D printed parts. An AT H210R took it to 2300 feet but unfortunately there was an electronics failure and the chute did not deploy. Dennis found the rocket the next day with the help of a drone.

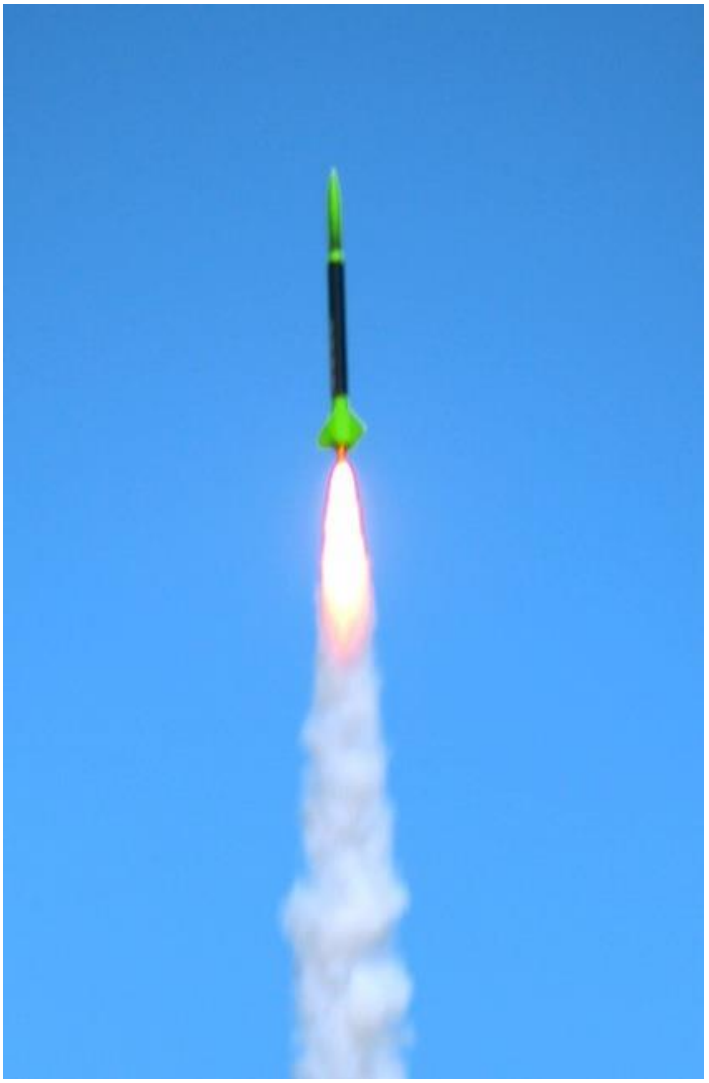
First time back to the launch site since 2020, Cornelius Gould brought his “Commanche” rocket which is the test bed for all sorts of computerized data acquisition systems that he is developing. He flew the rocket on an AT H128W to an altitude of 2550 feet.

Mike Thomas flew his Wildman “Darkstar Extreme” with a Research 54mm K628 motor using NASSA K2 Fast+ propellant.

Mike was expecting an altitude of 4000 feet but the rocket had a lot of tip-off and only got to about 2000 feet.

David Bustetter did his TRA Level 1 certification flight with a Public Missiles "AMRAAM 3" flying a CTI H120 motor to an altitude of 2000 feet for a beautiful flight! This is the second time he had done his L1 cert flight with this rocket. The first time was about 20 years ago!

Frank McGroarty takes his LOC/Precision "Warlock" to the pad for his TRA Level 2 certification flight. He flew it with a 38mm CTI J290 motor, which unfortunately cato'ed about 500 feet off the ground.



Fortunately, Frank had a Plan B! The Warlock was unflyable so he brought out his LOC/Precision “Esoteric 4”, found a member with an Aerotech J270 DMS motor to sell and had a perfect flight to 3700 feet.

Dennis Calo heads out to the launch pads with his LOC/Precision 4” “Phoenix”. He flew it with an AT I180W to an altitude of 2200 feet.