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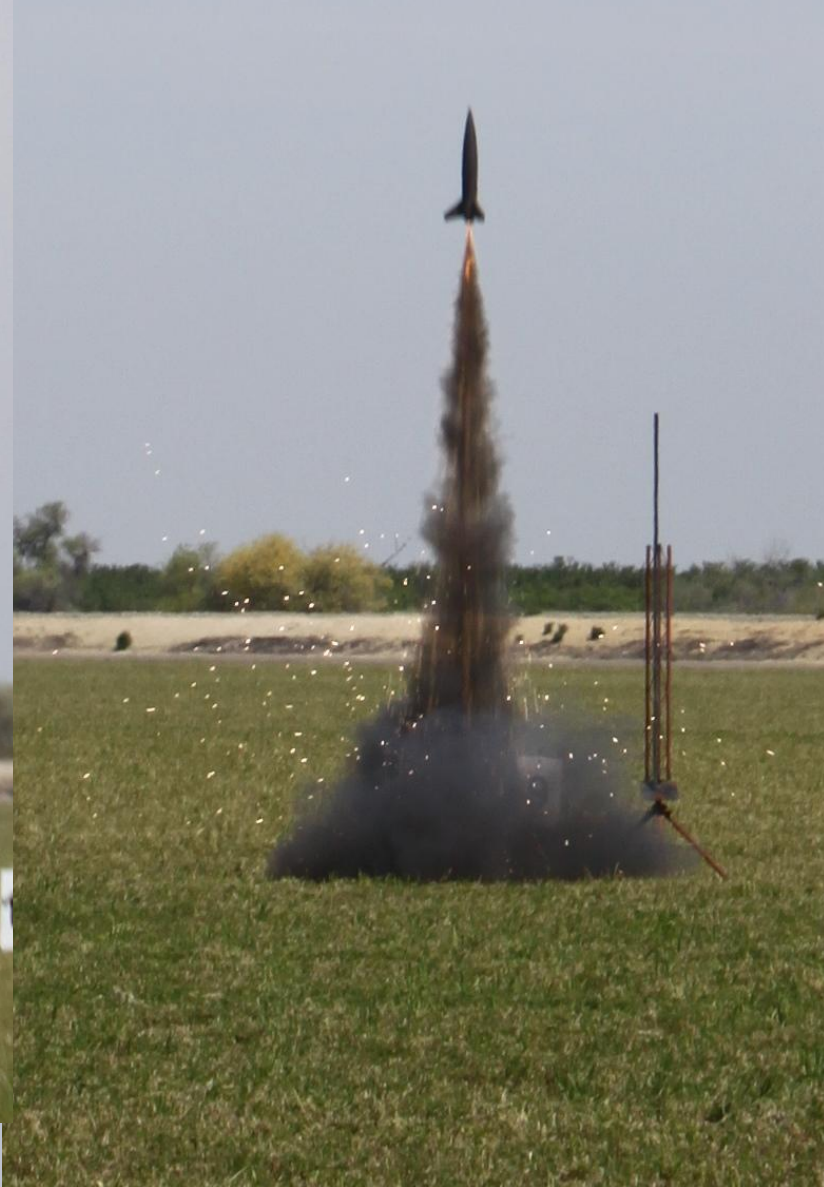
It had been a long wet lonely winter, but we were finally back at the dairy for the first time since October Skies. We enjoyed the sun and warm temperatures, but a steady light wind and the fact that the surrounding areas were covered by water or tall vegetation led to a lot of conservative launches. Altogether there were almost 50 flights. We also had the first use of our repaired and improved sound system, thanks to the hard work of Steve Sawyer and Bret Wilkins. The launch also saw the return of t-shirts, thanks to Rob Diehl. They will be for sale at Dairy Aire. And Robert Zylstra brought some great looking posters that he made.

James Dougherty flew his 4 inch Nike Smoke on a K2045 Vmax motor, a prelude to a drag race at Dairy Aire. Steve Ainsworth of Penryn, author of *Vertical Trajectory Systems*, flew his black and yellow Wasp twice. Steve was testing his anti-roll system, and the rocket was loaded with electronics and had movable fins. The anti-roll system allows for the making of on board videos that don't keep turning. The rocket flew on a G64 and then a H97. Mark Crews of Galt flew his great looking Space Shuttle model with a main G38-4 and E9-4 in the boosters. Unfortunately the igniter clips stayed on and the rocket flew in loops. Mark also flew his Phoenix and Sky Trak on low power motors. His son Logan flew his Big Bertha on a B6-4 and was an excellent button pusher. Ben Sandival of Visalia tried to launch his Who Knows on an I170, but the motor just burned slowly, and also burnt some of the rocket. Fortunately the damage looks repairable. The always entertaining Robert Zylstra tried to launch his 7.5 inch diameter Red Max on a K550. After using some child labor to carry the rocket to the pad, Robert found that he could not get the igniter all the way into the motor, but decided to try to launch anyway. The motor looked like it might catch, but it continued to burn slowly for 3 or 4 hours. OK, not nearly that long, but it was a long time. Ted Sobieralski from Visalia launched his scratch built PPL (Polish Propulsion Laboratory) twice, once on an I161 and then on an I284. Michael Levi made four high power flights. He flew his Predator on a J800t, a Wildman Extreme on a J401FJ, a 4 foot tall Firestorm on an I229T, and his Patriot on an I285R. Vito Orlandella of Auberry flew his 20 pound Pure Witchcraft on a K1440. Aaron Hagedorn of Tuolumne flew his Tomahawk on a G76. Jim Norton of Fresno launched his LOC I-ROC on a H225 and also had four low power flights. Rob Diehl flew his Hyperloc 835 on a CTI J285, and his Sugar Daddy on an unspecified motor. Mike Bailey from Sacramento flew his LOC Vulcanite on an unspecified motor. Ron Swenson flew his Polecat Nike Smoke on a J460, Will's Squat on an I140sk, and a Liberty 2 using a G125. His son Will had 1 mid power and 2 low power flights. Russell Garcia of Armona flew his 4 inch Madcow Patriot on a J354 and his Semroc Arcas on a G77. Gary Dwyer flew his 5.5 inch Phoenix on a Kosdon K700 and also flew his Big Dad on an E15. Jimmy Franco of Selma flew his ¼ scale Patriot on an I229. Chris Franco flew his Slim on a H100, and also on a G185. He flew his Blackhawk 29 on a F120, the motor chuffed badly and the rocket lawndarted. Matt Powell flew his Squat on a G126, while his son Kenneth flew his Moolong Squat on a G80. Stefan Silvers from Kingsburg launched his Blue Wolf on a CTI I100. Zachary had 3 low power flights, and Xavier from Fresno had one. And Shawn Stevens had a smoky static motor test.





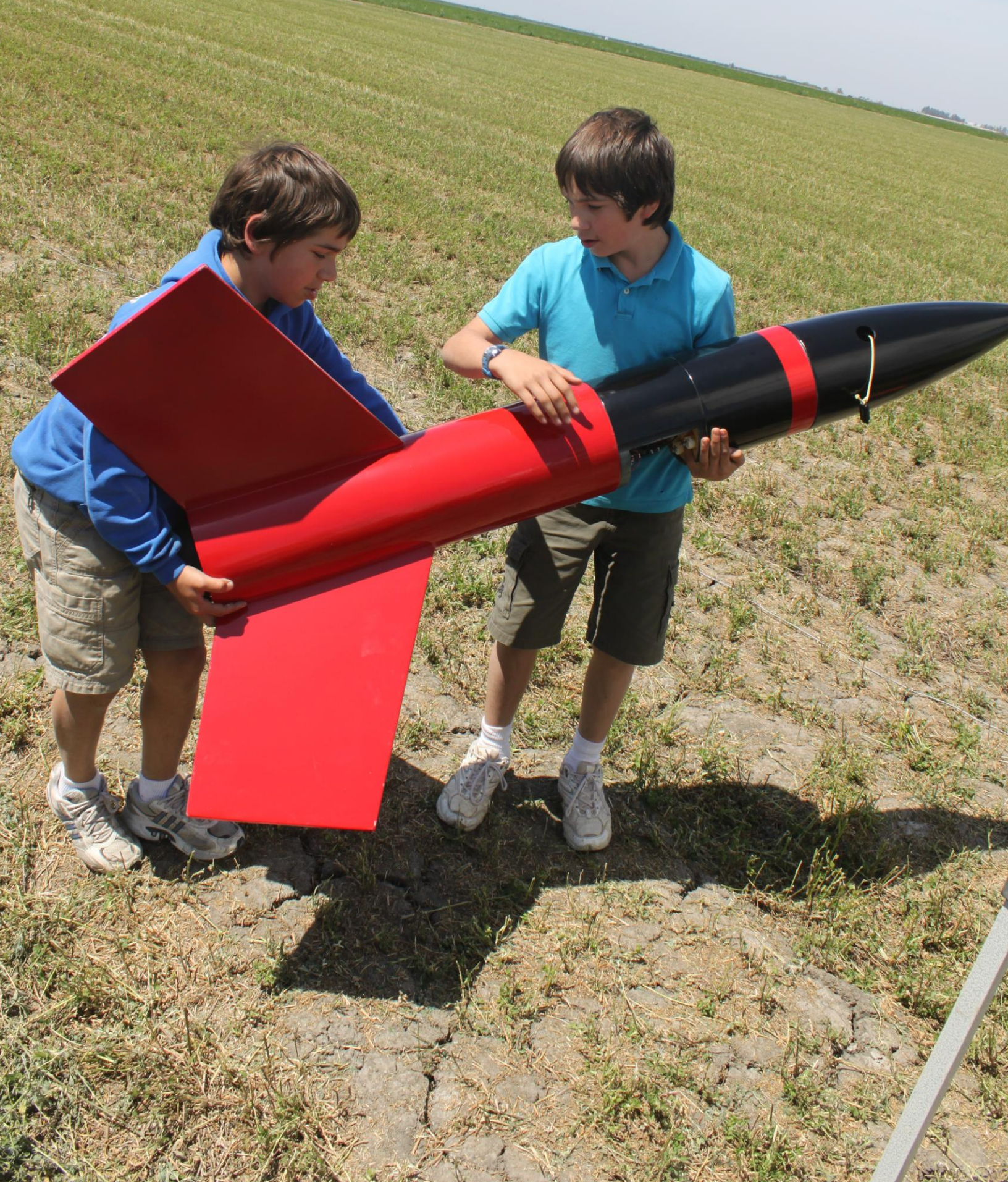
















Way back in January we had our annual cleaning party. Everything was taken out of the trailer and cleaned repaired or thrown out. Many thanks to all who helped out and for Robert Z for providing a work space. We had a fantastic pizza lunch and even had an audience.



