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Jim Norton's I-Roc takes off on an I297 skidmark motor.

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A small group of flyers enjoyed the beautiful flying weather and sent up a total of 36 flights. The most anticipated flight of the day was James Dougherty's Intimidator 5 on a Cesaroni M4770 Vmax motor. There was some concern that the rocket would shred under the high thrust, but in the end it was the motor that failed, sending burning bits of propellant across the launch field (pages 8-10). Patrick Kellas of Exeter flew two beautifully built scale models, a Mercury Redstone on a J180 and an Honest John on a K550 (pages 3 and 7). There were two Level I certification flights for the day. Joe Dorough of Kingsburgh flew his black Criminal Barbie on an I218 redline motor. Eric Ennis of Cameron Park flew a 3" Diablo on a H123 skidmark motor for his Level I certification. Eric had six more flights, including two flights of his Cool Spool. Scott Joseph had five flights, including his One Shot Pony on a cluster of four C6-5s and his Biohazard II on a cluster of three D12-5s. He also flew his camcorder equipped SuperDX-3 on an I255 and an I303. Cheryl Davidson of Monte Rio had four flights, including her Mitzy rocket on a F25. Aaron Hagadorn of Madera had five flights including his Stubby on a H133 and an unnamed rocket on a H123. Jim Norton of Fresno had five flights, including his I-Roc on an I297 (page 1) and a Mongoose on a B6-0 staging to a B6-6. Gary Dwyer of San Jose had three flights, including his EZI on a Kosdon J450 fast motor and his Saturn Booster on an Aerotech J350. Gary Silvers flew his silver and blue Azure Wolf twice, on an I300 and a H123. Terry Erb flew his Firestorm 54 on a Cesaroni J350















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