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We had another beautiful day to launch in June, with a steady breeze and warm temperatures. Because it was just after Dairy Aire and the National Sport Launch and our vendor was off to play in the mud I expected a low turnout of dedicated rocket enthusiasts. Instead our ranks were swelled by a large youth group. The group brought a flock of impressively finished rockets and flew them on D12-5s in the morning, and then brought out two stage rockets that flew on D12-0s staging to E9-6s. And Jim Bassham came down from Yuba City to fly some of his NAR competition rockets. There were 105 flights for the day, which was about 3 times the number we have been having recently, and may have set a record for a one day launch.

Bruce Rohn ended a long absence from flying in a spectacular manner, launching his 6 inch diameter 19 pound PML Bulldog on a K695 redline motor. Richard King flew his Half a 2-Stage (the top part of a two stage rocket) on a K540 metalstorm motor. The rocket caught some high altitude wind and landed on top of some bins at an industrial site. After some negotiations the rocket was safely returned. Aaron Hagadorn of Tuolumne sent his red and silver Mad Dog on a fast ride on a K2045. Sam Fineberg from Palo Alto sent his 4 inch MadCow Nike Smoke up on a CTI J290. Ross Ohmen launched King Blobbo on a J460. Steven Seipert flew his blue and green PML Miranda twice, using a J250 and an I345. He also flew his Red Rod on a H152. Jim Norton of Fresno flew his unpainted Binder Design Excel on an I195. Matt Pritchard of San Francisco flew his LOC Forte twice, using a H125 and a H225. Jimmy Franco of Selma flew his LOC Starburst 29 on a KBA H130. His son Chris sent his LOC Legacy on a neck snapping flight with a H410.

















