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Patrick Kellas' Der Red Max takes off from the low power pads.

By Jim Norton

A very light turnout was expected for the June launch because there would be no motor vendor and because it came just one month after our large Dairy Aire launch. But the turnout was actually pretty good, with 46 flights and 1 static test. We enjoyed a large open flying field, a clear sky with not too hot temperatures and a steady breeze.

Gene Engelgau and his son Phillip did a static test of a J400 54mm blue motor (page 2). Aaron Hagadorn of Madera was the frequent flyer of the day, with 10 flights. Among his flights was a G-Force on a G80-4, Stubby on a G71-4 and an un-named LOC rocket on a H123. Scott Joseph had a total of 7 flights on E, F and G motors. Jim Norton put up 5 rockets, including the first flight of his Bad Altitude on an I212. Ray Farnsworth had 4 flights, all on D or E motors. Gary Dwyer of San Jose also had 4 flights, including an E2I on an I284, his Long Onyx on a H238 and a H-45 on a Kosdon by Aerotech G135R. Patrick Kellas of Exeter flew his Der Red Max four times,

along with his ISKY Tomahawk and Aerotech Strong Arm and Arreaox. Robert Zylstra of Denair did not have a very good day. His Pipe Dream, flown on an I 195 lost one fin and had another come off. And his 4 inch Crimson Maximilian was overpowerd on an I435 Blue Thunder motor and shredded (page3). But the remains looked great coming down on a FruityChute. Stephen Szczurek of Bakersfield flew his un-named red white and black rocket twice. Ted Sobieralski flew his Tomahawk on a H180 and his ARCAS on a J350, the largest motor of the day. Anthony Cole flew his White Streak o a D12-4 and his Blue Streak on an E15-7. Melanie Peter flew her Fat Boy on a C6-3 (page 4). Mike Bailey of Sacramento flew his Vulcanite on an I211, while Gary Silvers used an I195 in his Vulcanite.













