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Stephen Szczurek used a J350 in his 4" V2 to get his Level 2 certification. Photo by Jim Norton

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It was a beautiful day for a launch, but we did have to put up with the tall rocket-eating grass. (And many thanks to those who helped find rockets.) There were three successful certification flights. Mike Silva of Fresno used a H123 W in his LOC Expediter to get his Level 1. Jeff Steele flew his 81/2 feet tall un-named orange rocket on a J315R for Level 2. And Stephen Szczurek also got his Level 2, see the cover photo. Stephen also flew his Stretched Graduator using a H180W. Patrick Kellas brought out his beautifully finished Polecat Jayhawk and flew it twice. The first flight used a Cesaroni J330 and went well. But on the second flight with a Aerotech J570W the ejection charge went off but the nose cone failed to come off. The long grass was not enough to protect the rocket and it was a total loss. We feel your pain Patrick. David Alford and Russell drag raced their H123 skidmark powered rockets. Scott Joseph flew his Dirty Harry rocket on a K500. James Daughtery flew his ¼ scale Nike Smoke on a Cesaroni K490 green motor. Jim Norton of Fresno flew an I-ROC on an I297 skidmark and a Minnie Magg on a H120. Jimmy Franco of Selma flew his Black Sunshine on an I180 skidmark and his Meglomania on an Aerotech I115W. Mike Garrett flew his Madcow Super DX on an I161W. Mike Bailey of Sacramento flew his Vulcanite on a H123 skidmark motor. Chris Franco flew his neon Toxic Camo on a cluster of 2 E20s and 2 E30s. Chris Von Harmelon flew The Bear 6 times on F40-4s as part of his Tarc team activities. Other March fliers were Aaron Hagadorn, Mathew Powell and Kenny Powell.















