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James Daughtery's 1/2 scale Patriot takes off on a N3400 Skidmark . Photo by Mike Garrett.

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What a fantastic day. Great weather, great launches and an enthusiastic crowd swelled by a group of Cub and Boy Scouts. There were many drag races and multy stage flights, including Paul Pittinger launching four two stage rockets at the same time. And, to top it all off we had the first N powered flight at the dairy. All together there were over 100 flights.



Three people went for their Level I certification at the launch. Mikael Garret used a H148R in his orange Super DX. Alex Gomez of Kinksburg put an I285R in his PML Quasar. And Stefan Silvers launched a blue and silver Azure Wolf with an I300T.

Ross Ohmen and his kids watch as his rocket takes off.



In other high power flights, Jimmy Franco of Selma launched his 2 Minutes to Midnight on a H210 and flew his Black Sunshine on a H112J and also on an I225FJ. Rob Briody flew his Performance Rocketry Intimidator 4 on a K560. Scott Joseph flew his Senator Cleghorn on a H100 and he sent up his Dread Skeeter on an I285, an I287 and on a J240. Patrick Kellas of Exeter flew his 5.5 inch diameter LOC Phoenix on a K805 Mojave Green motor. Mike Bailey of Sacramento flew his Volcanite rocket on an I180 Skidmark motor and his 92 inch tall Red Line rocket on a J540R. Larry Taylor flew his Mini-Mag on an I366R motor and an unnamed rocket on a H250. Jim Norton of Fresno flew his Minie Magg on an I180 Skidmark motor and his I-ROC on a J335 red lightning motor. Stefan Silvers flew his Azure Wolf on an I345. Mike Garrett flew his Super DX on a H210R motor. Terry launched his 4 inch diameter Mad Dog on a K445. Aaron Hagadorn of Madera flew his Stubby on a H163 and his Polecat Fat Man on a J240. Paul Pittenger of San Mateo flew the Nic of Time on an I218 and The Great Pumpkin on an I364FJ. Karl Baumheckel flew his GLCM on a Rattworks H70 hybrid motor, a V-2 on a K347 skyripper motor and his Sky Stinger on 2 H240t motors and then air started a H168R. Ross Ohmen had four high power flights, his H-Bomb went up on a H180, a Red Crayon took off on a H238, his Wahoo braved a H999 and his Magnum started out on a J540 and the air started two H97s.

Karl Baumheckel's Sky Stinger



Paul Pittinger preps 4 two-stage rockets











