

# Central Valley Rocket News

## Tripoli Central California

### February 2009



Mark Canapa's 4 inch Talon takes off on a K55. Photo by Mark Canepa

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Unlike the beautiful weather we had in January, the February launch saw clouds, breezes and cool temperatures. Still, a hardy group of flyers managed 55 launches. Mark Canepa had the big flight of the day, sending up his Talon 4 on K K550. The up part was good, but the droug chute became detached, causing some tense moments. Fortunately the main deployed as scheduled. Another exciting flight was done by James Dougherty, who sent up his ¼ scale Nike Smoke on a J1520. Wow.













## Rock and roll all night

Night launches have been added to the list of activities at Dairy Aire and October Skies, pending approval of the waivers.

## Cleaning Party

The annual cleaning party was held at Mike Smith's place. Many thanks to all the helpers, and to Mike for providing space and a nice lunch.

