

Central Valley Rocket News

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Tripoli Central California



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The end of the 2007 launch season saw beautiful weather and almost 100 flights. Ross Ohmen of Union City was the frequent flyer of the day with 14 flights. How does he do that? Christopher Raimondi had 11 flights, while Paul Piittenger added eight. Robin Gist passed his Level 2 test with a score of 100%, while James Dougherty of Morgan Hill had a successful Level 3 flight using a M2400T in a 10" V2. The rocket went to 8553 feet. Mike Smith was introduced as Equipment Manager in training and Jim Norton and Ben Sandoval as Newsletter Editors in training. They replace Jim Abrames and Gary Walker who have become worn out from their many years of service. Many thanks to both of them.

Other fliers were:

Andrew Baumheckel

Charlie Baumheckel

Karl Baumheckel

Rob Briody

David Close

Gary Dwyer

Robin Gist

Destinee Hambler

Donald Hanbler

Thomas Hanbler

Luke

Alyssa LaGalbo

Rocco LoGalbo

Tom Mac

James Marino

Brian Ngo

Kent Ngo

Jim Norton

Darryl Paris

Keanu Paris

Michael Paris

Zoe Paris (2 year old)



David Raimondi

Craig Sanders

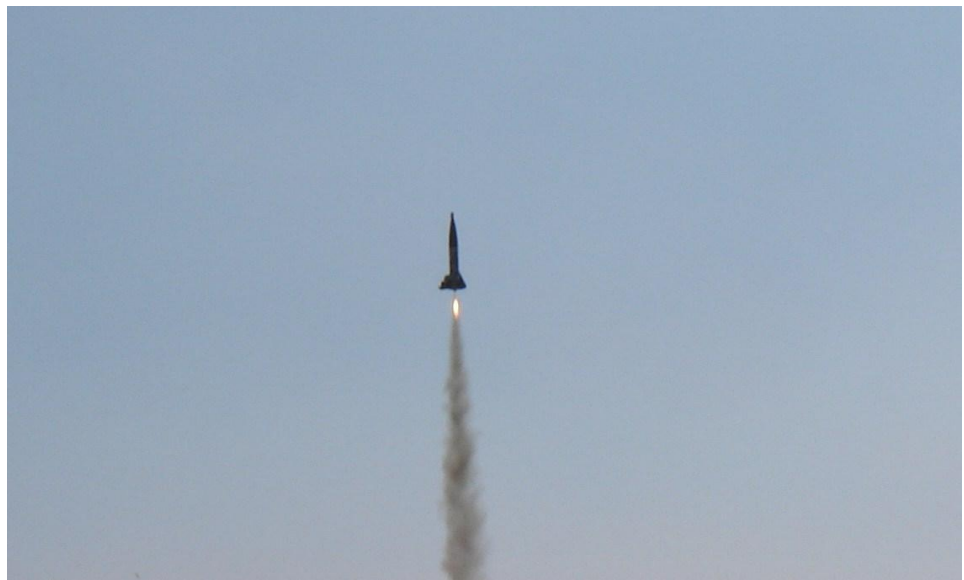
Aidan Sojourner

Cliff Sojourner

Bernd Ueber

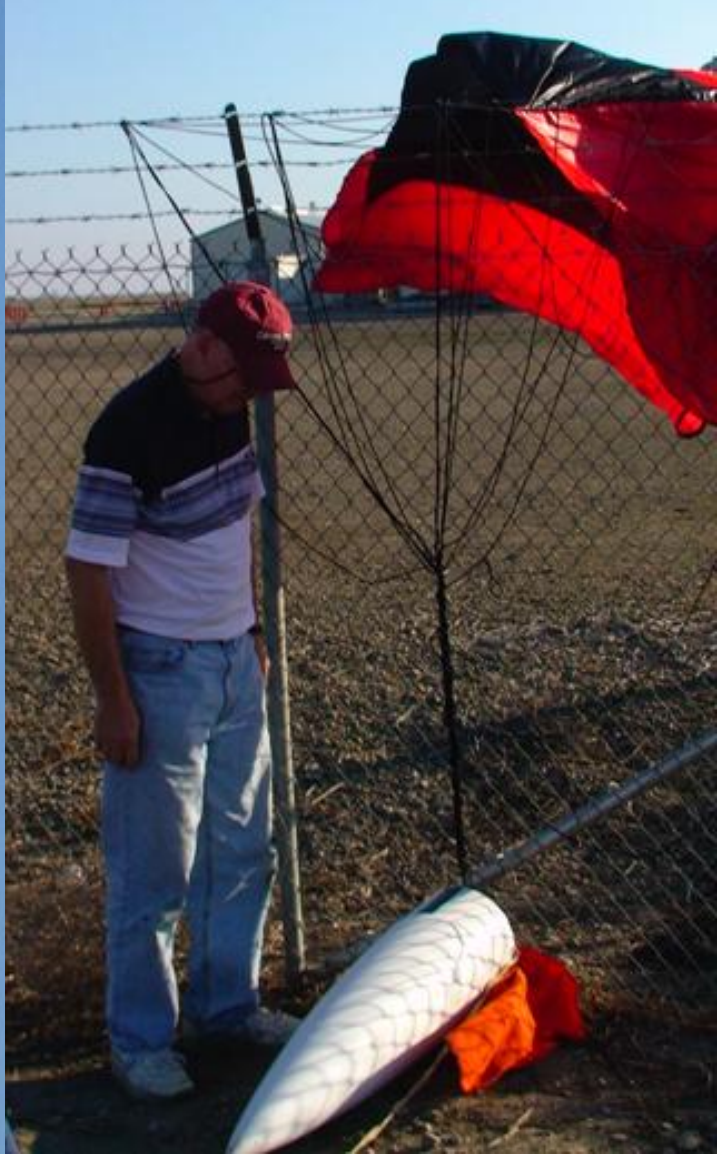
Christopher Van
Harmelen

Xavier



Congrats to James Dougherty on a successful L3

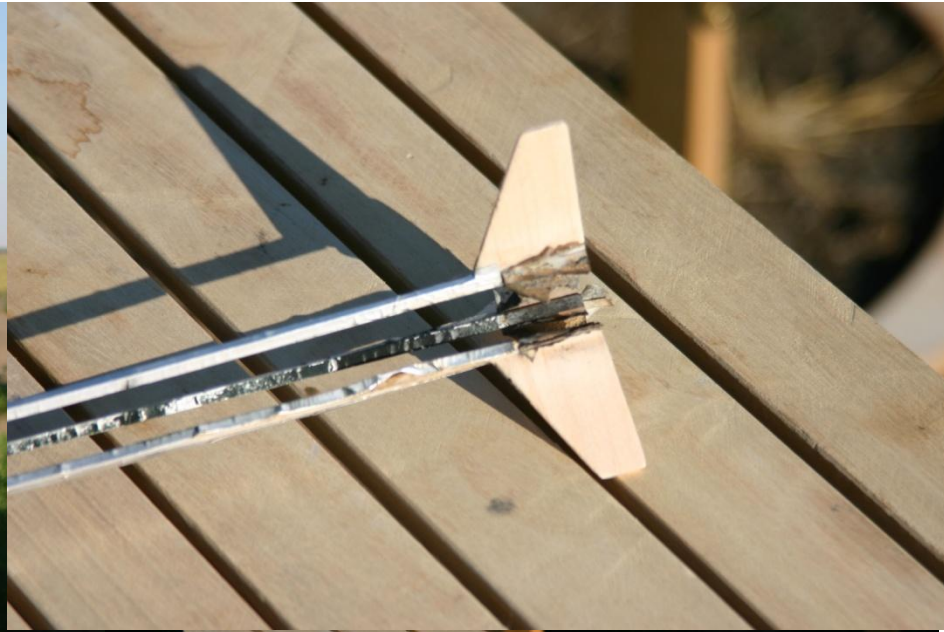




Burnt parachute-yummy



Some LUNAR members brought down their rack rockets to fly. The lower motors start the next motor up and are then kicked out.



The last flight of the day was a planned cluster air-start by Terry Erb but a last minute glitch canceled the air starts. Then the center motor CATO'd, taking out four of the G80s. Bummer.

