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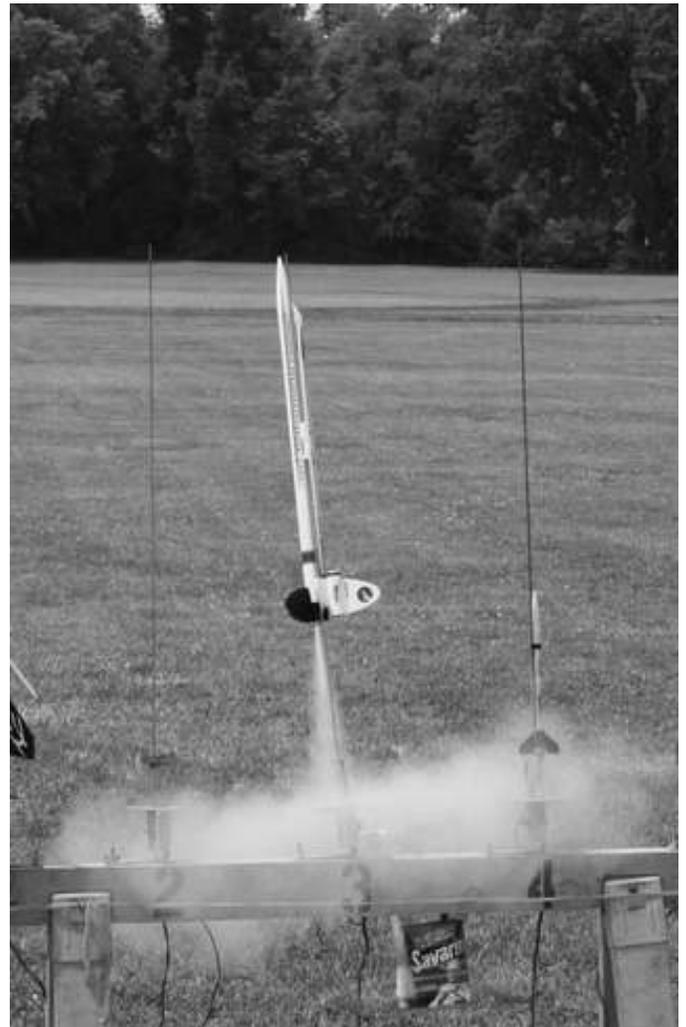
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Late Again!

As Ye Ole Editor wrote last issue we rely on the membership to make it possible to fill the pages of this, YOUR, newsletter. To paraphrase President Abraham Lincoln, *this newsletter of the membership, by the membership, for the membership, shall not perish from the earth*, provided the membership does their share!

So, again the publishing of this issue was held up with the idea that folks would step forward with their photo, launch coverage, etc. to be included.

I have taken some of the pictures taken at the last two sport launches to make a collage on this the front page. I hope you enjoy them. And, I hope that you will help identify some of the rockets and people in them. The pictures were taken by Steven Pantuck or Rob Nee. Thanks to these two for being willing to share their efforts.



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Others interested in receiving this publication may do so for the annual subscription rate of \$10.00 sent to the editor.

The editor invites and encourages all to submit articles, photographs, plans, letters to the editor, etc. for publication. Send these to address above or e-mail jacknmel@optonline.net with Launch Rack in subject line.

Mission Statement

The Garden State Spacemodeling Society is a non-profit organization of model rocketeers organized for the purpose of promotion, development, education, advancement and safeguard of model rocketry.

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Membership Renewal is Due

If a red “X” appears to the left your membership fees are due. Check your membership card for exact date. You will receive no other notification.

Welcome Our New Members

Since our last issue we have had a number of new members join our ranks. Please make them welcome and be willing to assist them whenever possible.

Shelley (466) and **Thomas** (467) **Miller** of Piscataway; **Ligour A. Fankhauser** (468) from Farmingdale; **David Klinkman** (469) of Maplewood; **Michael** (470), **Cameron** (471) and **Chris** (472) **Centrella** of Manasquan; **Andrew** (473) and **Zachary** (474) **Sustiel** of Short Hills; **Steve** (475) and **Ben** (476) **Kraft** from over in Bethlehem, PA; **John Mazza** (477) of Ringoes; **Ken Montayne** (478) from Butler; **Ron Sereno** of Bloomfield; **Daniel Breese** (480) of East Brunswick; **Joseph** (481) and **Sam** (482) **Cancelarich** from Hillsdale; **Chris** (483) and **Emma** (484) **Pettit** from Westfield; **Eric Herner** (485) of Howell; **Colin** (486) and **Griffin** (487) **Murphy** also of Westfield; **Aneesh** (488) and **Maanae** (489) **Sharma** from Hillsborough.

That is a total of 24.

Rocket Doctor Joins GSSS

We do, and very much like to, spotlight one of our members. The following was sent in by one of our new members, Ken Montayne. If you would like to be spotlighted then please write up a short story of your rocketry experience and send it to the editor. Ken writes...

Ken was moderator of the Estes Forum, known as the Rocket Doctor. Though short lived (December 2006 through April 2007) it did have a large following.

Ken is no stranger to GSSS, having worked with Bob Zabriskie at the East Coast Hobby Show held annually in Fort Washington, PA until its recent move to Reading, PA.

Ken also worked as a consultant for Estes-Cox for many years. He worked on many projects including writing instructions, going to trade shows and designing rockets. These include the Baby Bertha, Deluxe Super Shot Screw Machine, Converter,

Estes No. 2 Skywriter, Screamin' MiMi and the 36 D Squared to name a few of the 25 rockets designed but not all coming to production.

His first launch with GSSS was on June 30, 2007. He launched his rocket style planes, Alien rockets and a few others submitted to Estes but not used.

He was also leader of the Wayne (NJ) Skyhawks rocket club from 1972 until 1975. The club members decided to get out into the adult world and the club ended.

A highlight of the clubs was participating in the filming of a TV commercials for Hobby Industry of America shown on many local channels.

His fleet of built rockets has a little of everything from the K-1 Astron to the mighty Saturn V.

Watch for Ken and his rockets at future sport launches. We look forward to his publishing some of his rocket plans in issues to come.

Calendar of Events

There is still plenty of launch action left for 2007.

September 30 – Sport Launch (**Note this is a Sunday Launch**)

October 27 – Sport Launch

November 24 – Sport Launch

December 22 – Sport Launch and Open House.

(More information in the next issue.)

How about bringing in the New Year with a local contest? (January 5, 2008) Suggested events:

Precision (set) duration with a 70 second target. (STD), A Streamer Duration (A SD), ½A Parachute Duration (½A PD), A Boost-Glider Duration (A BG)

Let the Editor or President know.

Plan of Issue

As we promised in the last issue we have another fine rocket plan for you. It is another Helicopter Duration model for ½A and A engines.

This is designed and plan drawn by long time member **Dr. Robert Kreutz**.

How about a competition of only helicopter duration models next year?

Election of Club Officers

We need to elect the following officers for a two year term; President, two Vice-presidents, Secretary-Treasurer. These four officers along with the Section Advisor make up the Board of Trustees.

All paid up members are eligible to be nominated, elected, and serve of this board.

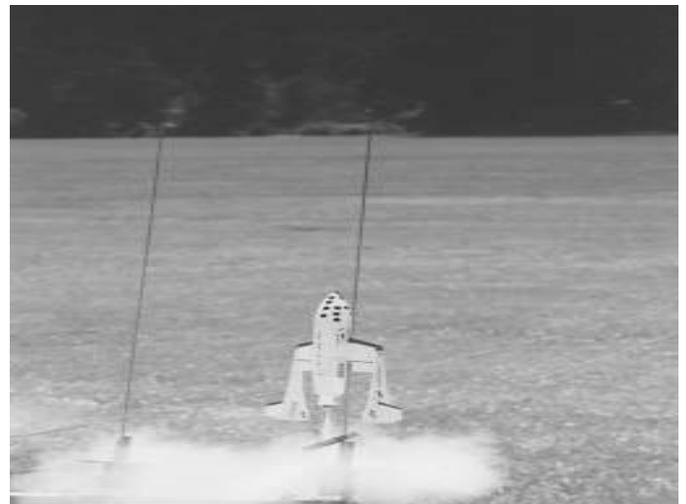
To nominate someone, first ask them if they are willing to serve. These nominations need to be seconded, also by a paid up member, and then sent to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than November 15, 2007. A ballot will then be made up of these nominees and published in the December issue.

They will begin to serve at the first Section Meeting in January or Sport Launch, whichever comes first.

Nominations to be sent to **Arnold Klein**, 2 Oneida Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866.

This is also a good time to make any recommendations for changes in the GSSS Constitution and By-Laws following the same guide lines as above.

Thank you.



A Parting Shot

Steve Pantuck's Space Plane???

Like to see your rocket in this space? Send in your photo with a description of what it is to the editor. Thanks again.