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## Ohhh - STOP COMPLAINING! What's a little Snow?

Huh? What? OMG! Is that BobZ at a Winter Launch???

No GSSS, That's not Bob. Just another member of Alaska's Northstars Model Rocket Club. You think you have it bad with all the snow that last couple of months? Just a day in the park for these guys! Who else has to shovel out their Launch Pad? Hey - I'd rather be out on recovery than have to stand in 2 feet of snow to check everyone in! It may be a lonely sight - but more the "nature of the beast" when Don Johnson (below) goes for his Level 1 certification flight. That's because the NorthStars launch on a FROZEN Lake! Try finding a rocket eating tree - maybe they have it better than we thought! Just try getting there down the mile long Ice Road. So, their motto in Alaska? "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow..."



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# President's Message

*Arnie Klein*



Tam O'Shanter GSSS!  
It's the:  
March Presidents Message

One result of the recent GSSS election is that I now have two newly elected Vice Presidents. The question I asked myself was how to best utilize them. I thought about it for a while and decided the following:

Jim Zindle who attends all the GSSS launches will be the point of contact (POC) for competition and my backup system in case I am not able to make a launch. Anyone who has any idea's for Fun test or NAR Competition should contact him and he will make arrangement for the competition and provide necessary resources.

Dr Robert Kreutz shall be the Point of Contact for the Launch Rack. If you have a article or story you would like to publish in the Launch Rack contact Bob. He has a vast technical experience in model rocketry and can help modify the article if needed.

The December launch was cold and we only had a few people at North Branch Park, never-the-less we managed to launch 14 rockets before the wind picked up.

*-Arnie*



## ~~Lackey's~~ The Editor's Pad

Dr. "Its The Trooth" Bob Kreutz

Just a "Quickie" for this month GSSS - The LR "NEWS" is an interim edition of the Launch Rack to bring you the latest and up-to-date Club NEWS. Of greatest importance is the new 2014 Launch Schedule posted under COUNTDOWN. Secondly, is the new Renewal Schedule which is a return to the pro-rated, month-to-month we have had in the past. Renewals will be based on when you joined-not an annual Jan to Dec. Jack will send you a reminder when its renewal time!

>>> >>> **IMPORTANT CHANGE** <<< <<<

**Memberships and Newsletter Subscriptions:  
NOW on a MONTHLY SCHEDULE**

All memberships based on the calendar year - expired on 12-31-2013. New memberships will expire 12-months after joining. Individual Expiration Dates are on paper address label or in cover email.

**PLEASE RENEW NOW!**

Contact Jack Sarhage: [GSSSHQ@gmail.com](mailto:GSSSHQ@gmail.com)

Download NEW 2014 Membership Form Here:

<http://www.robnee.com/gsss/GSSS%20Membership%20Application.pdf>

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# THE SOAPBOX

## STAND UP AND SHOUT!

Shout, shout, let it all out  
These are the things I can do without  
Come on, I'm talking to you, COME ON!

Here you can say what you want: D\* B\*\* is a... or \*\*\*\* is Da BOMB! So SOUND OFF GSSSS - right here on anything you would like! May similar minds come together - or secret plans be revealed...

## A Charge for Mailed Paper Launch Racks?

Well Friends, its not my doing. But after looking at the 2013 year-end financial report (last issue), the Board is considering charging for printed and mailed issues of the Launch Rack. Proposed by GSSS Pres. Arnie Klein, this action would offset some of the expenses the club incurs to produce the newsletter: about half. The other half is non-recoupable in the form of Club trades, gift issues and LAC Judges issues. Individual members should not be charged for this. The Board is arguing numbers, my take is one of semantics. There was a day when the newsletter was considered a club membership benefit. Dues has not changed much since that time and the club treasury still came out ahead. We still have a little cushion in there. So, what should we do? Switch to electronic format and only email each issue? The choice might be the individual member's: pay for paper or get your issue by email and print it yourself. The club will still incur a small cost for paper copies sent to other clubs and the NAR's LAC Judges. So, should we even charge dues then? There were no contests in 2013 or expenses there. Other than the newsletter, what does the member get for \$10 that costs GSSS \$10? What of the money we save from terminating printing, where will it be used? Well, I don't have that answer. If you don't care what the club does regarding mailed paper Launch Racks, you don't have to do or say a thing. If you do, or have an idea where to apply club funds, please contact your Board Members with your ideas or questions.

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## Countdown 5-4-3-2-1...

The GSSS Schedule for the beginning of 2014 is posted below. As always, we will try to provide a little something for everyone. Please **Note**: All Launch Dates are **SATURDAY** *Except* where noted.

- Jan 25 - Sport Launch (Please do not bring New Year's Fireworks Launch)
- Feb 22 - Sport Launch (Valentine's RED Rockets Glare)
- Mar 29 - Sport Launch (The Vernal Equinox Cometh)
- Apr 26 - Sport Launch (Annual April's Foolish Launch)
- May 31 - Sport Launch (Laotian Bun Bang Fai Rocket Festival Day)
- Jun 22 [SUNDAY] - Sport Launch (Father's-Flag-Stupid-Guy-Thing Day)
- July 12 - Sport Launch (Please do not bring July 4th Fireworks Launch)
- Aug 30 - Sport Launch (Nat. Toasted Marshmallow in Rocket Exhaust Day)
- Sept 28 [SUNDAY] - Sport Launch (National Drink Beer & Launch Day)
- Oct 25 - Sport Launch (Islamic New Year Launch-Bring your own Target)
- Nov 29 - Sport Launch (Square Dancing & Square Rocket Launch)
- Dec 27 - Sport Launch (Astronaut Howdy Doody Day)

WebMaster Rob Nee says: Check the GSSS Website! If you go to the launch dates page on the website there is more info. You can <http://www.robnee.com/gsss/launches.php> add calendar subscriptions to most phones and things like Google Calendar. Then when the launch dates change they show up on your phone automatically!

## New and Renewing Members

Month of January, 2013 - None.