

The Launch Rack

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Mother Nature Not Cooperating

Our win record for launches this year have suffered because of the weather. The August Launch as report by **Robert Nee**, “was a mixed bag. The winds were light but the horse show the week before had torn up the field pretty badly. The mud and huge piles of horse poo combined with the steamy heat had me wondering why I took the clothespins out of my range box. Regardless it was still a fun time and we signed up still more new members. Welcome to the club and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming launches.”

New member, **Tom Hansen**, sent me an e-mail with a couple pictures from the September launch.



I'll let him tell you about them.

The photo to the left is of Tom's rocket made from a Pringles can. (Manuel you are not the only one that know how to use trash it seems.)

It made a “clean launch on a C6-7 with a gentle landing under parachute.” The second launch was not so as successful. It suffered a broken fin and did not achieve enough altitude. Guess it was a good thing the Pringles had been eaten before this launch.

In the next photo that Tom took are “two *Screaming Mimies*” being launched at the same time. The one



on the left is Blue and Red belonging to Tom. The one on the right is Black and Red and is

the rocket of **Bob Nemeth**.

As you all know the October launch was rained out.

With that being all the launch news for this time let's introduce some of the new members **Rob Nee** mentioned.

Welcome Our New Members

We have twelve, that's right 12, new members to introduce to you this time. So, make them feel welcome and help them out. **Marija** (490) and **Matthew** (491) **McCabe** from Caldwell, NJ; **Bob** (492) and **Dakota** (493) **Weiss** from Ridgefield, NJ; **Tristan Novak** (494) of Montville, NJ; **Joe** (495) (and another family member whose name was not provided as of this) **Hammer** living in Hillsborough, NJ; **Robert Tambini** (497) from Dover, NJ; **Paul** (498) and **Maycee Paul** (499) from Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922; **Glenn Roth** (500) of Great Meadows, NJ and last but not least **Steve Decker** (501) from Morrisville, PA. Steve's NAR number is 9695. That gives us three or four of the oldest NAR members as members.

While speaking of the NAR, we urge all of you that have not joined to join. Go to their website or ask GSSS-HQ for information.

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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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If a red “X” appears in the box to the left your membership fees are due. Check your membership card for exact date. Use renewal form included with this issue. Mail it to GSSS-HQ at the address shown. **You will receive no other notification.**

Election of Club Officers

As we reported in the last issue we are to elect club officers to a two year term. We are to elect the President, two Vice-presidents, and our Secretary-Treasurer. These four officers and the Section Advisor make up the Board of Trustees.

All members in good standing (that just means your membership dues are up-to-date) can be nominated, nominate and second those nominations. Those are also the only members that can vote. **(Note: We do not have an age limit for members to vote.)**

Nominations should be sent to our Secretary-Treasurer **Arnold Klein**, 2 Oneida Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866. Nominations will appear in the December issue of *The Launch Rack*

Newsletter as Archaic

From time to time it is suggested that the newsletter as the primary means of communication is archaic. While that may be true to some extent I wonder why the majority of the organizations I belong to still bother to mail one out. These include the Academy of Model Aeronautics, National Railroad Historical Society, United State Chess Federation, National Free-Flight Society, Flying Aces Club (one of the best ever) even our own National Association of Rocketry use them. In most cases the newsletter is the only tangible benefit members see.

So the question is this, Do you as members of the Garden State Spacemodeling Society want to continue receiving the newsletter. If not, it would require a by-law/constitution change.

We are taking a survey. Send your desires, either e-mail or postal service to both, the Secretary-Treasurer Arnold Klein and the Editor, Jack Sarhage.

We will publish as many as we can so that the new Board members can make a decision based upon your suggestions. Thank you.

Club Meetings

Another suggestion, to hold club meetings at a local restaurant either after the launch or on another night agreeable to those that would attend.

The Prez is willing to hold these at his house including a snack of some sort. A “potluck” affair.

Again let us know.

“Fun Test” Launches for 2008

Again we are asking for your help. Why? Because this is your club and we need your help so that you and the other members enjoy it.

At several launches in the past we have held what are called “Fun Tests.” These are simple, no stress competitions either based on an actual event in the NAR contest book or something not in the book such as the ping-pong ball duration.

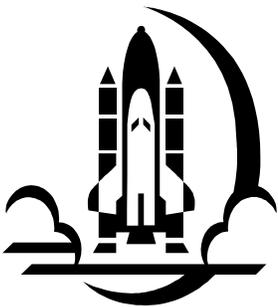
As we begin to think about the year 2008 and plans for the Sport Launches what would you like to see as “Fun Tests” to make thing a little more interesting. Whatever you suggest must fall within the confines of the definition, “model rocket.”

We want you to grow in the hobby and move away from the swoosh-pop kind of launches. We want to challenge you so that this hobby/sport of ours does not become a bore; the primary reason folks dropping out.

Are there other things you would like to include at the Sport Launches? Picnics, club meetings, etc.

So again let us hear from you.

And thanks!!!!!!!



Calendar of Events

There are just two more launches for this year. Let’s hope that the weather co-operates.

Saturday – November 24 (Note according to TOFA it is to be Sunny and cool)

Saturday – December 22 (Per TOFA Sunny and seasonable, maybe snow) After this launch is the Open House at Ye Ole Editors house. It is potluck. Please RSVP by December 15 (732-317-2951 or e-mail address on page 2.)

Oh! TOFA is The Old Farmers Almanac. So, laugh but, they are correct about 85% of the time. More than the local forecasters I would bet.

Plan of Issue

The plan on page 4 comes from the newsletter archives. It appeared in Issue 115 (September/October 1996). The model, *Curlew* is of a B Streamer Duration model designed by Ye Ole Editor **Jack Sarhage**.

A Parting Shot



Sorry I do not have any information on this model. If you do please let me know. I do know that the photo was taken by **Steve Pantuck**.