



The Launch Rack

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Final Newsletter

In the last issue of this newsletter you were asked to take part in a survey to see whether we should have a paper or electronic version. I have received exactly three replies. I want to thank the three members that took the time to do so.

As promised they are printed below:

I vote to discontinue the paper version of The Launch Rack and go only with a web version.

Arnie Klein

We would like to continue to have a newsletter. We look forward to receiving it with the photos and bits of information it contains.

It's nice to have something you can enjoy and save. We collected most of the newsletters over the years. Once, John III won a prize of recovery wadding for identifying a rocket's sketch.

The John Falcone Family

As far as the newsletter goes, I prefer a printed version. However, if it means an increase in dues, I would just assume to get it via "email" and print it myself. What expense does the club incur besides the newsletter? What are our dues spent on? It might seem trivial but I'm curious.

Glenn Roth

It could be assumed that other than these three members no one reads the newsletter in the first place. It may also be assumed that there really isn't any interest in GSSS other than the monthly launches.

With that in mind and being tired of fighting to add a little interest to the hobby/sport in New Jersey I have decided to resign as editor of the newsletter

effective with this issue. (Again, I will pay for its cost.) If I can help the new editor I will be happy to do so.

I am also requesting that my name be removed as President of the club/section. This will mean that you will have to have an election or just name someone in order to file the charter with the National Association of Rocketry.

As founder of this club/section this is a hard decision. But, the make up of the club has changed over the years and no one really seems to be interested in anything other than the monthly "swoosh-n-pop" rocket launches.

THOR Section Discontinued

Sadly, I got a letter from our friend, **Manuel Mejia, Jr.** down Florida way reporting THOR (Section 598) will no longer be part of the NAR. It may continue to fly as an independent.

He sites one of the reasons is most club project are taken on and financed without any help of the national organization.

Manuel wrote that after 25 years he will not renew his personal NAR membership as well. He also sites that there really are not many benefits for the \$62.00 dues.

Manuel advises that THOR is just one of many sections that are leaving the NAR recently.

Stay well good buddy!



Member of Issue

I want to thank **Glenn Roth** for the photos and his contribution in telling a little about his model rocket activities.

I'm also a member of 4H group, "Radical Rocketeers."



Alex, @ 4H fair, Chester, 07



"my GAR Special" on new PVC launch pad I built;

Glenn said that he was, "Getting tired of messing with 3-engine clusters though. Believe it or not, came up with "interchangeable" fins. The new fin design is circular and upswept additional fins".

Also, my Rad Rocketeers" have a Park Site in Flanders we use. Anyway, u guys r welcome as soon as we reserve a date. How about on a 1000 acre sod farm? Have to look into it but, only a mile from my house in Great Meadows.

Sport Launch Schedule

April 19, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 23, **No Launch Date for September**, October 26 (Please note that this is a Sunday), November 29 and December 27.

Watch for news of cancellations or additional dates on the GSSS Website.



July 26th – August 1st, 2008

This year is the 50th anniversary of the National Association of Rocketry. The big celebration will be at NARAM-50 to be held in The Plains (Manassas), Virginia on the above dates.

Pioneering leaders of the hobby will be attending; Vern and Gleda Estes, Lee and Betty Piester.

Since it is so close to us living in New Jersey it would be a great time to attend. Miss this one and it will be another 50 years until the 100th.

Think about attending this historic even and get a chance to meet some of the folks that first got our hobby off the ground.

A Parting Shot



Another nice lift off over North Branch Park. From the look of the clouds this was during a cold weather launch.

That's all folks

