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WHAT'S UP



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Tom Kopp's "Nell"

MAY FLIES

It's May and we're back off the ground again.

Weather for our first launch of 2017 on May 20 was about as good as you could ask for: warm but not hot, sunny, and light breeze. The field was not quite so ideal, not having been mowed yet. But who's complaining. And we had a good turnout. And, new this year, a porta potty.

Your reporter had to leave early but this is what was seen by about 1:00.

First to go up was Benjamin Amrod's Big Daddy on an E9-4. Benjamin also flew a scale Mercury Redstone with a C6-3.

Dennis Friend, unsurprisingly, flew a lot of models. Surprisingly, none were clustered. Most of them were designated missiles: Tank Blaster Missile and Devastator Missile, both on C6, were among them. Dennis must have been feeling warlike that day.

Tom Kopp flew his new, nearly-full-size replica of Goddard's Nell.

Roger Forell had an entry in the streamer duration contest.

Rich Holmes flew his Honest Goon (C6-5), D-Region Tomahawk (E9-6), and Ventris (CTI F59).



Gabe DiMeo's Pink Mosquito went up a couple times with E9-6 motors.

Tim Catterson's new Mark's Discovery and his older Tec II (E9) both flew.

Some other rockets included Scott Watson's 21 Pilots on an F26, Ken Carney's Sahara on an F15, Craig Lazar's Reduce Reuse Recycle also on an F15, Scott Renshaw's Moon Raker (C5), and Dave Grimes's Angry Machine (F44).

It was tough leaving while we were still flying but I had other places to be...



Clockwise from top left: Gabe's Pink Mosquito; Craig's Reduce Reuse Recycle; Dave's Angry Machine; Dennis's Devastator Missile





Tim's Mark's Discovery

MORE POWER

Mars held its annual NYPower event Memorial Day weekend again. Xyjuan Brantley, Tim Catterson, Rich Holmes, Craig Lazar, James Shattell, Scott Watson, and Corey from SRC were there Saturday. No reports have yet been received on Sunday and Monday.

As usual Performance Hobbies and AMW were selling rocketry needs while the Three Legged Pig and an ice cream truck sold rocketeer's needs. Kits were being raffled and auctioned. A night launch was scheduled for Saturday evening.

Weather that day was pleasant enough, though low overcast kept the flights well below the waiver for most of the time. There was plenty of flying activity, ranging from 1/4A through M motors.



Top left: Corey's Der Fat Red Max. Top right: Xyjuan's rocket. Right: Tim's Interceptor.





Top left: Tim's rocket on a sparky. Top right: Rich's Scion on a smoky. Left: Fortunately, the crops were still low.

MEETINGS

Dennis Friend brought some shiny rockets to the April meeting for our giveaways stash. Brian's working on finishing the upscale Saber.

Maintenance to be done on the pads: replace the wire holddown clips, apply Velcro for the pad numbers (instead of hooks), clean rods and rails, replace clips.

The Next Launch sign still needs to be fixed up.

Paul Gagnon can supply a surplus boat trailer to be converted into a club equipment trailer.

We looked over the launch equipment.

No report available on the May meeting.



Rich Holmes has an ASP V-2 in progress.

About the Syracuse Rocket Club

The Syracuse Rocket Club (SRC), serving hobby rocketry in central New York, is section 566 of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and Prefecture 53 of the Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) and was founded in 1997.

SRC holds a monthly sport launch in Van Buren once a month, May through October, typically on the third Saturday (weather permitting); see our calendar elsewhere in this newsletter for specifics. Launches are open to the public, with a \$5 launch fee for non SRC members who wish to fly rockets.

SRC welcomes all prospective new members to our monthly meetings. They are held on the first Monday of the month (second Monday if the first is a holiday) from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Walt's Hobby Town on Dwight Park Drive, near the State Fair Boulevard exit of I-690.

For more information see our website: <http://syracuserocketclub.org>. We also are on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SyracuseRocketClub>.

SRC officers are:

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UPCOMING SRC EVENTS

(Abbreviated; for details and full year see <http://syracuserocketclub.org/calendar.html>)

Date	Time	Location	Event
Jun Sat. 3rd	7:00 am–2:00 pm	Skytop	MOST CNY Rocket Team Challenge
Jun Mon. 5th	7:00–8:00 pm	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting. Discussion Topics: 1) Update on preparation of our club project upscale Sabre rocket. 2) Review of the CNY Rocket Team Challenge. 3) Syracuse Rocket Club assistance at June school launches. 4) Preparation for the June club launch.
Jun Sat. 17th	10:00 am–3:00 pm	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch. Theme: Multi-Staging. Contests: A Parachute Duration and 30-sec Target Duration
Jun Fri. 23rd – Sun. 25th		Potter, NY	Upstate Research Rocketry Festival (URRF 4)
Jul Mon 10th	7:00–8:00 pm	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting. Discussion Topic: Model rocket finishing techniques
Jul Sat. 15th	10:00 am–3:00 pm	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Theme: Egg Lofters. Contests: D Parachute Dual Eggloft Duration and 30-sec Target Duration

Please check web site (<http://syracuserocketclub.org>) for changes, cancellations, and last minute events! Go/no go status of each launch will be posted on the web the evening before.

Directions to Walt's HobbyTown: From I-690, take Exit 5 (State Fair Blvd./Lakeland). Turn right onto Van Vleck Rd. Take the first right onto Dwight Park Dr. Walt's is immediately on your right.

Directions to Weigand's Field: From I-690, take Exit 2 (Jones Rd.). Turn left onto Jones Rd. Take the first right onto Van Buren Rd. After 1.6 miles turn left onto Connors Rd. After 1.0 miles turn left onto Canton Street Rd. Launch site is about 0.4 miles on your left; look for sign. Park in designated area. Please do not drive onto field without launch director's permission.