



# What's Up!

The Official Newsletter of the  
Syracuse Rocket Club



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## Our Newsletter is back!

Happy New Year to all!

During the December SRC meeting, nominations were offered for our SRC Officer positions. It was also noted that our club by-laws stated that voting was to take place during the first meeting in January. During our January meeting, a vote was taken and the following officers were elected:

### SRC Officers

President: David Harbaugh

Vice President: George Reavis

Treasurer: Dennis Friend

Tripoli Prefect: Rich Pitzeruse

NAR Section Advisor: Ron Lioto

Secretary: Elaine Reavis

A hearty congratulations to those elected and a sincere thank you to those who have served.

**Please see the meeting minutes to get caught up on what is planned for 2007.**

### Our Newsletter Is Back

As our banner states, our newsletter is back. During the later part of 2006, I (George Reavis) asked about restarting our newsletter. To make a long story, short, I have taken on this task.

At this time I believe that the newsletter will be produced on a quarterly basis. Once our launch season begins, I plan to provide the club with a monthly recap. It is my hope to keep our members advised as to the happenings within our club. Are you working on a project? We'd love to hear about it. Got a project that you are working on? Send pictures too. Please ensure that you send original work only.

Send electronic submissions to:  
rmpitzer@mailbox.syr.edu  
Subject Line: SRC Newsletter

### **Have you attended a Syracuse Rocket Club meeting lately?**

We'd love to see you at our meetings. The SRC meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month. They are an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and information, plus we meet at Walt's Hobby Shop, which is an added bonus. **SRC members get 10% off their purchases.**

**November Club Meeting:** During this meeting, the following ideas were brought to the table:

- ◆ **Membership:** Get our SRC name and website location distributed into the local area. Winter may not be the best time to begin this type of drive, but it is the perfect time to think about the locations we would like to distribute fliers.

For example:

- ◆ Area Grade/Junior/Senior High Schools
- ◆ Area Colleges
- ◆ Girl/Boy Scouts (all ages)

A flier has been designed to help spread our club name and website. In the Spring we will begin distributing these fliers. At this time we have begun reviewing our website to ensure that it contains current information.

- ◆ **For Sale:** Include a location on our website for members to post rocket related items that they have for sale.
- ◆ **Yearly Picnic:** This years picnic is scheduled for August 25th. Mark your calendars.
- ◆ **Digital Camera:** If you have a digital camera, bring it along to our launches. We can add these pictures to our existing album.
- ◆ **Launch Control Training:** Provide and encourage all participants to man the launch control equipment during our monthly launches. This will allow all members an opportunity to fly their rockets. Remember that we tend to take for granted that someone will arrive early to set up. Then stay late to tear down. I thank these individuals who keep our club going. Without them we would not have our launches. If you can help, please let Rich know.

- ◆ **Bring a friend:** Try to bring a friend or family with you to a launch this year. Who knows, you may open the door to a future Rocket Scientist.

### What are you building?

Due to mother nature and family events, Elaine and I missed every launch in 2006. I have the following rockets ready to fly. The yellow rocket is unnamed at this time. It is scratch built, parachute recovery and it will launch with a C6-5 motor.



Below is the **Estes Screamin' Mimi**. This kit is parachute recovery, which I plan to launch on a D12-5 motor.



**We want to hear from you.** Please forward your pictures along with a description of your rocket or process that you'd like to share.

Just a reminder

Keep your NAR and Tripoli memberships current. Each chapter requires a minimum number of active memberships. Don't forget to include your NAR/Tripoli membership numbers when you renew your yearly SRC memberships. This allows Dennis to monitor our National Memberships.

I look forward to a new year. I encourage all of you to help me fill these pages with pictures, helpful hints or general information that would benefit the club.

**2007 SRC Launches**

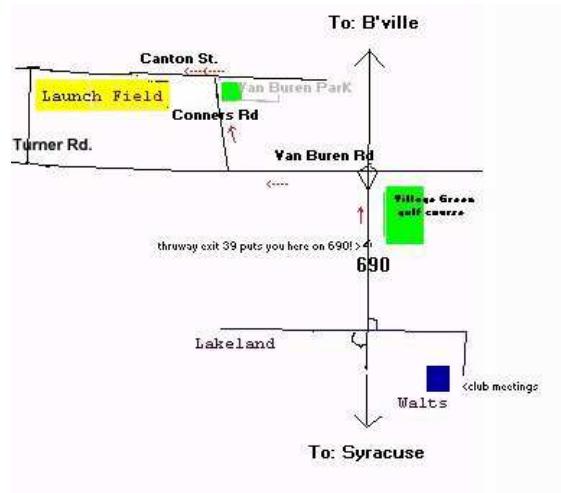
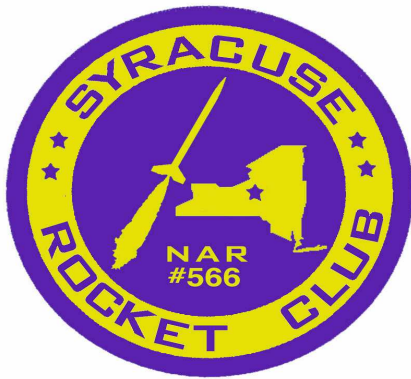
**All launches are from 10 am to 3 pm at Weigand's Hayfarm**

**Dates are subject to change due to weather and field cutting.**

**Please check the SRC website <http://www.syracuserocketclub.org> the morning of the launch to confirm that the launch will be held.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Weigand's Hayfarm**



From 690- take Van Buren Rd. Exit, turn left on Van Buren Rd. About 1/4 mile turn right on Conners Rd. Continue up Conners, Van Buren Park will be on your right, turn left on Canton St. Look for sign showing where to park. We launch either right across from the white farm house on