



LAUNCH REPORT THREE OAKS 1.26.08

This is the first report in a new format. I hope you like it. Cancel or not? Move to Sunday or not? Typical Winter in Michiana decisions. We cancelled last month, Sunday looked better than Saturday this time but would enough people know about it? Anyway, we went for the 26th, the scheduled date, and it worked out fine. **It was a good turnout for winter conditions.** There were 13 official flyers with 28 flights, some spectators and two families new to our launches. The weather was in the 20's, low cieling, moderate breeze from the South. Not great but not bad for the infamous "Three Oaks Triangle". It started spitting snow mid afternoon so we packed up about 3:00ish.

There was great help from volunteers for both set-up and take-down.....**thank you all.** Special thanks to Blane and Abbie Hillman for our **new launch sign** and Randy Milliken for our **new launch control batteries.** Three more members signed up and paid their dues of 2008. **We even recieved two donations.....thank you.**

Randy Milliken had a couple of interesting flights. A plastic wire spool powered by an I284 and "Fly-by-Night", a test for a new night rocket, lights included. Both were good flights.....sorry, no pictures.

Carl Ardissono, a student with his parents Carl and Kate, did several launches with his scratch built rockets. He designed his own school science project with help from Dave McVeigh at Red Arrow Hobbies.

Both **Red Arrow Hobbies** and **Impulse Buys** were on hand to supply the rocketers. "Chili Man" showed up to watch but without chile, henceforth refered to as only "the Man".

I took the photos in this report but I will be happy to consider others if they're sent to me quickly enough

after launches. I've been a photographer for many years but I'm still learning to use my new camera.

MOTORS USED, not counting clusters

1/2A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
0	1	1	10	5	2	1	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	0

Next launch is February 23-34

See you there.....historically, The February launches have been good ones.

Fair winds and clear skies.....Wayne Dennis



Registration, launch control and launch area



Parking and rocket prep

Groovy Baby by Mike Adams deserves a whole page. Is it the name, the bright colors, the roar created by lots of power in a heavy rocket, in this case an Aerotech L1150 Redline, that makes it so impressive? I guess it's the whole package. There was some damage due (I think) to premature firing of the deployment system. I hope the damage wasn't so great as to prevent us from seeing more flights at future launches.



Ignition



Lift off



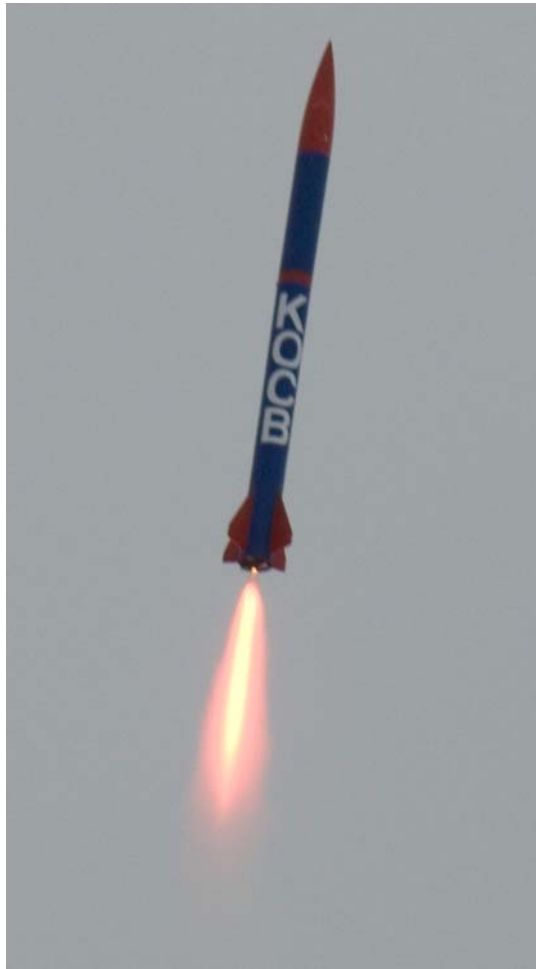
Running smooth



Maximum speed



Heading down range



K.O.C.B. by Bert Wise powered by an Aerotech J 420 Redline. Great lift off, clean flight, perfect dual-deployment recovery.

Bad luck for Derrick Adams with his Devastator. Also powered by a 420 R. lift off was OK, then premature dual deployment (or whatever?). Note the motor still burning. Sorry Derrick, better luck next time on your Level 2 certification attempt.

