



LAUNCH REPORT

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Like many launches for our club, this launch was not for the feint of heart. Cold and snow were in the cards for us but the real question was just how much there would be. As it turns out there was not much snow, some wind and surprisingly clear sky for most of the day. While there weren't many fliers it was still a good time to hang out, socialize and shiver in unison.

Setup came very early in the morning. I met Larry Koskie on site. The snow leading into the field looked a lot worse than it really was. Jim Fields showed up a short time later and in a small amount of time we had a rather minimalist setup. Just the D cell and 2 mid-power pads.

The reality of the cold weather set in when we opened the port-a-Jon to find several inches of the white stuff piled on the seat inside. Fortunately, I brought a snow shovel to dig it out.

Here is the flight break-down for the day:

B	C	F	G	H	I	J
2	1	1	3	2	3	1

Yes, you are reading that correctly, there were only 13 flights for the entire day! Mostly due to the cold weather making so hard to prep rockets and the forecast being less than optimal.



There were, in my opinion several "highlight" flights. One of which was Jim Fields "Artic Wolf" on a Kosdon I 300 to over 3k AGL. Never saw the decent under drogue but did manage to spot it once the main charge went off. Another was from John Dick who showed up with a dog-collar GPS location system used in two different rockets and it appeared to be working well as a location system. This leaves everyone wondering, is there a shock collar for misbehaving rockets?

Special thanks goes to Bob Bycraft for providing almost all the pictures for this report.

Vendors:

Dave McViegh of Red Arrow Hobbies and Jay Calvert from Impulse Buys were both on hand for most of the day. Thanks guys for helping out!

Tear Down:

Bert Wise, Bob Bycraft, Larry Koskie and Jim Fields (I hope I'm not missing anyone) all stuck around and we managed to get everything packed away by about 4pm.



Bert and Jackie get the Strong Arm 3 ready for flight



Jim and his LOC Onyx ready to go on a Pro29 G Skidmark



The up part on a F40 was great...



Down part...not so much.



John Dick's Iris M on a I285





John Dick returns with his Iris M



Jay Calvert says, "BUY SOMETHING!"



It says, "Your dog has treed it's quarry."



Prefect...NOT perfect.



"I can't feel my fingers anymore." Bert Wise's TAJA on a I200



Jim Field's Grey Wolf on a I300 Kosdon



Bob Bycraft's PML Amraam on a CTI H123 Skidmark



It's the last launch of 2010. John Dick's Bullet-Modified on a CTI J285.



Bert and his Strong Arm 3



You knew someone was going to launch some snow eventually.