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September 27 Meet Report

We had another great turnout at the September launch, with more than a dozen fliers launching over 60 rockets. Kate Rucquoi's Civil Air Patrol squadron made the trip down from Stuart, which really helped pad the totals! (*bad pun, sawwee*) We had a few new folks join us, including "old timer" Steve Gaunche, who used to fly with us years ago—welcome back, Steve!

The weather was quite nice, with clear skies, tolerable humidity and a moderate breeze keeping things comfortable. The field had not been mowed in several weeks, so some areas were a bit shaggy. A few small models were lost in the weeds, though most were eventually found.

The new-format log sheets have been well-received, making for less confusion during the launch rounds. The old log sheets just listed the entries sequentially, with no differentiation between rounds. The new sheets have three tables on each page, one for each of the three 6-pad cells, and each sheet is used for a specific round of flights.

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Inaugural Issue - FSA Rocketry

This is the inaugural issue of *FSA Rocketry*, the Florida Spacemodeling Association's official newsletter. Look for club news, photographs, articles and more in upcoming issues. The newsletter will be published bimonthly for now; e-mail updates will continue to be sent on a regular basis.

Those of you who have been FSA members for awhile will remember past incarnations of the club newsletter. I had a LOT more time on my hands back then, so this version will be minimal in comparison.

User-submitted content is always welcome! The newsletter is in MS Word format.

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Paul Rudin prepares his *Square In The Air* for flight on a B6-4 motor.

FSA Website: <http://fsa-twp.webs.com/index.htm>

The flight log-in procedure is also different from before. The previous procedure had the flier log in his entry before proceeding to the pad. Under the new procedure, rockets are loaded onto the pad, then logged in on the appropriate line with the flier's name, the name of the rocket, the motors and any comments the flier wants the Launch Control Officer (LCO) to read during the launch announcement.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and run the range; especially Mike West for mowing the setup areas and David Taylor for running the range for most of the day. You guys are the best!

Launch Announcements

Our next launch will be held at Dyer Park on Saturday, October 25 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM. Andy Jackson of Aerospace Specialty Products (<http://www.asp-rocketry.com/>) will be there. Contact Andy at andy@asp-rocketry.com if you want him to bring any particular items.

We will have an informal contest - Bring a Halloween-themed Oddroc & enter it in the People's Choice contest. Winner will be determined by applause reaction; good, bad and/or ugly! Prizes of some sort will be awarded, depending on what oldy-moldy goodies I can dig outta Rocket Rick's Attic (sorry, Paul Rudin, the Cosmodrone Vostok isn't included!).

The rules are simple: Just Have Fun! You can build something from scratch, or convert an existing rocket to something spooky or just put on a cool paint job. Or you can convert a Halloween decoration into a flying monstrosity. Entries must be reasonably safe and stable. Or not. Just be sure it won't catch on fire!

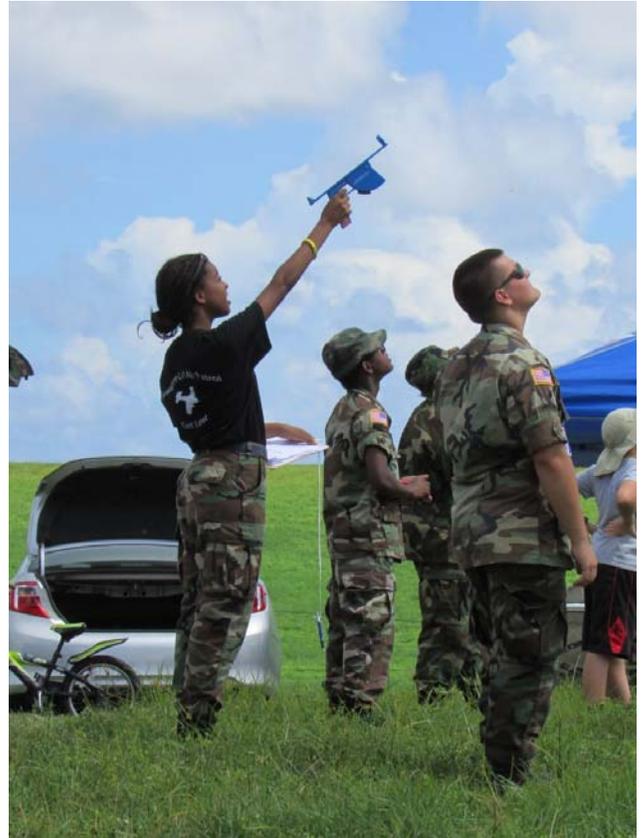
The November launch will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 22, noon to 5 PM.

Our launch site is located at Dyer Park, off Haverhill Road and Dyer Boulevard, just south of Beeline Highway. Club dues are \$20 per year individual, \$25 per year family. Visit our website at for launch and membership info. Hope to see you at the next launches!

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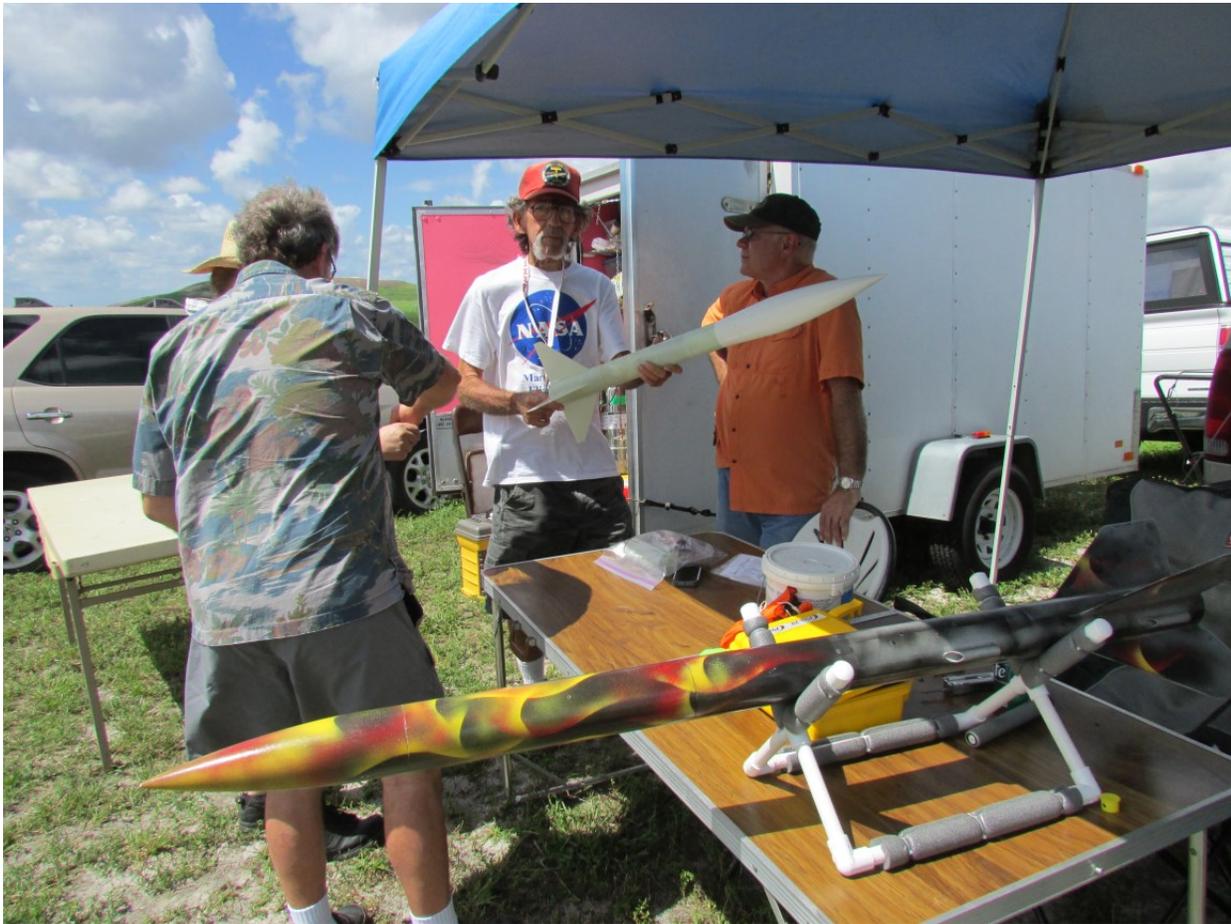
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PHOTO GALLERY – September 2014 Launch



Scott & Trevor Polycarpo's crowd-pleasing *Fury* heads skyward on a Cesaroni H287 for another perfect flight!



There's never a shortage of "colorful characters" at our launches!



The Old Hippy Rocket ready to go



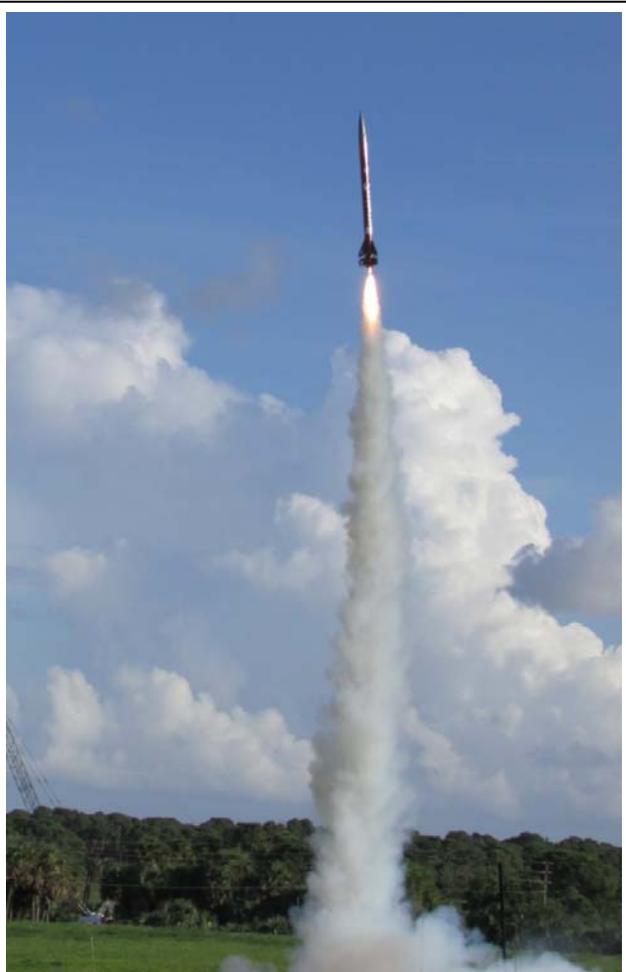
Bernie Lalime with his Old Hippy Rocket



Paul Stutzman retrieving his Estes *Star Probe*



The *Buccaneer* descending on the drogue parachute



Rick Boyette's *Buccaneer* flew to 1200 feet on an Aerotech I211



Paul Rudin's gorgeous *Stiletto* flew great on a C11-5



Paul Stutzman watches Bernie Lalime's Old Hippie Rocket toast the pad with a Skidmark G1000

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