

# April Launch Report

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> dawned bright and sunny at the Skybusters launch at the Amherst field, and the temps were soon high enough to shed jackets and long sleeve shirts. When the launch first started, the winds were practically zero, but gained strength as the day went on.

Many model rockets were being flown off of the low-power racks, but some large commercial motors were flown by NOTRA members too.



Pat Easter flew his Egg (left) complete with computer drawn/laser cut fins for a perfect, if low, flight.

Cornelius Gould (right) flew his XR-9C/Comanche with an AT H128W motor with dual deployment and a perfect flight.



Andrew Kleinhenz flew his (EZ)I-200 (below left) on a motor which has become his favorite, an AT I200. He later flew his N3 (below right) with

an AT J315 Red motor which even though it went over 3000 feet high and flew over the turnpike, it landed only 100 feet from the launch pads.







Brand new Tripoli and NOTRA member Jim Seibyl poses with his upscaled NCR SA-14 Archer (left) and flew it with an AT J800 motor and dual deploy for a perfect L2 certification flight (right), landing it only a couple of hundred feet from the flight line after a flight over 2500 feet.



Mark Hanna poses with his Aerobee 300 (below left), which he flew with an AT H233 Red motor (below center). He then flew his scratch built Saturn 1B on an AT J570 motor (below right).







Chris Pearson flew two prototype LOC/Precision kits, the first being the Starliner (above left) flown with a G80 motor, and the unpainted Explorer, which even though it was built with a 38mm motor mount, it was test flown twice with G80 motors (right). The next flight will be with a 38mm H or I motor. Its bigger brother, the Explorer XL, a 5.38" diameter dual deploy rocket with a 54mm motor mount will be flown at the next launch. And for fun he once again flew his LOC Cool Spool (left) with a really old AT G80 motor, which chuffed about 5 times before it ignited.

At right are some of the children and their parents from the YMCA Trailblazers who came out to fly model rockets.

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