

Balls-26 Launch Report Part 3 – The Final One

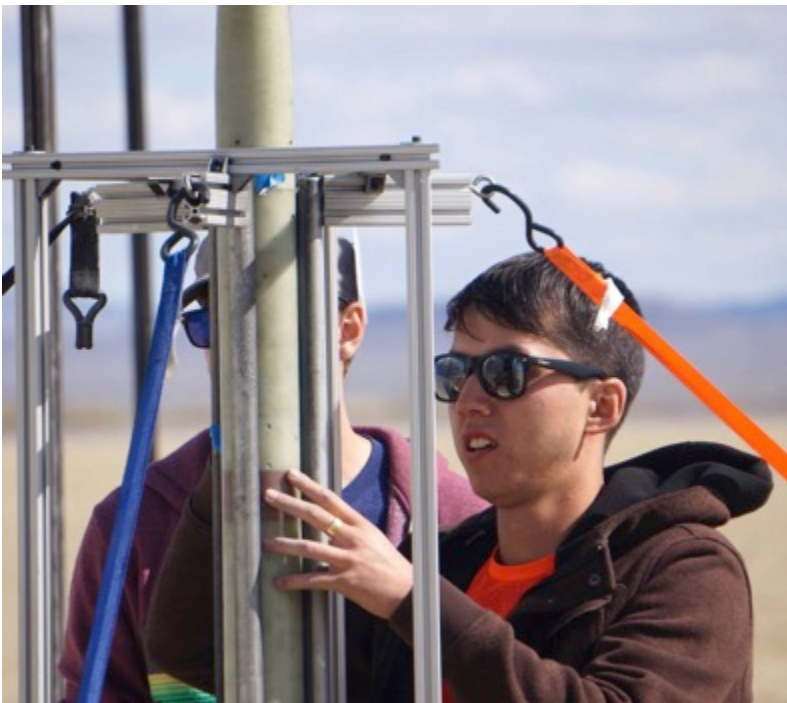


One of the more awesome flights was that of the “300K Project”. A two stage O to M rocket that the launch crew was hoping to hit 300K feet with. Above pic show the team loading the first stage onto the launch tower. The Left pic show the rocket at the moment of life-off.

The pic below and left shows a still frame from the launch video of the booster separation at 60K feet. Unfortunately the second stage didn’t ignite, but the flight was still spectacular.



Aidan



(Above) Aidan Sojourner and Alexis Thoeny load their 70K attempt, which was also one of their Level 3 certification flight. At right is the moment of ignition of the Aerotech M motor. A moment later (Below) is the motor catoing, damaging the launch tower and making a nice hole in the playa.



At right is the Annual Saturday Night "Party on the Playa" during which propellant from motors that have malfunctioned is burned off rather spectacularly. Below is a pic of two Burning Man participants who obviously got their dates wrong!

