



AUGUST Launch 2022

Hot, hot, hot! Thankfully there was some cloud cover so it wasn't as bad as it might have been, but it was still sizzling.

Lots of C flights, including Jaime Hincapie with three two-stagers and (along with his son Santiago) several single-stagers. Three young women (Melanie Sharrow, Allie Green, and Story Dornsife, I think; please correct me if I'm wrong) flew a bunch of flights, my favorite being Melanie's Purple People Eater.

My grandson Simon and I put up three flights, two with his purple Firestreak on B6-4's, and one with my gap-staged, rear-ejection (for the booster) Nike-Apache boilerplate on a B6-0/B6-6 combo.

There was one certification attempt: Evan Mandel succeeded with his L2 attempt on his Red Thunder on an AT J270. He also got some exercise retrieving it from deep in the field to the north.

Aaron Simpson had the spectacular failure of the day when his CTI J380 did something out of the ordinary, destroying the motor casing and his Mega Der Red Max along with it. Pieces of that were retrieved from the field all day.

There were a couple of Amir reclamation projects that took to the air, including a stretched Hawk by Gordon Bain that used a fin can that was originally built by Amir. That flew on an AT J425 and what a great flight to somewhere between 2500' and 3000' that recovered very near the pads.

A couple rockets, including one of Mark Carlson's, wound up in The Impenetrable Thicket, and I'm not sure whether they were successfully retrieved or not.

Finally, a reminder: our September launch will be on the 2nd Saturday (September 10) instead of the first Saturday to avoid a conflict with AirFest. Yes, that means we'll be going up against the UT-Alabama football game at 11am. That may affect attendance :-)

Mark Scheevel

All Photos by Harry Spears

Motor stats:

By impulse

1/8A 0

1/4A 0

1/2A 0

A 4

B 6

C 18

D 2

E 3

F 7

G 6

H 0

I 0

J 6

K 0

L 0

M 0

N 0

Total 52

By manufacturer

Aerotech 16

Apogee 0

AMW 0

CTI 3

Estes 33

Gorilla 0

Loki 0

NCR 0

Quest 0

RoadRunner 0

EX 0

Total 52

Flights 48

