

July Launch 2022

You may have heard: it's hot out there right now. Nonetheless, we had a larger turnout than I expected and wound up with a total of 41 flights, from 1/2A to I and everything in between.

David Bellhorn put up several flights of his 1/2A rocket glider, getting ready for the FAI fly-offs. One flight was much better than the others :-). He cycled through different names for the different flights: "Soaring Eagle", "Wings of a Dove", and "Hudson Hawk". At least one of them might have been more appropriately named "When Doves Cry".

There was a noticeable breeze, and small rockets were drifting quite far. But that never bothers Jaime Hincapie, who -- along with his son Santi -- flew THREE C6-0/C6-7 two-stagers AND GOT THEM ALL BACK. I imagine that we'll have to start goading him into loading up a Comanche 3 now. Alex Ortiz, a new club member from San Antonio, also flew a two-stager and got it all back. Of course, it was a double-decker saucer on an A10-0/1/2A-3 stack, so it didn't go quite as high. But it was fun anyway. I think Harry caught a photo of that one right as it staged. Alex got his money's worth, flying seven flights in all.

Another new flyer, Auden Vance, flew his Alpha III three times on B6-4's. It drifted quite a way on its first flight but was eventually located near the small pond to the north. Welcome to the hobby, Auden!

As Alex Mericas noted in a separate post, Der Red Max variants were well represented. Alex flew a Big Der Red Max twice on F23's, James Duffy flew a Mega Der Red Max in Texas Air National Guard colors -- which he named Der F-16 Max -- on an E16, and Doug Hodge flew a Big Der Red Max on an F15.

Michael Harris flew several beautifully-finished rockets: a SuperNova, a Goblin, a Photon, and an Onyx. Unfortunately, the Onyx (I think) landed in the pond to the south. Michael was able to retrieve it pretty quickly so there probably wasn't too much damage.

Mark Carlson, Emilio Mayorga, and Aaron Simpson put up multiple high-power flights that all worked flawlessly. We had two certification attempts. Doug Hodge had a successful attempt flying a LOC Semper Fi on an H73, and Joaquim Pacer (?) had a successful attempt flying a LOC IV on an H100. Congratulations to both of those flyers!

It doesn't look like there will be much precipitation in July, so I'm skeptical about an August launch. But you never know. Keep an eye on the newsgroup for updates as the launch date approaches.

Mark Scheevel

Photos by Harry Spears

Motor stats:

By impulse

1/8A	0
1/4A	0
1/2A	4
A	1
B	7
C	11
D	4
E	4
F	5
G	2
H	6
I	1
J	0
K	0
L	0
M	0
N	0
Total	45

By manufacturer

Aerotech	14
Apogee	0
AMW	0
CTI	0
Estes	24
Gorilla	0
Loki	0
NCR	0
Quest	7
RoadRunner	0
EX	0
Total	45
Flights	41



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