

PHOENIX MISSILE WORKS

LAUNCH REPORT

JANUARY LAUNCH REPORT PHOENIX MISSILE WORKS TRA # 81 NAR #682 SATURDAY 01/17/2009 (COMMERCIAL)

Saturday started out very cold, cloudy and windy and stayed that way all day. The weather did not deter the crowd. In addition to many of our members, we had visitors from Ohio, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.



I really hate to have to put this in the launch report. Bob Haas was our first flyer and experienced his first CATO. The Big Nuke flying on a CTI K570 was not cooperating. According to Bob, "I examined all the grains, as I do with every reload, before the assembly. The forward closure and nozzle with aft closure were unscathed (unfortunately). Either there was a large void within the #3 grain from the nozzle, or someone cast that grain with a black powder BB included (HA HA)." According to Bob's records, he has flown over 1/4 million N-S of motors in less than 3 years. I think one CATO is a very good record. The Big Nuke is repairable and will fly again. Do not know if it will make Bob feel any better, but Carl also feels it was a definitely a manufacturer problem and no fault of Bob's.

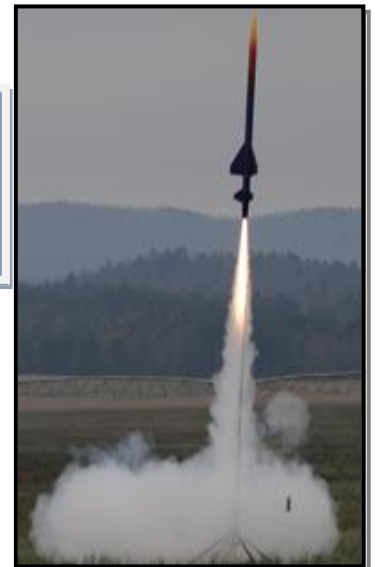
The first visitor, I met was Michael Beck from Cantonment, Fl. Michael was here along with his son, Jay. Michael was on a business trip to Phoenix, AZ and was on the net and found our website and thought he might catch a launch while he was there. Unbeknownst to him, he would have to wait until he was home to actually witness a Phoenix Missile Works launch. Michael and Jay flew a Super Big Bertha on a D12-3 and a D-Region Tomahawk on a E9-6. Hope to see you guys again real soon.



David Smith and Mario Panebianco came over from Atlanta, GA.

David's rocket flew on a AMW Pro K935 WW to an altitude of 5150 feet and was recovered. David is now a member of Phoenix Missile works, so technically he is not a visitor anymore.

Mario flew a BSD 4" Iris on a Gorilla K460. Unfortunately, the Iris is in the fields or woods around the field. Maybe if Don gets to fly around, he may spot it.



The parents of GirlPower member, Haley Allen were able to come to the launch. It was very nice to meet Rick and Jane Allen. This was the first flights for Rick. He flew his Big Daddy twice on a E12-5 and was successful both times. We welcome you both to come back soon.



Gary Dickinson of Team Ohio was here along with Steve Temple and Bill Dodd. Gary thought he was right at home with the weather, the only difference is that PMW does not cancel launches. He has been waiting months to fly and flew his Red Rocket on a cluster of 3-I550R Altitude was 4893 feet. Quite a flight. Everyone kept bugging him to do it again. Team Ohio will be back in March.

HARA president and fellow PMW member, Ray Cole was able to join us this month. Ray always has several rockets prepped for flight. First up was a 6' saucer on a C6-0. He then staged a drag race with 4 scratch built rockets flying on C6-5. From the pictures, Pad 3 really beat the others off the pad. Next was Fat Chance on a G76 and last but not least was a scratch built rocket on a F10-8 with a 7.8 second burn. It just kept burning. Great burning of AP.



Dennis Cotton along with Heidi and Katie were in attendance. Dennis flew his Moon Dawg on a H112 to 1901 feet.

Kathy Huff had Maltilda all ready to go again.

She flew on an I405 to 2992 feet and an I210 to 2904 feet.

Great flights.



Rodney Mcmillan flew his Competitor 3 on a K1440. The rocket broke the clouds and was never seen again. Next step for Rodney; let's work on an electronics bay and tracker.



Haley Allen flew her Little Dog on a Loki H160 to an altitude of 2662 feet. Later she flew EZi-65 on a Loki I210. Even with the winds, the giant oak did not get her this month.

Don Huff had loaded his truck with plenty of motors. Don flew Long Stripes twice, once a Loki H100 and a Loki G80. Simple Green flew on a Loki G80 to 1290 feet. He also had two flights on the Test Mule. He used a Loki G80 for an altitude of 1535 feet and a ProX G69 to 1900 feet.



GREAT DAY.

Any day flying is better than any day working even with the cold weather.

