

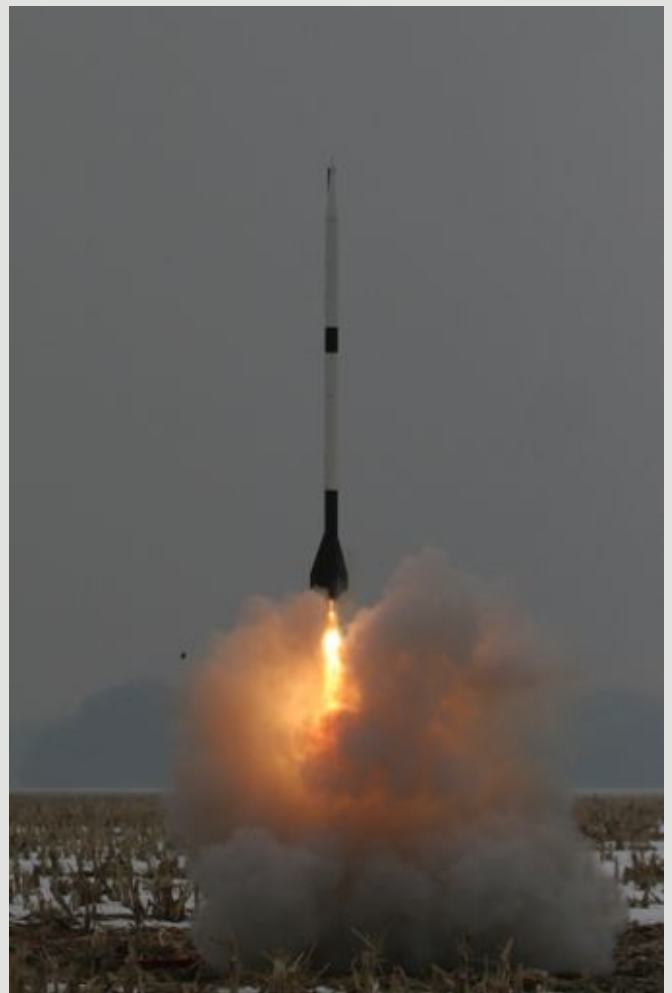


TRIPOLI INDIANA LAUNCH REPORT

February 20, 2010

Though the weather gods tempted us the week before the launch with cloudless skies, warm temperatures, and low winds, a front came in Saturday night that dropped the cloud ceiling to 5000 feet with a light rain. This was no matter to a few hardy individuals from Tripoli Indiana who made it out to the Ash Grove site to fly rockets.

Vice President Gus Piepenburg came loaded for bear with his large black 6" upscaled Hawk Mountain Beast and a new CTI N4100RL to fly. Unfortunately, the low ceiling prevented him from flying the first N motor from our Ash Grove field, but he vows to be back next month to claim the title. Gus also put on an informative class on rocketry avionics for an audience of several club members.



John Tsohas flew his Mongoose 54 on an I284.



John arms the R-DAS in his Mongoose.

The big story of the day was John Tsohas attempting his Level 1 certification. This was a re-flight of his last attempt in December, which ended when the avionics lost power at apogee. This month, with the battery securely zip-tied and duct-taped in, John's Mongoose 54 "TSOX-1" successfully completed its mission on an Aerotech I284W, with full dual deploy recovery a few hundred yards from the pad. Congratulations, John!

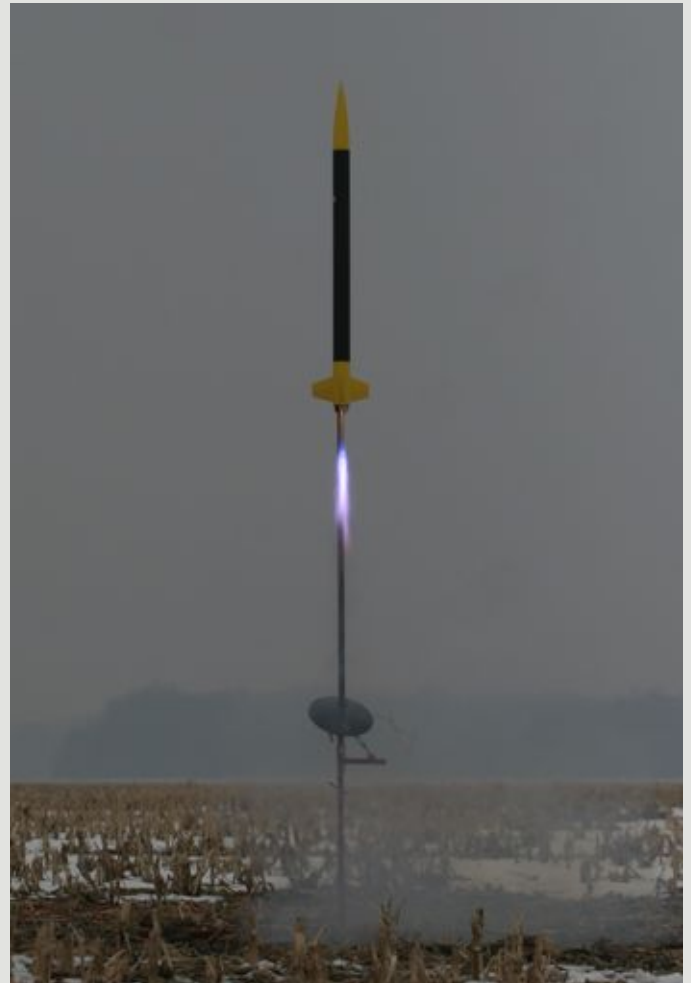


John with Gus Piepenburg before John's successful Tripoli Level 1 flight.



David's Lil' Nuke on an F40-7W.

David Reese flew the other two flights of the day, boosting his 10-year old LOC Lil' Nuke on an Aerotech F40-7W, and his scratch built 3" diameter rocket on a CTI I236BS.



David's 3" rocket on a CTI I236BS, on its way to 2504'.

Impulse Class	Number Flown
MicroMaxx	0
A	0
B	0
C	0
D	0
E	0
F	1
G	0
H	0
I	2
J	0
K	0
L	0
M	0
N	almost 1
Total	3

After this flight touched down, the cold club members retired to the Wendy's in Battle Ground to warm up and trade rocket stories.

Special thanks to Darryl Hankes from Wildman Kentucky for driving up to hand-deliver DarkStar Lites for the participants in the ThunderStruck drag race this April. Jump on this deal while there's still kits available - a DarkStar Lite, CTI H123 Skidmark, and the associated hardware all for \$110!

And don't forget to join us in March for our first two-day launch of the season on Indiana's best flying field. Flying will be commercial on the 13th, and experimental on the 14th. It's gonna be epic!