



TRIPOLI INDIANA LAUNCH REPORT October 18th, 2009

For our October launch, the change of the seasons is definitely in the air. Temps in the low 40's during setup and warming up to the low 50's during the launch. Although turnout was low, we still had some dedicated flyers show up with rockets to fly!

Even with the nip of Fall in the air making it a little chilly, the first competitive event the club held, a dollar store crayon drag race, had things heating up with some good natured trash talking and a good time was had by all.

Motors Burned:

Impulse Class	Number Flown
MicroMax	0
A	5
B	10
C	13
D	3
E	6
F	6
G	6
H	0
TOTAL	49



Curtis Reynolds getting "Spike" ready to go.



Shawn Fisher's Baby Bertha quickly leaving the pad on a B6-4.



Shawn Fisher with his Dad after recovering his rocket.



Jon Craig getting his Big Daddy ready to fly.



Randy Milliken's Wildman Jr. leaving the pad on a G106 Skidmark motor. This flight was dedicated to Paul Robinson (on right) owner of Animal Motor Works and the man responsible for the popularity of Skidmark motors. Paul recently lost his battle with cancer and will be greatly missed by the rocketry community.



Danny Midkiff's Big Betty leaping off the pad.



Randy Milliken's 256% upscale of an Estes Alpha



David Reese flew his Doorknob on both a F40 white lightning (left) and a G53 Fastjack (right) .



Photo: David Reese

The Crayon drag race contestants.
From Left to Right: Curtis Reynolds, Doug Jackson, Brian Perry, Randy Milliken, and Vic Barlow.

Some of the interesting flights during the launch:

Shawn Fisher, our youngest flyer for the day racked up a bunch of flights. He had a great time flying his Baby Bertha, his Gnome, and his skywriter.

David Reese flew his Madcow Screech on a E16, and his LOC IV on a AT G71 redline, and a G64 White Lightning.

Jon Craig put up his “Der Ruined Max” and his Baby Daddy.

Danny Midkiff launched his Fat Boy, Blue Ninja, and Big Betty.

Sam Midkiff and Curtis Reynolds both flew Edmonds gliders for some interesting recovery.

Curtis Reynolds also flew his two stage kit bash of a Estes Fat Boy called “Too Fat Boy”!



Photo: David Reese

3-2-1- LAUNCH! It wasn't hard to see who left the pad first. Congratulations goes out to Curtis Reynolds for winning the Drag race!.



Doug Jacksons rocket left the pad on it's second attempt.



Dougs rocket found the “speed of Plexiglass”.

The next launch is scheduled for November 21st and 22nd at Ash Grove. This will be our first High power launch since the spring. Come out and bring your big rockets since we will be able to support up to and N impulse and have a waiver to 16,000’!

See you on the field!