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We want you! (to sign up for the fourth annual MASA picnic)

All MASA members, their families, their guests, and prospective members are welcome!

If possible, please RSVP to Art Gibbens by July 19

The fourth annual MASA summer picnic will be held at Veterans Park in the city of New Brighton. Veterans Park offers such amenities as: gazebo and picnic area, BBQ, softball field, playground, restrooms, horseshoe pits (provide your own shoes) and ducks and geese (free of charge unless you feed them your dinner) MASA has reserved the picnic area of the park from 3 until 9 pm on Saturday, July 21. The picnic will start around 5, but you're certainly welcome to arrive early. There will be eating, rocket talk (plenty of that), fun and games, and drawings for prizes!

Volunteers needed!

Fabulous Grill-Meister (FGM): One or more people to fire up the BBQ. Will need to bring charcoal, lighter fluid, matches, spatulas, and other grilling accessories as desired. **THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF THE EVENING!**

Condiment Provider (CP): One or more people to bring along catsup (ketchup?), mustard, and whatever other condiments you deem appropriate for burgers, hot dogs, and such things.

Beverage Supply Officer (BSO): One or more people to bring jugs of lemonade (or similar cold beverage to share with everybody). Talking rockets makes you thirsty!

Watermelon Carving Wizard (WCW): One or more people to bring a tasty picnic-type watermelon as well as suitable knife to carve it up.

Fun Activities Augmentator (FAA): One or more people to bring frisbees, balls, and other fun picnic-y type things.

Anything else that you'd specifically like to volunteer to do?

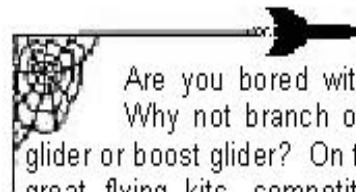


National Assn. of Modified Stomp Rocket™ Fliers Photo Contest

For all owners of modified black powder Stomp Rockets™, join the EMRR "NAMSROF" club (National Assn. of Modified Stomp Rocket Flyers). Due to the extreme proliferation of modified black powder Stomp Rockets™ among almost every rocketeer in the world, EMRR has been tasked by the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colorado (not really) to establish standards for configuration control of this ubiquitous rocket.

Submit a brief description of modifications, incremental changes, and photo of your modified Stomp Rockets™ to EMRR, and you will receive notification of your personal serial number and membership in the EMRR NAMSROF club. You will also receive official notification of the configuration designation (Mark X, Mod X) of your modified Stomp Rockets™.

(See page three for the rest of the story)

 **Stuck on the Web** by Alan Estenson

Are you bored with parachute and streamer recovery? Why not branch out and have some fun with a rocket glider or boost glider? On the web, you can find easy to build but great flying kits, competition-level kits, as well as plans and technical reports. Take a look at:

<http://members.aol.com/RobEdmonds/Edmonds.html>
<http://www.cybertravelog.com/qcr/gliders.html>
<http://www.nar.org/NARTS/cat.html>

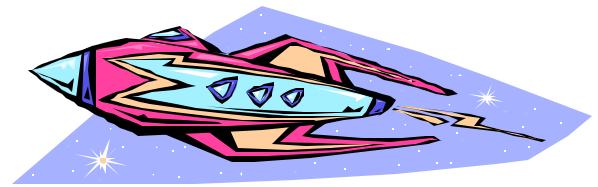
What the Prez Says

Alan Estenson, MASA President

As we reach the middle of this millennial year, I'd like to welcome all the new members that have joined MASA as well as extend a big "Hello again!" to everyone who renewed. As I write this, we're less than a week past the June launch, and I think that a lot of people finally were able to satisfy some of that pent-up demand to fly rockets. The weather just hasn't been very cooperative this year; half of our launches so far have been cancelled. Let's hope that the June launch started a new streak of nice weather (that just happens to coincide with our launch dates, please.) Be sure to check the list of events for the launch themes and contests for the coming months. The July launch will be the 3rd Annual MASA Scale Event. Everyone is encouraged to bring and fly their scale models of real rockets, missiles, spacecraft, etc. If it's anything like past years, you'll see Saturns, Titans, Redstones, V2's, Sidewinders, AMRAAMs, as well as things that you've previously only glimpsed in "Rockets of the World". Also in July, I will once again attempt to hold the much-postponed 1/2A streamer duration contest. All MASA members are encouraged to enter the contest. It's fun, a learning experience, and you don't need a fancy, hi-tech rocket in order to compete.

I know that it's tough to make the trip in to St. Paul on a summer evening to attend the monthly meetings. However, I would encourage you to come at least once-in-a-while. A lot of useful information, tips, tricks, and rocket talk takes place at the meetings. Oh yes, and a little club business. I am looking for meeting topics for our August through November meetings. If you would like to volunteer to do something, or if you would just like to pass along an idea, please drop me an email.

As is tradition, we don't have a club meeting in July. Instead, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the club picnic on July 21! There will be food, rocket talk, the annual rocket swap - n- sell, and lots and lots of free door prizes. You can find more information about the picnic and other upcoming activities elsewhere in this issue or on the MASA web site.



Upcoming Launch

Launch - Saturday, July 28

Location: Blaine

Time: 10 am - ? pm

Theme: 3rd Annual MASA Scale Event

Fun Events: Saturn drag race
(rockets, not cars)

Contests: 1/2A streamer duration

Contest Director: Alan Estenson

Notes from Alan about the contest: This will not be a sanctioned NAR competition, but I'll be running it as if it were. If you've never looked at the US Model Rocket Sporting code (NAR "pink book"), now might be a good time. You can download it in PDF from <http://www.nar.org/cabinet/>

FREE MOTORS! Hub Hobby Center will donate FREE Estes 1/2A3-4t motors to those competitors who wish to use them for their contest flights! (Max of two free motors per competitor.)

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Stomp Rocket Continued:

A Mark number is a major revision that significantly changes form, fit or function of the rocket. See below for 8 examples. A Mod number is a smaller change that only improves the capability of currently designed features. This would be the incremental changes you made to achieve the final capable design.

Statistics will be maintained and periodically published with up-to-date inventories of this important national rocket program. Members may have more than one rocket registered with NAMSROF. Prize(s) will be awarded and are yet to be determined.

The basic configurations of this missile are as follows, however, NAMSROF does not want to limit innovation and will thereby review any and all submitted configurations. New configurations will be given a unique Mark number:

Mark 1: basic off-the-shelf compressed air powered Stomp Rockets™

Mark 2: basic 18mm black powder propulsion with boink recovery

Mark 3: 18mm black powder propulsion with streamer/parachute recovery maintaining original outer foam shell

Mark 4: 18mm staged black powder propulsion with streamer/parachute recovery maintaining original outer foam shell

Mark 5: 24mm black powder propulsion with boink recovery

Mark 6: clustered 18mm-to-18mm black powder propulsion with boink recovery

Mark 7: boost-glide configuration with 18mm black powder propulsion hoister and boink-type glider

See http://www.rocketreviews.com/photo_contest_5.shtml for more information and rules.

Kit Trivia Quiz:

- 1) What is the yellow tube in an Estes kit used for?
- 2) What is the yellow tube in a Quest kit used for?
- 3) Name a kit that includes an unmarked, empty 19mm Black Powder motor casing.
- 4) How many separate parts are used to construct a flyable Estes Generic E2X (not including the motor)?
- 5) Name four Estes-produced kits that included boost gliders made mostly of Styrofoam.

Send answers to Ted at cochran_ted@htc.honeywell.com; winner announced in the next edition!

Word Search

How good are you at word searches when the words are actually 90 rocket names from the 1984 Estes catalog? The complete list is on the next page, if you are having trouble finding them all. As always, words may be forward, backward, up, down, diagonal and may overlap. Good luck! - Editor Art

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Believe me, they're all in the puzzle.

Advanced Target Drone
Aerofin
Airborne Surveillance Missile
Alpha
Alpha III
Apache
Aries SST
Asp
Asteroid Explorer
Astrobee
Beta
Big Bertha
Big Yank
Blue Bird Zero
Comanche
Comet
Cougar
Courier
Cruise Missile
Cyclone
Defender
Delta Wedge
Der Red Max
Eclipse
Exocet
Falcon Commander
Firecat
Galactic Taxi
Harpoon
Hercules

Honest John
Kadet
Manta Bomber
Marauder
Mark II
Maverick
Maxi Streak
Maxicar
Mean Machine
Meteor
Mini Mean Machine
Mosquito
MX Missile
NASA Pegasus
Nike X
Nova Scout Ship
Orbital Transport
Orion
Patriot
Phantom
Phoenix
Polaris
Quasar
Sandpiper
Scissor Wing Transport
Scorpion
Scorpius
Scout
SCRAM
Scrambler

Sea Dart
Sizzler
Sky Hi
Skybolt
Skyhook
Space Shuttle Columbia
Space Station Aquarius
Spartan
Spinfin
Star Dart
Star Seeker
Star Speeder
Starship Excalibur
Starship Nova
Stealth
Sting Ray
Stinger
Streak
Super Flea
The Bat
Titan II
USS Pleiades
USSF Fireflash
Vindicator
WASP
Wizard
X Ray
Xarconian Destroyer
Yankee
Zinger

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