

FLIGHT LOG

April 2, 2006

<u>Fl#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Motor[s]</u>	<u>Result</u>
1	Mark Beever	Estes	Big Bertha	Estes	C6-3	GF
2	Mark Beever	Estes	Maxi-Alpha 3	Estes	D12-5	GF
3	George Beever	Dr. Zooch	Saturn V	Estes	C6-5	UNS
4	George Beever	Starlight MR	Queueze-Bee	Estes	A8-3	GF
5	George Beever	Estes	Mercury Redstone	Quest	C6-3	GF
6	George Beever	Mountainside	V-2 [2.6]	Estes	D12-5	GF
7	George Beever	Scratch	Orbital Transport	Quest	C6-5	Whew!
8	Mike Brubaker	Scale Rockets	Bullpup	Aerotech	F24-4RMS	GF
9	Mike Brubaker	Estes	Black Brant II	Estes	D12-7	GF
10	Glenn Feveryear	Edmonds	Arcie II	Estes	D12-3	GF
11	Glenn Feveryear	Scratch	RotaRoc	Estes	B4-2	ND
12	Dale Greene	NCR/Estes	Big Brute	Aerotech	G40-7	GF
13	Dale Greene	Estes	Super Big Bertha	Aerotech	E15-7	GF
14	Dale Greene	Estes	Big Bertha	Estes	C6-3	GF
15	Dale Greene	QCR	RotaRoc	Estes	C6-3	GF
16	Ron Saul	Quest	Icarus	Estes	D12-5	Sep
17	Ron Saul	PML	Tiny Pterodactyl	Aerotech	G33-5	GF!
18	Ron Saul	Thrustline	Pumpkin Head	Estes	D12-5	GF
19	John Yost	Scratch	D DELA	Aerotech	D21-4	Ouch!
20	John Yost	Scratch	1/4A PD	Estes	1/4A3-3	GF

A beautiful early spring Sunday, with little or no breeze, on a scheduled SPAAR Sport Launch day. What's missing from this picture? You. If you are a SPAAR member, well, even if you're not, and you like to fly rockets [come to think of it, why else would you be a member of a rocket club?] and you didn't attend last Sunday's launch, then shame on you. There were about ten SPAAR members there, and a whole lot of the Penn Manor TARC folks. They *really* caught a much-needed break in the weather - they've trying to get in their qualifying flights over the last few cold, windy, nasty weekends. While they were busy flying and doing a great job at it, us old guys got in about twenty flights.

Mike Brubaker showed both stones and brains when he flew his Estes *Black Brant II*. He loaded it with the prescribed D12-7 [no one really flies it on a D12], which took it to the expected altitude of.....well, it was up there, anyway, and at or near apogee out popped the.....streamer. Mike said that the first thing he threw away when he opened the kit bag was the parachute. Good thinking, Mike. A great flight. So was Mike's flight on his *Bullpup*, a beautiful model.

Smiling Ron Saul was seen toting his *Tiny Pterodactyl* around all day - seems he tried just about every know igniter type known to man before the G33 lit. And when it did, brother, it really went. Dale Greene tried his best to emulate Ron while trying to launch his Estes *Super Big Bertha With The Nose Cone The Larry Gerlach Doesn't Like* with an Aerotech E15-7 White Lightening. Again, once it went, it went. All were great flights.

My partner John Yost wasn't so lucky with a D powered Dual Egglofter that he wanted to test fly for RAMTEC. John was concerned that the 13-year old D21 would give him problems. Nah. It lit on the first try - however, the model didn't survive beyond the tower. But, boy, did that motor work!

My son Mark burned up a couple more of the dad's motors [hey, what are fathers for?], and then hung out with Ken Allen of Performance Hobbies and with Jim Cox. Now he wants to learn how to fiberglass body tubes and fins and nose cones, and fly Estes kits with composite motors, and.....while he was doing this, the old man flew a scratchbuilt *Orbital Transport* [yes, scratchbuilt] on a German-made Quest C6-5. Well, it said C6-5 on the casing, but those who witnessed the flight would swear it was more like a C6-5,6,7,8,9.....and then there was the sad tale of my Dr. Zooch *Saturn V*. This model flew OK at FIG last September on a B6, but went unstable with a C6 in January. The Doc himself suggested that I give it another go with a fresh C6, and if there were any problems, he'd replace the kit. I am now waiting for that replacement.

Glenn Feveryear had a bit of hard luck himself. With the relatively calm conditions, we looked forward to his flight of his Edmonds *Arcie II* radio-controlled boost/glider. The model boosted great and the glider [the important part] flew very well [or is it, the pilot flew it very well?], but the pod stripped the recovery system. And then, even though he double-rubbered his *RotaRoc*, the HD model refused to deploy it's rotors and augured in. Proof positive to all of you aspiring competitors out there that even the best have their bad moments.

Well, here's hoping that the May 7 Sport Launch features weather as nice as April 2's. And, here's hoping that more of you show up to take advantage of it!!!