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October 25 Meet Report

Near-perfect flying conditions greeted us for the October launch as the predicted windy and rainy weather failed to show up. Turnout was somewhat lighter than usual, but those that did make it took full advantage of the clear skies and freshly-mowed field. Broward Area Rocket Society (BARS) club president Marc Schlesinger FINALLY made his way up for a launch and was quite pleased with our wide-open, easy-access flying range. With the possible loss of BARS' use of the Vista View Park looming in the near future, the BARS club members may soon be flying with us at Dyer Park on a regular basis. We're more than happy to welcome them!

The October meet had two themes; Halloween Oddroc and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The oddroc contest was a very informal event, with four entries vying for the "Peoples' Choice" award. Mike West took top honors with his scratchbuilt *Punkinhead* rocket. Powered by an I180 motor, it flew straight and true and had a perfect recovery to claim the prize of an Estes *Hornet* kit. Rick Boyette's entry, "*Hello, My Name Is*

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FSA Rocketry - YOUR club newsletter!

FSA Rocketry is the official newsletter of the Florida Spacemodeling Association. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to provide timely information about FSA's launches and other activities. Additional content of the newsletter will be as diverse and interesting as our members and contributors make it!

In addition to meet reports and photos, the newsletter content can include such things as how-to articles, rocket plans, technical reports and aerospace history; reader-submitted content is always welcome and highly encouraged! The newsletter is in MS Word format.

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Mike West preps *Punkinhead* for its maiden flight.

FSA Website: <http://fsa-twp.webs.com/index.htm>

We fly at Dyer Park in West Palm Beach. The park entrance is located on Haverhill Road at Dyer Boulevard, just south of Beeline Highway. Dues are \$20/yr individual, \$25/yr family. Visit our website for details and the latest launch information.



Mike West with his I180-powered Punkinhead

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Bernie,” consisted of a ghoulish Halloween decoration with a motor mount strapped onto its back. *Bernie* had a couple of added touches in the form of a nametag, cigarette dangling from the skull’s mouth and clutching a can of Canadian Molson beer in his bony little hand. Poor *Bernie* proved to be as unstable as his namesake, pulling a wild triple-gainer off the pad before flopping to the ground-- a sad ending indeed for our motor vendor Bernie Lalime’s namesake! Paul Stutzman’s *Pitchfork*, a holdover from last year’s October launch, flew surprisingly well, as did Dennis Donuhue’s *Mini-Punkinhead*. All in all, it was a fun contest and next year’s event will surely see even more creative efforts!

Dennis Donohue and Paul Rudin each flew pink rockets in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Well done, guys!

The next club launch will be held on November 22nd. Hope to see you there!

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Rick Boyette’s Halloween Oddroc entry, with its “Hello, My Name Is Bernie” nametag and puffing on a coffin nail while cradling a can of Molson’s, gave proof that smoking, drinking and rocketry do not mix!



Ouch! *Bernie* will be back good as new (with a few modifications) for the November launch!

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PHOTO GALLERY - Flight of the *Buccaneer*



Rocket Rick Boyette's *Buccaneer* roars off the pad under the thrust of a Cesaroni I190, en route to an altitude of 1123 feet. The rocket was equipped with the *Buc-Cam*, a rear-facing keyfob video camera; video stills are on pages 4 and 5.

VIDEO STILLS – Buc-Cam



Liftoff from Pad 25; launch pad leg, rail and blast deflector are visible at upper center



T+2 seconds – launch pads are visible at upper right (arrow)



Coasting upward – nice aerial view of the Polycarpo Forest, just south of the field



Nearing apogee at about 1100 foot altitude; rectangular green patch at far upper right is the Wastewater Treatment Plant, where FSA held its monthly launches from 1992-1993



Drifting under main parachute over the setup area



Flying over the low-power racks, shortly before landing



Down safe and sound!

PHOTO GALLERY – October 25 Launch



Katarina Rudin's too-cute *Little Green Man*



Bonnie Jackson (l.) with her Disneyesque *Flying Minnie* and Laura Powell with her *Neon Bling Bling*



Cameron Aspenwall and his
Dark Star



Another rack ready to go!



Bernie Lalime fetches his *Color Me Gone*, which didn't go too far



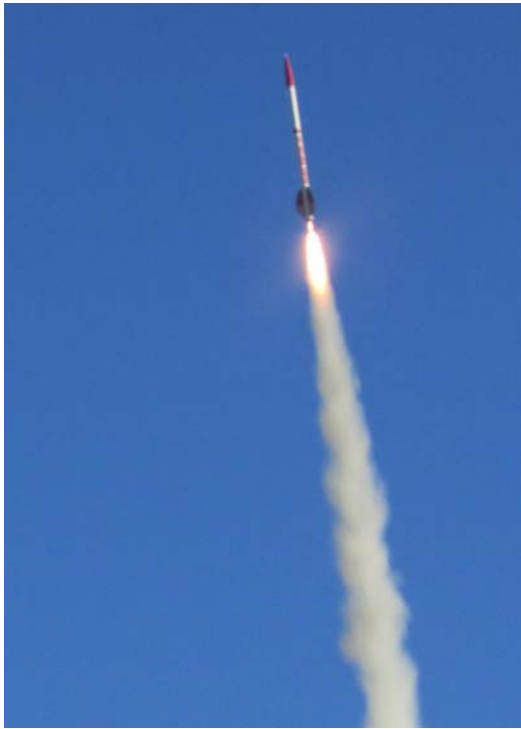
Andy Jackson & Dennis Donohue bromancin'



A busy day at the pads – 1: Cameron Aspenwall, *Cosmic Cobra*; 2: Dick Gray, *Bacon, Egg & Cheese*; 3: Bonnie Jackson; *Mickey's Revenge*; 4: Laura Powell, *Neon Bling Bling*; Neal Miller, *Arcon-Hi*; 6: Rocket Rick Boyette, *White Trash Jr.*

11: Larry Powell, *Blue Fajitas* (these people really need to eat before they come to the launch); 13: Paul Stutzman, *Pitchfork*; 15: Andy Jackson, *Lambda 4-S*; 16: Cameron Aspenwall; *Dark Star*

HP1: Dennis Donohue; *Andrea Lu*; HP2: Paul Rudin, *Patriot Missile*; HP3: Steve Chamber, *Argent*



Paul Rudin's *Shape Shifter* flew on an I140 for a perfect maiden flight



A tired Scott Polycarpo returns from retrieving his *Fury* after yet another long-distance journey!

NEXT LAUNCHES: NOVEMBER 22, DECEMBER 20 -- DYER PARK, 12 NOON TO 5 PM

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