

The first meeting of the as of yet un-named model rocket club was held on 13 May, 1988, from 7:30PM to 10:00PM. In attendance were John Yost, William Rhoat, Ricky Hackman, Tim Singles, David and Jesse Wenrich, and George Beever.

A variety of topics were discussed, including possible names, direction and form the club wants to take, possible launch sites, past experiences, and ideas for the future. The meeting basically served the purpose of allowing everyone to meet and try to get to know one another.

It was decided at this first meeting that a launch would be held on Sunday, 5 June, with the site to be determined.

The first group launch took place at Cocalico Sr. High School in Denver, on 5 June, between 1130 AM, and 2:30 PM. Attending were Bill Rhoat and his father, David and Jesse Wenrich, John Yost and his two sons, Rickey Hackman, and George Beever. The weather was warm and sunny, however the winds were gusting up to about 30 MPH at times. This did keep some models grounded, however everyone did get in some flying. The data from the flights is listed below.

A quick business meeting was held following the flying session. After a brief discussion, it was decided to send everyone a ballot, to help decide some of the issues before the club. In addition, July 3, a Sunday, was set as the next club launch session. If all else fails, this could be held at Cocalico Sr. High, but a more suitable site is being sought.

Included in this mailing are the ballots listed above. Please take the time to fill them out COMPLETELY, and return them to George Beever by Sunday, 26 June, 1988. This will allow the results to be announced at the next flying session, July 3.

Data from launch held 5 June, 1988, at Cocalico Sr. High, Denver

<u>Flight #</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Name of Model</u>	<u>motor</u>	<u>time</u>	<u>time of flight</u>
1	JY	Un-named duration	$\frac{1}{2}$ A3-4T	1152	20.28 sec
2	GB	Ninja	A3-4T	1157	37.09 sec
3	RH	Der Red Max	A8-3	1210	8.84 sec
4	JY	Ninja	$\frac{1}{2}$ A3-4T	1211	12.40 sec
5	DW&JW	Ninja	A8-3	1214	22.21 sec
6	RH	Big Bertha	B6-4	1220	26.59 sec
7	JY	Roto-Roc	$\frac{1}{2}$ A3-2T	1225	24.25 sec
8	WR	Alpha	$\frac{1}{2}$ A6-2	1230	6.81 sec

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9	DW&JW	Searcher	<del>1</del> A6-2	1233	8.22 sec
10	JY	Whirly Bird	A8-3	1241	10.69 sec
11	WR	Alpha	B6-4	1243	26.53 sec
12	GB	Alpha	A8-3	1259	28.40 sec
13	JY	Ninja	A3-4T	1300	27.16 sec
14	DW&JW	Cougar	B6-4	1305	17.94 sec
15	DW&JW	Delta Wedge	B6-4	1315	15.68 sec
16	WR	Alpha	B6-4	1324	44.16 sec
17	DW&JW	X-16	B6-4	1336	15.13 sec
18	JY	Alpha	A8-5	1332	32.13 sec
19	RH	Un-named	A8-3	1342	13.69 sec
20	JY	Un-named	B4-2	1349	13.59 sec

**Totals:**

Number of participants: 5

Number of flights: 20      Number of succesful flights, 20.

Break down by members: JY, 7; GB, 2; RH, 3; DW&JW, 5; WR, 3.

Longest flight: Flight #16, William Rhoat, 44.16 seconds;

Shortest flight; Flight #8, William Rhoat, 6.81 seconds.

Average flight duration: 25.24 seconds;

Average turn-around time between flights: 5 minutes, 9 seconds.

FROM THE BROKEN RANGE BOX, or MY CHANCE TO SHOOT MY MOUTH OFF

Enclosed in this mailing, you will find a ballot, to be filled in and mailed back to yours truly.

This ballot contains only a small number of questions, but I feel that they are issues that should be decided now. As a matter of fact, they really should have been decided at our first meeting.

When I originally contacted all of you, some stated that they were interested in forming a club, "in an informal way", and I agreed. I still agree that things should be "informal"; as I've said before, this is just a hobby, folks, not a way of life. The future of mankind isn't riding on what we do here. However, after speaking with a number of people who are involved in this kind of thing, I'm convinced that there should be some sort of organization to this. The more organized the group is, the more we'll all get out of it, and the more fun we'll have.

The first item on the ballot is a club name. I've listed some of the ones that were kicked around before. Note: there is a block marked "others"; if you mark this box, then write in your suggestion, don't just leave it blank. If there are more votes in the "others" column than the names listed, we'll have a run-off election. Item #2 is the biggie, I guess. This has to do with dues. Boo Hiss. Yes, friends, I'm sorry to say, you can't run a show like this without some sort of dues system. What do we need dues for? Postage stamps for one. However, depending on which direction this club goes, I can foresee many uses for the dues; NAR flight insurance, club materials from either the NAR or the rocket manufacturers; club hats, patches, T-shirts, or whatever the club decides along those lines, or simply to purchase sodas or soft drinks for the next club launch. Or how about that club launch rack we've talked about? The division set-up for dues is right out of the NAR "pink book"; the amount of the dues was discussed at our first meeting. Now, if we decide to pay dues, the next obvious question is, "Who do we pay them to, Bunky?". Which brings us to the question of organization, because the answer to the question is that you would pay the dues to the treasurer. What treasurer? OK, let me offer a temporary solution. I'm willing to serve as temporary club president, or chairman, or whatever you want to call it, say for the remainder of this year. Then, if the club has decided on a monthly meeting system, new officers can be elected at the December meeting to serve for 1989. In addition, I can handle the dues, by opening a bank account in the Club's name. PLEASE LIST YOUR COMMENTS OR IDEAS ON THE ABOVE SUGGESTION IN BLOCK #7 OF THE BALLOT. Also, I can start working on a set of club by-laws for membership consideration at the end of the year. Any help or input will be appreciated.

As for the club flying session held on 5 June, I trust everyone had a good time, which is the whole idea! John Yost's competition models were very interesting, I thought, and I think I might have caught the competition bug myself... a couple of you approached me about holding a seminar or workshop of finishing techniques, which I would be glad to do, but I suggest we hold off on that until the winter months... speaking of which, if you want to see some very nicely done models, check out Mark Snyder's efforts on July 3rd, the next scheduled club launch. Mark hadn't built a model rocket from 1973 until this past winter, but you'd never know it... Bill Rhoat's father was on hand last Sunday, taking some pictures. I hope we can see them, when they are developed, Bill... one thing I'd like to see at our next launch is a little more organization, with a shorter turn-around time between flights. I suggest setting up only two launchers, one with a 1/8" rod, and one with a 3/16" rod, and of course if anyone uses a 1/4" rod or a tower, bring that along, too... a rangemaster system would be nice, too. He could keep things moving, by assigning pad time to each person, sending out a real recovery crew, etc. Sounds like a good job for John Yost. Sorry, John, I couldn't resist... Daniel Weinhold arrived at Cocalico High School at about 2:30, a little too late to fly, but got to meet John, Rickey, and myself... I'm sure he hasn't been the same since... Dave and Jesse Wannrich appear to work as a team. Dave launches a rocket, and then tells Jesse to go chase it. Not a bad set up. Hey Dave, do you rent out your brother?... Unless you hear otherwise, the next club launch will be on July 3, a Sunday, at 1100 AM. Once again, the sight will be at Cocalico High School, unless a better sight is found in the meantime. I suggest we have a business meeting BEFORE we do any flying, so we can get that out of the way. If the weather prevents a launch, I'll call Ricky Hackman, who can then call the next person down on the Club Roster, etc, etc., except for Mark Snyder. Since that's REALLY long dis-

tance, I'll make that call... Hey, John, just where do you get those hinges for the Roto-Roc?... I still think we ought to have a meeting that does not involve flying, so we can get a lot of the business issues out of the way... does anyone have any suggestions for a meeting place or launch field?... does anyone have an altitude tracking device? That might be something the club can look into... Suggestion: it was brought up at the club launch on June 5 that we might want to have a club launch involving some events such as parachute duration, streamer duration, etc, etc. How about holding such a critter in September?... Anyone have any ideas how we can increase membership? Dave, didn't you mention that you have some friends that might be interested in joining?... as for the ballots, remember, please return them by June 26, and please put your name on them... please put some thought to the issues that I touched on earlier, and WRITE THEM DOWN. Everyone's opinion is valuable, and this is EVERYONE'S club, not just one person's... see you July 3rd!