

WHAT YOU
CAN LOOK
FORWARD
TO IN 2013

- Monthly Flying contests!
- Certification Flights! (level 1 and level2)
- Club Building Sessions
- Renovated Launch Equipment!
- NYPOWER at Geneseo
- Technical Presentations at club meetings
- Monthly Launch Themes

WHAT'S UP!

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THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

The 15th Season for the Syracuse Rocket Club is now in the books and there is no doubt that the 2012 season was a success. It might not have been such a success, in fact there might not have even been a 15th anniversary season, if not for the hard work and dedication of our out-going president, Ron Lioto. Ron is one of the club's founding fathers and at the end of 2011 he recognized that the club he helped form was in danger of folding and determined that he wasn't going to sit by and let that happen. Through Ron's hard work and experience the club regained our NAR Section Charter, re-instated the launch site FAA waiver, rebuilt our PA System, improved our launch system electronics and he found time to mentor new members through their level 1

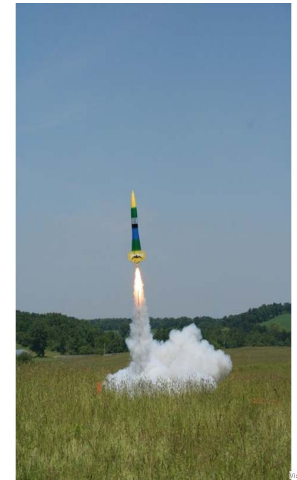
and level 2 high power certifications. He was a very busy man. Ron steps down in 2013 having



Ron readies his PML Pterodactyl for flight.

pulled the club up off the ground, cleaned us off, straightened us out and set us back on the pad. He now leaves the reins of the club in the hands of a group of enthusiastic rocketeers. As we work to build upon

the success of 2012 in growing our club, sharing our hobby and having fun we should all take a moment to imagine where we would be without Ron's guiding hand. When you see Ron at a launch or at a meeting, be sure to give him a hearty thanks for a job well done.



And it's off!

The Year 2012 In Review

In 2012 during our club sport launches we had 474 launches. There were 50 different fliers of record flying at least once. During those launches we burned 508 motors. Our total impulse was 24304.375 N-sec. Tim Catterson had the most flights (71), Dennis Friend burned the most motors (78) and Mark Riffle was the leader in total impulse at 5212.5 N-sec. Scott Sellers will enter the 2013 flying season as the de-

fending contest champion. His 23 points barely edged out Tim Catterson and Roger Forell who tied for 2nd with 20 points. There were successful Level 1 and Level 2 High Power certification attempts at our field and a couple at the field at Potter. Away from our launch site the club was also very active within the community, providing launch equipment and technical support for three elementary school launches as well as con-

tinuing our involvement with the MOST Rocket Team Challenge. The club was well represented at the National Sport Launch at Geneseo, and LDRS at Potter NY. Club members also joined URRG for a Picnic at Potter. We had lots of fun with a solid representation at WALT's Secret Santa, putting on over 20 demonstration flights. We finished the year back at Potter with a mid-December post LDRS rocket search party.



The Syracuse Rocket Club

NAR Section #566



SRC 2013 CALENDAR

2013 OFFICERS

President	Mark Riffle
Vice President	Scott Sellers
Secretary	James Shattell
Treasurer	James Shattell
Editor	Mark Riffle
Web Master	Scott Sellers

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
01/07/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
02/04/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
03/04/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
04/01/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
05/06/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
05/18/13	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch
06/01/13	Skytop	MOST Team Rocketry Chall.
06/03/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
06/29/13	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch
07/01/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
07/13/13	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch
07/26-28	Geneseo	NYPOWER
08/05/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
08/17/13	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch
09/09/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
09/14/13	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch
10/07/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
10/12/13	Weigand's Field	SRC Sport Launch
11/04/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting
11/23/13	Walt's Hobby	Annual Secret Santa
12/02/13	Walt's Hobby	Club Meeting



James, Mark and Victor (photo by Scott)

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HELP US MAKE THIS ANOTHER YEAR TO REMEMBER

The New Year is upon us, the time when many of us make the customary resolutions. Some that work out, some that fade out of memory. This year why don't we all make a resolution to make this another successful year. What's the easiest way to do that? Participation! Come to meetings when possible. Set time aside for the monthly launches and special events. Tell your friends, family and co-workers about your hobby and encourage them to check it

out with you. Remember, Rockets are FUN!



Tennis Anyone?

