



We hope you all had a great Christmas, and received lots of rocketry goodies from Santa.

Have a happy and safe holiday break, and we'll see you at the first launch in 2017, on Saturday 28th January.

Launch Procedures at Whalan Reserve

Non-typical conditions at a recent launch day at Whalan provided us with the opportunity to evaluate our launch protocols. We will be looking at various options that will allow us to continue to meet the expectations of all concerned in all conditions.

We may trial some of these options, which could mean a slight modification to our launch procedures, at our next launch day.

Mullaley launch weekends in 2017

We are planning to have two, and perhaps three, weekends at Mullaley next year – in April, then possibly the June long weekend, and maybe in September.

The first launch is scheduled for 1st & 2nd April. Mark this in your diaries **now!**

Upcoming Events

All launches are at Whalan Reserve unless otherwise noted

January

28 Launch Day. First launch for 2017

February

12 Launch Day

25 Launch Day

Launch Day 13th November

Number of launches: 4

Not too many launches today, as although the wind was only light-moderate early, it had become fairly strong by mid-morning. David C launched his “Shrike” on an A8 and his “Millennium” on a C6. Norman’s “Arrooo” (“Arreaux” with whistles attached) had a great flight on a G64 – but we didn’t hear any whistling; but this could have been drowned out by the noise of the motor.

A visitor arrived late in the morning with his “Eliminator XL”. A lull in the wind allowed this to be launched on a D12, for a nice flight.

Launch Day 26th November

Number of launches: 15

A north-easterly wind today wasn’t typical for Whalan, and provided us with some valuable insights.

George increased the pressure in his “Axion 6” water rocket to 200psi, for 3 great flights.

George’s son, Paul, launched his ever-reliable “Black Thunder” on a C6, which on this occasion seemed to be a little under-powered – maybe because of the wind, or an inconsistency in the motor. His “Fire Flight” had a nice flight on a B6.

Adrian’s “Ranger” used a cluster of three B6 motors for a great flight, and his “Fat Boy” was launched on a C6. David C’s “Icarus 2” also used a C6.

Jason launched his “Patriot” with a B6, his “Puma” on an A3, and his “Zenith” with a B4.

David H and Kevin both launched their “Nike Smoke” rockets on identical F50 motors, using a launch pad placed further east to allow for the wind. One rocket landed to the south, and the other to the west, demonstrating how fickle the expected landing area can be. David H also launched his “Fat Boy Pointy” on a C11 motor, and Kevin launched his “22GM” on an A3.

Even Geoff M launched a rocket today – his “Red & Yellow” on a B6 motor.

Launch Day 11th December

Number of launches: 16

Conditions were excellent for our last launch for 2016, and we had a good number of people attending, including several first-timers.

George first flew his “Axion G6” water rocket at 200psi, and then increased the pressure to 210psi for 2 more perfect flights. Paul launched his “Fire Flight” on a B6 motor, and his “Black Thunder” on a C6, which had a much better flight than on the previous launch day, when it looked to be under-powered.

Jason’s “Little John” and “Patriot” had nice flights on C6 motors.

David C used an E20 motor in his “Placebo” and launched his “Red Dwarf” on a C6.

Andrew tested his avionics module in his “Volcano” with an F39 motor.

Spencer upped the power considerably when he launched his “BBX” on a G64, followed by his “Mirage” on a G76 and “Bluey” with an F27 motor.

Geoff finished off the day’s launching with his “Red & Yellow” rocket on a B6.