

NSWRA Newsletter



New South Wales Rocketry Association Inc 22nd July 2009

Launch report: 4th July 2009

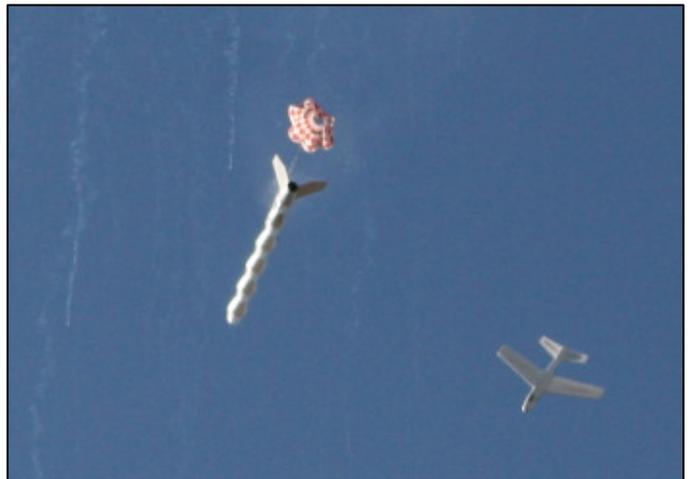
Conditions: Sunny, slight wind W?

Total launches:	36
Boost Gliders:	2
No ignition:	3
Failed recovery:	2
CATO:	1
Tree landing:	1

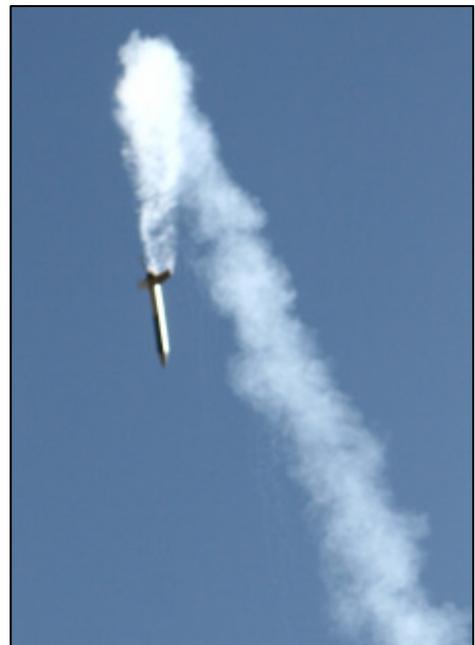
Though the weather threatened to cancel this launch day it ended up being quite a good one. The piles of dirt from the construction did not cause us any issues.



Parachute looks a bit small. What's going on here?



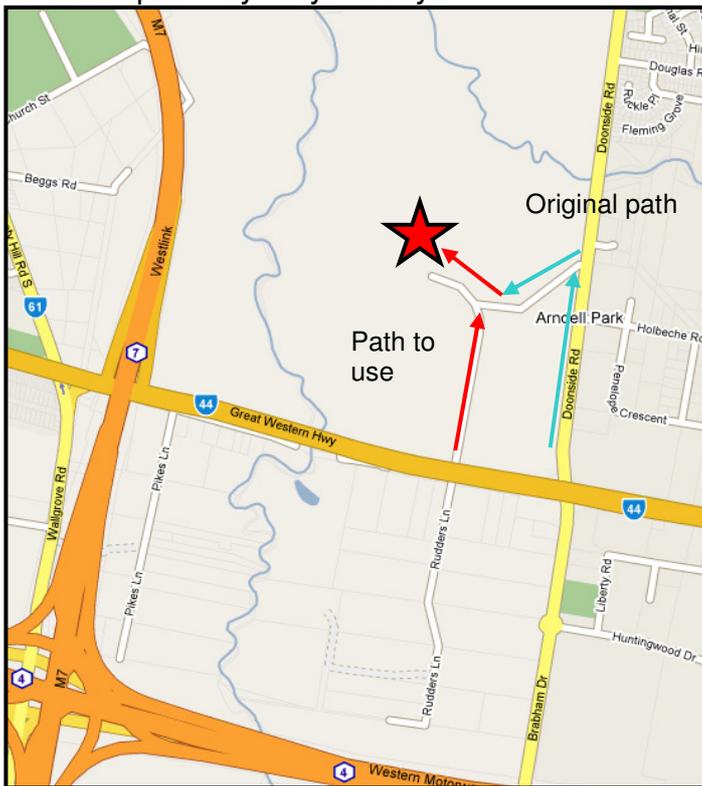
The rockets were doing back flips!





Access to Doonside

Just a reminder, construction is still in progress on a walking track and a dog-off-leash area. We have been asked to enter the site from the Great Western Highway entry. Be mindful that rain can make the pathway very muddy.



To mention again, the ideal way to enter this new path is to travel easterly along the Great Western Highway. Turn into the driveway where the old gates are. About 10 metres to the right, there is a break in the fence and this is the entry point. Follow the path until it matches up with the original path and continue to the launch area.

It is also possible to enter travelling along the Great Western Highway in a westerly direction. There is a break in the island where it says 'No U-turn'. When you see the gates, don't do a u-turn (obviously) but turn right into the driveway. Just be mindful of any cars behind you.

Sharing the site with the Aero Club

The Aero Club is establishing their site south of our current location – basically on the other side of the rocket-eating trees. Their days of operations are different to ours so there should not be any issues.

Again, I ask that everyone show respect to the Aero Club members and refrain from any incidents/arguments, etc. If there are any issues please direct them through to the NSWRA committee.

40th Anniversary of the Apollo II Lunar landing

To commemorate the first landing on the moon (40 years ago!), we would like the next launch to have an Apollo theme to it. So bring your Saturn 1B, Saturn V, or Titan rockets along for show or for flight. There are some Apollo, Gemini, and NASA badges to hand out to those deserving presenters.

Thanks Glen for the badges.



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Raffle

Next launch day we will be drawing the winners of the raffle competition. The prize will be a Refit USS Atlantis kindly donated by Suburban Rocketry.



Full details are at the following website:

<http://www.suburbanrocketry.com/Refit-USS.-Atlantis.html>

Tickets are \$5.

Next launch day

The next launch day is scheduled for the 25th July 2009. Some rain is predicted until then but hopefully it will be very little.

Membership renewals - PLEASE

A reminder that if your membership is due to forward the fees and a new membership form promptly. The NSWRA has ongoing expenses, primarily rental for Doonside. Our insurance bill has been paid recently so our funds are on the low side. Your membership card states when your membership expires.

Suggestions

Does anyone have any questions that they would like answered in the newsletter?

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