Model Rocket Contest

FOR: All Area Model Rocketeers

WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 2011 (No rain date)

WHERE: Capitol College, 11301 Springfield Road

Laurel, Maryland 20708

EVENT: Streamer Duration

COST: Free

REGISTRATION: Register at the launch site on the day of the launch.

SPONSORS: This contest is hosted at Capital College by the NARHAMS rocket club. See NARHAMS.org on the Web.

AWARDS: Announced recognition and acknowledgement

WHY: This event provides the opportunity to introduce model rocketry and use it in a fun contest.

Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all model rocketeers.

- Contestants must follow the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) Safety Code.
- 3. Modelers must provide their own models, wadding, motors, igniters, and prepping tools. The rocket club will provide the launch equipment suitable for 1/8" diameter straws (launch lugs).
- 4. Contestants may fly either individually or as part of one team
- 5. A rockets must use a single (NAR classification and safety certified) A-class standard 18mm motor.
- 6. Total weight of the model with motor must be less than five ounces.
- 7. Rockets must pass a preflight safety, engine and weight inspection at the launch site prior to launch.
- 8. A model must use a single streamer for the recovery device and land safely.
- 9. Rockets must not separate into two or more unattached parts during flight.

Contest Judging, Definitions and Other Important Information

- 1. Models will be given a preflight safety check and assigned launch positions.
- 2. Modelers may launch their models up to three times if time permits.
- A launch is a successful ignition of the motor. A flight is when a launched rocket, moves upward, leaves the launch pad and finally stops its descent.
- 4. The object of the event is to determine whose flight achieves the longest flight duration using a streamer recovery.
- 5. A streamer can only be attached at one of the streamer's narrow ends to a model.
- 6. A streamer may be up to 20-inches in length and must be rectangular in shape.
- 7. A streamer must be made from a single piece of material and have no holes, cuts, or multiple parts except where attached to models.
- 8. Streamers must be flexible, i.e., capable of being rolled and wadded up.
- 9. Two timers with stopwatches will time each flight. The timers will start their watches upon seeing first motion of a model's flight and stop their watches when the model stops its descent or goes out of sight.
- 10. Models with motors inside and streamers must be returned after flight for examination to qualify.
- 11. The longest single timed flight with the returned model determines the winner. The next longest score and returned model will be second place and so on.
- 12. The contest will be flown in two age divisions: one is for those 15 years and younger; the other is for those 16 years and older. Teams will be classified by the age of the oldest team members.
- 13. Decisions of the judges are final.

Time Schedule

Registration and Flights 10 am to Noon Last Time to Return Flown Models 12:15 pm

Recognition Ceremony/Announcements 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm

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Note: Model rockets, motors, and supplies are available at hobby shops, many craft stores, and by online purchases.