Launch 2 Learn

Introductory Rocket Workshop

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Welcome Back!!!

Make sure your workstation is ready to go...table covered, handbook open, pen/pencil ready, gloves available, camera on, sound ready, water and snack nearby.
This session will be recorded
Workshop Day 1 - Morning Review

1. What are the two professional rocketry associations?
2. What are the two types of flight profiles?
3. Name the 6 phases of the single deploy flight profile.
4. What is the difference between single and dual deploy?
5. Who is the manufacturer of the kit?
6. Where is the mid centering located on the motor mount tube?
7. What is the purpose of sanding all of the rocket components?
Rocketry 101 - Propulsion Overview

Qualifying definitions for High Powered Rockets:

- A motor using an engine with more than 160 Newton-seconds of total impulse (and ‘H’ motor or larger) or motors that all together exceed 320 Newton-seconds; or
- Uses a motor with more than 80 Newtons average thrust (see rocket motor coding); or
- Exceeds 125 grams of propellant; or
- Weighs more than 1,500 grams including motor(s); or
- Includes any airframe parts of ductile metal

HPR motors cannot be purchased over the counter

- Must be certified either by NAR or TRA to the appropriate level to purchase motor
- FNL teams - Approved Rocketry Mentor can purchase motor for local launch
- CRL teams - Frank Nobile will purchase certification motors

Table 6-1: HPR Motor Impulse Class and Category
Rocketry 101 – Propulsion Overview

Figure 6-1: Motor Kit Example

Figure 6-3: Cutaway Drawing of Typical Assembled RMS-Plus Motor

Figure 6-4: Aerotech Single Use Motor with Ignitor 2

Figure 6-5: Motor assembly and example of burn


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Thrust to Weight Ratio
- At a minimum this is 5:1 (you need 5 times the amount of thrust per weight)
- If your rocket weighs 10 lbs, your motor needs to produce at least 50 lbs of (average) thrust

Thrust Curves
- Burn time
- Max thrust
- Average thrust
- Either Newtons or pounds

Figure 6-5: Thrust Curve Example
Rocket Build – Assembly

*Coupler/Sustainer*

1. Dry-fit coupler to upper airframe (sustainer)
2. Draw a line/mark around the center of the coupler
   ○ Approximately 3” on this kit
3. Put on gloves before preparing epoxy
4. Prepare small amount of epoxy

*Handbook Reference: 13b.iv. Assembly – Coupler/Sustainer, pg 59*
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Coupler/Sustainer

5. Apply epoxy around inside of the sustainer (about 1” from edge)

6. Place coupler into sustainer section aligning aft section of the sustainer with the center line drawn on the coupler

7. Use a twisting motion, to evenly distribute the epoxy

8. Clean off excess epoxy on exposed section of coupler

9. Set aside, let epoxy dry

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Motor Mount

1. Attach the shock cord to the forward centering ring eyebolt using a quicklink in the shock cord loop and the eyebolt
   a. A double slip square knot can be used if a loop is not on the shock cord OR if you do not have 2-3 quicklinks
      i. Attach shock cord by feeding the cord through the eyebolt
      ii. Feed the opposite end of the shock cord through the sewn loop
      iii. Pull shock cord tight

   NOTE: Step by step information on how to do this knot can be found on the next slide
Rocket Build – Assembly

Motor Mount Knot Overview – Shock Cord

Slip Knots for Beginners!

1. Attach shock cord by feeding the cord through the eyebolt
2. Feed the opposite end of the shock cord through the sewn loop
3. Pull shock cord tight

Handbook Reference: 13b.v. Assembly – Motor Mount, pg 60
Rocket Build – Assembly

Motor Mount

2. Re-coil shock cord, securing with masking tape when done

3. Leave enough length on the eyebolt end of the shock cord such that it will come out the end of the forward opening on the air frame

Handbook Reference: 13b.v. Assembly – Motor Mount, pg 60

Figure 13-20: Shock Cord Attached to Eyebolt
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Motor Mount

4. Stuff the bundle of cord inside the motor mount tube

Figure 13-21: Shock Cord Installed Inside Motor Mount Tube Using Eyebolt (Left) and Quicklink and Eyebolt (Right)
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Motor Mount

5. **Dry-Fit Step:** Make sure motor mount tube fits into air frame properly, sand outer edge of centering rings as needed

   a. Avoid making burrs on the inner edge of the airframe

   b. If a burr occurs, gently sand the inner edge of the airframe

6. Slide motor mount tube into air frame forward the mid-centering location

7. Remove MMT after ensuring proper fit


Figure 13-22: Relative Position of MMT Assembly Once Installed in Airframe (Top); Mid Centering Ring Should Sit Forward of Fin Slots (Bottom)
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Motor Mount

8. Tape craft stick to the dowel rod - wrap 4-5 times minimum

9. Measure the distance from the top of the MMT to the forward centering ring using the craft stick/dowel rod
   • Make a mark on the dowel rod to indicate distance from aft end of the airframe to the forward centering ring

10. Put on gloves before preparing epoxy

11. Prepare small amount of epoxy

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Motor Mount

12. Epoxy inside parameter of the aft air frame about a ¼” before the forward center ring location using craft stick taped onto dowel rod

13. Slide the motor mount tube into position
   • The Mid-Centering Ring must be just forward of the forward fin slot. If the mid-centering ring does not clear the slot, fins may not fit into the slots properly
   • The Motor Mount Tube should be flush with the aft side of the air frame

14. Stand airframe up with AFT down. Allow epoxy to dry

Rocketry 101 - RockSim Motors

Motor – Aerotech 38mm H219T - DMS/ H100W -DMS
  • http://www.thrustcurve.org/

What to do when there isn’t an exact match
  • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIXN5jGysQg&feature=youtu.be

Rocketry 101 - RockSim Motors

1. Select the ‘Prepare for Launch’ icon

2. Select the ‘Choose Engine’ tab
Rocketry 101 - RockSim Motors

3. Select ‘Aerotech’ in the Manufacturer Filter field

4. Select the ‘Show all engines’ in the Type Filter field

5. Double click on the H219T/ H100W -DMS motor
The Aerotech H219T/H100W will automatically load into the RockSim software.

Figure 11-11: Motor Uploaded to RockSim
Rocket Build – Assembly

Nose Cone

1. Fit the nose cone to the sustainer
   a. Should not require sanding
2. Drill a single hole at location shown, through both airframe and nose cone with an awl or ⅛” drill bit
3. Attach the nose cone to the airframe with a #8 ½” wood screw (pointed screw) to keep the nose cone from separating in flight (but allow for removal of nose cone)

Handbook Reference: 13b.vi. Assembly - Nose Cone, pg 62
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Rail Button Alignment

Rail Guide System

- 1010 rail guide (it’s a 1.0” x 1.0” rail)
- 6’ (or 72 inches) in length

Handbook Reference: 5h. Rail Buttons p. 20,
13b.vii. Assembly – Rail Button Alignment, pg 19, 63
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_Rail Button Alignment_

1. Temporarily position a 4”- 5” length of tape between the fin slots. Place a mark on tape, just inside of both fin slots.
2. Remove the masking tape
3. Fold masking tape in half on non-stick side, matching the two fin slot reference marks
4. Make a crease at the middle location

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Rail Button Alignment

5. Place the strip of masking tape back on the airframe matching lines to the fin slots

6. Mark the center point at the crease line, making a line half way between the two fin slots on the aft portion of the booster section


Figure 13-25: Drawing a Line at the Half Way Mark on Tape (Top); Drawing the Half Way Mark on the Air Frame (Bottom)
Rocket Build – Assembly

Rail Button Alignment

7. Draw a line halfway up the air frame
   a. Use door frame, window frame or table/counter edge to draw line
8. This is the line the rail buttons will be installed on after the fins have been installed


Figure 13-25: Markers to Indicate Rail Button Placement/Alignment (Bottom)
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Vent Holes

• Vent (pressure relief) holes allow the pressure inside the rocket to equalize to the external atmosphere.

• Usually 1/8”-1/4” in diameter

Handbook Reference: 13b.viii. Assembly – Vent Holes, pg 64

Figure 13-27: Vent Holes Indicated in Red on Rocket Airframe
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Vent Holes

1. Drill first hole with an awl or $\frac{1}{8}''$ drill bit in the middle region of the sustainer

2. Drill second hole with an awl or $\frac{1}{8}''$ drill bit in the booster region above the motor mount tube/fins
Remember…to be early is to be on time and to be on time is to be late. Saturday’s presentation is being condensed by 3 hours. We have lots to cover in a short period of time!
Workshop Morning - Review

1. Name the parts of the rocket.

2. Where should the mid centering ring be installed inside the airframe?

3. What makes up the aft portion of the rocket?

4. What is the minimum thrust to weight ratio required?
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*Fin Installation*

**Dry-fit and Tack**

1. Dry-fit fins into slots
2. Retrieve fin installation guide from binder, and place guide on floor
3. Set air frame on the center circle on the guide
4. Align each fin to the crosshair lines
5. Remove fin and sand to ensure fin when inserted flush to motor mount
6. Remove fins before preparing epoxy

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*Fin Installation*

7. Put on gloves before preparing epoxy
8. Prepare small amount of epoxy
9. Apply epoxy to “Tang” side of fin #1 (light tack)
10. The span (b) is placed at the aft end of the airframe
11. Insert fin into fin slot – repeat for each fin
   a. Ensure the tang touches the motor mount tube


Figure 13-30: Tang Example (Top); Apply Epoxy to Tang (Center); Insert Tang in Fin Slot (Bottom)
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Fin Installation

12. Place assembly on fin installation guide, and align fins - tape fins to the airframe as needed

13. Do these steps quickly to get all fins tacked/aligned before the first fin cures - approximately 3-5 minutes from when epoxy mixed


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Rocketry 101 - Stability Overview

Center of Gravity (CG)
- What is it? Where is it?

Center of Pressure (CP)
- What is it? Where is it?

Stability Margin (SM)
- How do you determine the SM?

Remember: simulated CG and CP are not actual CG and CP (although they should be close!)

Rocket Build – Assembly

Fin Installation

Inner Fin Fillets

1. Preparation: Apply masking tape to outside diameter of motor mount tube and airframe (up to fin tab)
2. Put on gloves before preparing epoxy
3. Prepare small amount of epoxy
4. Apply epoxy fillet to seam between motor mount tube and “tang” side of the fin
5. Use long dowel to apply along full length
6. Apply quickly with large dollops
7. Apply a total of 8 fillets (on each side of 4 fins)
8. Allow epoxy to set, remove tape while wet (within 15 minutes)

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Fin Installation

Outer Fin Fillets (Prep)

1. Fillet tape must be installed parallel to fin, along the full length about 1/4” away from corner
   a. On both fin and tube (red arrows)

2. Repeat fillet tape for all four fins
   a. Will be 16 strips of tape for entire rocket for fillets

3. With the rocket positioned as shown, place 4 pieces of tape to create 4 dams to fill in the small gap between the fin and tube, on top of fillet tape

4. Place tape under fin long enough to cover gap
   a. Must be tight in corner, so epoxy does not leak through (green arrows)


Figures 13-34, 13-35: Tape and Dam Diagram; (Top Left): Tape Locations for Epoxy Fillets (Top Right, Center); Dam Locations (Bottom Right)
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*Fin Installation*

*Figure 13-35: Tape Locations for Epoxy Fillets (Left, Center); Dam Locations (Right)*
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*Fin Installation*

**Outer Fin Fillets (Epoxy)**

5. For Side 1 (as shown):
   a. Put on gloves before preparing epoxy
   b. Prepare the right amount of epoxy (not a lot, you can mix more if needed)
   c. Fill in gap with epoxy (both fins) – let set few minutes, ensure epoxy is not leaking past dam on underside near the leading edge and AFT end near the semi span.
   d. Epoxy along entire length of fin root, create smooth fillets with craft stick (both fins)
   e. Remove dam tape from underside after 10 minutes
   f. Immediately remove both fillet tapes from Side 1 (tube and fins)
   g. Let set up for 10 – 12 minutes

6. Rotate rocket 180 degrees, and repeat for Side 2

7. Sides 3 and 4 do not require a dam step, fillet only

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Handbook Reference: 13b.ix. Assembly – Fin Installation, pg 68
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Workshop Afternoon - Review

1. What can result from improper fin installation?
2. Describe the rocket CP?
3. Describe the rocket CG?
4. What is the optimal stability margin/caliber?
5. What type of knot is used to connect the shock cord for the motor mount assembly?
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Aft Centering Ring Installation

1. Install #8 wood screws halfway into Aft centering ring for use as handle. **Do not push down on these screws. Use them to pull out AFT ring only. Push down on ring only to install.**
   a. **Dry-fit Step**: Ensure the aft end of booster is free of epoxy, for ease of fit (sand or wipe with alcohol)
   b. **Dry-fit Step**: Ensure CR fits in tube, all the way until contact with fin tabs (will be an edge as shown) – sand as needed
   c. Remove aft CR after dry-fit

2. Put on gloves before preparing epoxy

3. Prepare a small amount of epoxy

4. Apply a band of epoxy around outside of MMT and inside of airframe

Handbook Reference: 13b.x. Assembly – Aft Centering Ring Installation, pg 69

Figure 13-37: Slide Aft Ring to Fins (Top); Epoxy Outside of MMT (Left Middle); Epoxy Inside of Airframe (Right Middle)
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Aft Centering Ring Installation

5. Twist centering ring into place, pushing in all the way until it stops against fin tabs

6. Ensure wood screw is offset from rail button mark and fin tangs

7. Apply fillet on aft end of aft CR
   a. Avoid getting epoxy in MMT and in pre-drilled motor retainer holes
   b. (Optional) Tape MMT to avoid getting epoxy in MMT
   c. (Optional) Add screw into hole

Handbook Reference: 13b.x. Assembly – Aft Centering Ring Installation, pg 69
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*Rail Button Installation*

Rail Buttons are installed so that your rocket can be fit to a standard launch rail. **Tape a craft stick to the end of your 18” dowel.**

The bottom rail button will be installed into the aft centering ring, while the top rail button will be installed into the airframe (with backing nut – or into forward centering ring)

1. Mark an ‘X’ on the vertical line where it intersects the aft CR  
   a. Use a craft stick to gauge the depth of the aft CR. (add ¼”)
2. Mark an ‘X’ on the vertical line near the forward CR  
   a. Insert into forward end of airframe until it touches the forward CR. Beware dowel must be in contact with CR not the eyebolt.
   b. Mark line on dowel indicating end of airframe, remove and place on top of airframe to use as “measuring gauge” (add ¼”)
3. Drill holes using a 1/8” drill bit – ensure hole is perpendicular to surface
4. Dab epoxy in hole
5. Attach rail buttons and pointed wood screws into place
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Rocketry 101 - Parachute Selection

There are two requirements to assist with parachute selection

• Descent Velocity – a safe rule of thumb to adhere to is a descent velocity (or descent rate) of approximately 20 ft/s

• NOTE: TRA recently changed the descent rate to 30 ft/s

Most rocket simulators will determine the descent velocity for you

• The weight of the model must be as accurate as possible however

• Descent rate will also be affected by the motor selection (weight)

Handbook Reference: 8c. Parachute Selection, pg 32
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Recovery Installation

Handbook Reference: 13b.xii. Assembly – Recovery Installation, pg 70

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Figure 13-38: Recovery Supplies

Figure 13-39: Recovery Supplies
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Recovery Installation

Failed parachute deployment

1. Push shock cord out through forward end of airframe, remove masking tape
2. Tie a knot in the shock cord (at 1/3 total distance from end)
   • A quick-link may be used at this step as an alternate method
3. Untangle parachute shroud lines
4. Place arm through the shroud lines

Handbook Reference: 13b.xii. Assembly – Recovery Installation, pg 71

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Knot Overview - Parachute

5. Attach the parachute to the parachute protector with a knot (step-by-step procedure next slide)

   a. Feed shroud lines through sewn loop in shock cord end
   b. Pass parachute through shroud lines
   c. Pull parachute tight

Handbook Reference: 13b.xii. Assembly – Recovery Installation, pg 72
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Parachute Preparation

1. Make sure the parachute shroud lines are untangled, then lay it flat on the table

2. Position one shroud line nearest you, then start folding the parachute gores into angular sections by bringing each consecutive shroud line over the first and evening out the fold up to the tip

Handbook Reference: 13b.xiii. Assembly – Parachute Preparation, pg 73
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*Parachute Preparation*

3. Once all gores are folded with all shroud lines together, it should appear like this

4. Fold the parachute like a zig-zag
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*Parachute Preparation*

5. Tightly roll the parachute into a cylinder. Ensure all shroud likes are still untangled and together.

5. Neatly bring the shroud lines together in a zig-zag fashion and place them next to the parachute at one corner of the parachute protector or Nomex cloth

a. Watch demo of alternate method with small Nomex cloth

Handbook Reference: 13b.xiii. Assembly – Parachute Preparation, pg 74
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Parachute Preparation

7. Start rolling the Nomex over the parachute and shroud lines. Keep it snug. Then place the shock cord onto the Nomex using the same method as the shroud lines.

8. Fold the left and right corners of the Nomex inward, then continue rolling the bundle tightly, keeping all of the shroud line inside the Nomex cloth.

Handbook Reference: 13b.xiii. Assembly – Parachute Preparation, pg 74
9. Place the newly-wrapped parachute bundle into the booster section of the rocket

Figure 13-52: Step 9 of Parachute Prep
Certification Launch Requirements

Safety Overview - Key Personnel

Tripoli Safety Code, NFPA 1127, etc.

HPR Launch Operations Overview
1. Range Safety Officer (RSO)
   a. The goal of the RSO is to minimize the risks to personnel and property involved in the handling, preparation, and launch operations of model and high-power rocket launches.

2. Launchpad Safety Officer (LSO)
   a. The LSO is responsible for determining the status of range operations: site, airspace, and weather.

3. Launch Pad Manager
   a. The Launch Pad Manager will assist you with the launch prep

4. Rocketry Mentor
   a. TRA/NAR certified at a level equal to or above the motor you will use to certify
   b. May guide, direct, and assist you as you prepare your rocket and go to the launch pad

Launch Failure

Handbook Reference: 14a. Safety Overview, pg 75
Launch Preparation

Launch Preparation Overview

Launch Site Materials & Supplies

- Drill
- Screwdriver
- Dog Barf
- Epoxy
- Masking Tape
- Screw
- Washer
- Nut
- Etc.

Figure 14:1 Launch Site Preparation Area

Certification Launch Overview

Certification Launch Requirements

1. When arriving at the launch site, you are expected to abide by the presiding organizations safety procedures

2. Requirements at the certification launch
   a. Review pre-launch checklist
   b. Complete launch card and submit to TRA/NAR
   c. After rocket recovery, return to HPR Launch Operations area
   d. Properly dispose motor
   e. Sign and submit TRA Membership Application to Frank Nobile (Wisconsin only)
   f. Pack rocket for return home

3. Fees associated with certification launch
   a. FNL reimbursable by WSGC using reimbursement form or coordinated with local TRA/NAR
      i. Flight/Ground Transportation/Meals
         • $45 maximum meal allowance per day
         • Ground transportation: When personal vehicles are utilized, either gas or miles can be reimbursed, but not both
      ii. Original receipts with names of individuals on each receipt
   b. CRL certification launches will take place during launch competition weekend
      i. Special arrangements may be made to conduct certification launch on a regularly scheduled launch event through Frank Nobile maxq3@aol.com
   c. Complete and submit a reimbursement request to Megan Goller wsgc.accounts@carthage.edu no later than 30 days after certification launch

Certification Pre-Flight

Pre-Flight Overview

When you arrive at the launch site on launch day, you will need to:

1. Obtain a launch card from the club organizer table - each site
2. Prepare your rocket for flight
3. Ensure all of your bonds / fillets are intact
   a. Ensure all your parts fit - no excess epoxy
4. Prepare your parachute as instructed in the workshop

Handbook Reference: 15c.i. Pre-Flight Overview, pg 85

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Certification Pre-Flight

Pre-Flight Overview

5. Ensure your nose cone is attached
   a. You may fly a ‘payload’ if you wish
6. Ensure you have a piece of tape with you (for friction fit & igniter)
7. Prepare you motor (see the RSO/Mentor for motors)
8. Ensure you have your motor retainer with you and tools to tighten it

Handbook Reference: 15c.i. Pre-Flight Overview, pg 85
Certification Pre-Flight

Pre-Flight Overview

9. Fill out / turn in your launch card to the LCO when you are ready to fly.
   a. LCO will assign you a launch pad (numbered)

10. Proceed to launch pad when range is open
    a. Usually, a Launch Pad manager (or mentor) will assist you with launch prep

11. Return to pit area to watch your launch!

12. Observe and recover your rocket

13. Return rocket to RSO for inspection and sign off

Handbook Reference: 15c.i. Pre-Flight Overview, pg 85
Certification Pre-Flight

Pre-Flight Inspection

Prepare the following information for the LCO:

1. TRA/NAR Membership #
2. Kit Manufacturer
3. Center of Gravity (CG) and Center of Pressure (CP) – Mark the CG and CP on the rocket
4. Motor Type and Manufacturer
5. Type of Recovery Device
6. Length, Diameter, and Weight of Rocket
7. Predicted Altitude (Remember to conduct a simulation in RockSim)
Certification Rocket Overview

Pre-Launch Rocket Preparation

1. Airframe
   a. Must be built by flyer
   b. Display Center of Pressure

2. Recovery
   a. Standard parachute recovery is required.

3. Motor
   a. Single certified H or I motor (tested total impulse between 160.01 and 640.00 n-sec)
      i. Local Certification Launch
         1. Coordinate Motor Purchase with TRA/NAR Mentor (Reimbursable cost)
         2. Contact TRA/NAR Launch organizer(s) to have a motor available if a vendor is on site (Reimbursable cost)
         3. Order motor through Wildman Rocketry (most reliable, but an additional hazmat fee (~$50) charged) WSGC billed
      ii. Richard Bong Recreational Park Certification Launch
          1. Motor available competition weekend through WSGC
   b. Flyer shall be observed by certifying member during assembly and preparation of motor

4. Electronics
   a. Not required
Certification Launch Preparation

Motor Preparation

1. Obtain your motor from the RSO
   a. WSGC provides one certification motor
2. Perform your own motor prep
   a. Remove certification motor from protective cardboard tube
   b. Delay Adjustment
   c. Black Powder
   d. Motor Installation
3. RSO will observe your motor prep
   a. It is not a test, it is a hands-on learning experience
   b. If you don’t understand something, ask questions
4. Insert your motor in rocket and install motor retainer
5. Suggest you tape the ignitor to the outside of the rocket for later

Handbook Reference: 14d. - Motor Preparation, pg 76

Figure 14-2 Certification Motor and Packaging
The certification motor will come in a protective cardboard tube when shipped. The motor may be sealed in a plastic bag.

Remove contents from carton and plastic bag. The motor will have a parts contained within:

1. Motor
2. Ignitor Leads
3. Pyrogen
4. Vial of Black Powder
5. Red Forward Plug
6. Baffle Washer

Figure 14-3: Certification Motor Parts
Certification Launch Preparation

Motor Preparation

1. Adjust the motor ejection charge delay
   a. Use the delay adjust tool to remove seconds from delay
      i. Adjust the tool for proper amount
      ii. Screw the tool into the end
   b. Shake flakes out – discard
   c. Install Baffle Washer

Handbook Reference: 14b.ii. - Delay Adjustment, pg 77
Certification Launch Preparation

Motor Preparation

d. Pour black powder into end

e. Place plug cap on end

Handbook Reference: 14b.iii. - Black Powder, pg 77
Certification Launch Preparation

Motor Preparation

1. Insert your motor into your rocket (narrow end first – red cap inside)

1. If motor is difficult to insert
   a. May need to clean epoxy from inside of MMT

1. Attach motor retention to keep motor in place

1. Secure ignitor with tape to exterior of rocket for later

Figure 14-10: Motor Installation
Motor Retention Installation

Insert your prepared L 1 Motor into motor tube until it stops

Install 2 machine screws to secure retention system do not over tighten
Certification Launch Preparation

Recovery

1. Know how to fold / install your parachute into your rocket (as previous demo)
   a. Ensure parachute and protectors are **attached** inside of quick-links
   b. Ensure your quick-links are attached to rocket and **closed**
   c. Ensure to use parachute protectors and/or ‘dog barf’ to protect your nylon parachute from the hot ejection charge gases
      i. Ensure parachute protection is on bottom (where ejection charge is) and parachute on top

Figure 14:11: Parachute and Protectors Attached Inside of Quicklinks (Top); Quicklink Attached to Rocket and Closed (Bottom)
Certification Launch Preparation

Recovery

2. If your certification flight occurs in adverse conditions
   a. Consider using a smaller parachute than the stock parachute provided, to prevent drift
      i. Your Rocketry Mentor may be able to assist you
   b. You may ‘reef’ your shroud lines using tape (or by tying a knot part way up the shroud lines)
      i. This will decrease the parachute open diameter
      ii. This will increase descent rate (decrease drift)
   c. Ensure your mentor or RSO is aware of any adjustments you have made prior to flight
Certification Launch Preparation

Recovery

3. At Tripoli Wisconsin (only) - additional recovery techniques are used for certification flights (when flying in adverse conditions)
   a. Jolly Logic Parachute Release
      i. This device will be loaned to flyers
      ii. This device will not open the parachute until a much lower altitude
          1. AKA streamer (or tumble) recovery from apogee
   b. RF Tracker and Antenna
      i. This device will be loaned to flyers
      ii. This device will emit an RF signal that allows you to track on ground
          1. It can be flown in your sustainer section or taped to shock cord
Certification Launch Preparation

Recovery

4. These devices ARE NOT REQUIRED for certification flight
   a. If you plan to use a device be familiar with its operation prior to flight
   b. Ensure your mentor or RSO is aware of any devices used in flight

https://jollylogic.com/products/chuterelease/

https://www.com-spec.com/rcplane/index.html
Certification Launch Preparation

Launch Pad Preparation

Once you are prepared your rocket for the certification launch and have completed the pre-launch checklist:

1. Check in with the LCO for your pad assignment
2. Turn in the launch card
3. Proceed to the Launch pad when the “Range is Open.”

Handbook Reference: 14f. Launch Pad Preparation, pg 80
Certification Launch Preparation

Launch Pad Preparation

The Launch Pad Manager (or Mentor) will assist you with the launch prep. This is a time for learning not for quizzing:

1. The rail is tilted over for loading
   a. Slide your rocket on rail, aligning your rail buttons in the grooves in the rail

2. Your rocket should be on top – your rail buttons down
   a. Slide all the way down until it hits the stops
Certification Launch Preparation

*Rocket Retrieval*

1. Carefully observe the descent of your rocket for retrieval
2. Use the landmarks (trees / field / roads / water) to remember where you last saw it
3. You may want to go out in pairs and assist each other
   a. This is for safety as well – look for one, then the other
4. Do not enter a hazardous situation to retrieve your rocket
   a. Do not enter water
   b. Do not climb trees
5. Check-in if you have been searching for awhile

Handbook Reference: 14g; Rocket Retrieval, pg 81-82
Launch Preparation

Rocket Retrieval

1. Note the Hazards

1. Note the Landmarks

1. Note the Distances

Handbook Reference: 14g; Rocket Retrieval, pg 82
Certification Launch Requirements

Certificaton Post-Flight

Upon a successful flight and retrieval of your rocket, the following steps will take place:

1. The RSO will inspect your certification rocket
2. The RSO will sign your certification form
   a. WSGC will reimburse L2L participants for the first year of TRA or NAR membership
3. WSGC will pay L2L participants TRA or NAR membership for Certification flights conducted at Richard Bong Recreation Area
4. Tripoli Membership cards will be mailed to participants address provided on form
   a. Membership is valid for one year
   b. Membership must be renewed by participant annually
   c. TRA Certification is valid at NAR launches
   d. Level II Certification may be obtained by participants, however, WSGC does not cover the cost of certification.
Certification Flight

Post-Flight Inspection - Non-Certification

Any of the following will result in non-certification for a certification flight:

1. Motor CATO (Catastrophic Take Off)
2. Excessive damage
3. No recovery system deployment or tangled recovery system deployment
4. Rocket drifting outside the specified launch range
5. Components coming down not attached to the recovery system.
6. Any other violation of TRA safety code associated with this particular flight.
7. Any other legitimate reason the certifying member deems merits non-certification

Handbook Reference: 15d.ii. Post-Flight Non-Certification pg 87
Certification Launch Requirements

**Rocket Transport**

When preparing to bring your certification rocket home, you will need to take the necessary steps to clean your rocket and prepare for the transport.

1. Cleaning and packaging rocket for transport
   a. Remove / dispose of the motor
   b. Wipe out any black powder residue
   c. Disassemble any components

2. Transporting rocket from Kenosha, WI
   a. Checked bag for airline flights
   b. Ship from hotel (confirm this option with the hotel)
      i. Boxes, bubble wrap and labels will be available for shipping for certification launches conducted at Richard Bong Recreation Area. If you ship your rocket to the hotel during competition weekend, keep original packaging material for return shipment.

1. Shipping costs may be submitted with Launch 2 Learn travel expenses

Handbook Reference: 15e. Rocket Transport pg 88

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NAR Level 1 Certification at Richard Bong Recreational Area

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFm5sG7qdm0
Workshop Closing - Review

1. Where can rocket supply equipment files be downloaded from?

2. What checkbox is critical to check or uncheck in RockSim?

3. What is the “Key Enemy” of your rocket build?

4. What does an altimeter do?

5. What is a reasonable rocket descent rate?

6. What must you do to become level one certified?

7. Who are the key personnel at the rocket launch?
Workshop Objectives Review

• Introduce design, build, fly stages of high-power rocketry
  • Remember this is only an introductory workshop, there is not enough time to cover all aspects in greater detail

• Build a Level 1 high-power rocket
  • We will build the LOC Precision Caliber-ISP kit

• Develop basic understanding of RockSim
  • Import the Caliber kit rocket into RockSim and analyze a flight

• Understand Tripoli Level 1 certification
SURVEY TIME

Help us hit a home run with our program. Tell us what is good (80%) and tell us ways to get better (20%)

If you make “this change,” you’ll be hitting a home run

This is what I LOVED about your workshop!!!
Please fill out the workshop evaluation questionnaire here:

https://forms.gle/HfyoLWQUru2uq85c6
QUESTIONS?