

Garden State Spacemodeling Society

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LaunchRack listserve: Several members have contacted GHQ (Jack Sarhage) regarding the receipt of a message originating from that site requesting that someone from GSSS “Please manage GSSS announcements....” Official GSSS announcements are issued regularly on our own website by Rob Nee. This is the only official site of GSSS.

The Launch Rack: The journal of GSSS is the only other official organ of the section. *The Launch Rack* will once again be issued beginning with a Spring Edition and will be co-edited by Jack Sarhage and Dr. Bob Kreutz. Articles, photos, plans, etc. are requested from the members for publication. Send them to the e-mail address above or the USPS address also shown above. More on this in the Spring Edition.

The newsletter has been pointed out as being “the veins or arteries (circulatory system) of the club. It carries information to the individual members (cells) keeps them well fed and a healthy part of the whole organism”.

“Plain and simple it keeps the membership interested in the club and allows the leadership to maintain a focus for the members.”

Hope that most of you will agree with that and help GSSS continue in that direction.

Also please let GHQ know if you wish an electronic (PDF) copy or a hard copy delivered to you via USPS. If you want it electronically you will have to provide an e-mail address. The newsletter will also be posted on the club’s website.

Membership Renewals: To save time and money this is a reminder that unless your membership card expires 31 December 2011 your membership is up for renewal. There has not been an increase and dues remain as Senior \$10.00, Leader: \$7.00 and Junior \$5.00. If yours is a family membership remember to deduct \$2.00 for each additional member. Please provide names, GSSS Number, NAR number (if a member. If not, consider becoming an NAR member) and make checks/money order payable to Arnold Klein.

Armed Services Day: The launch scheduled for May 21, 2011 happens to fall on Armed Services Day. A special contest will be held on that date similar to the NAR’s Sport Scale Competition.

The contest is open to all GSSS members for any model rocket that resembles an existing or historical missile, rocket or space vehicle used by any of the Armed Services of the United States. They are to be built out of materials and within weight limitations as outlined in the Model Rocketry Safety Code of the National Association of Rocketry.

Each rocket will be judged as follows:

Construction and Details (Maximum 30 points): Given for general accuracy and the extent of details such as rivets, antennas, panel lines, etc. as follows. Not Much 0 to 10 Some Of It 11 to 20; Most Of It 21 to 29; All There 30.

Coloring and Markings (Maximum 20 points): Given for accuracy and extent of coloring and markings. Judging will consider items such as insignia, numbering, stripes, and color of the particular subject being modeled.

Workmanship (Maximum 20 points); Given for workmanship such as paint, fillets and overall neatness of model.

Bonus Points: Additional points will be awarded for: Each operating stage: 2 points per stage; Each additional engine (cluster) 2 points per each engine.

Flight Points: 10 points will be awarded for a successful flight (this means that the model is not disqualified for reasons as shown in Section 11 of the United State Model Rocket Sporting Code (Pink Book). A disqualified flight will result in a deduction of 25 points.

We hope you will get busy and build a new rocket for this special event as we remember our Armed Service members. After all their sacrifices makes it possible for us to enjoy the hobby/sport of model rocketry in our country. There are many countries where model rocketry is not allowed.

Launch Dates: Following are the launch dates at North Branch Park for 2011: February 26; March 19; April 16; May 21; June 11; July 23; August 20; September 24; October 22; November 26; December 17. It is hoped you will be able to attend as many as you can. Be sure to watch the website for cancellation information on the mornings of each launch date.

2011 Election of Club Officers: According to the club's by-laws we elect club officers in odd numbered years. Positions are President, Vice-president and Secretary/Treasurer serving a term of two years. Nominations are to be made not later than October 31. Consider running for one of these offices or nominate someone. If you are interested in learning more of the duties of each position, information can be requested from GHQ.

Help Wanted: The newsletter has always been for the enlightenment and entertainment of GSSS members. It has always been made up of articles, plans, photos, cartoons shared by those members. If this is to succeed we need your help. The deadline then for the Spring Edition is March 1, 2011. Thank you.

Edited by Jack Sarhage