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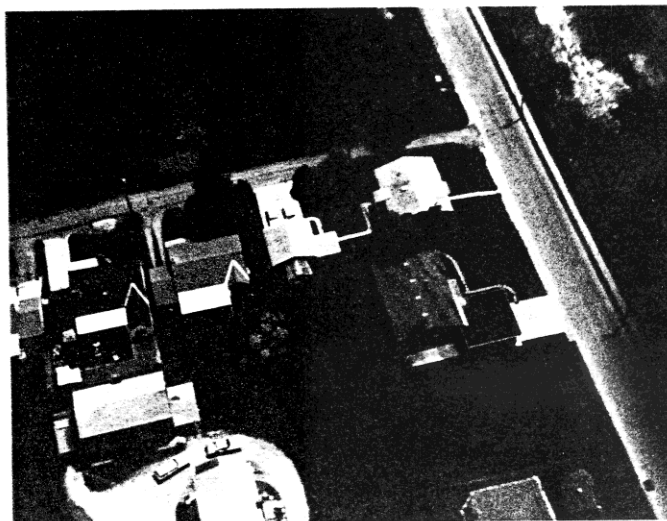
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At long last, Pittsburgh once again has it's own N.A.R. Section, Pittsburgh Space Command. Old time rocketeers will remember the past two sections - "Steel City Section" and the "Three Rivers Section." Pittsburgh was once well known in the "Model Rocketry World", for it's enthusiasm, conventions and advanced N.A.R. members. "Model Rocketeer" magazine was once edited by a Pittsburgher. But, with the hobby recession of the late seventies and other factors present, the old sections disappeared and Pittsburgh rocketry became a faint memory. Our new N.A.R. section, "Pittsburgh Space Command", hopes to bring back that enthusiasm and fame to Pittsburgh. It's going to take time, but hopefully, we are here to stay. Our section was named in honor of the proposed new branch of the U.S. Armed Services; "The United States Space Command." This branch would be comprised of Astronauts. We were officially registered as a N.A.R. Section in May, 1986. I attempted to form this section in 1985, but ran up against some N.A.R. beauracracy that made it impossible. In April, 1986 I was contacted by Pat Miller, President of N.A.R., with a list of names, suggesting I try to form a Section. No other chartered members were on this list. I immediately contacted Pat and asked for additional members based on local zip codes. This yeilded a much larger list, I contacted about 30 people and 9 responded to form our club. On June 1, we held our first official launch with 8 out of 9 members attending. The launch was at our Zelianople launch site. Rod Schafer was our Range Safety Officer and Joe Mary was elected Vice-President. We had a great time!

Thanks,

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ASTROCAM 110 PHOTO OF ZELIENOPLE CHALLENGER II D 11-9 ENGINE

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MEMBERSHIP ROOSTER

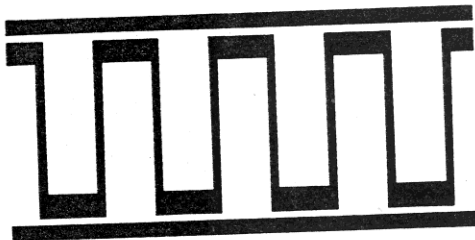
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"Those who came before us made certain that this country rode the first waves of modern invention and the first wave of nuclear power. And this generation does not intend to founder in the backwash of the coming age of Space. We mean to be part of it - we mean to lead it." These imortal words were given by President John. F. Kennedy in his final speech to Congress, six months before his dreadful assasination in Dallas, Texas.

This same feeling, corrisponds with what I would like to see, coming from the members of our newly formed N.A.R. Section, "Pittsburgh Space Command". I think that if everyone follows the meaning: "We mean to be part of it - we mean to lead it." That our section can and will become the best that Pittsburgh ever had. Also, I promise to uphold my end of the bargain.. So Keep Up The Good Work Fellows, and "MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU."

Bill Kust



My name is Rodney L. Schafer, I'm 18 years old and I live in New Kensington, PA. I've been involved in Model Rocketry for a little over two years. I also, have been a member of the N.A.R. for one year. I started out in Model Rocketry with a starter kit of the "Space Shuttle Columbia". Now I have a collection of nine Model Rockets.. Over the two years I have been flying rockets, I have only lost one rocket, which was the Yankee rocket from Estes. Although, I have had four rockets crash because of failure of the parachutes to deploy. My most memorable event was the time when my Sizzler rocket got caught in the top of a big ash tree and my Uncle used a 22 cal. rifle to shoot the shock cord -onnected to the nose cone in half. Luckily the rocket, nose cone and parachute fell through the branches to the ground. I only needed a new nose cone and parachute to fly the rocket again.

Rodney L. Schafer

A SPECIAL THANK YOU NOTE:

A special note of thanks goes to Tom Blazanin, this month for his excellent choice of "TEAM PITTSBURGH" for our section newsletter title.

NEW PRODUCT NEWS

Estes Industries promised to send us information about their remaining new kit and model rocketry parts, for 1986. This information will be printed in the September or October Issue of the "Team Pittsburgh" newsletter.

JULY MEETING AND N.A.R. LAUNCH

The meeting for July 1986, was held at Herr's Island, as originally planned at 1:00 P.M. President Art Nestor opened the meeting by welcoming two new members: Bill Kust and Joes Galasso. It was unanimously decided that our next club meeting and launch will be held at the Zelienople launch site, on Sunday August 10, 1986 at 1:00 P.M. The two contest that will take place are: "D-Engine Egg Loft", and "B-Engine Glider Duration". The Glider Duration Contest will be an open event for everyone. Also at the July Launch, the following winners and the events are:

JULY MEETING CONTINUED:

½ A Engine Parachute Duration:

Mort Binstock 51.84 seconds

B Engine Streamer Duration:

Tom Blazanin 62.57 seconds

Model of the Month:

Jim Galasso with a homemade Mosquito model, which was awarded a beautiful poster on Space Week.

Crusader Swing-Wing Glider Winner:

Mike Kalmar

NEXT LAUNCH  
ZELIENOPL  
1:00 P.M.  
AUGUST 10



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THERE !!!

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