

As we get closer to the weekend, I wanted to again post the rules that will apply for the launch this month. Please read them, and if you decide that you are not willing or able to abide by them, then don't come to the launch. An important aspect of these rules is to have everyone that is coming to the launch, or working at the launch, be confident that they will be safe and not put at risk by attending.

The weather will be hot this weekend, so please also plan ahead for that (and bring your own shade). The good news is that the winds will be low (so we can fly high), but the bad news is that the winds will be low (so it will feel hotter). It is the Fourth of July after all.

Jim

Procedures for AARG Launches

The following procedures will be employed at AARG launches. They have been developed based on guidance from Tripoli and NAR, and the Milam County Health Department. If you are unable to abide by the rules, please do not come to the launch.

General Safety – We want to encourage the same stay-at-home mentality that we have all grown accustomed to over the past few months. Please plan to spend most of your time near your own vehicle/tent, employ social distancing at all times, and be considerate of the safety of others present at the launch.

Children – Children are welcome at the launch; however, they must stay at their vehicle/tent at all times or be with a parent or guardian if away from their vehicle/tent.

Safety Equipment – AARG will provide safety equipment to include face coverings, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting cloths and spray. Our supply is limited, so please bring your own supplies if possible. Face coverings should be worn properly (over the nose) as follows:

- Not required at your own vehicle/tent or during recovery (unless you want to).
- Encouraged if you are away from your vehicle/tent or when interacting with others.
- **Required when visiting registration/safety check-in, the launch pads, or Harry's tent.**

Equipment Setup – AARG is not requesting assistance with setup or tear down for this launch.

Parking – We want additional spacing between vehicles. We will be marking the desired spacing with stakes/flags. If there are not flags indicating spacing when you arrive, please ensure a vehicle centerline to centerline distance of at least 20 feet.

Registration and Safety Check-in – There will be a queue. Please practice social distancing in line just like at Home Depot. Registration and flight cards will be done verbally. You must provide a contact phone number during registration. We will not be making change for launch fees, so bring exact change (launch fees for member/non-members are \$5 and \$7 for low power, and \$7 and \$10 for high power). After safety check-in, if you are instructed to go to the pads, you can do so. Otherwise, return to your vehicle/tent until instructed to go to the pads. **Please do not congregate in the LCO/RSO area.**

Launch Procedures – The following launch procedures will be employed:

- Safety check-in will be done verbally. Be prepared to point out your CP/CG, your motor retainer, etc., and to answer questions related to your rocket. The same procedure will be used for certification flights and post-inspections.
- After safety check-in, you will either go to pads or return to your vehicle/tent until called to the pads. If there is a back-up for the pads, we will try to announce who is “on deck”. Please be ready to load your rocket when called.
- Prior to going to the pads, **you must use hand sanitizer**. It is recommended to use hand sanitizer after leaving the pads.
- Loading should be done by the minimum possible number of people. Generally, this will be one person, but not more than the minimum number required. Children can go to the low-power pads, but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. After loading the rocket, the flier can stay in the general LCO/RSO area while their rocket is launched.