

STORM WARNING



December 2008

Closing out 2008

by Lance Lickteig

KLOUDBusters has had a great 2008. The application for and delivery of the Corporation LEUP to enable members to buy and fly rocket motors at the Argonia Rocket Pasture was a significant accomplishment for us and many new members have joined to avail themselves of this members-only benefit.

LDRS 27 was a rousing success, made possible by hundreds of hours of hard work by KLOUDBusters members. Everyone should take great pride in the many compliments received from around the country. You all did one heck of a job.

I'm looking forward to 2009 with renewed vigor to get out and fly some rockets - I hope you are, too.

-- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!! --

KLOUDBusters Christmas Party and All-Member Meeting

The annual KLOUDBusters Christmas Party will be Saturday December 13, 2008. The party will once again be held at the Kiwanis Park Shelter, 5101 W. 2nd St. in Wichita. Hours will be from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Guests are welcome.



Santa Claus?!?

There will be a slide show of KLOUDBusters, their rockets, and other antics during 2008. If you have any photos to share, please contact me ASAP (no later than Wednesday December 10 via e-mail to lancel@cox.net).

There will be an All-Member meeting portion of the evening summarizing the year's events. We'll have a short recap of LDRS 27 and talk about plans for 2009 and beyond. I promise to keep it short this year. **Late breaking** – just released FAA waiver rules will be discussed at the meeting.

Of course, we're planning on the traditional Gherkinbaum ceremony - if you've never experienced the Gherkinbaum, it is something you won't soon forget.

The Christmas party is a great way to share stories of the year's events and get to meet the members. We have a large number of new members this year and I hope many will try to come out so we can get to know you.

Please be aware: City of Wichita policy prohibits alcoholic beverages at all park facilities.



KLOUDBuster Rocket Drag Race at Distant Thunder

KBoD Elections

The annual KLOUDBusters Board of Director Election ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. We are electing Prefect, Vice-President, Secretary, and (1) Member-at-Large for 2009-2010 (Prefect is for 1 year only).

There is only one person running for each office this time, so the election procedure is slightly modified from usual. We will accept ballots by mail, drop-off at Science Education Center, or hand delivery to the Christmas Party. The deadline for ballot receipt is December 24, 2008.

The bios for each of the candidates follow (all are uncontested, hence the attempts at levity ☺):

Prefect - Bob Brown Hi! I'm Bob Brown and I am a candidate for Prefect. I have been involved with high-powered rocketry since 1998 and am the current Prefect seeking re-election. I've been involved with the club since that time and have held one position or another on the Kloudbusters board since 2000. At this past LDRS, I was the person who subbed in a couple of times for David and Brandon Hull when they needed a break from traffic duty. They said I did "OK". Thank you in advance for your vote.

Vice-President - Tad Keller I wish to represent the Kloudbuster's members as Vice-President on the Kloudbuster's Board of Directors. I have been an active part of the Kloudbuster's organization since December 2006. I received my L3 certification at Airstest 2007 and have been actively launching and have volunteered for countless duties. I feel I was a contributing factor to the success of LDRS and will work to keep the club activities and current success of the club continuing. Please consider me to represent all the Kloudbuster's Vice-President.

Secretary - Steve Tedeschi Hello Everyone! I believe I am qualified to be Secretary again, because I can read and write, and I type 22 words per minute with only four mistakes. I am ugly, unlike many secretaries, but I make up for it with my stubborn attitude, my smarty-pants comments, and my cranky personality. I collect typewriters, calculators, and fax machines as a hobby. I hate rockets, but love to take notes, and enjoy interrupting the President and Prefect when they are talking during meetings. I am a know-it-all too, even when I make stuff up. Please vote for me, again, especially since no one else wants to be secretary. Or, don't vote and I will probably still get the job, dammit. Regards, Steve Tedeschi

Member-at-Large - Dave Pomeroy Hello fellow KLOUDBusters my name is David Pomeroy and I have been nominated for member-at-large on the board. I have been attending launches for the last 4 years or so, starting with bringing scouts and then becoming personally involved. I joined the club in the spring of 07, have earned my level 1 and 2 certs, and helped out with LDRS. I am prepared to serve my club in any way that I can. Thanks. Dave

Deadline for KBoD ballot receipt is December 24, 2008.

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Check your envelope from this newsletter to verify your KLOUDBusters Renewal Date. Contact Mark Logan to pay dues or for other membership questions.

2009 KLOUDBusters Launch Schedule

The tentative 2009 Launch Schedule follows. With the newly adopted TRA Research Rules, all Tripoli members over 18 years of age may participate at Research launches. These changes allow us to reduce the number of launch days throughout the year but still gives all KLOUDBusters who are TRA members the chance to participate at about the same level as before. This schedule compression is our attempt to reduce the demands on the Prefect and other club members who set-up and conduct small launches during the off-peak (i.e. cold) months. You'll see these launch days listed



John Farmer's Competitor 4 on a KNSo motor.

as "Combined" on the schedule. If your kids want to come out and fly their rockets during these "Combined" weekends and you're a TRA member, come out and put your name on the flight card for each launch.

We're also adding a new 2-day "Sweaty Balls 1" Research launch during July in place of the regular July Fun Fly. This gives the ever-growing Research crowd a chance to have their own 2-day Research opportunity and with the new rules, the TRA member folks who want to fly commercial motors can still come out and do so.

The format for AIRFest 19 changes a little with Friday now a "Combined" launch day. This supports the higher ratio of adult/TRA flyers vs. kids/non-TRA flyers who typically attend AIRFest. Bookend Research opportunities at AIRFest sounds intriguing, doesn't it?

One additional note on the schedule ... the FAA has published a new set of rules that govern our waivers for rocket launches as of December 4, 2008 and which go into effect the early part of February 2009. These changes will undoubtedly require changes to the waiver in its existing format, and those changes aren't 100% clear right now. The flow time required make it **VERY UNLIKELY** that the new waiver will be in place for the January Fun Fly and possibly even the February Fun Fly will be affected as well. Please monitor the Yahoo e-group and/or the KLOUDBusters web site to obtain the current status of each of these launches. As soon as we know something definitive, we will let everyone know.

2009 KLOUDBusters Schedule

Event	Date
Combined Fun Fly	Saturday, January 10, 2009
Combined Fun Fly	Sunday, February 8, 2009
Commercial Fun Fly	Saturday, March 7, 2009
Combined Fun Fly	Sunday, March 8, 2009
KLOUDBurst 19 - Commercial	Saturday, April 4-5, 2009
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Combined Fun Fly	Saturday April 18, 2009

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Sweaty Balls 1 - Research	Saturday, July 11, 2009
Sweaty Balls 1- Research	Sunday, July 12, 2009
Combined Fun Fly	Saturday, August 8, 2009
Research Fun Fly	Sunday, August 9, 2009
A.I.R.Fest 15 Combined	Friday, Sept. 4, 2009
A.I.R.Fest 15 Commercial	Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009
A.I.R.Fest 15 Commercial	Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009
A.I.R.Fest 15 Combined	Monday, Sept. 7, 2009
Commercial Fun Fly	Saturday, October 10, 2009
Combined Fun Fly	Sunday, October 11, 2009
Distant Thunder '09 Commercial	Saturday, November 14, 2009
Distant Thunder '09 Commercial	Sunday, November 15, 2009
Combined Fun Fly	Saturday, December 12, 2009
Christmas Party	Saturday, December 12, 2009