



THE

SENTINEL

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AMESBURY FIELD MAY BE RESTRICTED! LAUNCH POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27

The Town of Amesbury has informed us that they have a by-law against **any** vehicles driving on the dirt road leading onto the field at Woodsom Farm Park. Previously, we had enforced a restriction on driving off the dirt road onto the field, since that was what we believed Amesbury required of us. At the time of this writing, we believe the Mayor has given us permission to drive the trailer onto the field, but we're not sure flyers will not be allowed to drive on the dirt road. If it happens to be so, you will have to lug your equipment all the way out onto the field. We know this will be a hardship and are diligently working with City Hall to rectify the problem as best as we can. We hope this doesn't put a damper on what looks to be a good launch! We'll try and get word out via e-mail this week, but also expect a sign as you enter the field next launch.

NEW CMASS T-SHIRTS

We're thinking of having new club T-shirts made, similar in design to previous shirts except that they might be on colored shirts with colored designs. We'd make up sizes from XXS to XXL. If you are interested in a T-shirt, let us know (especially if you'd be willing to pay for one at the October launch).

NEW CMASS CLUB KIT

John Buscaglia is designing a club kit based on the rocket held by the Minute Man in the club logo. Current thinking has a *full scale* version available in BT-60 tubing; about 40" long based upon a 6' Minute Man. This should give good flights on D-sized motors. A *junior scale* has been suggested using BT-50 tubing, making it properly scaled for younger club members about 3½' tall. An HPR version using LOC 4.00 tubing and nose cones may also be available in plan form. John is still pricing out parts (and hoping for a club discount), so if you are interested, talk to John at the October launch so that he can figure out how many we'll be making this winter.

HEADLINE BRIEFS

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED?

If you're not sure, you need to check the mailing label on the last paper copy of the Sentinel you received in the mail. You can also ask us at the next launch or check on the web server.

PICTURES OF PAST LAUNCHES

Our world wide web home page contains lots of pictures of past launches. Included are aerial shots of the field at Woodsom taken by rockets carrying 35mm cameras and video. Bob Littlefield also continues to take hundreds of snapshots with his digital camera and upload them to the web server right after the launch.

LOOKING FOR A NEW FIELD!

Don't forget we're still looking for other fields to use in addition to Woodsom Farm Park in Amesbury. A new venue is definitely needed for next May and June when Woodsom is in the midst of hay growing season. Along with the more recent problems in Amesbury, a new field is becoming more important. If you know of a lead, tell us about it!

WE'RE ON THE INTERNET!

Browsing the Web? Visit the club's home page at <http://www.cmass.org:8000/>. Got an e-mail address? Send it to postmaster@cmass.org to get added to the on-line CMASS discussion list.

COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

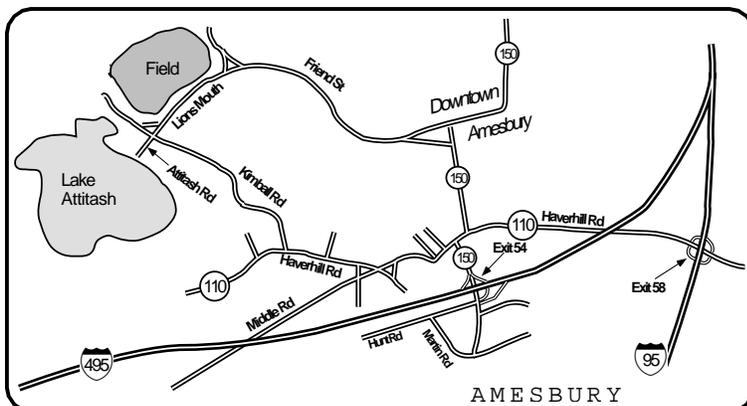
An up to date version of this calendar is maintained on the Internet at <http://www.cmass.org:8000/>

First and Third
Tuesday of Each
Month

CMASS Meetings and Building Sessions, 7:00–10:00 P.M. Take Interstate 290 to the Church Street exit. Go south on Church Street towards Northboro. Take the first right, at the Rotary Club sign. Just after the first curve, look on the left for a large, wooden mailbox with red reflectors marked “339/Tavares.” Take the next driveway on your right. Call (508)339-6599 for details.

Launches

Launches at Woodsom Farm Park in Amesbury MA have a 9:00 A.M. setup and a 10:00 A.M. start. Saturday launches may be postponed to Sunday in case of inclement weather. If the weather looks questionable **on the day of the launch, ONLY after 7:00** call 508-393-6599 before heading out to the field.



September 27 Sport launch, Woodsom Farm Park, Amesbury MA, 9:00 setup.

October 18 Sport launch, Woodsom Farm Park, Amesbury MA, 9:00 setup.

ELECTIONS OF CLUB OFFICERS

At the meeting on September 2nd, elections were held with votes being counted from those present as well as via the web server. All winners were incumbents seeking re-election.

Senior Advisor	C.D. Tavares
Treasurer	C.D. Tavares
Secretary	John LoVerso
President	Bill Spadafora

NAR LEVEL 1 & 2 CERTIFICATION

We now have an ample supply of certification applications and level 2 tests for those members interested in high power certification.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE SENTINEL

We’ve had very little time the last few months to create new issues of the Sentinel. Sometimes the on-line e-mail discussions have taken it’s place. Still, there is sure to be lots to tell about. Can you contribute an article about a kit you’ve built, something you’ve been up to, or just photos of a launch? Just write it up (handwritten is ok) and send it in.

CMASS JUST TURNED 12

This puts us in the prime age group for the marketing focus at Estes. Is that why high power kits all use plastic nose cones?

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