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single Quest micromaxx motor. These motors are tiny, and the models are also tiny and light! This is a NARAM event so it is important practice for those thinking of going to the national championships. Jim Bassham put in 3 good flights including a MAX of 40 seconds on his first flight. Ryan Coleman and Tom Desmarais also flew but had deployment problems on some flights. Getting the tiny parachutes to open is hard!

A Rocket Glider Duration is a fun event where you must get a glider to go up and down in a single piece on an A motor. Jim Bassham won the event with two solid flights, but Tom Desmarais had the best single flight but DQed his first flight. Ryan Coleman flew a backslider, essentially a rocket made with 1 long tube, a hole punch, a nosecone and 3 fins.

Concept Sport Scale only saw two entrants. Jack Hagerty judged this event, which he in some ways is responsible for starting, as the models must be based on futuristic rockets from fiction or unbuilt plans made by serious rocket scientists. Jim Bassham flew an Argus (a single-stage to orbit concept from Georgia Tech), well finished and took first place. Jonathan Sato flew a Mars Snooper, but couldn't catch Jim's finish and the Estes Mars Snooper doesn't exactly match the source material.



Concept Sport Scale: Jonathan Sato's Mars Snooper (1) and Jim Bassham's Argus ready for launch.

Many contestants were pleased by the kit prizes given out at the end of the day. Some competitors were jumping for joy and showed up at the next launch with their kits built and ready to fly!

We're finishing our last LUNAR contest at the April Snow Ranch launch, then we're flying our last regional of the contest year at TCC's Dairy Aire.

And here are prizes for the contest!



Is this a hot deal or what? These are just some of the kits that you could win by entering a LUNAR contest! And contest entry is FREE!

Upcoming Contest Schedule:

At TCC's Dairy Aire launch we'll hold our last contest of the season, which will be a lot of fun too!

All of these contests will have kit prizes for participants, donated by LUNAR and Tom Desmarais. These are pretty nice prizes, and participating is free. Almost any rocket qualifies in several of the events

Events in the fall are still totally up for scheduling. If there's an event you're curious about, let the Contest Director know and we'll try to squeeze it in.

As always, contest information is on the web:

<http://rgc.name/prcb/meets-current.html>
www.lunar.org/wiki/tiki-index.php?page=Upcoming+Contests+Summary