

Welcome to ROCKONN Rocketry Club!

We are excited to welcome new members to our club. Annual membership dues help pay for the costs of equipment, administrative materials, convenience items, and our website. We strongly suggest you thoroughly explore our website and read our by-laws and safety rules.

Our rocket launching schedule is posted on the "Calendar Page" of the website. Launch dates normally start with a launch on the third Saturday in March and end with a launch the third Saturday in October, launching once a month on the third Saturday of the month. The launch times generally start between 9 and 10 AM and end between 1 and 3 PM (temperature and wind conditions may affect exact times). We strongly suggest that you arrive early to setup and launch before afternoon winds arrive.

Another important website feature is the "membership list" on the "information" page. The membership list is presented on a Windows Excel spreadsheet. To access the spreadsheet, you must have a current copy of Windows Excel and provide the password "rocket" (all lower-case letters). The password is necessary to protect your personal information and still allow members to contact each other.

Directions to the launch site are also provided on the "Information" Page. If you should still encounter difficulty finding the site, please call 775/901-1834 on the day of the launch.

As previously stated, the normal launching dates are the 3rd Saturday of each month; however, we also have a back-up date on the following Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) if weather conditions do not support launching on Saturday. The website should post the latest launch time information. We will also send members an email at least 48 hours before the launch (possibly with further email updates) if there is a change in the launching date.

Members will need to provide information concerning any high-power rocketry certification they may currently have for levels one, two, or three. If you wish to be certified at a high-power level, please let us know. We can generally accommodate NAR certification for levels one or two.

We welcome all spectators, even well-behaved dogs, to our launches. Due to the barren landscape and dry conditions, we recommend bringing plenty of water, sunscreen, and some type of shade to avert heat related health problems that can occur during the warmer months. If you bring some sort of shelter such as an "Easy-up", we strongly suggest staking it to the ground as afternoon winds and dust devils can arise suddenly. Please be advised that we do not provide restroom facilities except at large events. We will provide all launching equipment members should need, and unless members have an unusual need, we prefer they not bring their own.

We think that members will find that Artesia Dry Lake is the perfect place to launch their rocket. We launch on a dry lakebed and, unlike most launch sites, you can drive or ride out to pick up your rocket. While the lakebed is usually solid enough for vehicle travel, it is also soft enough to prevent a lot of rocket damage during high-speed landings.

We look forward to meeting you!