

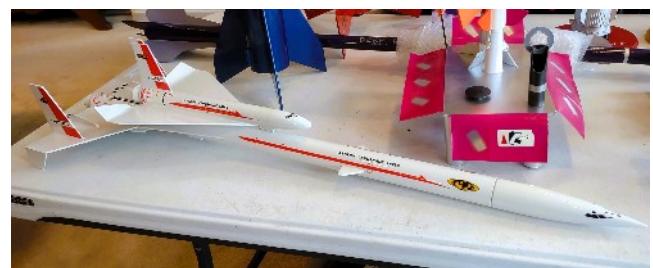
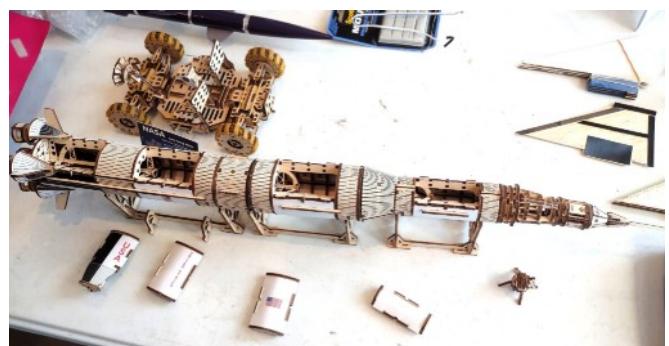
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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

This issue looks back at the year 2025 and invites you to look ahead to 2026.

The KOSMO year always begins with the annual meeting where we all gather to partake of a meal together, elect or confirm the officers, set out the launch calendar for the year, and select the events for our annual contest KRAMO. The event ends with a show and tell presentation of our winter projects and the past number of years has included an auction to benefit the club or TARC or an individual. This past January followed that pattern with 15 members in attendance at the beautiful home of Steve and Janet Hamous with delicious food prepared by our host. At the end members out did themselves in the auction of donated items raising \$790 for the young family of a former KOSMO member who had recently passed.



KOSMO SEASON BEGINS WITH HIGH POWER SPRINGFEST LAUNCH

The flying season began with March and unlike many other years our primary date turned out to be near perfect weather. Springfest featured our first High Powered Spot Landing contest for G power and up. It was a hotly contested contest and may become a tradition. Some old members, Mike Dickinson and his son, showed up to watch the action and Paul Morgenroth from Manhattan experienced his first club launch.



Steve Saner, Dustin Wyant, DJ Wyant, Austin Streit, Zac Twigg, Keith Ravenstein, Steve Hamous, Duane Lanterman



Zac Twigg with his H283 "Striker" narrowly won the spot landing contest



Steve Saner placed second with an amazingly close attempt after reaching 9398 feet!



Former member Mike Dickinson came out with his son and brother

Paul Morgenroth flew with us for the first time.



APRIL LAUNCH – Canceled due to weather

MAY LAUNCH A GREAT SUCCESS

The May Sport Launch in Hutchinson was very well attended and 40 flights were made. We had variety of rockets leaving the pads and it was a fun atmosphere. Steve Saner's nephew and niece were on hand which always brings a smile and John Palmer from Dallas (dual KOSMO and DAR membership) came shortly after noon and immediately began to pick from this arsenal of scale like models. Richard Bishop who has been attended our launches for quite sometime finally brought some of his classic models which have been sitting for some years and officially joined the club and the fun. Welcome to the club Richard !!All in all it was a great day at the field



Duane Lanterman, Jeremy Lepel, John Palmer, Steve Hamous, Doug Bailey, Austin Streit, Carol Bailey, Richard Bishop, Keith Ravenstein, Fred Smith, Steve Saner and nephew



Nothing more fun than young kids watching rockets fly !





Jeremy Lepel, Carol and Doug Bailey, Zac Twigg, Duane Lanterman, Steve Saner, Danny Stahl.
Front row: Austin Streit, Paul Morgenroth

KRAMO 45 – TRADITION CONTINUES

In the beginning (1980) KOSMO created a model rocket contest which has continued each June in Kansas. This summer was the 45th edition of this contest. Here are the results of the contest.

A Estes Alpha Parachute Duration – Carol Bailey was the class of the field with an 81 second total followed by Austin Streit with 60 seconds and Steve Saner with 55 seconds.

B Estes Alpha Streamer Duration – This event was a close one! Steve Saner edged out Carol Bailey by 2 seconds, 69 seconds to 67, Carol's husband Douglas was only 5 seconds behind at 62.

1/2A Boost Glide – only two competitors with Steve Saner's total being 34 seconds and Duane Lanterman a distant 17 seconds.

C-11 Estes Stock Green Egg Duration – Austin Streit grabbed first place here with a 44 second total with Steve Saner a close 39 seconds. Duane Lanterman was a distant third.

Open Spot Landing – Austin Streit had a great attempt at a challenging spot with only 6.1 meters from the pin. Steve Saner was no slouch at 7.62 meters and Jeremy Lepel a commendable third at 17.5 meters.

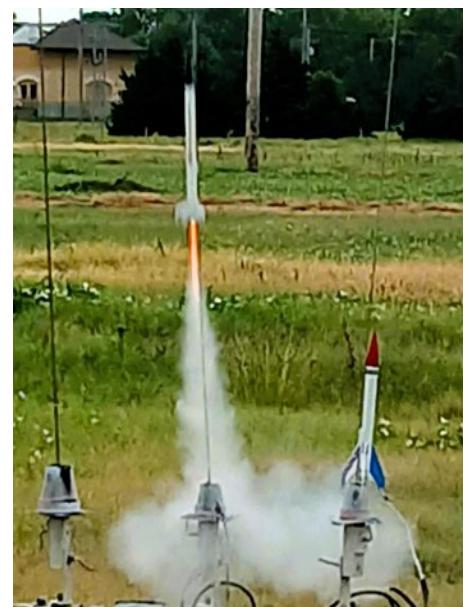
As you might assume Steve Saner was the overall winner of the event, Austin Streit placed second, followed by Duane Lanterman in third. Carol Bailey gathered fourth place, Douglas Bailey fifth. Sixth place went to Jeremy Lepel and first time competitor Paul Morgenroth placed seventh.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jeremy Lepel for running the contest and purchasing the prizes and Zac Twigg for hauling out the launch equipment and PA and to Danny Stahl who came out to visit and ended up launching his very nice Little Joe.

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KOSMO RETURNS TO HUTCHINSON IN JULY

Our group was a bit small but our big fun made up for it. It was an enjoyable morning of launching model rockets.



Duane Lanterman, Steve Saner, Austin Streit, Carol Bailey, Doug Bailey

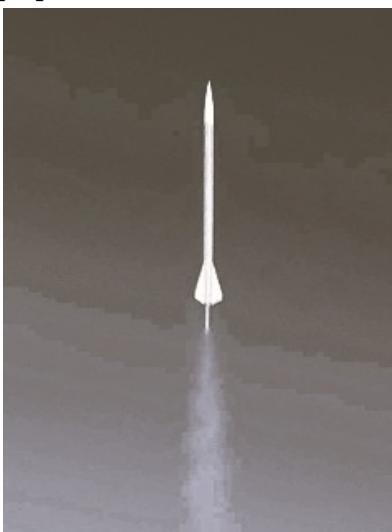


ANOTHER SUMMER MORNING LAUNCH

It was another warm August day but thanks to the morning start it turned out to be a fun time to be launching rockets. Bill Lindsay who had been battling a host of health issues arrived on the field in time to join some of us at Boogies for some warm food and cold ice cream.



Zac Twigg, Duane Lanterman, Carol Bailey, Doug Bailey, Austin Streit, not pictured Jeremy Lepel The pop ups made for wonderful shade.



HIGH POWER RETURNS TO ELLINWOOD

FINAL FRONTIER FUN FLY — Our oldest high power event took place again in September and was greeted by calm winds and clear skies. It was the first time the Bailey's were at our high power field and Doug made good use of the open spaces. Austin Streit achieved his Level 2 certification with a picture perfect flight and several other high power flights took place along with some very cool model rocket flights. UNFORTUNATELY OUR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER LAUNCHES FELL VICTIM TO THE WEATHER.



Steve Saner, DJ Wyant, Dustin Wyant, Zac Twigg, Keith Ravenstein, Carol Bailey, Austin Streit, Doug Bailey, Duane Lanterman



Zach's "Split Personality" - carbon fiber body, cheap nose cone



Duane's upscale Estes Courier



Doug's beautiful 3 motor cluster model



Austin's Iris 4 Level 2 cert flight J250



DJ's Estes Comanche 3



Keith operating the wired and wireless launch controllers



Steve safety checks Austin's Level 2 rocket

ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY

The 2026 annual meeting of the **Kansas Organization for Spacemodeling** will be called to order on **January 24th, 2026** at the home of member **Steve and Janet Hamous, 2615 Wilderness Court, Wichita.**

At noon we will have a lunch consisting of smoked honey glazed ham, broccoli salad, scalloped or party potatoes, and desert. A **donation of \$10 per person** is suggested. **Meeting will follow at 1 pm.**

All members and even prospective members are welcome to attend. The following is a tentative agenda for the meeting. If anyone has any additional topics for consideration, please let me know. Steve Saner, President steve@saner.net 316-640-8715

KOSMO 2026 Annual Meeting – January 24, 2026

Agenda

- Call meeting to order
- Reading of last meeting's minutes
- Treasures Report
- Committee Reports
- Discussion of any old business
- Discussion of new business
 - Election of 2026 officers and committee chairs
 - Planning of 2026 launch schedule
 - Planning of KRAMO events
 - NAR updates and changes
 - Launch site insurance updates/changes
 - NAR member sponsorship
 - Jr L1 kit sponsorship
 - NAR Safety Grant ideas
 - Awarding of the traveling trophy ?
 - Other new business
- **Adjourn meeting and BEGIN SHARING MEMBERS WINTER PROJECTS**
- **If you have items to action off bring them to benefit the club**

Current Officers

President/Sr Advisor: Steve Saner

Vice President: Zac Twigg

Secretary: Duane Lanterman

Treasure: Sharon Lanterman

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#### Current Committee Chairs

Webmaster: Steve Saner

Contest Director: Jeremy Lepel

Historian: Mark Johnson

FAA Waivers: Dustin Wyant

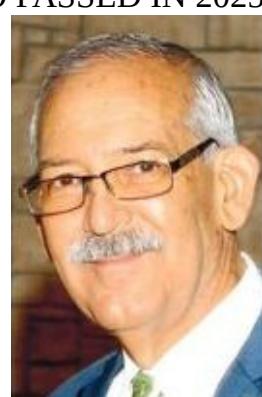
Fly-It Take It: Bill Lindsey

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO PASSED IN 2025



NATALYA SHAIN 2011-2025
MEMBER OF 2023 WICHITA AREA
TARC TEAM COMPETING IN DC



KIRK ZONGKER
1961-2025 KOSMO
MEMBER -RENO
COUNTY 4H LEADER