



SILVER FLEET CHALLENGE

A bit of background - the event this year at the salt flats marks twenty five years of the Utah Rocketry Club (UROC) sponsoring launches here. It is also LDRS39 which of course was postponed last year due to the pandemic. Due to circumstances beyond UROC's control it is now the last launch that will be held here. The Silver Fleet Challenge is both a celebration of the last 25 years as well as a heartfelt goodbye to a great venue.

The Silver Fleet Challenge is being sponsored by SMT Designs (that is me - Steve Thatcher) and Dave Davis from the glendaproject.org. I have known Dave for decades and he was kind enough to donate funds for the commemorative coins that I designed (you should go to Dave's website and check out weather related uses for both rockets and balloons). One side of the commemorative coin is for the Silver Fleet Challenge. The reverse side details the event, the place, the Utah Rocketry Club and Tripoli.

What you can win - there is a coin and an Estes Astrocams Starter Set for the junior winner and a coin and a LOC Weasel for the adult winner.

How to participate - please download, print and fill out an entry form for each rocket that you enter. On Saturday July 31st come by the SMT Designs canopy between 8:30am and noon to sign in and get the first two ratings done. All participants will receive two round labels with the coin design printed on them.

How your rocket will be rated -

"Silverness" - rocket should have at least 25% "silver" color - satin nickel, brushed aluminum, chrome, and silver are great. Basically something that would remind you of silver...

"Style" - rocket will be rated on looks. I am a big fan of the retro styling like PML's Lunar Express and Pem Tech's Space Ark for example. All rockets are good of course, but I will give more points to styles I prefer and I will be looking at construction and quality.

Fill out a flight card and launch your rocket by 3pm on the 31st - please let the LCO know to mention the Silver Fleet Challenge so I can witness the "Upness".

I will score the last rating after the rocket is launched.

"Upness" - a flight that is slow and majestic, straight up is better. I would call this the launch wow factor for coolness.

Around 4pm I will announce the winners over the PA system.

If you are not participating, you are more than welcome to stop by and pickup a round label with the event details that you can frame or put anywhere you want to.

I hope you all enjoy the challenge!

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