



CENTRAL ILLINOIS AEROSPACE 2023 MASTER CALENDAR

This calendar is intended for CIA internal planning only. Events may be added, deleted or changed without notice. Changes will be announced on the CIA electronic mailing list and web site (<http://ciarocketry.org>). Launches may be canceled due to bad weather. Before attending any event listed here, contact Greg Smith, Director of Operations, at 217-840-1678, or email gregs@illinois.edu for the latest weather information or schedule changes.

Regularly scheduled events are normally held each month as follows:

- 1st Tuesday: Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 301 N. Randolph St., Champaign.
- 3rd Tuesday: Business meeting, alternating months at Papa Del's Pizza Factory, 1201 S. Neil St., Champaign, or Hickory River Smokehouse, 1706 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana.
- 2nd Saturday: Rocket launch.
- 4th Saturday: Rocket launch.

The club provides launch and safety equipment and recovery wadding for all members and visitors at our launches. Flyers should bring their own rockets, motors, igniters, and any special supplies or tools they require.

In May through September and December through February, most launches are held at Dodds Park, 2200 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign. Rockets are limited to 4,000' MSL (3,252' AGL) altitude and "H" motor impulse by FAA waiver and site dimension restrictions.

In March, April, October and November, high power launches may be held at the Rantoul Aviation Center or farm field sites with up to a 10,000' waiver.

Some events may be held at special locations or times – check the calendar at <http://www.ciarocketry.org/ops.html> for the latest updates!

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JANUARY

- Sunday 1 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 10 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Rocketry media – videos, books, etc. Bring your favorite rocket-related books, tapes, discs, and computer files to view with the group.
- Saturday 14 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 17 Business meeting at Papa Del's, 7 PM.
- Saturday 28 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.

FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 7 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Forum on rocket design and construction tips.
- Saturday 11 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 21 Business meeting at Hickory River, 7 PM.
- Saturday 25 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.

MARCH

- Tuesday 7 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Annual membership meeting and election of club officers. Meeting topic: To be announced.
- Saturday 11 Rocket launch at Forsyth farm field, 10 AM. Rain date: Sunday, March 12.
- Tuesday 21 Business meeting at Papa Del's, 7 PM.
- Saturday 25 Rocket launch at Forsyth farm field, 10 AM. Rain date: Sunday, March 26.

APRIL

- Tuesday 4 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Rocket photography.
- Saturday 8 Rocket launch at Rantoul Aviation Center, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 18 Business meeting at Hickory River, 7 PM.
- Saturday 22 Rocket launch at Rantoul Aviation Center, 12 noon.
- Saturday 29 Rocket launch at Rantoul Aviation Center, 12 noon.

MAY

- Tuesday 2 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Introduction to model rocketry for new rocketeers. New board members take office.
- Saturday 13 Build'n'Fly workshop for young rocketeers at Leonhard Recreation Center, 9 – 11 AM. \$24 fee covers rocket kit, motors and all supplies. For information or to enroll, call the Champaign Park District at 398-2550.
- Saturday 13 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 16 Business meeting at Papa Del's, 7 PM.
- Saturday 27 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.

JUNE

- Tuesday 6 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: To be announced.
- Saturday 10 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 20 Business meeting at Hickory River, 7 PM.
- Saturday 24 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.

JULY

- Saturday 1 GARLO 2023, all-day rocket launch at Dodds Park, 10 AM - 4 PM. Followed by an awards ceremony/potluck (location TBA). Theme: To be announced. Rain date: Saturday, July 8.
- Saturday 8 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon. (Rain date for GARLO 2023)
- Tuesday 11 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: GARLO followup.
- Tuesday 18 Business meeting at Papa Del's, 7 PM.
- Saturday 22 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.

AUGUST

- Tuesday 1 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Introduction to medium and high-power rocketry for new members.
- Saturday 12 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 15 Business meeting at Hickory River, 7 PM.
- Saturday 26 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon. Annual Nostalgia Launch featuring rockets and launch equipment more than 20 years old.

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 5 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Rocketry electronics.
- Saturday 9 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon. Followed by night launching of rockets equipped with lights, beepers, etc. Rain date for night launch is Saturday, September 23.
- Tuesday 19 Business meeting at Papa Del's, 7 PM.
- Saturday 23 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon. Rain date for night launch.

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 3 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: Rocketry flea market. Bring your surplus rocket related equipment and supplies to buy, sell and trade with other members.
- Saturday 14 Rocket launch at Rantoul Aviation Center, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 17 Business meeting at Hickory River, 7 PM.
- Saturday 28 Rocket launch at Rantoul Aviation Center, 12 noon.

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday 7 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: High power rocketry beyond Level I.
- Saturday 11 Rocket launch at Forsyth farm field, 10 AM. Rain date: Sunday, November 12.
- Tuesday 21 Business meeting at Papa Del's, 7 PM.
- Saturday 25 Rocket launch at Forsyth farm field, 10 AM. Rain date: Sunday, November 26.

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 5 Membership meeting at Springer Cultural Center, 7 PM. Meeting topic: End of the year wrap-up, rocketry "tall tales" and general discussion.
- Saturday 9 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.
- Tuesday 19 Business meeting at Hickory River, 7 PM.
- Saturday 23 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.

JANUARY, 2024

- Monday 1 Rocket launch at Dodds Park, 12 noon.