



# 2007 Section of the Year Questionnaire

For the Contest Year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007



Section Name: Birmingham Rocket Boys Section # 665

**Category 1: Membership Growth** (See scoring chart 1 on next page)

10 Number of NAR members only in your section, 2005-2006 contest year.

13 Number of NAR members only in your section, 2006-2007 contest year.

**Category 2: Your Section In Action**

NO Did your section find a new flying field during the 2006-2007 flying season? (5 pts.)

YES Does your section have a Website? (2 pts.)

YES Does your section host an online bulletin board/listserver? (i.e. Yahoo Groups, etc.) (3 pts.)

1 How many of your section members attended any of the National Events during the 2006-2007 contest year?  
(NARAM-48, NARCON 2007, NSL 2007, and TARC 2007 count for this contest year.)

(Members who attended multiple National Events may be counted toward total.) (See scoring chart 2 on next page)

YES Did your section host the news media? (i.e. television, newspaper, magazine) (2 pts. per occurrence)  
(Please provide info on next page under news media section.)

**Category 3: Newsletter Publication** (1 pt. per Issue)

Monthly What is your stated publication schedule? (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly)

6 How many issues were actually published in the 2006-2007 contest year?

NO Did you publish any "special" issues, such as "NARAM" issues?

YES Is your newsletter available electronically, either on web page or by download? (Yes=2 pts.)

Winner of the LAC Newsletter Award\* for last contest year- PSC, #473 (Automatically receives 5 pts.)

\*For more information about the LAC Newsletter Award, go to this website: <http://www.nar.org/LAC.html>

**Category 4: Launch Frequency and Section Meetings**

12 How many regular club launches did you conduct this year? (1 pt. per launch)  
(Do not include scrubs, unless re-scheduled and actually carried out.)

11 How many business meetings of your section were held during this contest year? (1 pt. per meeting)

0 How many workshops/building sessions did your club hold for club members only during this contest year?  
(1 pt. per session)

**Category 5: Hosting National Events**

The following sections will automatically receive credit for hosting these National Events during the 2006-2007 contest year. July 1 2006 to June 30, 2007.

NARAM-48 (5 pts.) – SSS, #506

NARCON 2007 (5 pts.) – MASA, #576

NSL 2007 (5 pts.) – ROCI, #625

TARC 2007 (5 pts.) – NOVAAR, #205 & NARHAMS, #139

**Category 6: Outreach** (2 pts. per event plus extra bonuses of 5 pts. for each 5-day course completed and 10 pts. for 25 outreach events completed.) (To receive credit for 5-day course, please write "5-day" beside date.)

Please list and briefly describe on the next page under outreach section any of the following: *Demonstrations, Building Sessions/Training Sessions, Conventions held or attended, Trade shows attended, Make it & Take it programs, School programs/demos, Scout programs, Youth Camp programs, 4-H, Young Astronaut, SEP program, Team America Rocketry Challenge, assisting other community programs, any other program that raises the awareness of the community about Model Rocketry.*

Date: Media Name: Short Description:

August 4, 2006 - NBC 13 TV : Back to School morning show, talk/interview with two BRB members.

October 14, 2006 - CBS 42 TV, one minute story on BRB Launch/Demo with Homer Hickam at Jones Valley Fun Day.

November 16, 2006 - Black and White Magazine article by Ed Reynolds printed. "Boys and Their Toys". About BRB, members, and the hobby.

Jan 21, 2007 - Parade Magazine Article (Nationally carried in many newspapers) about BRB founder Ron Witherspoon and BRB, written by Homer Hickam

Feb 23, 2007 - NBC 13 TV news one minute TV story on Bragg Middle School indoor presentation and outdoor launch demonstration

February, 2007 - North Jefferson newspaper article on Bragg demo launch.

April 11, 2006 - Birmingham News Article in North & East editions about Huffman TARC team

April 18, 2007 - Fox Channel 6 TV news feature story by Chris Montana, approximately 4 minutes long.

April 15, 2007 - NBC Channel 13 Sunday morning TV story about Blast Off Launch, interviewing BRB President and Advisor.

End of Media list

**For Outreach, see next page (page 3)**

Date: Short Description:

August 4th 2006 - Rocket night at Mt. Brook Golf Club (display & launch)

September 2006 - Six minute BRB Educational Video created by BRB Member Steward Jones. Approximately 100 of the video DVD's distributed to city and county educational officials, individual schools, teachers, and local TV media.

September, 2006 - Reporter Ed Reynolds, for local Black and White Magazine attended two BRB launches, interviewed members, and members helped the reporter to build and fly his own model.

October 14, 2006 - Jones Valley Fun Day launch/demo with special guest Homer Hickam

October, 2006 - Thompson Middle School Career Day presentation by two BRB members.

October 21st, 2006 - Moundville Boy Scouts display and demo launch.

November 18, 2006 - Partial assist with Girl Scout Launch (loan of launch equipment since it was same day as BRB Launch, and Girl Scouts flew at their own camp site)

November 18, 2006 - Parade Magazine article special Photographic shoot .

January 8, 2007 - Mountain Brook Boy Scouts presentation

January 27, 2007 - Clay-Chalkville Science Olympiad Demonstration launch (for High School students in the County who took part in the Science Olympiad))

February 23, 2007 - Bragg Middle School indoor presentation and outdoor launch demonstration

March 7, 2007 - Talk about Rocketry & BRB with Sylcauga Mayor Samuel Wright and other city leaders. The request for the meeting came from the Mayor, to talk about Sylcauga starting a rocketry program for children in the city.

February-March, 2007 - Two BRB members help to mentor the Huffman TARC team for 3 school sessions.

March 21, 2007 - Alabaster Middle School presentation.

March 2007 - Mentored for Oak Mountain High School. They chose to go mostly on their own, only asking a few questions with a few weeks left to go, via our bulletin board.

Late March, 2007 - Brochure and poster distribution for April's Birmingham Blast Off Launch to all local hobby shops (the rest of the year, BRB has regular posters and brochures in local hobby shops).

April 3, 2007 - Witnessed Huffman High School TARC Qualifying Flights

April 5, 2007 - BRB Mini-launch held specifically for videotaping models, flights, and interviews. For Fox Channel 6 TV story by Chris Montana.

April 5, 2007 - Witnessed Oak Mountain High School TARC Qualifying Flights

April 21, 2007 - Birmingham Blast Off Launch - This is a special area-wide annual launch we hold to try to encourage all rocketeers to come attend one special launch. In hopes they will like what they see and come back to fly with us more. Or even to find out for the first time what the hobby is about. We usually get a few dozen new people to come out to fly, and a few dozen spectators. We have gained several members as a result of this annual launch. The publicity promoting it also has given us better public awareness of our existence and the hobby.

May 1, 2007 - Johnson Elementary School launch of rockets built by students

May 10, 2007 - Riverchase Elementary School presentation

June - All Flying cancelled due to Drought related Burn Ban.