Rocket competition: open to college, university, and amateur rocket enthusiasts.

- **25K Open Class**: Build and launch a rocket to 25,000-feet using any motor, commercial or experimental.
- **10K Open Class**: Build and launch a rocket to 10,000-feet using any motor, commercial or experimental.
- **New**  **5K Open Class**: Build and launch a rocket to 5,000-feet using any motor, commercial or experimental.

**Competition Scoring:**
- Combination of closest to target altitude, mission option & success and motor type used.
- Must be recovered in reusable condition without a point penalty.

**Competition requirements:**
- Minimum 2.2-lbs (1.0-kg) payload. Must be removable as a separate unit from the airframe.
- Payload may include avionics, video cam, telemetry, and payload option. Minimum 3” (75-mm) airframe.
- Redundancy required in the following systems:
  - Two motor igniters, dual ejection system per stage, dual altimeters/flight computers; at least one altimeter must be an approved COTS (commercial off the shelf) to be used for altitude verification.
- Dual deployment. Main deploys 500’ – 1500’ AGL. No component should exceed 100 ft / sec during recovery.
- Tracking system required. Either GPS telemetry, Radio Beacon or other approved in advance location method.
- Minimum K-impulse motor required (1,280-N-sec) and 40,960-N-sec total maximum limit ‘O’ impulse motor.
- Choice of payload ‘mission’ options required (see below) with points awarded for successful completion.
- Open Rocket file (http://openrocket.info/) of launch vehicle to be emailed no later than May 29, 2022.

**Bring to the event:**
- One page rocket specification sheet with payload option indicated (See Sample provided).
- Pre-flight Checklist, Launch Checklist: Everything needs to be turned on before igniter installed for launch.

**Competition consists of the following 3-phases:**

1. **Check In and inspection**: Friday June 3: 5 PM – 7 PM, and Saturday June 4: 7 AM – 9 AM.
   - Your rocket will be inspected to ensure that it meets safety standards.
   - Review of your specification sheet, pre-flight and launch checklists.
   - All rockets must pass inspection prior to 9 AM Saturday morning.
   - After inspection and review your team will receive a flight card.

2. **Flight and Recovery**: launch day Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 9 AM-3 PM depending on need (weather).
   - Present your flight card to the RSO.
   - You are limited to 1/2-hour pad time for solid motor, 1-hour for hybrids and bi-prop motors.
   - Please be ready to fly by Saturday 9:00 am. Bring your own launcher if more time needed.

3. **Post flight inspections**: Saturday 12 Noon – 6 PM
   - Bring your recovered rocket for post-flight inspection and to determine reusable (flyable) condition.
   - Inspectors will record measured altitude from the COTS altimeter and note it on your judging sheet.

Launch rails provided: 10-foot 1010 rails, 20-foot 1515 rails, towers available per FAR website or BYO. Please bring at least 2-igniters to the event for your rocket motor. Black Powder available on request.
Free camping available on-site Fri-Sun. Motels available in California City, Mojave, Palmdale-Lancaster ~ 1-hour away.

***Registration limited to the first 20-team registrations received***

For 51025 information and registration: rocketrycontest@gmail.com

*Please note, the FAR-51025, the FAR/Mars, and the DPF are three different FAR offered competitions/challenges.*
Scoring

- Highest score wins. 1-point awarded for every foot altitude to the target altitude of 5,000’, 10,000’ or 25,000’.
- 1-point will be deducted for each foot over the target 5,000’, 10,000’ or 25,000’ altitude class entry.
- Added to points for successful payload option and ‘Bonus’ points (see below).

Scoring Bonuses:

- 2,000-points for experimental solid (non-COTS) motor...use of student-built motor encouraged.
- 3,000-points for use of experimental hybrid motor.
- 4,000-points added if motor is a bi-propellant liquid.
- 1,000-points for using a 2-stage rocket (available only for 25,000’ Class)
- 1,000-points for designing and constructing a nose cone that successfully carries a minimum 500-ml of water and safely releases the water at or after apogee to be dispersed in the air that demonstrates safe ‘ballast’.
- 500-points for a two-minute team build video or 25-photos of the build process.

Payload Requirement: In order to qualify, teams must attempt one or more of the following payload options:

- 1000-points: Remotely Radio-Controlled Rover. Rocket must deploy a rover that leaves the rocket and travels a minimum of 10-feet from the rocket after touchdown with live video on the ground from rocket landing to the receiving station till at least ten feet of distance has been traversed after leaving the rocket.
- 3000-points: Autonomous rover: A rover that returns autonomously to designated launch pad with live video.
- 1000-points: Remote Sensing. Upon landing, a remote video camera will record the landing surroundings in a 360-degree horizontal panorama for transmission to launch control. Note: 360-degree video cams do not qualify. The video must be autonomously rotated in air during descent or touchdown imaging the landing surroundings.
- 1000-points: Reconnaissance. Glider deployment below 400’ on rocket descent with live video transmission.
- 2000-points: Reconnaissance Return. Release of drone below 400’ altitude or after landing with live video during drone return to a pre-designated location near the launch pad by autonomous or remote control.
- 500-points: Remote Sensing. Rocket must transmit live video from liftoff to touch down. Live video must be seen by judges or recorded by the ground launch area receiving station for viewing by the judges.
- 500-points for a user defined scientific payload that is contained in a CubeSat or CanSat form factor.
- 500-additional bonus points: A secondary on board video source recorded to a memory card during the flight.

Live video must be witnessed by a judge to be valid or recorded at the ground launch area receiving station.

Points are awarded for successful payload mission completion.

Rocket specification sheet:

Your specification sheet must include your school’s name, name of team lead, and competition class (5K, 10K or 25K).

- Motor type (commercial or experimental) solid, liquid, or hybrid.
- Motor class and total impulse (must be greater than or equal to 1,280-N-sec but less than 40,960-N-sec).
- Total liftoff weight and length of rocket.
- Type of launch rail required...we have 1010 and 1515 rails and adjustable towers for rockets without guides.
- Type of altimeter/flight computer used...competition scoring to be made with the mandatory COTS.
- Payload option and weight.
- Tracking type (GPS, RF beacon and frequency, other).
- Video transmission frequency.
- Contact information (name, phone number, and email address). Also place contact information on/in the rocket.

Please note, rockets may be on launch pad for 30-minutes of more before launch. Please size batteries accordingly. Any additional ‘ballast mass’ for stability must be in the form of water or sand for safety.