

Launch Director Checklist

NS-77

Launch Location: Jefferson High School, Shenandoah WV

Launch date: May 5, 2018

Attempt 2

Payload Lineup:

Payload Name	POC Name	Passed Inspection	Inspector Initials
CMD	NASSIF AXEL	✓	
BITS	LUKE		
German school payload	Tyler		
Dany	Tyler		
Panoramic	Michael W.		
Foots MARS	Quinn		
SHIELD	Quinn		
Helios	Michael W.		

Balloon Size(s): 30000

Callsigns: W3EAX-12 W3EAX-13

L-3 Day Checklist

Verify all payloads have submitted launch readiness forms

L-2 Day Checklist

Conduct ground track meeting

Print van inspection forms

Create van position roster

L-1 Day Checklist

Pick up vans

Conduct van inspections (attach checklists)

Van 1 (Callsign: _____)

Van 2 (Callsign: _____)

Van 3 (Callsign: _____)

Van 4 (Callsign: _____)

Inspect all payloads against payload requirements document

Charge batteries

Portable car battery

Wi-fi hotspot (AT&T)

Wi-fi hotspot (Sprint)

Verify AT&T hotspot is paid

Inventory launch supplies (checklists in respective boxes)

BLT Bucket

Inflation Bucket

Recovery Bucket

Launch Kit

Main tracking box

Launch Solder Kit

Verify completion of Command Module L-1 day checklist (attach checklist)

Pack (attach checklist)

L-0 Pre-Departure Checklist

- Conduct head count against van roster
- Signed waivers from all participants
- Verify all convoy vehicles have Zello
- Radio check

L-0 Launch Site Checklist

Launch/Inflation Setup Checklist

- Pre-launch setup meeting (See PAO)
- Tarp setup (indicate full or half configuration)
- Place BLT in optimal launch location
- Indication direction of payload string from balloon
- Parachute-to-balloon lanyard configured
- Parachute and ring untangled
- Command Module in place
- Harmless payload stickers on each payload
- Payload string lined up and assembled

Pre-Inflation Checklist

Hook lanyard from parachute around balloon neck before connecting to inflation tube

- Tethers in place
- Brief 2 tether handlers (See PAO)
- Did Dr. Bowden call the tower? (See Dr. Bowden)
- Balloon in BLT ready to go (See BLT Engineer)

Pre-Release Checklist

- Check payloads are ready
- Final communications check

Countdown & Release

- Inform payload PoCs to hold payloads above the launch pad
- Tether handlers ready
- Slowly raise payload string
- Measure Total Free Lift = _____ (optional)
- Countdown from 10 (Final Countdown Song Optional)
- Release!

Release Time Mark = _____

L-0 Post-Launch Checklist

- Ensure all materials are stowed in correct boxes/kit
- Stow all materials in lab
- Ensure vans are cleaned out
- Download APRS logs from aprs.fi and upload to server
- Remind payload designers to upload data to server

Packing Checklist

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Launch Equipment

- Balloons
- Helium tanks
- Tarp (Big and Small)
- Parachute and Ring
- Command Module kit
- Broom
- Square Plywood Bases
- Scale for Measuring Payloads

- Inflation kit
- Launch kit
- VBLT Bucket
- Solder kit

Recovery

- Bow Saw
- Extension Pole
- Scythe
- Sling Shot

- Recovery Bucket
- Machete

Payloads

- Car battery
- Battery box
- Battery Charger
- Payloads
- Spare LVCs
- Tyler's Weather Ground Station

Tracking/Communications

- Tracking Laptop(s)
- Tracking Antennas

900s Ground station

Radios

Walkie-Talkies

Wi-Fi hotspot(s)

Power Inverter

Power Strip(s)

Car magnets

Command Module 1 Checklist

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L-1 day:

Link

- Confirm ground system software is installed
 - COSMOS
 - Virtual Serial Port Emulator
- Run Link test suite, confirm all tests pass
- Run test suites for all payloads flying, confirm all tests pass
- Confirm Link battery is charged, serial number: _____, voltage: _____ V

Habduino (Top Plate)

- Confirm habduino battery is charged, serial number: BW-002, voltage: 8.35 V
- Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent

Habduino (Bottom Plate)

- Confirm habduino battery is charged, serial number: BW-005, voltage: 8.35 V
- Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent

Cell Tracker

- Confirm cell tracker battery is charged, serial number: BW-002, voltage: 8.35 V
- Turn on cell track, confirm it gets GPS lock, confirm text messages are sent
- Confirm positions are logged to SD

Equipment

- Confirm command kit is packed with:
 - Spare battery, serial number: -010
-009, voltage: _____ V
 - Spare habduino -10
 - Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent
 - Spare empty micro SD card
 - MicroSD to SD card adaptor
 - USB-A to USB-B cable
 - USB-A to micro-USB cable
 - Spare mounting screws (x9)
 - Spare habduino antenna (x2)
 - Spare LVC
 - Wrench (for SMA connectors)
 - Screwdriver (for balloonduino screw terminals)
 - Screwdriver (for mounting screws)
 - Desiccants

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Command Module Checklist

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Pre-Flight Checklist

Cell Tracker

- Tighten Cell Tracker GPS Connection
- Cell Tracker SD Card
- Tighten Cell tracker cellular connection
- Power connection
- Clear SD card

Habduino (Top Plate)

- Tighten Habduino GPS Connection
- Tighten 2M RF Connector (Out the back)
- Power connection

Habduino (Bottom Plate)

- Tighten Habduino GPS Connection
- Tighten 2M RF Connector(Out the front)
- Power connection

Link

- Tighten Antenna Connection (bottom)
- Tighten Antenna Connection (side)
- Power connection

Systems Check

-Top Plate

- Top LVC Switched on
- Cell Tracker On
- Habduino On
- Receive Text from cell tracker
- Received Packets from Hab
- Place desiccants

-Bottom Plate

- Bottom LVC Switched on
- Habduino On
- LINK On
- Received Packets from Hab
- Ground receiving packets from Link and all payloads
- Place desiccants

Seal Box

Command Module 1 Checklist

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- Run Link test suite, confirm all tests pass
- Run test suites for all payloads flying, confirm all tests pass
- Confirm Link battery is charged, serial number: _____, voltage: _____ V

Habduino (Top Plate)

- Confirm habduino battery is charged, serial number: BW-010, voltage: 8.40 V
- Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent

Habduino (Bottom Plate)

- Confirm habduino battery is charged, serial number: BW-008, voltage: 8.32 V
- Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent

Cell Tracker

- Confirm cell tracker battery is charged, serial number: BW-010, voltage: 8.33 V
- Turn on cell track, confirm it gets GPS lock, confirm text messages are sent
- Confirm positions are logged to SD

Equipment

- Confirm command kit is packed with:
 - Spare battery, serial number: BW-009, voltage: 8.39 V
 - Spare habduino
 - Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent
 - Spare empty micro SD card
 - MicroSD to SD card adaptor
 - USB-A to USB-B cable
 - USB-A to micro-USB cable
 - Spare mounting screws (x9)
 - Spare habduino antenna (x2)
 - Spare LVC
 - Wrench (for SMA connectors)
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- Tighten Cell tracker cellular connection
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- Power connection

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- Tighten Habduino GPS Connection
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Seal Box