

A Message to all Tripoli members:

Welcome!

I am pleased to announce the reorganization of Tripoli Prefecture #003, now known as the Northern Ohio Tripoli Rocketry Association (NOTRA) or Tripoli Northern Ohio, as an affiliate of the Tri-City Sky Busters, NAR Section #535.

NOTRA was formed in order to allow area Tripoli members to network with other rocketeers, both model and high power, and to provide conventional and hybrid launch equipment and flying fields, something that many Tripoli members don't have available to them locally.

The Tri-City Sky Busters have been an extremely active high power sport flying club for many years, have two good flying fields on which motors up to L class motors can be flown, and fly all year. They have great launcher support and some of the finest Hypertek hybrid ground support equipment around along with many experienced hybrid flyers. The club has its own trailer for transporting launch equipment.

Barry Lynch of LOC/Precision and Martin Dorociak of X-Rockets are both co-founders of the Prefecture in addition to myself. LOC/Precision, of course, needs no introductions, and Barry attends many of the launches and will deliver orders at the field. Martin Dorociak is the founder of X-Rockets which produces hybrid launchers and accessories, and it will be his launchers you use on the flying field.

Tripoli Level 1 & 2 certification testing is available and certification flights can be done at the launches with prior arrangements. We are expecting to have two TAP members in the Prefecture within the year which will allow Level 3 mentoring without the hassle of doing it long-distance.

The Sky Busters participate in the Cleveland National Air Show, as well as other area air shows, and have displays at local shopping malls and model airplane shows. In addition, many members are active in Boy Scouts and other educational rocketry programs. The club meets four times a year but most of the time we're out flying rockets! Club launches are held the first and third weekends of each month, all year long, and our big spring launch, the Great Lakes Regional Meet Revisited (GLRMR) Launch, is held in April each year.

If you are already a Tri-City Sky Busters member, your membership in the Prefecture is automatic. There are no additional dues for the Prefecture. And membership in the Prefecture automatically gives you all the benefits of being a Sky Busters member.

If you are not already a member of an existing Prefecture, or if you've been looking for an active, exciting club with many experienced members who love to fly rockets, please consider joining ours.

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