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## On Your Mark!

### HARA Rockets to Start 20th Marathon Race

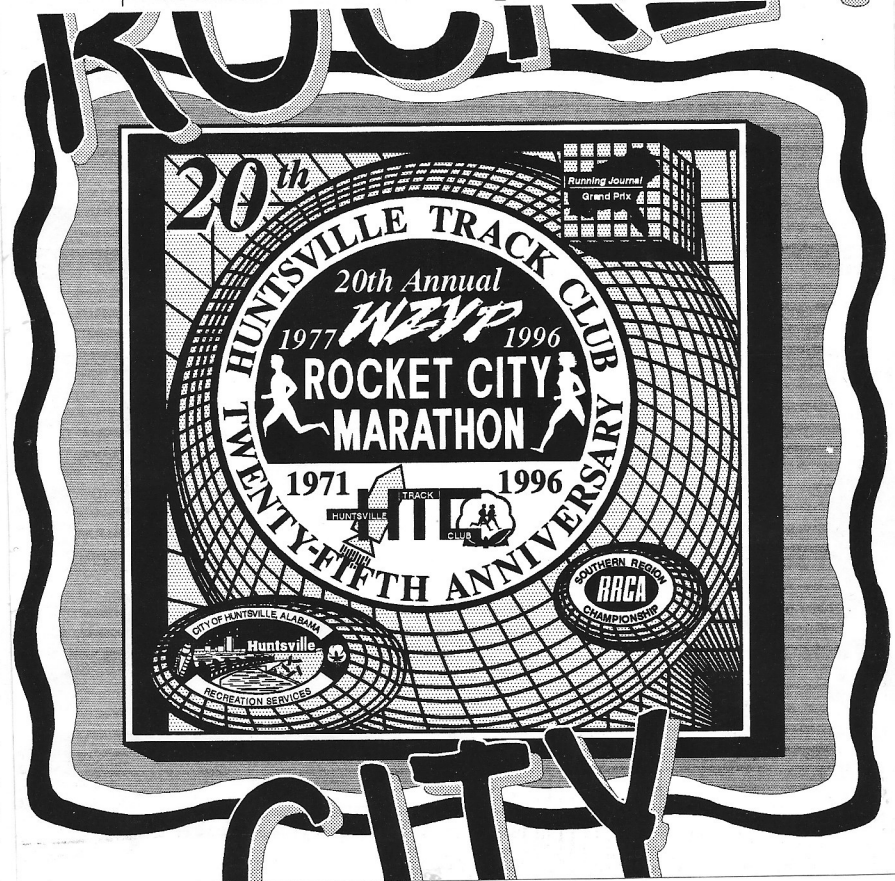
The Huntsville Track Club in charge of the annual Rocket City Marathon has again requested HARA fire rockets to start the race on Saturday morning, December 14.

This is the twentieth anniversary of the marathon, and several special events are planned. For our launch, we want to fire more rockets than the four channels on the HARA control panel and rack allow. Rocketeers are asked to bring their own pads and firing systems. Also, any large rocket that can serve as a display is desired.

The launches in the past two years confirmed the feasibility of safely shooting models from the city streets. Runners will line up at the start on Williams Avenue. HARA will have the launchers set up across from the Civic Center where the trees end. The models will be aimed at the empty upper deck of the parking garage where they will land. The effect is for the runners moving up the street to see and hear rockets taking off ahead of them along the race route.

Rockets will be launched in sequence synchronized to the starting pistol fired at 8:00 am. Big Bertha models will be used on C or D motors. These motors and rockets will be provided, but you can bring your own if you want.

HARA volunteers are needed to be at recovery points to get back the rockets. Everyone should arrive before 7:00 am to secure a parking spot



before the roads close to cars. Call Vince at 881-2904 for details on what you can do. Come on out!





## Just Married

Congratulations to Brian and Cathy Day (shown here from a spring launch,) who tied the knot on October 5. (Remember that date next year, Brian.)

It was a beautiful wedding, but the best line, so we're told, was made earlier. Cathy said at the rehearsal, "tomorrow night I will be a Day."

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## From the President's Pad

It was just this time of the year, soon after the *Rocket City Classic* of 1986, when several rocketeers who were all new to HARA met at the Space and Rocket Center for a special club meeting. We didn't know each other well yet, and so by faith we elected a brand new slate of officers to serve the club. I was installed that day as president. From those officers, and members that year too, I am now the only remaining rocketeer still in the club.

Do the math and that comes out to a ten year term. I think that's enough. Gene Stallings used the phrase, "ready to pass the torch," which are good rocket words, to which I will add, "particularly when the stage has burned out."

It's time to stir the pot and freshen up the leadership in HARA. We have many capable people who should take over the reins now. I'm not leaving the club or rocketry, but I'm past ready for a break from running the show. I don't think I've been able to be as effective as I've wanted to be lately, and the personal job situation has

constrained my leisure opportunities. So it's time for a change.

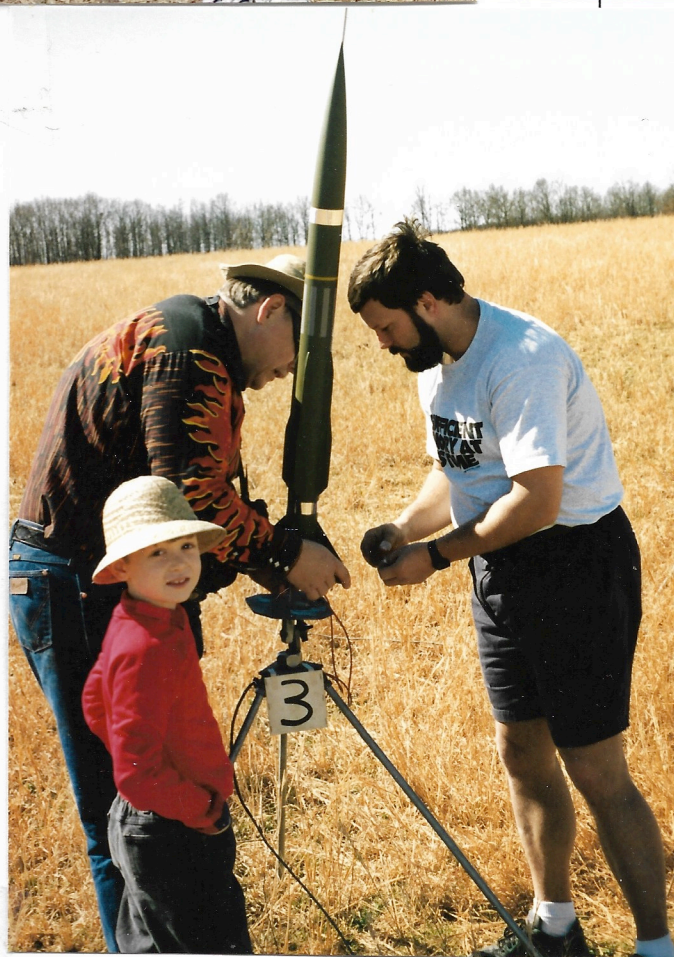
On January 9, when we have our regular elections according to the bylaws, you can't just move to "leave the same guy in" anymore. I'll remain as a community 'point of contact' for the club because of my established reputation, but the presidency and newsletter editorship are open. We should all get off the bus, reshuffle, then get back on with someone else in the front seat. Start thinking now about who you want to choose, or better, which job you think you would accept. There is the possibility of redefining the roles of the officers, and more seriously appointing chairmen for certain committees.

We need some change, and we have good people to re-invent and direct HARA. I've worked hard to keep the club on track all these years and believe we have the talent to continue on to bigger and better altitudes. Will you come forward to serve? Can you spare some rocket building time for rocket club building? *Someone get on the bridge; they've assimilated Vince.*



## scenes from '96

### Modelers prepping their rockets





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