

## N A R A M - 10

The National Association of Rocketry's Annual Meet was held at NASA's Wallops Station, Wallops Island, Virginia, from August 19 to 23, 1968.

Vern, Gleda, Betty, Sharon, and Linda Estes and Bob Cannon attended.

All told, over eighty contestants from twenty different states competed. About 150 non-participating spectators were present at various times during the five days of competition.

The competition got nearly as hot as the weather. The schedule had to be fitted around normal activities at this facility so most flights occurred from 3 to 8 p.m. NASA Wallops Station is the world's most active facility in launching sounding rockets and space vehicles. Over 7,000 rockets have been launched since the station began its rocket activities in 1945. Current operations average about one launch per day. Several Nike-Tomahawk rockets, an Arcas and one Scout-RAM (the largest vehicle launched from this installation) were launched during this meet. Most contestants and their families took advantage of the opportunities to tour the facilities at Wallops Station (the mainland base) and at Wallops Island (launch complex).

Among the winners of the top three places in the different events were many friends of the Estes Industries group. Among these were G. Harry Stine and his daughter Connie, Jim Kukowski, "Red" Thompson, Howard Kuhn, Dr. Beetch and his son, Konr, Jim and Judy Barrowman, Jerry Gregorek and his son David, Talley Guill, Paul Connor, Gary Spriggs, John Belkewitch, Jr., and Mike Poss.

The curtain has fallen on exciting NARAM-10 in warm, humid Virginia. A strong possibility exists that NARAM-11 will be held in cool, colorful Colorado! Let's work toward securing the eleventh competition of the United States' Model Rocket Championships here. Some height-above-sea-level records should be set, and hopefully some new records in several events will be put into the record books.



*I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their cards, flowers and other thoughtful gestures during my illness. — — — Dolly Baker*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Amedei	Sept. 7
Verdia Boccaccio	Sept. 10
Connie Miller	Sept. 12
Mackie Young	Sept. 16
Ruth Day	Sept. 18

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This Camroc photo was taken at NARAM-10. It shows the contestants' preparation table, the range store, the manufacturers' tent, part of the parking lot, and the refreshment stand.



## PICNIC

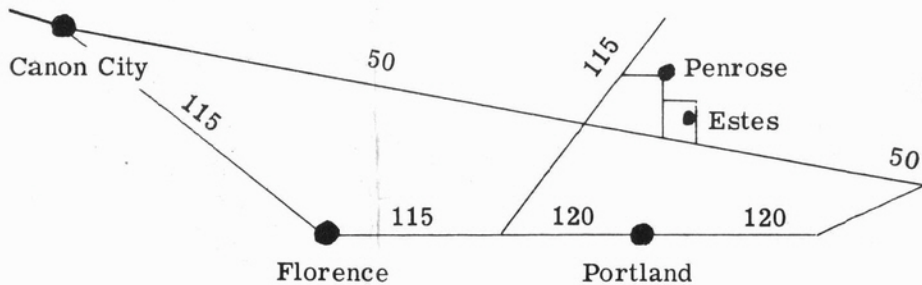
This Sunday, September 8, at 12:30 p.m., the Estes company picnic for employees and their families will be held at Portland Park. Sloppy Joes will be furnished by the company. Also, you need not worry about bringing plates, cups, silverware or napkins. Just bring yourself, your family and a side dish.

One of the features of the afternoon will be the "Nutty Rocket" contest. Entries do not have to fly. The activities of the afternoon will include softball, volleyball, leapfrog, egg spoon race, individual

egg roll contest, sack race, tug-of-war and horseshocs.

Competition will particularly feature the Guys vs. the Gals. Door prizes and competition prizes will be given. There will be fun for every member of the family.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the location of Portland Park, the following map may be helpful. Once you get to Portland, it is impossible to miss the park. This will be an enjoyable afternoon for all of us and our families. See you there!



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

SIX YEARS		TWO YEARS	
Alice Hammock	Retail Sales	Jackie Cooper	Wood Shop
		Bessie Ferkel	Kit Packing
		Judy Mace	Mail Room
FOUR YEARS		Louise Williams	Mail Room
Betty Jo Schmidt	Shipping		
THREE YEARS		ONE YEAR	
Norm Avery	Public Relations	Bob Cannon	Education
		Don Justus	Engine Mfg.
		June Knight	Wood Shop

## STATE FAIR



Several thousand people stopped at the company's Colorado State Fair exhibit. Located in the Parade of Progress building our exhibit featured our Uprated Saturn. A great number of active rocketeers visited the booth, and model rocketry gained many new friends.

