

# Launch Director Checklist

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Launch Location: Harpers Ferry Middle School

Launch date: 9/29/18

## Payload Lineup:

Payload Name	POC Name	Passed Inspection	Inspector Initials
Command Module	Blaire W.		
Bits/Panoramic	Jonathan M.		
SPIDER	Rachel C.		
DANY	Tyler B.		
Glo-Bly	Tyler B.		

Balloon Size(s): 1600

Callsigns:

KC3HOB-10, KC3FXX-5

### 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***

NA Tethers in place

QA 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
- NA Tether handlers ready
- Slowly raise payload string
- Measure Total Free Lift = \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)
- Countdown from 10 (Final Countdown Song Optional)
- Release!

Release Time Mark = 8:52:24

### 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

## 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

*Texts to: Shailesh  
Blaine*

##### -Bottom Plate

- Bottom LVC Switched on
- Habduino On
- LINK On
- Received Packets from Hab / *Aprs.fi*
- ~~Ground receiving packets from Link and all payloads~~
- Place desiccants

Seal Box

## Command Module 2 Checklist

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L-1day:

# Command Module 1 Checklist

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## L-1day:

### 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)**

- Habduino serial number W3EAX-14
- Confirm habduino battery is charged, serial number: BW-011, voltage: 8.35 V FV: 6.62V
- Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent

### **Habduino (Bottom Plate)**

- Habduino serial number W3EAX-12
- Confirm habduino battery is charged, serial number: BW-012, voltage: 8.34 V FV: 7.69V
- Turn on radios, confirm they get GPS lock, confirm APRS packets are sent

### **Cell Tracker**

- Confirm cell tracker battery is charged, serial number: -011, voltage: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: BW010, voltage: 8.31 V
  - Spare habduino
    - Habduino serial number W3EAX-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 *rip*
  - Wrench (for SMA connectors)
  - Screwdriver (for balloonduino screw terminals)
  - Screwdriver (for mounting screws)
  - Desiccants *rip*

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### **Habduino (Top Plate)**

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

### **Cell Tracker**

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

### **Launch Day**

#### **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

#### **Systems Check**

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

#### **Seal Box**

\*Bake Dessicant\*

# Packing Checklist

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### Launch Equipment

- Balloons → in NBRF
- Helium tanks
- Tarp (Big and Small)
- Parachute and Ring
- Command Module kit
- Broom
- Square Plywood Bases
- Scale for Measuring Payloads
- BLT Bucket
- Inflation Bucket
- Launch Kit
- Main tracking box
- Launch Solder Kit

### Recovery

- Bow Saw
- Extension Pole
- Scythe
- Sling Shot
- Recovery Bucket

### 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