

# WHERE IDEAS TAKE FLIGHT

## RCS Dedicates New HQ & Museum



Lee Piester wields the giant scissors to cut the ribbon on the RCS Rocket Motor Components, Inc. headquarters and museum, along with (from left) Jonathan Freedman, Candy Klaybourne, Dane Boles, Robert Behunin, Scott McDougald and Gary Rosenfield.

**O**n June 27, RCS Rocket Motor Components, Inc. officially opened its new world headquarters, warehouse and production facility in Cedar City, Utah, with an event that highlighted the company's vision for model rocketry and the local aerospace industry.

"This state-of-the-art facility is not just a building. It represents our relentless pursuit of innovation, our dedication to excellence and our unwavering commitment to shaping the future of hobby and professional rocketry," RCS founder and president Gary Rosenfield said as he and others prepared to cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Approximately 200 people attended the event, including company officials and employees of RCS and its divisions, which include AeroTech/Quest and Industrial Solid Propulsion, and members of their families. Joining them were a few pioneers in the field of model rocketry, along with civic

*Bob Sanford, designer of the AeroTech Initiator model rocket, gives the first production kit of the rocket to Gary Rosenfield to display in the museum.*

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*Dane Boles, executive vice president and general manager, opens the dedication ceremony.*

*In a videotaped message, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox congratulated the company on its growth and expansion. "I know your work with education, STEM in particular, has inspired thousands of young people and adults to pursue their dreams in science, technology, education, math and manufacturing," Cox said.*



*President and CEO Gary started the company as a young, enthusiastic model rocketeer*

and community leaders and members of the public, including Jonathan Freedman, president and CEO of World Trade Center Utah.

**A Brief History of RCS**

Founded more than 42 years ago, RCS Rocket Motor Components, Inc. has become the largest producer of solid composite propellant model rocket, mid-power and high-power hobby rocket motors in the world.

The AeroTech and Quest brand names represent the company's consumer hobby division.

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*The full-scale model of the Patriot missile built by Dan Michael will be on permanent display at the museum, after it made one last public appearance as a float in the Cedar City Fourth of July parade. (left)*



*Lee Piester, founder of Centuri Engineering, recounted the early days of composite propellant model and hobby rocketry. Lee and his wife, Betty, commercialized composite propellant hobby rocketry with Centuri. Gary Rosenfield shared that opening the 1971 Centuri catalog when he was 15 years old launched him on his rocketry career. (above)*



*More than 200 people attended the dedication, including employees of RCS and their family members, model rocketry dignitaries, civic and community leaders and members of the public. (above)*



*RCS managers and model rocketry dignitaries wave at the gathered crowd for the grand opening. (left)*

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L-R: Model Rocketry pioneers Lee Piester, Bob Sanford and Dane Boles autograph copies of the AeroTech catalog for visitors.

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Together with its Enerjet, Classic Enerjet and Q-Jet rocket motor brands, RCS offers a complete line of model and hobby rocket starter sets, launch sets, rocket kits, launch systems, launch pads, parts and accessories, educational value packs, technical publications and rocket motor components.

The composite propellant model rocket motors are the same aerospace-grade solid composite propellant as NASA's space shuttle boosters, military missiles and sounding rockets, as well as NASA's new Space Launch System (SLS) moon rocket boosters.

The Industrial Solid Propulsion (ISP) division of RCS has become a premier supplier of small solid composite propellant propulsion systems for the aerospace industry, defense contractors, NASA projects, special military missions, privatized space programs, sounding research projects, university programs and private industry.

*The museum dedicated to composite propellant hobby rocketry showcases the rich history of model and hobby rocketry that has been fueled by solid composite propellant rocket motor technology for nearly 60 years. The museum "does not simply pay homage to those who have gone before us. It is a living history that will educate and inspire the next generations of rocketry enthusiasts," Rosenfield said.*

