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RE: AMRS and NZRA Reciprocal Arrangement

The Australian Model Rocket Society Inc. (AMRS) is pleased to announce a new reciprocal arrangement with the New Zealand Association of Rocketry (NZRA). After the announcement of Australian Rocketry's Thunda Down Under 2015, and its strict but internationally recognised requirements for certification in Australia, the NZRA proactively refined their existing certification processes thereby ensuring the formal recognition of NZRA Certifications at the event.

Fast forward 12 months and a number of AMRS Executive Committee Members were privileged to attend the NZRA National Launch Day 2016 (NLD). Apart from having the opportunity to attend a world class event, the AMRS were able to witness the professional approach of the NZRA Committee and their HPR certification process. After official discussions between the two organisations, the AMRS is excited to accept the NZRA's certification processes as equivalent to its own, i.e. held at the same high standards as the AMRS that has led to its acceptance as equivalent to several other international rocketry organisations.

The new arrangement will see the recognition of High Power Rocketry (HPR) Certifications between AMRS and NZRA mutually recognised.

A few compliance caveats exist as per the below:

- Both AMRS and NZRA hold independent insurance which is only valid for their respective countries and events.
- Participants must be a member of the respective organisation to fly at a sanctioned event.
- Certifying officials may only certify members from their respective organisation.

This new relationship has been the result of significant discussions and meetings by both organisations and is based on bilateral support by both leadership and membership.

The AMRS welcomes the participation from NZRA members in Australia and looks forward to growing the international presence of both organisations. Discussions have already commenced between the two organisations about joint launches to prosper rocketry in the Southern Hemisphere.

This is an exciting progression for rocketry in Australia and New Zealand!

Dave Couzens
Chancellor

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