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ATK-Thiokol had a static test firing of a Shuttle RSRM yesterday. As it was the first one they've had since I started working here, it was the first one I attended. I took a number of photos, but nothing is quite as impressive as the sight and sound of the thing live and in person. The universe fills up with the sound of the rocket.

Something that I was not able to record on my digital still camera was the sight of shockwaves pulsing through the exhaust cloud. That was something I've not seen before, and had not been expecting.

Something else I had not expected was *dozens* of bald eagles converging on the site after the test. They had either been spooked away by the test and were returning, or were coming to investigate... but there were a lot of 'em.