

Re: Not with a bang, but with a yawn?

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Hop David wrote:

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> *Derek Lyons wrote:*

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>> *The reactions, or lack thereof, of the space community to today's*

>> *flight of SpaceShip One.*

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>> <http://spaceshipsummer.blogspot.com/2004/09/not-with-bang-but-yawn.html>

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> *When a team's ahead 36 - 0, a lot of fans leave at half-time. If some of*

> *the competitors were still contenders, there'd be much more interest.*

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> *The first desk top computers generated a lot more publicity than desk*

> *top computers presently receive. Now a very powerful desk top computer*

> *with a marvelous graphic user interface is routine and common. I hope*

> *future private space flight becomes routine and common.*

Besides, it's just not very exciting visually. A funny-lookin' airplane takes off; later, two funny-lookin' airplanes land separately, with some high altitude wisps in between times. Oh, it's fun for those on board, but the thrills for spectators are mostly in their imaginations.

Now, a proper vertical-launch vertical-powered-landing rocket, that'd be something.