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Henry Vanderbilt wrote:

- > SpaceX meanwhile is still working toward first flight of their Falcon 1 launcher – they've completed all structural testing, but are still working on main engine qualification. The latest delay now is a matter of site scheduling at Vandenberg AFB – the final Titan 4 launch has pushed them back to Q3 '05 at earliest, longer if the Titan launch (as has happened before) is delayed. SpaceX says they may consider doing their first flight out of a site being developed on Kwajalein Atoll, if the VAFB delay goes on long enough.

Hmmm. Orbital Sciences plans *two* Minotaur launches from Vandenberg between now and Q3 '05. Boeing has a Delta 2 Vandy launch planned during the same time frame. There are also three Minuteman launches and one MX test reportedly planned before July. And the last Titan 4 launch is set for June 30, maybe. That's about 10 launches planned during the 80+ days left in Q2. Plenty of slots should be available for SpaceX. What's the real reason for the hold up? Pad overflight issues?

– Ed Kyle

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