

Re: DIRECT launcher article in AIAA Houston Horizons

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On Aug 12, 7:32 pm, gaetanomarano <m...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

MY EMAIL TO AIAA and HORIZONS EDITOR (about "Direct") >>>

To: AIAA and Horizons Editor

I'm sorry for the powerful "Direct" lobby... but the FIRST rocket of this kind is my "FAST-SLV" published on my website in May 12, 2006 and (in the same days) on SEVERAL space forums and blogs like NewMars, HobbySpace, Universe Today, etc.

The (similar) NASA (?) "Stumpy" was published on NSF in July 2006 and the (original...) "Direct Launcher" in August 2006 on NSF (FOUR MONTHS AND HUNDREDS POSTS LATER MY "FAST-SLV" CONCEPT).

Ok, I've not a "FAST-SLV" lobby... that's why "Direct" has a full (never deleted in last nine months) Wikipedia "commercial" article, while, my Wiki FAST-SLV links are regularly deleted whitin a few hours... but, if the FREEDOM of the U.S. Press is TRUE (and STILL exists) I believe that AIAA (and ALL space websites, forums and blogs) should publish this email to evidence WHO (me) WHEN (four months before "Direct") and WHERE (on my website) the idea of Single Launch Vehicle (built with ready available, cheap and man-rated STANDARD Shuttle-derived hardware) was FIRST proposed:

http://www.gaetanomarano.it/articles/005_SLVnow.html

Best Regards

Gaetano Marano

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Gaetano:

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Let me say that even though DIRECT was announced in October 2006, it had been worked on for the year prior to that. And even then, the concepts had some heritage from previous NASA designs. In fact, I recall a Heavy Lift Launch Vehicle design more than fifteen years ago that bears a resemblance to DIRECT – and your design.

It's not about who is first, or even who came up with what idea. It's about keeping an open dialogue to ensure that the Vision for Space Exploration gets the best possible tools to fill the needs. It's not about any individual's vanity.

Jon

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