

A Shot From out of Left Field - POEPOO - The Garbage Man 1

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Right! It's time for a little culture!

Ready?

Here we go!



PoePoo

I pondered weak and weary
on a night reek and dreary
upon yon vexing rocket
that lay across my bedroom floor

the hook was lost
and the tube embossed
By my brother's foot
that will pass here
nevermore

I looked down at the pile
of a rocket that looked so vile
with thoughts of flight
so far from my head

When then my head began to fill /
this pile of junk could then be still
a rocket
that arced across the sky

All at once I started
kitbashing tubes once parted
as trash
from the can by my door

With some gluing and some slashing
the X-Acto knife was flashing
as my fevered mind raced
for a name

As the rocket neared completing
I had this thought of maybe meeting
Dr. Frankstine
to compare his work with mine

For before me sat a rocket
shaped much like a light bulb socket
standing upside down
on three spindly legs



In my haste to build this "socket"
I snatched parts from other rockets
of which most had had close encounters
with the ground

With a Mini Bertha's big nose
and an X-Ray's unnatural throws
its shape
was a sight to be seen

After finishing and painting
and keeping the RSO from fainting
I placed my monster on the stand
for all to see

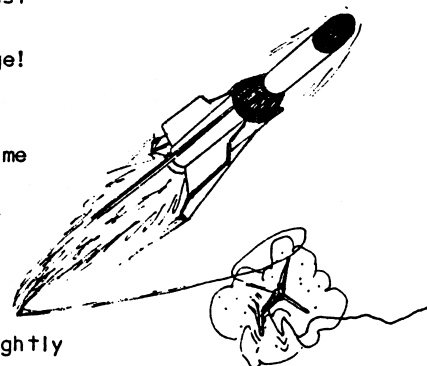
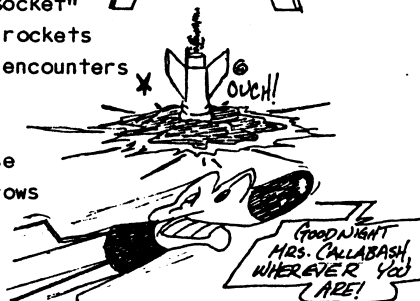
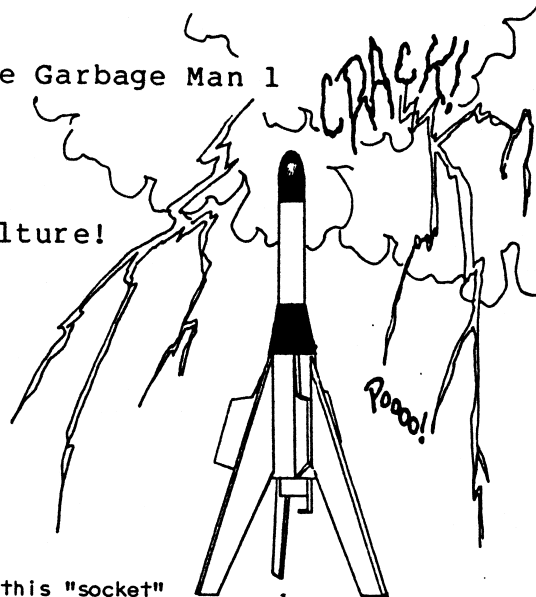
"What is it!" they all asked
and I explained its sorted past
and someone said
"So you made it out of garbage!
That's a laugh!"

That's when the name came to me
Garbage? Then let it so be!
And hence the nameless rocket
got its name

And since it flew so nicely
I thought it would be only rightly
to share the plans
for this odd-ball of a rocket

For if on a night reek and dreary
and you find yourself weak and weary
pondering yon trodden upon missile
in a bag

Don't throw the mess at your brother
build a rocket without a bother
and scare the dickens out of the RSO
nevermore.



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The Garbage Man 1 (GaM 1) is a real Frankenshine of a rocket. I'm sure that some of you fine folk out there have one of these types of rocket in their respective fleets. The original flying parts rocket. Bits and pieces of wrecks, disabled, retired, or worse yet, incomplete rockets that were built NOT to the manufacturer's specs. Such is the case of ol' GaM 1. The nose cone comes from an old MINI BERTHA; the parachute body tube comes from an old FARSHIDE kit my sister sat on (ORG!); the balsa adaptor is off an old X-RAY that my brother drilled into the ground once (DOUBLE ORG!!); and the lower body section, engine mount, et al., is from an old SATURN V Semi Scale I had once (when I was too inexperienced a rocketeer. UG! What'ta mess!).

The GaM 1 has had many forms in its day. Its original nose cone was a BT-20/10A (ASTRON STREAK), but was replaced when it started acting like a push button (you could push it into the body tube ALL the way).

The short fins are based on the original fins, as this was my test rocket for reinforcing the fins with a paper covering over the balsa (MONOCOAT would have both worked and looked better).

As for the rocket itself, originally I would have felt little remorse if it had landed in a tree, on a roof, in a dog's mouth, under a Peterbuilt's front wheel, ect. . . . It really was a BAD looking rocket (BAD as in "BLAAA!" not "Yo, BAD!"). It, on the other hand, had other ideas, as it would notoriously return to the launcher after deploying what rags I had stuffed into it as a parachute. You could just hear that thing saying "Hi Boss! I'm back! Lets do that again!" Oog!

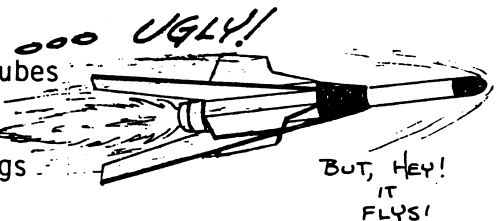
After awhile, after another try at a "get lost" shot, I finally felt that the old wreck was going to stick around longer than I wanted. So I decided that the only way I was going to be able to live with this ugly critter, I'd dress it up a little. I added the long fins, replaced the old short fins with copies that had the wood grain going in the proper direction, replaced the "push button" with a real nose cone, put in a smaller parachute to fit the tube better, and finally painted it after some 8 years. The nose and adaptor are black, and the overall body is a gloss drab.

Now it tries to land in trees.

It's a conspiracy!

PARTS NEEDED

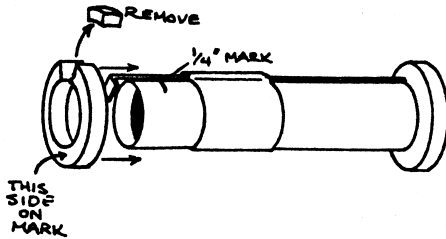
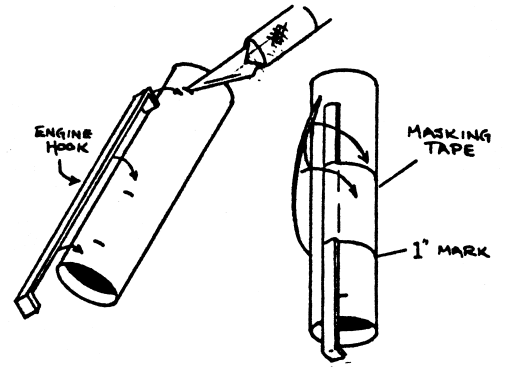
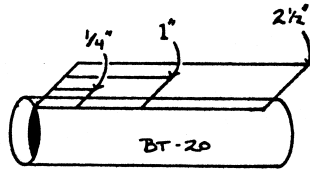
- A. BNC-20B Nose Cone*
- B. (2) BT-20 (2 3/4") Body Tubes
- C. EH-2 Standard Engine Hook
- D. BT-50 (3 1/2") Body Tube
- E. (2) AR-2050 Centering Rings
- F. TA-2050 Balsa Adaptor
- G. 1/8" wide Shock Cord
- H. Screw Eye
- I. PK-10 Parachute Kit
- J. 1/16th thick Balsa Fin Stock
- K. LL-2A Launch Lug (1 1/4")



* My original prototype uses a BNC-20L from an old Mini Bertha kit that I had botched long ago. Since the 20L is no longer available, the 20B is a close enough match to replace it.

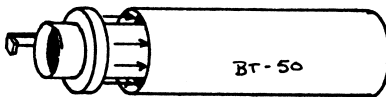
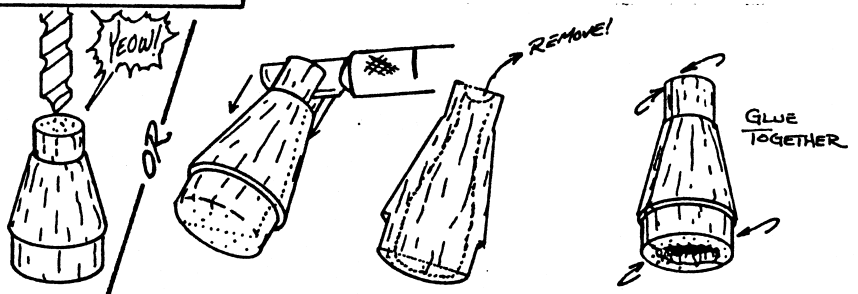
Building this beastie

1.() Take one of the BT-20 tubes and mark it at the 2 1/2", 1" and 1/4" marks. Cut a slot at the 2 1/2" mark. Insert the engine hook. Wrap masking tape around the tube at the 1" mark, making sure the engine hook is straight.



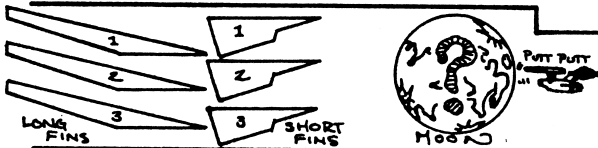
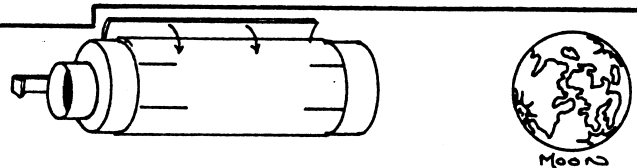
2.() Glue one of the AR-2050 Centering Rings to the top of the engine mount, even with the end of the tube. Take the other ring and cut an 1/8" slot out of it. Run a bead of glue around the 1/4" mark on the engine tube, and slide the ring up to it, making sure the engine hook is in the slot. Set aside to dry.

3.() Take the TA-2050 Balsa Adaptor and core out a clean hole through it. To do this, either drill the hole through, which could be both messy and dangerous, or split the adaptor in two and whittle out the center of each half. After you've done this, simply glue the two halves together.



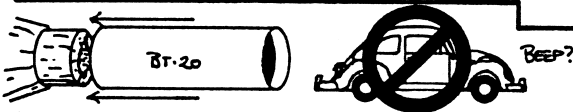
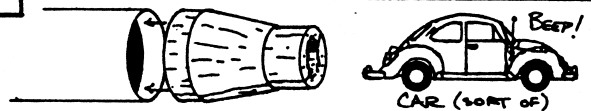
4.() Glue the engine mount into the BT-50. Make sure the bottom centering ring is even with the bottom of the tube.

5.() Cut out the Body Tube Marking Guide, wrap it around the BT-50, howl at the moon, and mark the fin locations.



6.() Cut out the Fin Patterns and make 3 each of both fins. Howl at the moon?

7.() Glue the BT-50 to the adaptor. Chase a car.

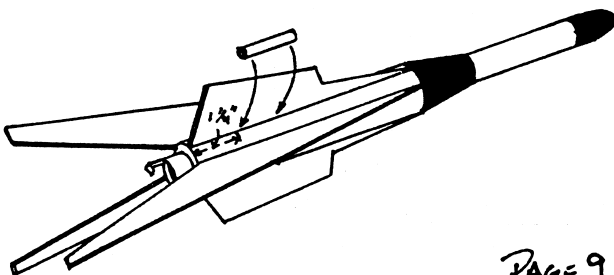


8.() Glue the second BT-20 to the adaptor. CHASE A CAR!

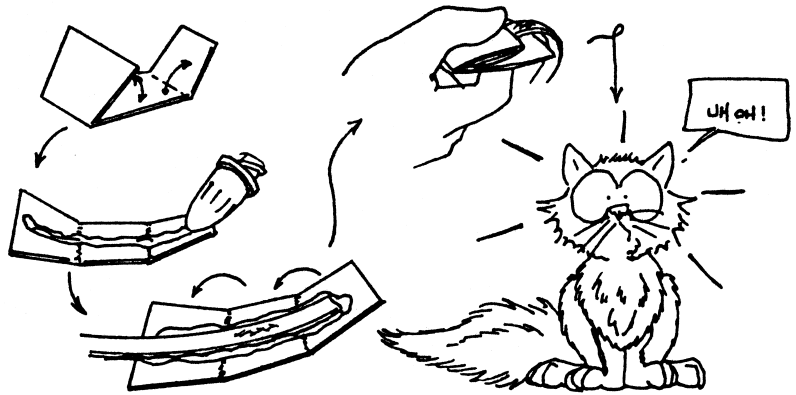
9.() Glue the fins to the body as shown, then chew an old shoe.



10.() Glue the launch lug to the BT-50 1 1/4" from the bottom along side a fin. RIGHT! WHO'S MESSING WITH MY TEXT!?



11.() No one, schizol! Cut out the Shock Cord Mount. Fold along the drawn lines. Unfold, and run a bead of glue down the center of the mount. Lay the shock cord along this line of glue, and refold the mount. While you're holding the mount in your fingers until the glue sets, chase a cat!



12.() CHASE A. . .er, . . .Glue the back of the mount, and insert it as far as you can into the BT-20 parachute tube.

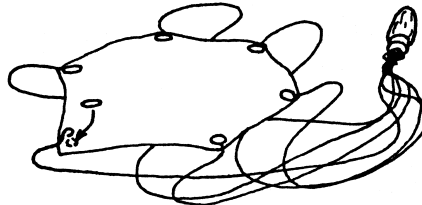
13.() Insert the screw eye into the nose cone. Remove, inject the hole with glue, and re-insert the screw eye. Bark at a squirrel.



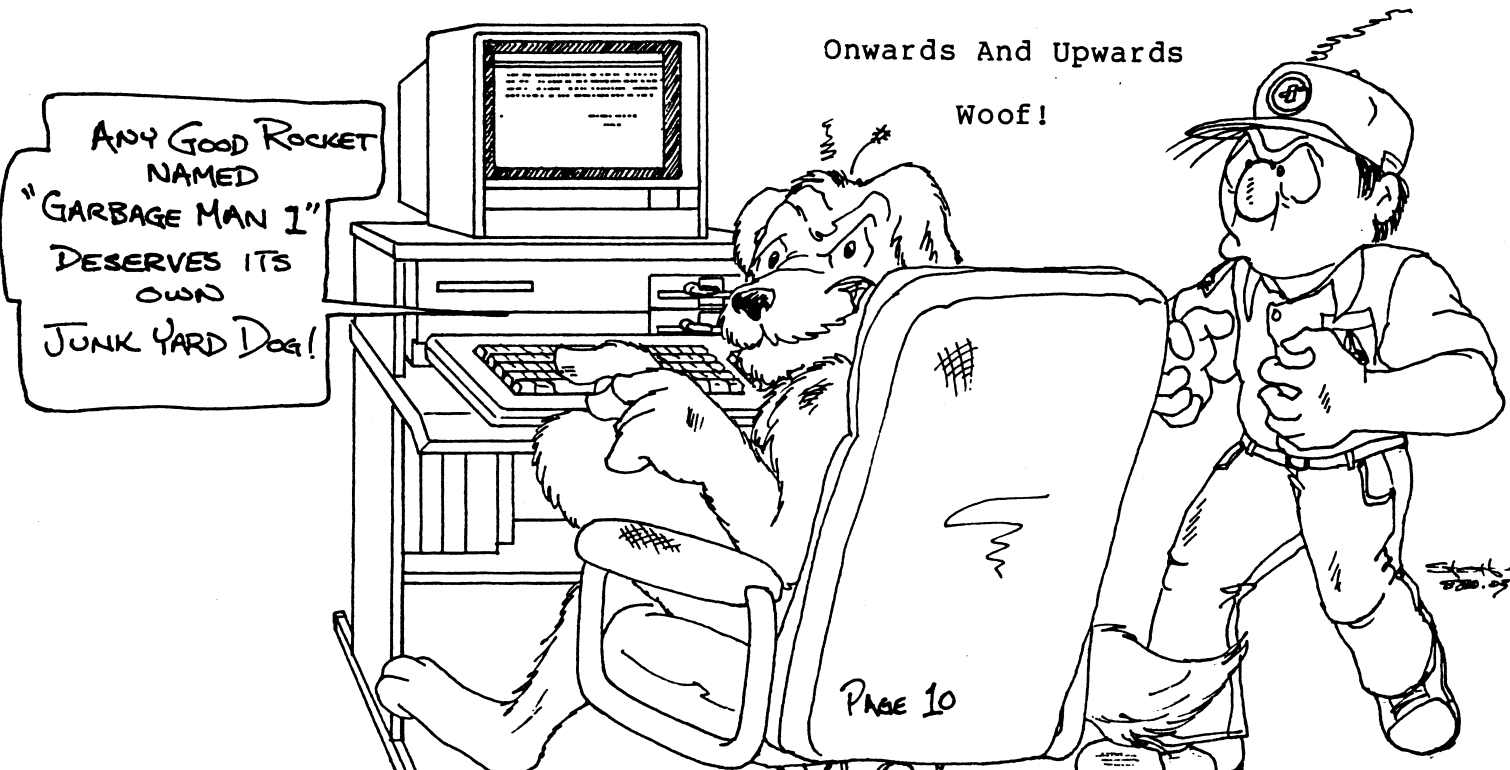
WOOF!

14.() BARK!!?

15.() Very good! Now can you sit up and beg? Cut out the Parachute and line from the PK-10 kit and install it as any other rocket in your fleet.

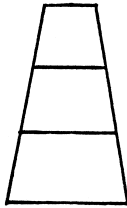
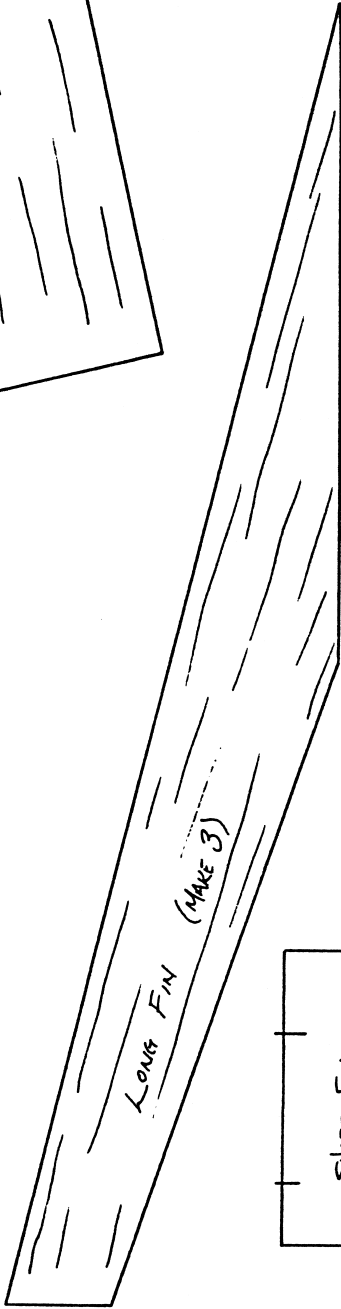
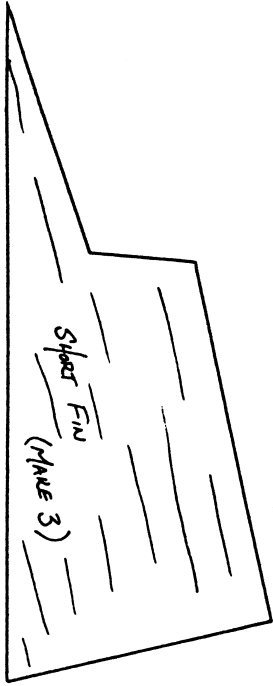


16.() Tie the shock cord to the screw eye, and you're ready to finish the GARBAGE MAN 1. At this point, I'll let you folks take over. I've got to talk to some mutt about playing around my computer.



Onwards And Upwards
Woof!

ANY GOOD ROCKET
NAMED
"GARBAGE MAN 1"
DESERVES ITS
OWN
JUNK YARD DOG!



PATTERNS FOR
"GARBAGE MAN I"

