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To News Editors: The press is invited to cover the Model Rocket Convention and the launching which will take place between 8 a. m. and noon Saturday. You can reach the M.I.T. Flight Facility by way of Virginia Road, Concord.

More than a hundred rockets will be launched during the Third Annual M.I.T. Model Rocket Convention, to be held by students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology April 3-5. Rocket enthusiasts from colleges and high schools in a dozen states will participate.

The launching will be held on Saturday morning, April 4, at the M.I.T. Bedford Flight Facility at L. G. Hanscom Field. The M.I.T. Model Rocket Society, host for the convention, hopes to launch an eight-foot rocket, built in their own laboratory. Another rocket to be launched will be equipped to make photographs during its flight.

Arthur H. Barber III, Boston, freshman who is president of the M.I.T. society, will speak at the opening of the convention at 7 p. m. Friday, April 3, in the Student Center. Following discussion a talk will be given by G. Harry Stine, former president of the National Association of Rocketry and a consultant to the Smithsonian Institution, on new modeling materials.

Saturday afternoon will be devoted to technical reports, including one on "Wind Tunnel Balances" by Douglas Malewicki, engineer for the Cessna Aircraft Corporation, Wichita, Kas., to be held in Room 26-100.

At a dinner at 6 p. m. in the Student Center the speaker will be Dr. Gerald Gregorek, professor in the Department of Aeronautical and Astronautical

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Engineering at Ohio State University. Dr. Gregorek will be one of the U. S. competitors in the First International Rocket Championships in Yugoslavia in September.

At 8 p. m. Saturday the speaker will be Gordon K. Mandell, Cambridge, a graduate student in aeronautics and astronautics at M.I.T., who will suggest unexplored topics of aerodynamic research within the capability of model rocketeers.

Manufacturers of model rockets will present displays during the weekend in Room 491 of the Student Center and each will launch one of its most spectacular models at Hanscom Field. These models will include exact scale duplicates of the Saturn V which sent Apollo 11 to the moon, and the USSR Vostok, which carried Yuri Gagarin into orbit.

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