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CHEAP & SAFE ROCKET HEADINGS

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At the recent Winter Blast I was looking for easier headers for my rockets since I really didn't like the time and danger involved in taking time fuses out of commercial shells. Then I had a light go on: mines don't have time fuse!

I ordered a bunch to try out. The flat bottom canister made it easy to attach to the rocket. Attachment was simple and much safer:



After ramming the rocket, I cut a V-notch in the top of the tube with a sharp utility knife.

Then I ran a piece of quick-match from the mine down its side and under the bottom, cutting it so it ended just past the middle of the mine, then exposed a bit of end on the match and stuffed it into the top of the rocket. Finally, I hot-melted the mine to the rocket.

A nose cone could be added. I now have some Sno-Kone™ dunce caps for the next trip.

Here's an added bonus: mines are cheap!

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MY FIREWORKS- LOVING DOGS

By Star Master

I have two dogs that LOVE fireworks. They know when I'm going to fire some because they know when I reach for the top shelf that I'm going for "works". They will sit a safe distance away from them and bark until they are lit. Then they sit quietly and watch. They especially love the crackling items and reports. After an item has cooled, Buzz will pick up the casing and run around the yard with it. He'll shake his head violently, sending the case flying, then pounce on it and chew it and roll on top of it.

Woody chases Roman candle balls up the yard and hoping to catch one. Of course, they are burned out by the time they get that low.

Another favorite item is the ground bloom flower with reports. I'll light 6 - 10 of them at the same time and they bark their approval, with their heads turning every which way. The ending report is always loved by them.

We take them to public displays. They sit and watch, following the tail of the shell. The only time they bark is when there is a barrage of 3 - 4" report shells - of course, the audience is cheering as well. SM

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