

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year! To start off the new year, we've got a couple exciting releases to tell you about.

#### THUNDER 'N' LIGHTNING 3000 RELEASED

First, the new CPR3000-based Thunder 'n' Lightning kit is finally on the shelves and ready to ship! If you're a CPR fan or a two-stage fan, you know that the T&L is the last kit we've been working on to convert over to the CPR3000 system; all the other CPR-based kits have been in CPR3000 form for a while now. Well, it's definitely been worth the wait, because the new Thunder 'n' Lightning has not only been redesigned for CPR3000, but also has a brand new interstage coupler system called the InterStage 3000.

The InterStage 3000 system is a real improvement on our previous interstage coupler designs (not that ol' Frank did too bad on the original, but hey, we're always looking to improve things). The InterStage 3000 coupler is a very compact and sturdy design, and also mounts the new ST-2B Staging Timer in a really nifty "CPR-style" mount. If you've seen or flown our CPR2000 or 3000 system, you've seen the altimeter mounting system that allows for quick swapping of the altimeter between rockets. Now we've got a similar style mount for the InterStage 3000 system, making it much easier to prep, install, and fly the staging timer system to both the booster and sustainer stages. The T&L instructions have also been completely revised to go along with the redesigned rocket and new systems. Check out the **CPR-Based Kits** page for more info on the new Thunder 'n' Lightning; there's a graphic of the InterStage 3000 there, too.

#### ST-2B STAGING TIMER

You may have noticed I mentioned an ST-2B Staging Timer. This is a brand new staging timer that works with the new InterStage 3000 coupler system, which is currently used on the T&L and also in our recently-released Terrier Booster for the MiniBBX kit. The ST-2B is capable of up to 5 amps output for igniting upper stage motor igniters, and can be seen on the **Electronics** page of our webstore. Don't forget that the ST-2B is a good choice for scratchbuild 2-stage projects or for airstarting outboard motors in clusters in one-stage kits as well.

Also, we intend to make the new InterStage 3000 Coupler system available separately for your own 2-stage projects. We've gotten a lot of comments from people who've seen the system in some demo flights we've flown that they'd love to have it to incorporate into their own designs. We'll be offering the InterStage 3000 in 2.1, 2.5, 3.0 and 3.9 inch sizes (pricing isn't determined yet), and hope to have it ready by the end of February. So, if you're into 2-stage flying or airstarts, the ST-2B is a great choice: Thunder 'n' Lightning, MiniBBX with Terrier Booster, 2.1-3.9" IS3000 coupler kits, as well as airstarts...the ST-2B is your timer.

Thanks for a great 2000 at PML, and we're looking forward to an even better 2001! As always, we truly appreciate your business and support...PML customers are the best! Thanks.