

Amazing Views from the Balloon Flight

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Last Saturday, I was part of the Space Exploration Society at Berkeley's Pi Day (3/14/15) Near Space Balloon Flight. It launched from the main glade (in front of Doe Library) carrying my ham radio GPS tracker, an action camera, and our hopes for a good launch to over 100,000 feet (above sea level).

What resulted is an AWESOME flight up to 102,000 feet and a successful recovery the next day (ask me in-person about the FAILED recovery the day-of).

Anyway, here are some Quicktime videos to meditate upon prior to your launch into Portal this evening. It's amazing how quiet things get just a few hundred feet above the ground. And of course sound is a very different thing when the air is REALLY REALLY thin. OK, without further adieu:

Pi Day Near Space Balloon Flight

Stills and Video

Obviously the first video is the launch itself. The launch prep takes most of the video, but if you forward to 13:40, the Count-down is

about to
begin.

See you on the launch pad!

expansive adventures!

Jack(space)

PS – There will be more launches to Near Space!