



Blueprints

Model of Robert Goddard and his Rocket

Aiming for the Stars!

March 16, 1926

2:30 PM

On this day, Robert Goddard successfully launched the first liquid fueled rocket. He set up in a field belonging to his Aunt Effie in Auburn, MA, just adjacent to a cabbage patch.

The rocket, later named Nell, flew 41 feet high and landed 184 feet away in just 2.5 secs.

Robert dedicated his entire life studying physics, engineering, and aerodynamics—following his dream of space travel. Even though he knew that he would never be able to go himself (the first human in space wasn't until 1961)—he kept working and inventing and dreaming.

"I imagined how wonderful it would be to make some device which had even the possibility of ascending to Mars, and how it would look on a small scale, if sent up from the meadow at my feet."

The journey to space had begun!

