

It's A Jet—It's A Man *Enquirer 10-23-71* **-It's SUPERMOUSE**

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Four . . . three . . . two . . . one . . . liftoff! EEEEEK! It's a (gag, retch, faint) **MOUSE!**

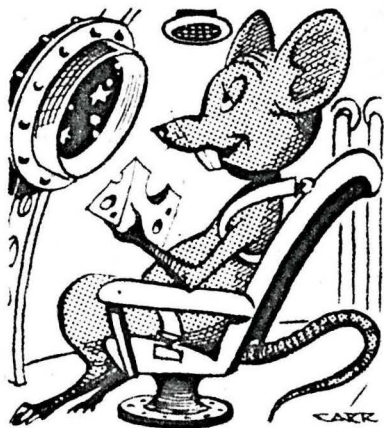
Yes, folks, another first for Cincinnati — the first official, scientific rocket launch of a mouse in Queen City history!

Students of Tony Rink's aviation technology class at Cincinnati Technical Institute, 3520 Central Pkwy., fired a three-engined, solid propellant rocket carrying a mouse named Zomar Ticonderous to an altitude of 2190 feet Friday. When the rocket reached its apogee (or whatever the term is when the rocket can't go up any farther) old Zomar hit the silk and parachuted safely to Earth.

The launch took place at the Courter Tech Stadium. Due to a slight wind shift, Zomar landed across the street, and fortunately, there weren't any cats around at the time.

The little space rodent apparently suffered no ill effects, other than a slight moisture loss, according to Rink.

Some statistics of the flight, for the scientifically inclined:



- Maximum Gs at liftoff—11.4.
- Maximum velocity — 431 mph.
- Maximum acceleration — 500 fps.
- Time for climb — 1.7 seconds.
- Total weight of rocket and crew at launch—74,844 grams.
- Weight of mouse at liftoff — 7.25 grams.
- Weight of parachute—7 grams.

When last seen, Zomar was sitting by the phone, munching a hunk of cheese, waiting for President Nixon to call.