LAUNCH, LANDING, AND NEW SPACE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Hi, I’m Ben.

(and that’s Em)
I want to tell you a story, but we’re going to start at the end (thus far).
We have two going concerns:
We supported two Kodiak launches in 2018
We also build rocket parts in Palmer.
A place known more for giant vegetables grown under the Midnight Sun.
The RSS
We were occasionally chased off by rocket launches.
We also helped with fairing recovery testing.
I got my start in the New Space Biz by working for SpaceX.
VAFB SLC-4E
First Launch (Flt 6)
Sometimes rockets would come and try to land …
... at first, it didn’t work so good.
I got my start at SpaceX because of the Alaska Space Grant.
I grew up in a small part of Alaska. Space camps were few and far between.
I was looking for a project at UAF.

Clean glassware in the chem building or...
Help build and launch SRP-5
Build CubeSats and fly on the Weightless Wonder
Alaska Space Grant gave me my first glimpse of the aerospace industry.
It prepared me for research and jobs that didn’t even exist yet.
It taught me to design, build, fail in a converging iterative loop.
Thanks!

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