Oliver Springs, Tennessee
Walking/Driving Trail of sites in the filming of the movie
*Rocket Boys / October Sky*
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Map redrawn by Charlie Myers from Mr. Tichy's original map.
Photos by Leonard Berry and Charlie Myers.
Note: from #1 to #16 is approximately 0.5 miles (0.80 km)

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#1: Interior & Exterior Filming. **Coalwood General Store.** 430 Main Street. Building was originally built as the Seinknecht general store.

#2: Interior & Exterior Filming. **Union Hall.** 410 Main Street. Built in 1907 as a bank. Note the union decals from the filming that are still on the doors.

#3: Interior Filming Only. **Miss Riley’s (Laura Dern) Home.** 117 Roane Street. Once a small hotel.

#4: Exterior Filming Only. **Miss Riley’s Home.** 307 Kingston Avenue.

#5: Interior Filming Only. **Hickam House.** 110 Roane Street. Former J.S. Keebler home. Note that the exterior filming of the Hickam house was done in Petros, Tennessee.

#6: Interior Filming Only. **Hickam House Basement.** The basement set was built in this barn behind the Parnell house at 315 West Spring Street.
#7: (above): Street Scenes in the Filming. Main Street in Oliver Springs. Coal miners going to and from mine, general store scenes, union hall scenes, Greyhound Bus scenes.

#8: Street Scenes in the Filming. Roane Street approaching the railroad track. Rocket Boys pushing their disabled car.

#9 (right): Street Scenes in the Filming. Stone Alley at Roane Street. Homer looking for Quentin’s home in War, West Virginia. Note: Homer is seen asking a woman for directions at this light pole. Then he runs down Stone Alley.

#10: Street Scenes Used in the Filming. This is the house at 307 Kingston Avenue used for the exterior filming of Ms. Riley’s home. Homer is seen riding his bicycle, dropping it in the driveway, and running up the steps to visit Ms. Riley.

#11: Railroad with steam locomotive. The train was seen passing the Coalwood General Store near the beginning of the movie.
#12: Support Facilities. 421 Main Street was used as a holding area for movie extras. 417 Main Street was for actors and crew. Each building had its own food concession.

#15: Support Area. This is where the antique autos were parked. The lot is also off of East Spring Street.

#14: Support Area: This is where trailers for actors, make-up and costumes were parked. The lot is off of East Spring Street.

#16: Support Building. This is the Oliver Springs High School at 419 Kingston Avenue. The high-school was used for pre-movie auditions.

#17: Temporary Movie Prop and Photograph Window Exhibit. This window is located at 107 Roane Street. Charles Tichy has assembled a collection of movie props and photographs. Also available upon request are many paper files from the production of the movie including the four different revisions of the script, the daily filming and script sheets, the detailed monthly budget ledgers, administrative notes, movie set drawings, screening of actors for various parts, and other documents.

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