

OROC Meeting Minutes

Date: July 3, 2008

Location: Giovanni's Restaurant, Beaverton, Oregon

Club Officers Present : Stephen Tarr, Yvonne Moscoe

Meeting notes by Steve Tarr

We only had two board members (Yvonne and myself), so we didn't have a quorum. On top of that, I forgot to start Gary's tape recorder, so we don't have a recording. I guess this will have to do for minutes...

The meeting was lightly attended. We talked about the July launch. Mark Dunkle and Joe Bevier both said they would probably be able to haul the trailer, but wouldn't know for sure until after next week. That's cutting it pretty close (again) but we'll probably be OK. Worst case, I supposed we'll have to find someone to haul between Bend and the launch site and then arrange a separate trip later this month or early next month to bring the trailer back over the pass.

Most of the discussion time was spent talking about a proposal that George Rachor and I are working on. The owner of Hillsboro Hobbies has offered his back-of-store space for a rocket build session, probably Sept. 6-7. That's a week after Labor Day and two weeks before Sheridan. We have the usual conflicts with BALLS, XPRS, etc. to deal with, but there should be enough of us NOT going to those launches to be able to host a public build session and then run the Sheridan launch. George and I are hoping to meet with the owner next week to work out details.

John Lyngdal is working on new low-power launch pads and asked for (and, I think, got) some help with vacuum bagging for the top "deck" assembly. We'll still need to purchase some new launch rods (hint: 1/8" stainless rod should be available from a welding supply store) and fire shields (fiberglass welding blankets from Harbor Freight). We'll have to coordinate that along with a small trailer party sometime next month.

The Tigard HS TARC team brought a video they had made (not the one CNN broadcast) and handed out a few copies on DVD. George will coordinate with Jeff and Greg to see how best to post this on the OROC web site.

Neither Greg or Yvonne will be at the July launch. Gary may be there

Sunday afternoon, but not before. I have the cash box, wrist bands, etc. Still TBD: trailer hauling (should settle out this week), Tripoli cert flights. Anything else?

Gary - I found the Rocketry magazine gift certificates in the box, but didn't have any details about what you had or hadn't planned to do with them. In the absence of any other direction, at least one member suggested that we could use them as bonuses for trailer hauling, perhaps in October. We can all decide this formally at the August meeting.

Mark - could we store the trailer at your place after this launch and until Sheridan?

Greg - I have at least one request for help tracking a flight at this launch. Would you send me your "loaner" transmitter and a battery?

Greg - Will there be someone at the launch to handle Tripoli tests and cert flights or should I just sign them up with NAR and let them certify that way?

Randy, JP - Will you be at this launch? Who's handling the waiver calls?

Robert - Save the email addresses on this list. You'll need them until we get you added to the regular BOD mailing list.

-Steve Tarr

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