

Oregon Rocketry February Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, February 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Robert Krausert.

Officers present: Robert Krausert, Gary Goncher, and Yvonne Moscoe.

Brothers Waiver Update

Randy Birzer called the FAA this week to discuss the Oregon Rocketry waiver for the Brothers launch site. The new Title 14 Part 101 regulations governing amateur rocketry went into effect on Monday, Feb. 2, but according to the local FAA office this summer will be business as usual. A waiver will need to be requested, and night launches can proceed as they have in the past. Oregon Rocketry has filed an application for a waiver for every weekend this year for launches to 22,500 feet MSL, with windows to 35,000 feet MSL depending on air national guard activities. 24 hour notice will still be required for "FAR 101" launches of rockets 3.3 pounds and below.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 14: Packard Memorial Park launch

A second low/mid power launch will be held at Memorial Park in Wilsonville on Saturday, Feb. 14. The launch will start at noon. The launch field is big enough for flights up to F impulse.

Feb. 16: Science Fair, Salem

Oregon Rocketry will be participating in the science fair in Salem on Monday, Feb. 16. This is an all-day event at the A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village science museum in Salem. Steve Tarr will be making a presentation and is looking for help. If you can participate please contact Robert Krausert (lawndart.robert@gmail.com) or Steve Tarr (stevet19759@comcast.net). Information on the museum and the event can be found at <http://acgilbert.org/sizzlingscience.htm>.

Membership Survey Highlights

Robert Krausert sent out a request for information from members on their past rocketry experiences and has received 35 replies. Robert highlighted some information from Dave Connet at the meeting on experiences in the early days of Oregon Rocketry during the mid 90s when meetings were held in Dennis Winningstad's basement. Nine members from the founding meeting were present at the February meeting. Additional highlights will be presented at future meetings.

TRA Certification Rule Changes

Fred Azinger (TRA TAP) gave an update on rule changes in 2009 for TRA certifications. The following changes were noted:

- 1) "Odd rocs" are no longer permitted for certification flights. All rockets for certification flights must have parachute recovery.
- 2) Prior to a level 3 certification flight, the applicant must have flown at least one level 2 flight with full electronic recovery.
- 3) Level 3 certification flights must have two completely separate electronics systems for recovery.

4) Members can now certify on Research launch days.

Treasurer's Report

Yvonne Moscoe reported the following financial figures for Oregon Rocketry (totals include the land fund):

\$1315	Deposits since 1/15/2009
\$306.54	Payments since 1/15/2009 (Post Office box, election mailings)
\$6116.25	Total funds

There was some discussion about whether the lease for the Brothers launch site is up for renewal this year. Approval was granted to pay the annual lease if it is still in effect; lease renewal if necessary will be discussed at the next meeting.

Profitt Videos

Videos from early Oregon Rocketry launches were presented by Dave Profitt at the conclusion of the meeting. There was some good footage from the September, 1998 launch at Amity showing a Loc Magnum on a J125 smoky motor behaving like a cruise missile. There was also some good footage from a 1999 Millican launch showing rockets and other extracurricular activities. Thanks very much Dave for some very entertaining video and a bit of club history.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Gary Goncher, Oregon Rocketry Secretary

Please send any additions or corrections to the minutes to garyg_nwr@verizon.net