

Oregon Rocketry June Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, June 4, 2009

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

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

Daybreak School Event Update

Steve Tarr discussed the rocketry event held on May 29th at Daybreak School in Battleground, WA. Technical issues prevented any rocket flights on that date, but rocket displays, presentations, and videos (including Vern Knowles' on-board rocket video) were used to introduce the kids to rocketry.

Brothers May Launch Report

Robert Krausert and Gary Goncher presented information on the May launch in Brothers. The weather was excellent (sunny and mid-80s during the day), and a total of 303 rocket flights were flown over the weekend. There were 165 low power motors (A-D), 90 mid-power motors (E-G), and 36 high power motors (H-L). Flights were skewed toward low power motors at this launch due to a boy scout troop trying for merit badges!

Brothers Summer Skies Launch June 19-21

The second launch of the season will be held in two weeks at Brothers. Trailer schedules have already been set up; Jim Dougherty will bring the launch equipment to the Brothers site on Thursday evening. Friday will be a Tripoli research launch as usual, and Saturday and Sunday will be NAR/Tripoli commercial motor launches. Hours will be 8 AM – 6 PM on Friday and Saturday and 8 AM – 2 PM on Sunday. Help with equipment set-up on Friday and tear-down on Sunday is always welcome. All fliers will be required to sign an updated liability waiver when they arrive due to a communication from the landowners to the north of the Oregon Rocketry flight line (more information on this will be coming at the next Oregon Rocketry meeting).

Wilsonville Memorial Park launches

There will be no June launch in Wilsonville due to the popularity of the field (and a request being submitted late). There will be Sunday afternoon launches in July and August, however. Please check the Oregon Rocketry for details as the launch dates get closer.

Treasurer's Report

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

\$5572.33 Total funds

Balance is unchanged from the previous month; new membership fees for April and May have not yet been deposited. There were also \$150 in OROC hat and t-shirt sales that have also not yet been deposited.

OROC Hat and T-shirt Order

The Oregon Rocketry hat and t-shirt supply is nearly depleted. A decision was made to order additional embroidered hats and t-shirts from the same supplier as was used last year. The previous order for 30 hats and 30 t-shirts cost \$628.75. Approval was granted for Yvonne Moscoe to place the same order this year, plus an additional 5 XL and 5 small t-shirts.

Deregulation of APCP Motors

May 16th marked the deadline for the BATF to appeal the court's decision removing regulation of APCP motors from the BATF. A low explosives user permit (LEUP) is no longer required to purchase or use high power rocket motors. However, it was pointed out by Gwen Moscoe that Washington State still regulates storage of these materials and is likely to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Purchase of APCP motors is also still subject to NAR and Tripoli certification policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. All present were invited by Robert Krausert to enjoy a glass of champagne or sparkling cider to celebrate the lawsuit victory in the APCP motor case.

Gary Goncher, Oregon Rocketry Secretary

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