

Oregon Rocketry February 2015 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, February 5, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

Alan Hammond (Launch Director)

David Armstrong (Safety Officer)

Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing Garrett Taos and Kathy Stansbury.

2015 Launch Schedule

Our President Gary Goncher announced the updated and finalized 2015 launch schedule, which schedule is as follows:

- Spring Thunder – May 15-17, 2015
- NXRS – June 26-28, 2015
- Summer Skies – July 24-26, 2015
- Desert Heat – August 21-23, 2015
- Fillible's Folly – September 18-20, 2015
- Rocketober – October 16-18, 2015

The dates of Spring Thunder and Fillible's Folly were moved due to Mother's Day and BALLS, respectively. The schedule also does not conflict with the fighter wing. In addition, the 2015 Wilsonville launch schedule remains pending while obtaining permits from the city is being conducted.

NXRS Planning

The President Gary Goncher indicated that preparations are well underway for what is shaping out to be yet another fabulous NXRS launch. As of last year, there will be lots of contests offered, most notably 2 shred races (54mm and 75mm), the T4 Challenge sponsored by Tinder Rocketry, and an altitude contest sponsored by Bay Area Rocketry. The NXRS 2015 kit by Binder Design is currently in the works. It was also clarified that anyone flying in the 75mm Shred Race going over 35K must fly from the homestead hill. (The altitude limit from the normal away cell is 35K.) Lastly, the lease agreement between OROC and Chris Beekman is still pending.

OSU Launch Report

Wilson Alness, John Lyngdal, Mike Wohlers, and Sierra Bray reported on the OSU pickup launch which took place in Brothers on January 31. Several new designs were tested out, including a canard stabilization system, a retractable rail button system, and some L3 electronics. Wilson Alness also did a shakedown flight of a rebuilt 75mm minimum diameter rocket. With clear skies and low winds, a good day was had by all.

NARCON 2015 Update

The 2015 NARCON convention at the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA is now less than 2 weeks away. Our President Gary Goncher announced that he is still in need of a few volunteers to assist with the presentation on high-power certifications. George Rachor also indicated that he has seats available in his van, should anyone wish to carpool.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$8,774.03 with \$3,470.31 in deposits made last month and \$616.59 in expenses paid. He also reported that a payment of \$1400 to Chris Beekman would be going in the mail following the meeting.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 88 paid memberships for 2015, which includes 1 received in the club's mail and 2 received at the meeting.

Wireless Launch Controller Presentation

Keith Packard demonstrated his wireless launch controller system, and then answered various questions about said system. The possibility of organizing a "build party" to construct pad boxes was also brought up.

Education Topics

The President Gary Goncher updated us on the various education topics that club members expressed interest in learning more about. He is looking for members interested in presenting on these topics.

Fir Grove Elementary School Launch Report

Paul Bogdanich reported on the annual model launch held at Fir Grove Elementary School, with great success. Erik McKee, Stefan Jones, and Bruce Carey were also present at the event.

Club Outreach

The Promotions Director Tim Ryerse reported that brochures will be available following the finalization of the Wilsonville launch schedule. George Rachor also indicated that his TARC outreach is always available to anyone who is so inclined.

Composites Presentation

As part of the effort to include education topics at club meetings, Bruce Carey presented on working with composites, namely the safety concerns involved.

Adjournment

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:43 PM.

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