

## **Oregon Rocketry March 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, March 5, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:36 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)

### **Call for New Members**

A call for new members was made, revealing Todd Farris, Tim de Boer, Don Duncan, and Thomas Friedman.

### **New Low Power Launch Site Discussion**

Our President Gary Goncher announced that we lost the Wilsonville launch site following a conversation with the Parks and Recreation department. Apparently they requested advice from their lawyers who declined our request to use their park for model launches. The President then facilitated an open discussion regarding options for a new site. He indicated that following a conversation with the Tualatin Parks & Recreation department, they are very willing to let us use one of their 81 parks with 240 different fields. The hardest part would seem to be scheduling a time that one of their fields is not in use. The President asked for volunteers to help head up this search process, looking at different parks for one that is suitable for our needs. Some of these needs call for a site that would support anywhere between 20-80 flyers, have restroom facilities available, and ideally would allow for both low and mid-power motors to be flown. David Armstrong, Frank Burke, George Rachor, Stefan Jones, as well as visitor Jim Parsons volunteered to help out with these efforts. The President then tabled this topic.

### **March 14 Launch Event**

Visitor Todd Farris, principal of Nellie Muir Elementary School in Woodburn, OR, announced his plans to hold a model launch event on March 14 (Pi Day) from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. He is requesting volunteers to help coordinate this effort, and the President Gary Goncher is looking for members to assist with said event.

### **NARCON 2015 Review**

Our President Gary Goncher facilitated a review of the 2015 NARCON convention, held at the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA. The event was very well attended with lots of OROC members present. OROC was involved with 2 events – Frank Burke did a presentation on RC gliders, and Gary Goncher ran a talk session on high power certifications. Both sessions went as planned with a great turnout. Joe Bevier contributed as well with an information sheet about certification flights of which he composed, which was well-received. The venue itself also featured a dedication of a new permanent rocketry exhibit at the museum, founded by Vern Estes and Bill Stine. OROC had a booth in the vendor hall which gathered some interest. Lastly, a short discussion was held namely regarding the lack of outreach to a younger audience, such as TARC topics. Should OROC wish to help head up a future NARCON convention, the Evergreen Aviation Museum was brought up as a likely candidate. All in all, a good time was had by everyone.

### **March 7 EUROCC Launch**

Eugene Rocketry will be holding a launch event on March 7, coordinated by Tim Ziegenbein.

### **Wireless Launch Controller Build Party**

The President Gary Goncher mentioned the idea of holding a build party to construct wireless launch controller units, of Keith Packard's design. As the annual trailer maintenance was completed in the fall last year as opposed to the spring, this event was brought up as an alternative with either April 18 or April 25 as possible dates. A show of hands revealed much interest, and coordinating a day, time, and location will be underway. The President then tabled this topic.

### **Sunriver Nature Center's March Madness Sale**

Sunriver Bob is holding his annual March Madness sale on rocketry gear. Robert Braibish indicated his willingness to once again help coordinate on group orders, however could use some assistance with delivery and distribution of said orders. For more information please contact him at [cpovercg@rocketmail.com](mailto:cpovercg@rocketmail.com). In addition, it was asked as to whether Mike Gentile at Bay Area Rocketry plans to attend any of our launches this year as a vendor. The President announced that NXRS is currently his only confirmed OROC launch for 2015. As his margins are very thin it was reminded that we support him as well.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$7,934.53 with \$560.19 in deposits made last month and \$1,400.00 in expenses paid. A brief discussion was held following the report on the topic of putting club funds towards something like road work or a Kate receiver for the club.

### **Membership Report**

The Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 90 paid memberships for 2015, with that number increasing to 92 by the end of the meeting. The Secretary also noted a significant lack of new memberships received since the annual meeting in January. This was perhaps due to the fact that a higher-than-normal number of members brought their paperwork to the annual meeting (21 in total).

### **Rocket Glider Kit Possibilities**

Frank Burke announced the possibility of offering some of his glider designs as kits for purchase. For more information please contact him at [burkefj@frontier.com](mailto:burkefj@frontier.com).

### **TARC Update**

George Rachor indicated that he currently has room for 1-2 more members at his TARC field.

### **Brothers Pickup Launch March 14-15**

Wilson Alness announced an OSU pickup launch in Brothers for the weekend of March 14-15. The team is flying a 98mm N motor in their competition rocket to about 18K. TRA research launch both days, 42K window will be available, no club GSE or porta-potties. If you are interested in attending please contact him at [wilsonalness@comcast.net](mailto:wilsonalness@comcast.net).

### **Adjournment**

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at [wilsonalness@comcast.net](mailto:wilsonalness@comcast.net).