

Oregon Rocketry August 2015 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, August 6, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:38 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 Ian Walters from OSU.

Garden Home Launch Review

George Rachor and Gary Goncher reported on the August 1 Garden Home launch. About 40-50 motors were flown with around 20 people in attendance. The next launch will be on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. (No launch in September due to Fillible's Folly.)

Summer Skies Launch Review

Our President Gary Goncher reported on OROC's Summer Skies launch, held July 24-26 in Brothers. This launch was very lightly attended and was about 20% the size of NXRS this year. 65 total motors were flown – 4 on Friday, 47 on Saturday, and 14 on Sunday. 10% of these flights were low power, 31% were mid power, and 59% were high power. Rob Lamb once again had the highest flight of the weekend – 34K with a 3" rocket on a CTI M840. Gary Harris flew a J500G to J270W 2-stage flight on Sunday to 11,700', and recovered both stages successfully.

Desert Heat Launch Planning

The President Gary Goncher announced planning Desert Heat, OROC's next high power launch, is underway and scheduled for August 21-23 in Brothers. Due to fighter wing conflicts on Friday, a suggestion was made to make Saturday a research launch as well. A quick poll of meeting attendees revealed much interest. We will be on high fire watch given the current conditions in Brothers. The President then tabled this topic.

Brothers Road Work

The Treasurer Robert Braibish facilitated a discussion on improving the main entry road in Brothers, as it has gotten worse over the years and needs fixing. A quote for about \$5,000 was recently given and is more than OROC is able to spend, so other options are currently being investigated. Several concerns were raised by members about permissions; however this is not as issue as the road is not privately or county owned. Brian Van't Hul has offered to assist as needed. The Treasurer then tabled this topic.

Fillible's Folly Launch Planning

Logistics for OROC's annual Fillible's Folly launch on September 18-20, 2015 are currently in the works.

OMSI Maker Faire

The OMSI Maker Faire event will be taking place on September 12-13. OROC will have a booth there this year, coordinated by Stefan Jones. If you are interested in assisting please contact him at stefan_jones@comcast.net.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$6,742.92 with \$1,673.74 in deposits made last month and \$219.59 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

The Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 140 paid memberships.

Member Projects

Visitor Jim Parsons presented his usual collection of low and mid power rockets.

Adjournment

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:31 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at wa@wilsonalness.com.