

## **Oregon Rocketry July 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, July 2, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:33 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 Stan and Carol Speegle's first time attending an OROC meeting.

### **NXRS Launch Report**

The President Gary Goncher gave a detailed report on the NXRS launch on June 26-28, 2015. 212 total motors were flown (58 on Friday, 111 on Saturday, and 42 on Sunday) with a K motor being the most popular. 18 of those flights were low power, 55 were mid power, and 139 were high power. (As a reference, 143 total motors were flown in 2013 and 285 in 2014.) Special recognitions were given to:

- Rob Appleton and Dave Armstrong for weed whacking and clearing pad areas.
- David Birch for heading up range setup and teardown.
- Alan Hammond for handling waiver calls and scheduling high windows with the FAA.
- Joe Bevier for handling TRA certs.
- All who volunteered the use of their RV refrigerators for helping keep water cold throughout the weekend.

The weather was very hot (over 100 during the day) but most stayed comfortable throughout the weekend. Volunteer organization was spot-on, as was the handling of vendor parking. No concerns were raised by vendors this year, also a first for NXRS. There were some issues raised by members regarding launching into clouds, ensuring flyers take water and an FRS radio when they go to recover a rocket, and announcing fire risk/sparky motor bans earlier in advance so as to allow for packing accordingly.

There were a total of 8 TRA certs and 7 NAR certs, including successful Level 3 certifications by Rob Appleton, Kelsey Black and Darrell Smith.

Known contest results were announced, which winners were as follows:

- *Tinder Rocketry 54mm T4 Challenge* – Kelsey Black
- *Tinder Rocketry 75mm T4 Challenge* – none
- *Sunriver Nature Center Special K Contest* – Kelsey Black
- *Bay Area Rocketry Mt. Hood Challenge:*
  - Over 18 – Angelo Negila
  - Under 18 – Kenzie Brewster
- *Rob Appleton Mile High Contest* – Mike LaRoche

All in all, a very successful launch was had.

### **July 4 Garden Home Launch Planning**

Stefan Jones and George Rachor will be running the next Garden Home launch, scheduled for Saturday, July 4 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Flights are limited to C impulse due to the size of the flying field.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$5,288.77 with \$50.22 in deposits made last month and \$588.39 in expenses paid.

### **Membership Report**

The Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 134 paid memberships, following 15 new memberships received at NXRS.

### **Fillible's Folly Launch Planning**

Pending a confirmation from the landowner, OROC's annual Fillible's Folly launch is set for September 18-20, 2015. Our Launch Director Alan Hammond reported that our 5,400' wavier is currently in the works. Gary Goncher also informed us that having a food vendor again this year is currently to be determined.

### **OMSI Maker Faire**

Stefan Jones announced that he will be heading up a build-and-fly session at the OMSI Maker Faire event on September 12-13, the weekend before Fillible's Folly. He is looking for volunteers, and if you are interested in assisting please contact him at [stefan\\_jones@comcast.net](mailto:stefan_jones@comcast.net).

### **Rocket Sales**

Several large rocketry sales are currently going on by vendors including Sunriver Nature Center and Estes, as announced by members.

### **Altimeter Bay Presentation**

Wilson Alness gave a presentation on constructing av-bays, and answered various questions afterward.

**Adjournment**

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:54 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Aness, at [wa@wilsonalness.com](mailto:wa@wilsonalness.com).