

Oregon Rocketry October 2015 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, October 1, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:29 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

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 no new faces at this lightly-attended meeting.

OMSI Maker Faire Report

Gary Goncher, Stefan Jones, David Birch, and Ed Harrison reported on the OMSI Maker Faire event which took place on September 12-13. OROC's booth was a big hit (possibly the best-attended out of every booth at the fair), namely the air and paper rocket launch system that Robert Braibish brought. Overall, the fair was a most excellent time with lots of interesting exhibits, robots, etc.

Fillible's Folly Launch Report

Our President Gary Goncher reported on OROC's annual Fillible's Folly launch on September 18-20, 2015. While attendance was slightly lower this year than in 2014, a great time was had by all. Sunday attendance was light. A total of 429 motors were flown (down from 488 in 2014). 52% of these flights were low power, 35% were mid power, and 13% were high power with the largest motor of the weekend being a J. There were 40 flights on Friday, 349 on Saturday (387 in 2014), and 66 on Sunday. Veronica and Corey, our wonderful servers from Giovanni's even came on Sunday to fly a few rockets. Several issues were had with launch controllers, including the Vaughn Brothers system dying completely on Saturday afternoon (and was promptly replaced by our existing high-power wired system) and the wireless system experiencing its usual glitches. However, most issues were solved throughout the day allowing launching to go smoothly. There were several cert flights throughout the weekend, including L1 certs by Brian Hendricks, Brian Clark and visitor (now OROC member) Jim Parsons, and L2 certs by Thomas Hatley and Ed Harrison.

Garden Home Launch Planning

The next model launch at Garden Home Park will be taking place this Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. George Rachor, Stefan Jones, and Ed Harrison will be there to run the launch.

Rocketober Launch Planning

The President Gary Goncher indicated that Rocketober may get switched to a research launch on Friday and Sunday only, due to certain OROC members wanting to take kids with them out to the high power pads. With Fred and Team Hardtail not attending said launch, no objections were raised at the meeting.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Robert Braibish was not present at the meeting. Hence, The Secretary Wilson Alness gave the treasurer's report in his absence. The Secretary reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$5,951.78 with \$248.64 in deposits made last month and \$704.75 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 148 paid memberships, again a new record for the club.

Brothers Road Maintenance

Plans for maintenance and repairs on the main entry road into Brothers are currently in the works.

Trailer Equipment Maintenance Party

It was announced that the annual trailer maintenance party will once again be likely taking place in the fall this year, at the same location as last year (Salem). Dates have not yet been set but late October or early November is probable.

XPRS/BALLS Launch Report

Wilson Alness, Fred Azinger, Steve Cutonilli, John Lyngdal and Joe Bevier all reported on their various Black Rock trips. Lots of M motors were flown at ARLISS/XPRS. Fred Azinger flew a 6" pinned O motor to 31K in an 8" rocket at BALLS. Neil Anderson and Steve Cutonilli flew an O3400 to O3400 2-stage, which following a delay on sustainer motor ignition hit 87K. Wilson Alness flew one of his motors, a research N3500 in a 5" rocket to 20K. With perfect weather all 3 days, a great launch was had by all.

Fillible's Folly Launch Pictures

The President Gary Goncher shared his most excellent collection of pictures he took at Fillible's Folly this year.

Adjournment

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 PM.

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