

Oregon Rocketry February 2016 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, February 4, 2016.

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)

Board of Directors Meeting

Prior to the business part of the meeting, a brief BOD meeting was held regarding 2016 poll results, OSU's prospective launch on February 27-28, and OROC's 2016 webmaster.

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing no new faces.

2016 High Power Launch Schedule

Our President Gary Goncher announced OROC's 2016 launch schedule, which schedule is as follows:

- Spring Thunder – April 29-May 1, 2016
- NXRS – June 24-26, 2016
- Summer Skies – July 22-24, 2016
- Desert Heat – August 19-21, 2016
- Fillible's Folly – September 16-18, 2016
- Rocketober – October 14-16, 2016

This schedule does not conflict with the fighter wing, any large national holidays, or other events. LDRS at Lucerne Valley, CA will be June 8-12. Once again, the dates for Fillible's Folly conflict with AeroPac's annual XPRS launch at Black Rock, however interest showed more OROC members planning on attending BALLS (September 23-25) this year as usual. There is currently a tentative plan to hold a FAR101 launch at a new prospective site located in Silverton, OR, sometime in June before NXRS. Said launch site consists of 100 acres owned by 3 individuals, whom are all OK with our activities. The President then tabled this topic.

2016 Garden Home Launch Schedule

The President Gary Goncher informed that OROC's 2016 Garden Home (low power) launch schedule is now set for the following days:

- Saturday, March 5, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, April 2, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, May 7, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, June 4, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, July 2, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, August 6, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, September 3, 2016 – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, October 1, 2016 – 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
- Saturday, November 5, 2016 – 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

All launches will be held on the first Saturday of every month, barring any conflicts with the park. Note the slightly shorter timeframes this year to better match interest, and more importantly the later times in October and November due to soccer conflicts. George Rachor and Stefan Jones will be helping haul GSE for our first launch of the year on March 5. Volunteers will be needed to help run all launches.

TRA Research vs. NAR Commercial Launches

The President Gary Goncher facilitated a brief discussion on commercial vs. research launch days in Brothers. The only issue there is that kids cannot go to the high power pads on research days, a concern that certain OROC members with kids have raised. A likely solution to this would involve making certain Brothers launches TRA research on Friday/Saturday and NAR commercial on Sunday, allowing all members of both organizations to fly as needed. A brief show of hands at the meeting indicated no objections whatsoever to this plan. Members are encouraged to send feedback on this matter to the BOD at bod@oregonrocketry.org. The President then tabled this topic.

2016 BOD Feedback & Club Finance Poll

A brief report was given on the BOD feedback and club finance polls, included on this year's ballot. Lots of great suggestions were made and a big thank you was given to all who contributed. The 3 highest-ranked items on the club finance poll were a) Road improvements, b) PA improvements, and c) FRS broadcast over the PA. Our President Gary Goncher will be sending out an email shortly to help gather a task force for Brothers road improvements this spring.

2016 FAA Waiver

Our Launch Director Alan Hammond announced that OROC's 2016 waiver will be applied for in the near future, as our 2015 waiver expires mid-March. Anyone interested in learning more about this process should contact him at AlanH@clackamas.us. The final launch on OROC's 2015 waiver will be OSU's test launch weekend on February 27-28. All are invited to attend.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$10,805.23 with \$5,430.36 in deposits made last month and \$621.52 in expenses paid. The \$5,430.36 in deposits includes 2016 membership dues as well as approximately \$2,040 raised from the raffle.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 101 paid memberships for 2016. He also reminded members who have not yet paid 2016 dues yet to please do so as soon as they are able, and thanked all of those who have done so already.

Other Business

Several other business items were brought up by members, including a 2016 TARC announcement by our NAR Section President George Rachor, NAR safety grants by Stefan Jones, and the possibility of an OROC trip to a local Hillsboro Hops baseball game by Ed Harrison.

Presentations

Our President Gary Goncher gave 2 presentations – the first on OROC's new prospective launch site in Silverton, OR, and the second on different rocket altimeter/avionics systems. Next month's presentation topic will be on hybrid rocket motors by Stan Speegle.

Adjournment

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

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