

Oregon Rocketry June 2016 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, June 2, 2016.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:38 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

David Armstrong (Safety Officer)

Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

Keith Packard (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing Joe Lively.

NXRS Volunteer Sign-Ups

Our President Gary Goncher passed around a sign-up sheet for LCO and RSO positions at NXRS. As a thank you to those who signed up, said individuals were given a free NXRS bumper sticker.

Brothers Pickup Launch Report

The May 21-22 Brothers launch was cancelled due to weather forecasts and low interest. As such, it was moved to May 28-29. Fred Azinger, Rob Appleton, and Stan Speegle were all in attendance in addition to Clark College and University of Washington. Clark College seamlessly flew their project to 10,700' on an Azinger 98mm M2400 motor. It took the well-prepared team only 2 hours to prep and fly. University of Washington on the other hand attempted to fly an O hybrid motor with 22 lbs. of nitrous oxide using some unusual designs (such as a burst disk for ignition) and a very long prep process. After numerous difficulties finally ending with freezing temperatures inside their motor, they scrubbed the launch. Rob and Stan also flew several of their own rockets. Lastly, some sagebrush clearing was completed up at the homestead hill launch site.

Garden Home Launch Planning

The next Garden Home launch will be taking place this Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Stefan Jones and Erik McKee (who has the GSE) will be there to run the launch.

Silverton Launch Planning

The next Silverton FAR101 launch will be taking place on June 11, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM following the success of the test launch back in April. There will not be a barbecue this time; however pizza in town afterwards is more than likely.

NXRS Planning

Our President Gary Goncher facilitated planning for OROC's NXRS 2016 launch on June 24-26, 2016. There will be 3 different contests sponsored by Sunriver Nature Center, Bay Area Rocketry, and Tinder Rocketry. Tim Ryerse announced that thanks to Erik McKee's fundraising efforts from the raffle, 4 dump truck loads of gravel have been delivered to the launch site road, 42 cubic yards total. Some manual labor may be needed to help spread out said gravel, in addition to further clearing sagebrush from pad areas. Fire suppression equipment will be available on-site, and pad/range layouts are currently being determined. The President then tabled this topic.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$11,103.98 with \$420.43 in deposits made last month and \$186.37 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

The Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 121 paid memberships for 2016, with that number increasing to 123 by the end of the meeting.

TARC Update

George Rachor and Stefan Jones updated us on various TARC team happenings in the Portland area.

Website Update

Webmaster Brian Clark announced that he now has a "countdown to NXRS" clock imbedded on the home page of OROC's website, and is continually updating content there.

CTI Motor CATOs

Frank Burke updated us on the current issue of 38mm CTI motors CATO'ing.

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 wa@wilsonalness.com.