

OROC Meeting Minutes

Location: Giovanni's Restaurant in Beaverton

Date: October 6, 2005

Club officers present:

Fred Azinger, President
Greg Clark, Launch Director
Bob Moscoe, Range Safety Officer Coordinator
Yvonne Moscoe, Treasurer
Dave Bradley, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

September meeting minutes were approved.

Yvonne reported on the OROC treasury.

Transactions made this month:

- Payments: \$3,161.53 including the payment for the trailer
- Income: \$1295.00 of which \$40 was from t-shirt sales,
- Current account: \$5,243.85, of which \$1,295.00 is in the land fund.
- \$500 owed for potty service.

Yes, that's right, after paying off the trailer, the club still has \$5,243.85.

Fred: We are going to sell the old trailer after the October launch. We'll use ebay to handle the transaction. The ad for the trailer will be intended to discourage non-local bidders.

Yvonne: We still need to buy shelving and totes for the new trailer, and get the trailer painted with a rooftop target and the OROC logo on the side.

Greg: Opened the floor for a discussion of what to do with the money in the bank. He asks whether there are club services that could be improved upon.

Fred: Send suggestion via email to Fred: GSE, PA, etc. Hot springs at the launch site?

Announcements

The Sheridan Launch recap: Rainstorm on Saturday, no night launch, beautiful on Sunday. Many flights, a cheery family atmosphere.

The upcoming October launch following FAA waiver requirement similar to past launches. Friday is EX day. The waiver opens 8:00 am and is available until 10:00 pm. Any flights above the stand waiver of 18500' AGL require a window which is available up to 35,000' AGL and must be called in by our FAA contact, in this case Fred.

Saturday and Sunday's flights are commercial only. The standing waiver is 18,500' AGL. Windows available, on request, to 35,000' AGL.

On Saturday, the FAA waiver is open at 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. Night launches are limited to a K and under motors.

On Sunday, the waiver opens at 8:00 am and the range will be shut down at around 2:00 pm.

Greg requested assistance with setting up the range and range duties. Fred reminded that a permanent light is required for HPR night launches.

Steve Tarr: Niel Mckie would like to donate firewood. We need volunteers to pick up firewood.

Sunriver Nature Center Observatory, 20 miles south of Bend, free observatory tour.

Old Business

We bought a trailer. Don Harris recommends that we post a picture of the trailer on NW Rocketry. Yvonne agreed to do so.

New Business

Fred recognized a TARC Team. The spokesperson for the group announced that they are a group of local home-schoolers. Tom Walsh, with help from John, is their advisor.

George Rachor, NAR Secretary, explained that TARC stands for Team America Rocket Challenge. It is a nationwide competition. The year's competition involves launching and recovering an egg. Based on a formula, both altitude and duration are factored into scoring this precision event. The closest to the target altitude and target time wins. Qualifying launches take place all over the country. The finals are in Virginia near D.C. on May 20th. The National Association of Rocketry and Aerospace Industries Association sponsor this event. Fred suggested that the group send an email request for funding.

Fred announced the KMJK's passing. The Board voted to rename the October launch the KMJK Memorial Launch. Steve announced that a card was being passed around for all club members to sign. Other wishes were saved for after the meeting.

Fred asked for a show of hands for people who would be interested in an embroidered shirt or hat. Based on the amount of interest, Fred will pursue this further and report back with actual costs, type of shirt, style of logo, etc.

Steve Tarr mentioned that we need kid sizes T-shirts. Fred mentioned that we may have a fire sale on the remaining adult size T-shirts.

John Lyndal asked about people interested in a level one cert. No one expressed interest.

Brett asked for donation to the PTA prize he was putting together a beginning rocketry. Fred suggested Brett meet with Dennis to get an OROC T-shirt out of the trailer at Dennis' house.

October 1st thru October 9th is the International Week of Rocketry. If anyone flies during this week, send the information to Fred.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Following the meeting:

- Words were said in remembrance of KMJK (see below)
- Dennis was taking donations of bottle caps for Paul San Soucie who's son had recently lost his bottle cap collection during hurricane Katrina.
- Videos closed out the evening. Fred and his crew presented a video of BALLS. Rob Lamb's Level 3 to 28,000' was included. Eric Osman had a nice selection of videos too.

KMJK Memorial

Dennis Winnignstad thought renaming the 2005 October launch the the KMJK Memorial launch is a great idea. Karl Martin Joseph Kowert was known as KMJK on the rocketry email list, and Karl at the launch.

Dennis remembered a time when he was hauling the trailer to a Sheridan launch and was required to back up and detour around a bridge that was closed for repairs. Dennis passed Karl who had just come from reconnoitering the detour route. Karl assured Dennis that he would handle it. Dennis recalls that within two hours, Karl had returned with very professional looking signs and proceeded to mark the detour for the 200 to 300 cars that would attend the launch.

Dennis also recalled how Karl would stop in the middle of prepping his own rocket to help someone else. Dennis talked about how tough it can be to prep a rocket, how it requires that you don't miss one thing or there could be a problem.

Karl died of sudden heart failure at 44 years old. He had no prior illness or indication.

Dave Proffit read a "cowboy" poem he wrote. The poem is attached.

John Lyngdal new Karl for quite an extended period of time. John agreed that Karl's online persona was dramatically different from his in person persona. That was really emphasized by the people who spoke about him at the service. He was a true artist. His rockets were too pretty to fly, highly detailed. Karl had been taking a hiatus from rocketry and was planning on coming back soon. Even though Karl wasn't participating actively for a while he'd helped John with a nearly full-size AMRAAM. John had sent all the picture of this rocket he could find to Karl. Without being asked, Karl fabricated a beautiful conduit for down the side of the airframe because he wanted it to look scale.