

Oregon Rocketry July 2014 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, July 3, 2014.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:33 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

Alan Hammond (Launch Director)

Ken McGoffin (Safety Officer)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing Rob Appleton and Alan Williams' first time attending an OROC meeting.

Wilsonville Launches

It was noted that there are 2 Wilsonville launch events taking place in July. Sunday, July 13 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM is the normally scheduled OROC launch. On Friday, July 18 OROC will be hosting a model launch as a corporate event for Daimler Trucks. Paul Bogdanich noted that he will be there to assist, as well as possibly Wilson Alness.

NXRS Review

The President Gary Goncher reported on the NXRS event which took place last weekend. The President announced that this was the biggest NXRS event ever held in terms of attendance and number of motors flown. NXRS also had the fewest number of complaints with the exception of a few from vendors. The BOD is currently working on this issue. There were a total of 263 flight cards with 285 motors flown in total which is a considerable increase from 139 flight cards with 143 motors flown in 2013. A breakdown of motors flown is as follows:

Low Power (A-D): 44

Mid Power (E-G): 72

High Power (H and above): 189

Friday – 73 motors flown

Saturday – 153 motors flown

Sunday – 59 motors flown

LCO and RSO duties were well-staffed with zero no-shows, another improvement from last year. It was also noted that greater care must be taken with regards to vendor parking, blocking off camping in front of the LCO desk, and setting up RSO and registration tents. There were a great number of cert flights at NXRS, including (but not limited to) L1 certs by Stuart Rosenboom, Brian Richards, Dusty Baker, and Doug Powers. L2 certs by David Birch and Robert Kieffer. L3 certs by Gary Lech and Wilson Alness.

NXRS Contest Prizes

The President announced that the results of most contests are currently not known, as the clipboard with said results was suspected to have been left in the club trailer. The following contest results were announced:

- **Binder Design Max Q Challenge**
 - 3" winner – Chris Andrews (J510W)
 - 4" winner – Kelsey Black (L640)
- **T4 Challenge**
 - Winner: Gary Lacey (L730 to 22K)
- **Shred Race**
 - Winner: Chris Kamila (K700W to 21K)

NXRS Feedback

Our President Gary Goncher opened up a discussion for member feedback from NXRS. One concern that was raised was that there were perhaps too many contests this year (there were 9 total). While the Shred Race was the most popular contest and the Fruity Chutes 1Mn300 Challenge was the second most popular, some of the other contests had few participants. It was suggested to perhaps spread contests out over other launches. The BOD reported that there were several complaints from vendors regarding parking space at the launch. While the audio and FRS broadcasts were functional at this launch, there were some issues with the location of firepits and not allowing additional fires. A suggestion was also made to create an info sheet for flyer's meetings so that information presented is consistent and can be given to spectators who missed the meeting in the form a flyer at the registration desk.

Upcoming Brothers Launches

The President announced that volunteers are needed for 2 upcoming launches in Brothers:

Summer Skies	July 25-27
Desert Heat	August 22-24

Volunteers will be needed for LCO, RSO, as well as setup and teardown. The President is going to coordinate this via email. It was also noted that some equipment repairs for launch pads and audio equipment need to be taken care of before Summer Skies.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date the bank balance was \$7,106.74 with \$1,651.22 in deposits made last month and \$296.65 in expenses paid. Chris Beekman is still owed \$1400 for land rental for last year and this year, pending receipt by Oregon Rocketry of a contract from Chris.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that as of the meeting date OROC has 125 paid memberships.

Photo and Video Presentations

Gary Goncher and Fred Azinger presented slideshows of their most excellent pictures from NXRS. Fred also brought a video by Mike Moore to present, however this was dropped due to time constraints. The video can now be found on the OROC website.

Adjournment

A call was made for other business and being none the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:53 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at wilsonalness@comcast.net.