

Oregon Rocketry October 2014 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, October 2, 2014.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:28 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

Alan Hammond (Launch Director)

Ken McGoffin (Safety Officer)

Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

Board of Directors Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting, an official Board of Directors meeting was held regarding a request from a member for a complex-Q motor launch at Rocketober.

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing Joe Benuche and Neal Forrester.

Fillible's Folly Launch Review

Our President Gary Goncher reported on the annual Fillible's Folly launch which took place in Sheridan on September 26-28. This launch had perfect weather on Saturday and Sunday, which was a big improvement from last year. This launch also broke OROC records with a total of 525 motors flown over the course of the weekend, a 5% increase from the previous record – 494 motors in 2012. A breakdown of motors flown is as follows:

A-D impulse: 306

E-G impulse: 146

H impulse and above: 73

Included in these flights was an L850W flown by Chris Schlievert on Saturday, which was the biggest motor even flown in the history of Sheridan. There were 20 rockets flown on Friday, 387 on Saturday, and 118 on Sunday. The food vendor on-site Saturday, "Slick's Big Time BBQ" was a big hit for all. There were many successful certification flights as well as several newly-licensed amateur radio operators, thanks to the VE session that our Promotions Director Tim Ryerse organized.

Wilsonville Launch Preparation

It was announced that the next Wilsonville launch will be held Sunday, October 12, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Stefan Jones currently has the GSE.

Rocketober Launch Preparation

Our President Gary Goncher facilitated a discussion regarding Rocketober, our last high power launch of year, scheduled for October 17-19 in Brothers. Despite numerous requests from members for a TRA research launch all 3 days, the president indicated that cannot happen because concerns were expressed by some club members. Brian Van't Hul pointed out that perhaps this launch should be more accommodating to research flyers, considering OROC just held a commercial, family-friendly launch all weekend long at Sheridan. The president then had the meeting attendees vote on keeping Saturday a commercial day, while adding Monday as a an additional TRA research day. The motion passed, hence the schedule for Rocketober this year is as follows:

Friday, October 17 – TRA research

Saturday, October 18 – commercial

Sunday, October 19 – TRA research

Monday, October 20 – TRA research

Our Secretary Wilson Alness will be creating an online sign-up sheet for launch duty.

Orion Capsule Launch

Our President Gary Goncher announced that he would be attending the launch of NASA's Orion Capsule on December 4, and suggested that other OROC members consider going as well. It was also pointed out that there will be an SLS booster test taking place in Utah sometime in 2015.

Possible Kate Club Purchase

The president mentioned the idea of using club funds to purchase a Multitronix receiver, as Vern Knowles has now made Kate available for sale to the public. The receiver would be a shared resource for within the club, allowing members to purchase only a Multitronix transmitter for their own use, and then use the club's receiver. The president then tabled this topic.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$7,036.39 with \$851.26 in deposits made last month and \$698.59 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that as of the meeting date OROC has 138 paid memberships, which included 4 new memberships received at Sheridan. However, that number increased to 140 following the meeting as the secretary neglected to check the mail prior to the start of the meeting.

BALLS 2-Stage Flight Report

Steve Cutonilli gave the much-anticipated report of "A Money Pit," flown by him and Neil Anderson at BALLS complete with pictures and videos of the project. It flew to 118K on a CTI N5800 staging to a CTI N1560, with Kate plus lots of other electronics on board.

Adjournment

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

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