

Oregon Rocketry July 2016 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, July 7, 2016.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:33 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)

Board of Directors Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting, a Board of Directors meeting was held regarding the current status of the Brothers lease with Chris Beekman, and various property issues he raised at the NXRS launch.

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made revealing none.

Garden Home Launch Report

Stefan Jones reported on the Garden Home launch on July 2, 2016. A good crowd was in attendance with 66 flights, total. The next launch is scheduled for August 6, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Silverton Launch Report

Our President Gary Goncher reported on the Silverton FAR101 launch held on June 11, 2016. There were around 70 flights with a large number of rockets lost in the tall grasses, and surrounding areas.

NXRS Launch Report

The President Gary Goncher gave a detailed report on the NXRS launch in Brothers on June 24-26, 2016. 288 motors were flown in total (upwards from 212 in 2015 and 285 in 2014) – 68 of those were flown Friday, 170 on Saturday, and 50 on Sunday. 62% of those flights were high power, including 22 M's and 3 N's. There were several L3 attempts at the launch – Bruce Carey (success), Erik McKee (failure), and Brian Wheeler (success). Other notable flights included Dan Feller's upscale Dragonfly, Team Tapioca's M cluster rocket, and Neil Forrester's 54mm to 75mm motor adapter project. Lots of lost rockets were found over the weekend. The FAA had us shut down for a short time on Sunday morning. Many thanks were given those who served as LCO and RSO, as all positions were filled throughout the weekend. A BLM fire engine crew from Prineville visited the launch on Saturday afternoon, following reports of smoke. They were very impressed with our operations and attention to fire prevention. We will now be notifying them of our launch activities in the future to avoid further false alarms. Chris Beekman was in attendance on Sunday but raised some concerns about property usage and the large number of people in attendance. Fred Azinger raised several concerns as well, including too many dogs (most notably Chris Beekman's who was off-leash his entire visit), high power rockets waiting on the pads while low power was launched, porta-potties not properly maintained, and insufficient club gear – PA system not reaching the entire flightline, FM/FRS broadcast not consistent, and dead launch batteries. Lastly, it was determined that too many spectators, kids, and non-flyers were in attendance at this year's launch – including several issues involving unaffiliated spectators hiking and riding bikes around the homestead hill. Other suggestions were made by members, including sign-ups for fire duty, improving said fire prevention efforts, and sign-ups for range teardown. Special recognition was given to Mike LaRochelle and David Armstrong for heading up fire protection and sage clearing efforts throughout the entire weekend. Lastly, contest winners were as follows:

- 54mm T4 Challenge – Connor Kazmierczak (K375NW to 20,306')
- 75mm T4 Challenge – Rob Lamb (M2020 to 31,174')
- Bay Area Rocketry Mile High Challenge (21 entries total) – Brian Wheeler (5,216')
- Sunriver Nature Center JKL Contests:
 - J – Jeff Halstead (J510W to 15,417')
 - K – Paul Bogdanich (K375NW to 18,827')
 - L – Rob Appleton (L265 to 16,933')

Summer Skies Launch Planning

Our President Gary Goncher announced that plans are underway for OROC's Summer Skies launch in Brothers, OR on July 22-24, 2016. Despite the issues Chris Beekman raised at NXRS including his desire to cancel our current lease, the launch will still be taking place as normal with the 42K waiver available. However, every effort will be made to keep Chris on good terms with us in the interim. The club trailer should be on-site Thursday evening. Lastly, an official vote was made to set the launch schedule as TRA Research Friday and Saturday, and NAR Commercial on Sunday.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$9,633.32 with \$934.90 in deposits made last month and \$1,839.56 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

The Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 141 paid memberships for 2016, following 21 new memberships received at NXRS.

Fillible's Folly Launch Planning

Planning for OROC's annual Fillible's Folly launch in Sheridan, OR will be taking place at the August club meeting. A precise field location has not yet been confirmed.

OMSI Mini-Maker Faire Planning

Stefan Jones announced that OMSI's annual mini-Maker Faire will be taking place the weekend before Fillible's Folly on September 10-11, and would like to once again have OROC hold a booth there following last year's great success. Volunteers for this event are needed, please contact Stefan at stefan_jones@comcast.net if you are able or interested in helping.

Other Business

Several members brought various rocket projects to talk about, and Ed Harrison expressed interest in club members attending local baseball games.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 PM.

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