

Oregon Rocketry Meeting Minutes
January 12th, 2017 annual meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by president Gary Goncher. Members of the board in attendance were Gary Goncher, Wilson Alness (secretary), Robert Braibish (treasurer), Alan Hammond (flight director), and David Armstrong (safety director). New people in attendance were Adam Harris (PSU Aerospace Society) and Richard Miles (Oregon Star Party).

First up on the agenda was a review of the 2016 launches by Gary. Launch totals are summarized in the table below:

	May	June	July	August	September	October	Total
2014	149	285	122	104	525	138	1323
2015	143	212	65	-	455	167	1042
2016	140	288	141	78	253	103	1051

2016 totals were similar to 2015 totals, but were several hundred flights below the totals for 2014 due to the huge turn-out for the September Fillible's Folly launch in 2014 (while 2016 was nearly a wash-out for that launch). On the positive side, we had a record number of high power flights in 2016: 377 in 2014, 359 in 2015 (no Desert Heat launch in 2015), and 457 in 2016. It's great to see the high power flight totals increasing.

The following people were recognized at the annual meeting for exceptional contributions in 2016:

- Erik McKee, for organizing the club raffle for Brothers road repair in January
- Robert Braibish and Gary Lech, for jack-hammering rocks and spreading gravel on the road in Brothers in June
- George Rachor and Stefan Jones, for helping with nearly every Garden Home model rocket launch in 2016
- Dan Feller, for finding and securing access to a new mid-power field near Silverton in April
- Dave Armstrong, for organizing RSO training at the Spring Thunder launch in May, and for clearing additional sage at the high power and away cells to allow sparky motors to be used safely after changes to the NFPA 1127 rules
- Keith Packard, for designing and helping to build new wireless launch controller for Oregon Rocketry, which were used at all high power launches in 2016
- Alan Hammond, for his work in maintaining our 47k MSL waiver from the FAA in Brothers in spite of new altitude rules interpretation by the FAA
- Joe Bevier, for becoming a Tripoli TAP and doing a record number of Tripoli high power certs at the OSU pick-up launch
- Stefan Jones and Thomas Hatley, for setting up and running our air rocket hands-on display at Maker Faire in September at OMSI

2017 Election results:

Total number of ballots received – 71

President: **Gary Goncher** – 69

Secretary: **Rob Appleton** – 69

Wilson Alness – 2

Treasurer: **Robert Braibish** – 70

Launch Director: **Alan Hammond** – 70

Safety Officer: **Dave Armstrong** – 69

Publicity Director: **Tim Ryerse** – 69

NAR Section #555 President: **George Rachor** – 53

TRA Section #049 Prefect: **Keith Packard** – 51

We ended 2016 with a total of 154 members, a new club record. Robert Braibish will send out a treasurer's report separately to all members of record at the end of 2016. A brief financial summary is that we ended the year with \$5682 in club funds, after approximately \$8200 in memberships and launch fees collected during the year.

Thanks everyone for a great 2016 flying season. Let's make 2017 bigger, better, and just as safe.