

## **Oregon Rocketry September 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, September 3, 2015.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:37 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)  
Wilson Alness (Secretary)  
Robert Braibish (Treasurer)  
Alan Hammond (Launch Director)  
David Armstrong (Safety Officer)  
Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)  
George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)  
Joe Bevier (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

### **Call for New Members**

A call for new members was made, revealing Thomas Hatley, Chip Dreyden, Sheila Blaise, and Ted Moffat.

### **Desert Heat Launch Postmortem**

The President Gary Goncher gave a brief postmortem on the cancelled Desert Heat launch. Due to extreme fire danger and a recommendation from the Brothers Fire Association, the launch was cancelled at the last minute much to the dismay of the membership. However, this was deemed necessary due to the lack of firefighting equipment available in the area (as it was being used to fight other fires). This was the first time in many, many years that a Brothers launch had gotten cancelled for any reason.

### **OMSI Maker Faire Planning**

Stefan Jones announced that the OMSI Maker Faire is coming up quickly on September 12-13 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM on both days. OROC is having a booth there and a call for volunteers to help man said booth was made, revealing Stefan Jones, Paul Bogdanich, Gary Goncher, David Birch, and Ed Harrison. There will not be a build-and-fly session this year, rather activities will be held such as launching air rockets.

Additional volunteers are needed – if you are interested in assisting please contact Stefan at [stefan\\_jones@comcast.net](mailto:stefan_jones@comcast.net).

### **Fillible's Folly Launch Planning**

Our President Gary Goncher facilitated a discussion regarding planning for OROC's annual Fillible's Folly launch on September 18-20, 2015. The range will be set-up Friday morning for a members-only launch, and then Saturday and Sunday will be open to the public. Robert Braibish reported that our field location has been confirmed and will be the same field we have used the past 2 years. Port-a-potties have been ordered. Slick's Big Time BBQ will once again be in attendance this year selling BBQ sandwiches from approximately 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday only. A ruling on sparky motors is currently not known, but will be determined once we know field conditions. RVs will once again be allowed to park on the flight line. We need volunteers to help man LCO

and RSO, and the Secretary Wilson Alness will be posting an online sign-up sheet shortly. Several contests were suggested, including but not limited to:

- Spot landing.
- Low and mid power dragraces.
- Parachute or streamer durations.
- Most number of launches in a day.
- Highest altitude using an A, B, or C motor.
- Non-flight challenges (wildest rocket design, etc.)

Prizes will be sponsored by the BOD, club members, or from other sources. The President then tabled this topic.

### **Rocketober Launch Planning**

The President Gary Goncher reported on the poll results conducted by the Secretary Wilson Alness during last year's election, regarding scheduling of the Rocketober launch. Said results were as follows:

- 65 total selections were made.
- EX all days – 48 votes.
- EX Friday and Sunday – 12 votes.
- EX Friday only – 5 votes.

Given the overwhelmingly supportive votes from the poll and no objections whatsoever from meeting attendees, Rocketober is scheduled as a research launch all 3 days. A mid power pad will be available for anyone who wishes to use it.

### **Treasurers Report**

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$6,407.89 with \$0.27 in deposits made last month and \$335.30 in expenses paid.

### **Membership Report**

The Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 141 paid memberships, a new record for the club.

### **Possible Added Launch**

Following the cancellation of the Desert Heat launch, several ideas were brought up for adding an extra Brothers launch including a weekend in November, a Halloween launch, or an early launch next spring.

### **Adjournment**

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at [wa@wilsonalness.com](mailto:wa@wilsonalness.com).