

Oregon Rocketry October Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, October 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Gary Goncher.

Officers present: Gary Goncher

Wilsonville Memorial Park Launch Announcement

There will be a model rocket launch on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 2-5 PM at memorial Park in Wilsonville. Rockets are limited to class 1 (62.5 g of propellant), and will generally be limited to about 1000 foot altitude by surrounding trees. Please come out and join us for this launch.

Rocketober Launch Announcement

The last high power launch of the 2009 season will held on Oct. 16-18 at the Brothers, OR launch site. Friday, Oct. 16, is research-only: Tripoli members L2 and higher are invited to fly research or commercial motors, other club members are welcome to observe. Saturday and Sunday are open to all club members and the public for flights on commercial motors. Saturday hours will be 8 AM to 6 PM, plus a night launch if there are interested fliers. Sunday hours will be 8 AM until 2 PM or whenever there are no more rockets to fly. Camping is available, but dress warmly because it can be cold this time of year. Fires are permitted in fire pits only.

Sheridan September Launch Report

The Fillible's Folly launch was held on Sept. 11-13. Saturday was a great day for flying. Sunday was overcast with a low cloud deck, but quite a few flights were still made. Launch stats for the weekend were 310 motors used on Saturday and 142 on Sunday for a total of 452; the number of flights was slightly less at 426 due to clusters and staged flights. The most popular motor both days was a C. A very popular weekend for flying in spite of the restrictions due to the fire danger from stubble on the field.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report for the month of September since the treasurer was not able to attend the meeting.

Member Show & Tell: Chris Guenther

A new member of the club, Chris attended his first Oregon Rocketry launch this September in Sheridan. Chris showed off three rockets: Seaker, a 4" diameter 38 mm rocket, a Crayon, and a UFO (saucer with LEDs for night flying). The 4" diameter rocket was built for about \$30 using parts from eBay. The UFO uses plastic champagne glass stems with LEDs for a great lighting effect. Welcome to the club, Chris, and good flying.

Member Show & Tell: Paul Bogdanich

Paul Bogdanich showed off a new 54 mm minimum-diameter fiberglass rocket he is building. The rocket is approx. 40" long, weighs 1500 g, and is designed to accommodate a J570 38 mm motor. The rocket is dual-deploy, with the altimeter and recovery

electronics in the nosecone. The rocket sports machined aluminum couplers, and sims to over 12,000 feet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Gary Goncher, Oregon Rocketry Secretary

Please send any additions or corrections to the minutes to garyg_nwr@verizon.net