

Oregon Rocketry March 2012 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, February 2, 2012: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Gary Goncher. Officers present: Paul Bogdanich (Secretary), Gary Goncher (President) and Ken McGoffin (Publicity Director) Tim Ryerse (Safety Officer).

Introduction and Call for New Members

The meeting was called to order and a call for new members or visitors revealed three. Keith, Mark and Jesse.

Trailer Haulers

Mention was again made of the need for trailer haulers particularly to get the trailer over the hill to the first launch. It was reiterated that some form of trailer hauler compensation would be forthcoming this year but that we needed people to sing up to haul the trailer.

Wilsonville Launch Report

The last Wilsonville launch saw a total of 52 flights that was comprised of 22 A motors, 15 B motors, 11 C motors and 4 D motors. The next Wilsonville launch is Saturday March 10, 2012.

2012 Launch Sponsorship

It was proposed that the commercial only launches (Sheridan and SSX) be NAR sponsored. There being no objection the paperwork will be submitted to make Sheridan, SSX and the Wilsonville launches NAR sponsored with all the other club events being TRA sponsored.

Trailer Party

The trailer party will be held at 10: a.m. until the afternoon on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Dave Armstrong's house with lunch provided. In the event of unreasonably inclement weather on April 28th the trailer party will be moved to May 5, 2012.

Clark College Project

Keith Stansbury who is the faculty advisor for the Clark College aerospace program informed the club about the college's participation in the USLI contest. The basic parameters of the contest are launch some form of science or engineering payload and go exactly one mile AGL. The program needs to use the Brothers site for test launches before the competition in Alabama sometime in the Spring. The rocket being built for the competition is roughly 50 lbs and flying on an L impulse motor that develops 4,280 Ns of thrust. More information can be found at www.clarkaerospace.com.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer was absent but sent an e-mail advising that the current bank balance was \$5,718 which would imply that deposits exceeded expenses by approximately \$473 dollars since last month which just about matches the \$560 in pending deposits and \$50 in pending expenses reported last month.

Survey of Commercial Launch Controllers

The survey of various wireless launch controllers is continuing with most of the current emphasis being with the Merlin Systems option and more data will be presented at a future meeting probably next month.

Fire Extinguishers

The President called for the authority to spend approximately \$150.00 plus shipping for another Indian pump extinguisher and the authority was granted without objection. It was also mentioned that it would be useful to have several light dry chemical units in the trailer and that will be done as well as we should already be in possession of the extinguishers pending delivery to the trailer.

Additional Tripoli Prefecture(s)

The idea of forming a Bend and Willamette Valley prefectures was brought up and everyone thought at least one additional prefecture would be a good idea with OROC paying the hundred dollar annual fee. As part of the discussion Fred Azinger noted that the Portland area may also have an additional TAP or TAPs very soon so the decision on the prefectures was suspended pending determination of how many additional TAP(s) may become available, if any.

Adjournment

There being no other business, announcements or pleasantries the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. Please send any corrections to Paul Bogdanich @ tra11654@iinet.com