

Oregon Rocketry September 2014 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, September 4, 2014.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:32 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Ken McGoffin (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 Andrew Calkins. (Who joined the club following the meeting.)

Wilsonville Launch Review

Stefan Jones reported on the August 10 Wilsonville launch. There were many successful flights in addition to a few tree recoveries. It was noted that there is no Wilsonville launch in September as we holding the annual Fillible's Folly launch in Sheridan that same month. The next Wilsonville launch is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Desert Heat Launch Review

Our President Gary Goncher reported on the Desert Heat launch which took place in Brothers on August 22-24. There were 104 motors and 98 rockets flown in total. (15 low power, 31 mid power, and 58 high power.) 11 of these flights took place on Friday, 75 on Saturday, and 18 on Sunday. The most popular motor of the weekend as an H, followed by a K. 3 M motors were flown as well as 1 N. The N motor flight was by David Holloway at his first Brothers launch of the year which turned out not to be his best weekend ever as that flight separated shortly after ignition. In addition to that his 3X Upscale Mars Lander came in ballistic.

Fillible's Folly Launch Preparation

OROC's biggest launch event of the year is quickly approaching on September 26-28. Friday, September 26 shall be the normal members-only launch, and Saturday and Sunday (September 27-28) will be open to the public. A field for our use has not yet been confirmed; however this is still in progress. In planning for this launch it was noted that certain quad-pods need to be repaired. It is currently not known as to whether the boy scouts or Sunriver Nature Center will be present at this launch as vendors. Porta-potty service will be arranged for. There was also brief mention about possibly creating a flyer or other means to publicize this event. Our promotions director Tim Ryerse announced that he has arranged for a Ham Volunteer Examiner's (VE) session at approximately 4:30 PM on Saturday, September 27 for those who wish to get a HAM radio license. Those who plan to participate in this session are requested to email the OROC Board of Directors (bod@oregonrocketry.org) ahead of time so we can an approximate head count. Our Secretary Wilson Alness will once again be coordinating contests and creating an online sign-up sheet for launch duty – details will follow shortly on both of these matters.

Rocketober Research Launch Planning

Our President Gary Goncher informed us that he has received complaints from the usual members regarding making Rocketober a TRA research launch all 3 days. Because of this, an all-research launch is unlikely to happen, however some alternatives were proposed so as to be accommodating for everyone. Most notably the possibility of activating the waiver for a Monday bring-your-own-GSE launch in addition to Friday-Sunday was mentioned. The President then tabled this topic.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish was not present at this meeting. Our Secretary Wilson Alness gave the treasurer's report in his absence. As of the meeting date the bank balance was \$6,883.72 with \$180.29 in deposits made last month and \$259.19 in expenses paid.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that as of the meeting date OROC has 132 paid memberships, with that number increasing to 133 at the end of the meeting.

Wireless Launch Controller Update

Keith Packard gave us the usual progress update on his wireless launch controller plans.

Rocket Stickers

Rob Appleton announced that Mark at StickerShock offers stickers used specifically for marking the CP of a rocket. Rob is willing to acquire a sheet of these for use at the LCO/RSO desk in Brothers as needed.

OROC Raffle

It was asked if OROC will be holding another raffle at the 2015 annual meeting in January. The answer was yes, and that requests for donations will be made as the date gets closer.

Member Projects

Visitor Jim Parsons was present with his usual collection of various custom rocket projects.

Adjournment

A call was made for other business and being none the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:32 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at wilsonalness@comcast.net.