

Oregon Rocketry November 2014 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, November 6, 2014.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:31 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

Alan Hammond (Launch Director)

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 Brian Hendricks, Brian Clark, and Dave Hoshaw. Members of the David Douglas High School TARC team were also in attendance.

Wilsonville Launch Review

A brief report of the October 12 Wilsonville launch was given. While there was no exact count of flight cards available, it was a very busy afternoon with lots of models flown.

The next and last Wilsonville launch of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 8 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM. George Rachor currently has the GSE.

Rocketober Launch Review

Our President Gary Goncher reported on the Rocketober launch, which took place on October 17-19 in Brothers. The president indicated that this launch perhaps set an OROC record for the greatest number of high-power staged flights in one weekend.

There were a total of 4 x 2-stage rockets flown throughout the weekend by Neil Anderson, Rob Lamb, and Brian Van't Hul. A total of 138 motors were flown at this launch which was a significant increase from last year, likely due to the weather. 11 of these motors were flown Friday, 97 on Saturday, and 30 on Sunday. 25% of flights were low power, 30% mid-power, and 45% high power with the most popular motor of the weekend being an H. All in all it was an excellent launch to close out our high power season.

2015 Launch Scheduling

Our President Gary Goncher facilitated a discussion regarding our 2015 launch schedule. It was reported that our Launch Director Alan Hammond has received flight schedules for both the Klamath Falls and Portland fighter wings, which was greatly helpful. The president informed us that most high power launches in Brothers will be taking place over the same weekends in 2015 as they did in 2014. Most importantly, NXRS is scheduled for June 26-28, 2015. The Secretary Wilson Alness mentioned that LDRS is taking place over that same weekend. However, since that launch is being held in New York with only a 10K waiver, it was obvious that no OROC members are likely planning to attend LDRS. The president then opened up the floor for further suggestions on modifying or making additions to our existing schedule. Several ideas were brought up including multiple May Brothers launches, or holding an "early" Sheridan launch in April or May in addition to September. Robert Braibish is going to communicate with the farmer as to whether such an event would be possible given the crop conditions that time of year. The president then tabled this topic.

Possible Research Motor Classes

The president mentioned the possibility of offering classes on how to build research motors, held by experienced club members. A show of hands revealed much interest.

2015 Board of Directors Nominations

Now that the flying season is complete, nominations for the Board of Directors are currently open until the end of the December meeting. Our president indicated that our current nominees are as follows:

President – Gary Goncher
Secretary – Wilson Alness
Treasurer – Robert Braibish
Launch Director – Alan Hammond
Safety Officer – David Armstrong
Promotions Director – Tim Ryerse

NAR Section #555 President – George Rachor
TRA Section #049 Prefect – position currently open

NARCON 2015

Our President Gary Goncher announced that the NARCON conference in 2015 will be held in Seattle, WA at the Boeing Museum of Flight on February 20-23, 2015. Given its location, the idea of having an OROC booth or class there was brought up. The president is currently looking for volunteers interested in helping out with something like this.

Trailer Equipment Maintenance Party Report

Robert Braibish reported that the fall trailer party held in Dallas, OR was a great success thanks to those who helped out. Taking place at the workshop of a friend of Robert's, general maintenance was conducted and all electrical components of our launch system are functional at present.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$6,061.99 with \$100.27 in deposits made last month and \$1,074.67 in expenses paid. This includes \$550 paid to Gary Goncher for new merchandise (t-shirts and hats) as well as \$300 paid to Little John's as our final sanitation bill of the year. As we are ahead in terms of finances at the moment, the possibility of using club funds to purchase something like a Kate receiver or a functional wireless launch system was also brought up.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that as our launch season has come to a close, OROC has a total of 140 paid memberships. Those paid members shall receive an election ballot as well as a 2015 membership form in the mail shortly following the December meeting. The secretary will provide more details on the election once nominations have closed.

TARC Team Presentation & Info

Several representatives of the David Douglas High School TARC team of which George Rachor is mentoring were present at the meeting, including their advisor Sandra Mueller and several students. Sandra was especially thankful for all of OROC's help and support this past year. It was noted that the team's success during the 2014 season resulted in an increase to 22 team members in total this year. Team members Sarah Cook and Minh Nguyen then presented a slideshow and recap of 2014 Nationals, as well as their plans for the 2015 competition. Lastly, George Rachor offered the use of his TARC field for anyone who wishes to build a TARC project this coming year.

Possible 2015 OROC Raffle

It was asked if OROC will be holding another raffle at the 2015 annual meeting. As a club fundraiser is currently not necessary, our President Gary Goncher informed us that he is not willing to organize a raffle this year. After a call was made for a volunteer to run one was made and being no volunteers, this topic was dropped.

Adjournment

A call was made for other business and being none the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48 PM.

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