

Oregon Rocketry May 2016 Meeting Minutes

Giovanni's Restaurant, May 5, 2016.

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:33 PM.

Officers present:

Gary Goncher (President)

Wilson Alness (Secretary)

Robert Braibish (Treasurer)

David Armstrong (Safety Officer)

Tim Ryerse (Promotions Director)

George Rachor (NAR Section #555 President)

Keith Packard (TRA Section #049 Prefect)

Call for New Members

A call for new members was made, revealing Nigel Swalay, Louise Mendoza, and Dan Feller.

Spring Thunder Launch Report

The President Gary Goncher reported on OROC's Spring Thunder launch which took place on April 29-May 1, 2016 in Brothers. While the fighter wing had us shut down from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM on Friday and winds picked up early Saturday, Sunday had the best flying weather. 132 rockets were flown in total, which is an increase from 113 in 2015. 10 of those flights took place Friday, 92 on Saturday, and 30 on Sunday. Low power = 26%, mid power = 34%, and high power = 40%. 140 total motors were flown. Several notable flights were made including Frank Burke's collection of "Dynasoar Rocketry" gliders, Rob Lamb's M motor flight to 27K on Sunday morning, and Pat Harden's 2-stage. Brant Hendrickson also flew a staged I-to-I rocket which hit 6,600'. The mid power pad setup over at our old high power area worked perfectly. Lastly, Saturday's RSO training went well with many members now educated on the process. A great time was had by all.

Garden Home Launch Planning

The next Garden Home launch will be taking place this Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Stefan Jones, Erik McKee, and Gary Goncher will be there to run the launch. As always, any further assistance is more than welcome.

Other Upcoming Launches

Several launches in the Pacific Northwest are coming up in the months ahead:

- Brothers Pickup Launch – May 21-22, 2016 (OROC, 42K waiver)
- FITS 2016 – Mansfield WA, May 27-30, 2016 (WAC, 14K waiver)
- Garden Home Model Launch – June 4, 2016 (OROC)
- Prospective Silverton Launch – June 11, 2016 (OROC, FAR101)
- NXRS 2016 – June 24-26, 2016 (OROC, 42K waiver)

Wilson Alness will serve as launch director for the May 21-22 Brothers launch, and Rob Appleton will serve as safety officer.

NXRS 2016 Planning

The President Gary Goncher began the early planning stages for this year's NXRS event in Brothers. 3-4 different contests will be held, as opposed to 7 or more in past years. The slogan for NXRS 2016 will be "Do In On Xtreme Impulse," and bumper stickers are currently in the works. Launch setup will take place on the Wednesday/Thursday before the event.

Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$10,497.18 with \$470.41 in deposits made last month and \$266.00 in expenses paid. Some additional conversation was had on possible club purchases, most notably an AED system for use in Brothers.

Membership Report

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 119 paid memberships for 2016, following 9 received at the Spring Thunder launch.

Adjournment

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33 PM.

Please send any corrections or additions to Wilson Alness, at wa@wilsonalness.com.