

OROC Minutes – December 2018

1/3/19

Meeting called to order at 7:31

New People

Tracy Furutani from WAC

Membership binder was lost at Sheridan. Membership mailers were sent based on most recent electronic backup.

Season Recap

Record number of launches in 2018

Season Stats

More LP this year than HP

July launch had only 76 flights, lowest maybe ever

Rocketober was 192 flights despite restricted flight windows

6 launches this year, 5 last year (August cancellations and no April launch in 2017)

Stats did not include Sod Blaster (Tri Cities)

Stefan: Stats aren't kept at Garden home, but typically 50-75 flights per weekend based on flight sheets

Brett P: Why the upward trend?

Gary: Possibly more membership, possibly more outreach

George R: We provide a safe, legal place to fly.

George: 7 TARC teams this year, 3 went to nationals

Erik: Has the BOD considered as the launches get bigger, they might get more difficult to manage. At what point would we trigger more frequent launches?

Gary: Might need more fields, but we can host more launches if the members want more. Upgrades this year should improve capacity (pads, porta potties, etc.) Parking remains a potential issue. As the flight line extends, power / speakers become an issue too.

Erik: To clarify, what about shorter intervals (every 3 weeks) instead of longer season.

George: Don't want to conflict with other clubs.

David: Launches trigger other activities like the wildfire agency. Need to make sure we don't over-tap their resources.

BOD is willing to entertain ideas on how to even things out in terms of launch attendance.

Schedule

April: 26-28

May: 17-19

June: 21-24

July: 26-28

Sod Blaster Aug 31 – Sep 2 (Labor Day) (LDRS overlaps in Kansas)

Sept: 20-22

Oct: 11-13

Nov: ??

Maybe new Silverton site we can use. Dan Feller: update on Cascade highway, launch spot is 1800 to 2000 feet from highway, HPR could be an option. Need to look into filing a waiver.

Everything is TRA except Fillible's Folly (NAR). Silverton would also be NAR. Garden Home and TARC practice are NAR.

Schedule and brochure will come out in the coming weeks.

Stefan: Did we confirm Garden Home is reserved?

Gary: Not yet, will contact this week.

Garden Home launch dates? Start in April or May. Will contact parks and determine best option. Can we get a porta potty sooner?

Gary: The Good and the Bad of 2018

The Good

Improvements in fire safety. Special thanks to Dave Armstrong! We had training sessions in wildfire fighting. Good interactions with Brothers WFPA. Access to a fire truck. Purchased pumps and fire extinguishers.

We know more ranchers and neighbors which is a really good thing. The Stage Stop has a rocket on display and hands out our brochures.

More porta potties! Thanks Robert!

Addition of the April launch (125 flights). Well attended.

Sound system was upgraded after NXRS (amp, preamp, speakers). Also new battery/solar system.

New AED. Good job Erik and Kelly! Andrew H. works at OHSU and technicians there offered to provide input on shelf life etc. if we sent them model info. New batteries are probably available from Phillips.

Gary: Unit is about 4 years old, battery still tests good.

George: Where is it stored?

Gary: Not sure yet, might put it at the Stage Stop. Does not have to live in the trailer. We will discuss additional first aid supplies at the February meeting.

Cooperation with TCR on the Sod Blaster Launch. Dinner and raffle were great!

Thanks to all the volunteers who stuck around at launches to help clean up.

The Bad

David Birch is moving to Southern Oregon so primary towing and setup will require new volunteers. David has provided good work instructions for loading the trailer (which are in a binder in the trailer).

Near miss "cooler incident". We really do need more first aid / emergency equipment.
John L: No one did anything wrong, just very bad luck / series of events. Fortunately, people close to the impact were watching and bailed out of the way.

Cancelled August again. Not going to put it on the calendar this year. We will potentially add the TCR launch (Sod Blaster) to our brochure / launch calendar online.

We need more people to volunteer for RSO, LCO, and FSO.

Gary: Its just 2 hours. Please pitch in. Come ask questions if you feel like you are willing but need to learn.

Erik: Please identify list of people with experience in clusters and staging for FSO reference. L3 as well.

Pete E: How can we make that list available on a per launch basis per attendance?

Gary: For staging in particular, verifying tilt lock out electronics.

John L: NAR is hoping clubs will regulate this (multi stage flight electronics) at the club level, rather than NAR having to impose rules, since there are limited options. For class 3 flights in places like Black Rock, it's not as crucial. For lower (20-30k at Brothers for example), firing a second stage could land you way out of the waiver.

Gary: The BOD will discuss options.

John: Update fliers on winds periodically. Maybe add a spot on the flight card for expected altitude over a certain level so the LCO is flagged to check. Comes down to everyone's best judgement.

Gary: Any other comments on Good/Bad?

Flight line runs out of cleared space.

Gary: This is an important topic. Will receive more attention this year. We are reminding people to camp closer together to conserve space.

Secretary's Report

Final 2018 membership count unknown. 140 renewal apps were sent out.

61 updated memberships, 51 votes. New board elected unanimously.

President: Gary Goncher (51 votes)

Treasurer: Robert Braibish (51 votes)

Secretary: Brian Clark (50 votes)

Launch Officer: Alan Hammond (50 votes)

Safety Officer: Dave Armstrong (51 votes)

Publicity Director: Tim Ryerse (51 votes)

NAR Section President: George Rachor (37 votes)

TRA Prefect: Erik McKee (33 votes)

No treasurer's report.

Presentation of card to Veronica.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33.