

## **Oregon Rocketry August 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Giovanni's Restaurant, August 4, 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 Kelly Bruland.

### **TARC Team Presentation**

Joe Ohama was in attendance at the meeting with his Knights TARC team, mentored by NAR Section #555 President George Rachor. The team presented on their 2016 competition, various experiences, and then answered questions and took suggestions from club members.

### **Summer Skies Launch Report**

Our President Gary Goncher reported on OROC's Summer Skies launch, held July 22-24 in Brothers, OR. 141 motors were flown in total – 15 low power, 35 mid power, and 91 high power. Of those, 31 flights were flown on Friday, 91 on Saturday, and 19 on Sunday. A local sheriff visited briefly on Saturday afternoon to confirm that rockets were indeed being flown, following a call received. A great time was had by all.

### **Garden Home Launch Planning**

The next Garden Home launch will be taking place this Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Rob Appleton currently has the launch equipment. Stefan Jones, Gary Goncher, George Rachor, and Ed Harrison all plan to attend and help run the launch.

## **Desert Heat Launch Planning**

The President Gary Goncher informed us that despite last year's cancellation due to fire danger, the Desert Heat launch is very likely to happen on August 19-21 out in Brothers, OR. Some discussion was had regarding EX vs. commercial days in Brothers, following a concern raised from the Boy Scout troop in attendance at Summer Skies. Following TRA's recent rule change allowing EX and commercial days to no longer require separation, the Desert Heat launch will be conducted as follows:

### **TRA Research:**

- Friday All-Day
- Saturday 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **NAR Commercial:**

- Saturday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Sunday All-Day

Several other suggestions were made, including dividing EX vs. commercial on a rack-by-rack basis, however the split days will be a good test of this concept. It is not currently known who will be hauling the club trailer back to Portland after the launch for Fillible's Folly.

## **Fillible's Folly Launch Planning**

Our President Gary Goncher announced that OROC's annual Fillible's Folly launch in Sheridan, OR is set for September 16-18, 2016. Planning is currently underway, including talk of a food vendor this year. Slick's Big Time BBQ attended in 2014 and 2015; however sales quota was not met in 2015 causing an additional expense for the club. Hence, we will not be using them this year and suggestions are more than welcome for a different food vendor. The President then tabled this topic.

## **Outreach Events**

Stefan Jones announced planning for 2 upcoming club outreach events – a flight demonstration for iSpark Toys, and OMSI's annual mini-Maker Faire. iSpark Toys (a science-themed toy shop in Orenco) is holding a rocket day on Saturday, August 27 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. OROC will be in attendance to launch air rockets, and several volunteers are needed to assist with this as well as to man an info table. The mini-Maker Faire will be taking place at OMSI on September 10-11, and volunteers for this are also needed. Lastly, David Birch announced a 3<sup>rd</sup> event – Salem's mini-Maker Faire on August 13.

## **Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer Robert Braibish reported that as of the meeting date, the bank balance was \$9,309.70 with \$200.38 in deposits made last month and \$620.00 in expenses paid.

**Membership Report**

Our Secretary Wilson Alness reported that OROC has a total of 144 paid memberships for 2016, with that number increasing to 146 at the end of the meeting.

**Chute Release Safety**

Paul Bogdanich expressed some concerns following the new, ever-popular “chute releases” from Jolly Logic. As seen at the Summer Skies launch, several rockets using these releases were often tumbling in drogueless until 500’, or lower when the main finally unfurls. This creates a safety concern with rockets landing on the flightline. He then suggested setting a required minimum of 800’ or so when using these devices.

**Adjournment**

A call for other business was made and being none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:44 PM.

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