

NIRA - Meeting Notes
Meeting Convened: April 6, 2012

We had a great meeting as on Friday. We started off the meeting with me passing around some questions about the club history. We had some discussion about but no one there had any info about the history of the club. So we will have to do some more digging to get as much info as we can. So with that if anyone knows any knowledge or info please email Dave our webmaster or me at strikerr@sbcglobal.net on anything pertaining to the club history.

We discussed some committee chairs openings that need to be filled or whether we have no need for them. Equipment Chairmen: Marc Mitchell and Joe C. Events coordinator: no need for anyone official (if anyone has an idea let it be heard and we will try to get it done). Outreach: We all should do that at launches and at club meetings.

We talked about our club launch equipment and what it needs. We need a new battery either a jumper pack 450 amp or a 17 a-hr sealed lead acid battery. Also need a new tripod for the speakers, something stable for winds and about 6 to 8 feet tall, that can be staked down.

We had a good discussion about new launch procedures for at the field. This is to promote safety and accountability at the launch site. The final product will be hammered out, this is just a preliminary start. We will have a sign in sheet meaning if you want to fly you need to sign in and that is where you will get flight cards. This way we can keep track of who is at the launches. On the sign in sheet you will have to specify what you are flying NOT how much, just are you flying A-C, D and E, and F and G. If you are flying F and G motors you will have to put your TRA or NAR member numbers. We also will have range safety rules given out to new people as well as a mini guide book with launching tips and things. Remember this will be a work in progress nothing right now is set in stone.

We also had our Model of the Month with Matt bringing an Onyx and Tony Lentini with The Saber. With a close vote Tony eked out a win with his Saber.

With time permitting I like to have a rocket related discussion at each meeting. This month we talked about launch rods, like length and angle to get the flight you would like. When it came down to KNOW YOUR ROCKET, there is no hard fast rule about it or formula to what you should do. Every rocket is different.

Thanks

Matt Penkava
April 9, 2012