

SECTION MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2003

Present: T. Rossi, J. Yost, M. Kamide, L. Gerlach, G. Feveryear, D. Feveryear, G. Beaver.

The Vice-President, Tony Rossi, called the meeting to order at about 7:10PM and called for committee reports.

1. COMPETITION: [Glenn Feveryear]

NARAM-46: will be held near Manassas, VA, July 31- August 6, 2004, and will be hosted by NOVAAR. The field will be about 40 miles west of Washington, DC.

Upcoming Meets: NOVAAR will host the NICE Open Meet on September 28. The events will be B SD, B Alt, B RG, & 1/2A HD; Steel City Smoke Trails - 3, a Regional Meet, will be hosted by Pittsburgh Space Command in Jonesburg, PA, over the weekend of October 11/12. The events will be 1/4A SD, 1/4A PD[M], 1/2A CI Alt, B B/G, and E SRD; NARHAMS will host ECRM [East Coast regional Meet] in the spring of 2004, and TARC 2004 will be on May 4.

SPAAR Section Meet: A discussion was held on the idea of having a section meet this fall. It was decided to hold the meet on Friday, November 28 at Cocalico. The events will be 1/4A PD, C ELA, and B Payload.

SPAAR Regional: Discussion was held on the Regional meet that we had planned to hold in the spring of 2004 to replace RAMTEC. At previous meetings, we had decided to support MADROC by attending Regional meets hosted by NOVAAR, NARHAMS, and PSC. We did not hold one in 2003 due to the unavailability of De Sales University, but had planned one for 2004. Glenn will proceed to contact the officials concerned with the field used for launch at the Eisenhower Farm in Gettysburg that SPAAR has hosted over the past three years. A tentative weekend for the Regional was set at June 19-20, 2004, with the events to be 1/4A SD[M], 1/2A PD, B RG, B ELA, and

B HD. All SPAAR members, whether they are active in NAR competition or not, are encouraged, requested, asked, whatever, to help in this project.

It was noted that NOVAAR has graciously offered the use of their field for a Regional hosted by SPAAR. Our equipment will need to be transported. This offer was decided to be kept as a fallback position, in the event that Gettysburg or another suitable field cannot be found.

2. HIGH POPWER: Glenn advised that LDRS would be held in Canada in 2004.

3. TREASURER: [Larry Gerlach] Current balance is \$1,220.29. Larry gave a report on those members who have re-newed within the past few months, as well as those who have not.

4. NEWSLETTER: [George Beever]

Current Situation: George reported the obvious, that he hasn't gotten a newsletter out during this calendar year. He reported that in discussions with several members the viability or usefulness of a printed newsletter, considering the club has an excellent website was questioned. George advised that the major problem he has is finding the time to produce an actual printed, mailed newsletter. An, since no one seems to be fighting to take the job ☺, a discussion was held on the idea of a web-based newsletter in the non-traditional sense - in that the information, pictures and other data could be posted on the website, without it being in the form of a printable newsletter. Tony The Webmaster replied that this should not be a major problem; links could be posted to where the information is posted. This will require, of course, that several members install computer terminals in their bathrooms, since this is apparently where most newsletter reading takes place.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Search: Dale Greene, through Tony, reported that Tom Ha would be conducting a demo launch on Saturday, August 16 at the field he has located in Newville, PA. He also reported that there apparently would be a demo for the Civil Air Patrol, however nothing has yet to be finalized. In the discussion that followed, the idea that had been previously discussed

regarding posting a "Want Ad" in local papers for a suitable field, with the offer of payment, resurfaced. George volunteered to contact local publications such as The Farm News for rates, and if reasonable to go ahead and place an ad. A draft of the ad will be posted on the e-group for comment prior to publication. In regards to proposed locations west of the Susquehanna River, those present were not in favor of that being a long-term solution. The driving time for those SPAAR members who live in the Lancaster County area would be anywhere from one to two hours one way. This would be tough to sustain on a monthly basis.

Equipment: The transportation and storage of the launch equipment was again discussed. If we decide on the option of using a trailer, a 4 X 8 would be the minimum requirement, with a height of at least 4 to 5 feet. Larry Gerlach volunteered to check out the prices of used U-Haul trailers [there's your reminder, Larry].

NEW BUSINESS: SPAAR members are requested to plan to attend and help at TARC in 2004.

Bring the boost gliders we started this past winter to the September meeting. Time permitting, we'll finish them up.