

SPAAR Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2004
9:00 AM

Present:

Dale Greene, President
Larry Gerlach, Sec.-Treas.
Glenn Feveryear, NAR Section Advisor
Daniel Feveryear, future officer of some sort

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$ 1,314.57. Slightly "up" due to recent clump of membership renewals. Membership, however, has been "flat" or mildly on the decline over the past couple years.

Section Advisor's Report:

The SPAAR's NAR charter was recently renewed for another year along with field insurance renewal for the Cocalico field only.

Competition:

Members are urged to check out our web site for the schedule. Also a big reminder that RAMTEC is fast approaching in June!

Glenn offered a flying field in Maryland to hold a SPAAR section meet between now and June 1st in order to get required flights logged. This is a church property and therefore would only be available on a Saturday.

Larry also offered the Conestoga Valley (Lancaster Co.) School's field for a section meet as an "extension" to his (& George's) 4-H club's launches scheduled for April 24, May 1, & May 8. Glenn thought that May 1st should be the one to shoot for. Larry will get confirmation/permission from the school and report back to Glenn. If approved, the SPAAR launch would begin @ 11:00 AM.

General Discussion Items:

What to do with our "rail" launch system? It's never been used! Keep it or sell it? Larry mentioned that the local TARC teams all use a rail. Some of our members requested a rail a couple years ago but it seems no longer needed. Other members should chime in.

It was recommended and approved for the club to invest in another good launch battery before RAMTEC. Glenn volunteered to see this through. Give receipt to Treasurer!

Flying fields:

Decided to remain flying @ Cocalico for the time being. Have any "ads" been placed in the local "farmer's-type" newspapers as was recommended awhile ago? Let's (slowly) pursue the Conestoga Valley fields (referenced above). The Penn Manor field is also available as long as it's cleared through Chris Land first.

TARC:

SPAAR members were reminded and encouraged to attend the TARC qualifying launches @ Penn Manor every weekend between now and April 11th. These kids are doing some fascinating things with model rocketry and onboard electronics. Also a reminder for our members to attend (and help at) the national TARC launch in May in Virginia.

Other:

Larry noted an acknowledgment letter from Boys Club thanking SPAAR for their recent contribution to the Club for use of the meeting facilities.

Dale handed out a NARCON article on an easy method of fibreglassing a standard cardboard tube using inexpensive components such as: pantyhose and Miniwax. Dale has real examples of his work. Way cool! Discussion followed. Dale's the man!

Meeting adjourned about 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Gerlach