



Meeting minutes: Southern Pennsylvania Area Association of Rocketry

Location: Zoom format

Date: 8-07-23

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Tom Aument-President, Bob Wicker-Vice President, Glenn Feveryear-section advisor, Rita Feveryear, Larry Gerlach-Treasurer, Bob Touchinsky-Secretary, Mark Sternat-Member at Large, Bruce Canino, Rick Hackman

Treasury report: Lary Gerlach

Our current membership	68	
Old balance as of 6/12/23		2488.00
3 new memberships. 2 renewals		98.00
Donations. Dave Pinkertons' collection and Scott Boeckelmanns' sale of dog barf for club donations.		43.00
New balance as of 8/7/23		2629.00

Section Advisor Report: Glenn Feveryear

Naram is over in New Mexico

<https://www.nar.org/site/naram-64/>

NSL- West 2023 Is In The Books

NSL West 2024 will be returning to Alamosa next year in early June

NARAM-65—The NAR Annual Meet is set for August 3-9, 2024 and will be held in Pueblo, Colorado. The contest director is Scott Hunsicker. The event includes 7 days of sport and competition flying. An event specific website is to follow.

National Sport Launch (NSL) – EAST 2023

<https://www.nar.org/events/nsl-east-2023/>

The NAR Contest Board is pleased to announce the NRC events for the 2023-2024 Contest Year:

- - - 1/2A Helicopter Duration
 - 1/2A Parachute Duration
 - A Rocket/Glide
 - B Streamer Duration
 - B Payload Altitude
 - B Eggloft Altitude

2023–24 NRC CONTEST EVENTS ANNOUNCED

NAR Competition NRC Events for the 2023-2024 Contest Year

The Contest Board announces the following NRC events for the 2023-2024 Contest Year and NARAM-65:

- 1/2A Helicopter Duration
- 1/2A Parachute Duration
- A Rocket/Glide
- B Streamer Duration
- B Payload Altitude
- B Eggloft Altitude

These events have been selected by the NAR Contest Board and the NARAM Contest Director per Sporting Code rule 13.1.3. The 2023-2024 Contest Year starts on August 2, 2023, and ends on the last day of NARAM. NRC flying ends June 30, 2024.

NAR Contest info can be found here:

<https://www.nar.org/site-map/>

Carl McLawhorn Memorial Fly-Off 11

DATE/TIME

10/21/23 - 10/22/23

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

CATEGORY

- [NRC Events Launch](#)
- [Sport Launch](#)

EVENT DESCRIPTION

HP waiver is 5,000' AGL. For more information, please see PSC website. Sunday launch hours are 9:00am to 2:00pm.

LOCATION

[Weber Farm](#)

595 Tieline Road, Grove City, Pennsylvania, 16127

41.1809634, -80.0402428

NRC Events: 3 NRC events TBD, Open Sot Landing- Use any SEMROC Kit, D Flex Wing Dur. +All NRC Events may be flown.

<http://www.psc473.org/Contests.html> (scroll down to view event info)

Glenn made note of Semrock and Carl McLawhorn relationship.

Semroc Astronautics Corporation was started by Carl McLawhorn in his college dorm at North Carolina State University in November, 1967. Convincing a small group of investors in his home town of Ayden, North Carolina to invest in a small corporation, the company was re-incorporated as Semroc Astronautics Corporation on December 31, 1969.

Semroc produced a full line of model rocket kits and motors. At its peak, Semroc had twenty-five full time employees working at two facilities. One was for research and development, printing, shipping, and administration. The other was outside of town and handled all production and model rocket motor manufacturing. For several years, Semroc successfully sold model rocket kits,

supplies, and motors by mail-order and in hobby shops. In early 1971, Semroc became insolvent and had to close its doors.

After 31 years of dreams and preparations, Semroc Astronautics Corporation was reincorporated on April 2, 2002 with a strong commitment to putting the fun back into model rocketry. Many years of excellent service to the rocketry community passed by until sadly, on August 11 2013, Carl passed away and left a great void in the hearts of many rocketeers. He is forever in our hearts and minds.

In February of 2015, Semroc was sold to eRockets and moved to Dayton, Ohio where it resides today. It is our goal to continue the level of service and dedication to the hobby Carl and his family were so well known for. We strive to serve you, our customers, to the best of our abilities as we carry the vision of Carl McLawhorn boldly into the future.

General discussion:

Tom has acquired and is currently working on Spaars' new wireless launch system. A discussion was had on reliability, range, pad options and some scenarios that would arise. Tom is going to try and have the system at our next launch. Though it probably will not be in service until next year, it would be a good time to ask questions and see the advantages it affords our club.

It was noted the bathroom facilities at our Halifax launch were less than expected. Larry is going to look into that and express our concern to Fort Halifax for next launch. While on the subject of potty breaks, Larry shared the challenges of launch cancellations and costs. Our May launch was cancelled but Larry was able to defer the cost toward our June Launch. However as we talked about something like this happening, as the weather once again didn't cooperate the launch was also cancelled. We couldn't give cancellation notice soon enough and the porta potty was delivered to Zell farm. Larry did ask for a refund of sorts but hasn't yet had a reply.

Tony wasn't present but no concerns arose so far with our facebook page. If you have questions on that or need assistance. You can reach out to Tony.

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