

SPAAR Meeting
February 7, 2026
Breakfast at Tony's

Attendance: Tom Aument, Louise Aument, Glenn Feveryear, Dan Weinhold, Larry Gerlach, Mark Sternat, Eric Sschwarz, Henry Schwarz, Tony Rossi, Nicholas Rossi, Jim McGraw

Treasurer Report: 1642.00 opening balance @ 12/8/2025

860.00 – dues

250.00 – NAR Safety Grant

150.00 – trailer storage

23.00 – website domain

65.00 – pizza party

2514.00 – ending balance

Individual Membership Units – 32

Family Membership Units - 22

Membership units 54.

REMINDER: Dues are due by the end of December. Please send to Larry Gerlach.

Section Advisor:

The updated NARTREK program is running with three levels for both Junior and Senior program. Upon completion participants will receive a certificate. Cloth patches will be available for purchase thru the NAR Storefront.

vNARCON – 2026 is February 21, 2026. It is a zoom event, free to all NAR members. Registration is required. Time is 12:00pm – 9:00pm EST.

NSL East 2026 will be in Geneseo, NY, May 23-25.

You are encouraged to join NAR. There is also a Junior NAR membership available.

Safety focus: Now is a good time to check the flyability of your rockets and make necessary repairs so that they are ready to fly by our first launch.

5 degree launch angle (tilted downwind) is recommended for all flights. We need to particularly aware at Manor Middle so that we are not flying over cars/ road.

Competition:

1. Steel City Smoke Trails 26, Hosted by Pittsburgh Space Command, June 13-14. Weber Farm, Gove City, PA. High Power waiver both days. 9AM-5PM Saturday, 9AM-2PM Sunday.
Events: 1/2A FAI Streamer Duration, 1/2A FAI Parachute Duration, 1/2A FAI Helicopter Duration, A FAI Rocket Glider Duration, A Altitude
2. No word yet on if there will be an ECRM-49 in Mt. Airy, MD in September. This would be hosted by NARHAMS section #139.
3. NARAM-67, Muncie IN, June 28 thru July 3.
Spacemodeling Team Flyoffs and FAI Cup will be conducted concurrently

Events: 1/2A FAI Parachute Duration, A FAI Rocket Glider Duration, 1/2A FAI Parachute Duration, Scale, 1/2A FAI Helicopter Duration, C Eggloft Altitude, A Altitude, Concept Scale.

4. Carl McLawhorn Memorial Flyoffs 14, Hosted by Pittsburgh Space Command, October 17-18. Weber Farm, Grove City, PA. High Power waiver both days. 9AM-5PM Saturday, 9AM-2PM Sunday.
Events: To be announced

Old Business: Information about disposition of the old SPAAR trailer and purchase of the new trailer was given. Tom has retrofitted the new trailer with shelves and a bench.

Dates for 2026 Halifax launches have been approved.

Tom is converting launchheads with set screws.

New Business: It was moved and seconded that we send a donation to Friends of Fort Halifax for 2025 if one has not yet been sent. The amount should be the same as in the past.

Next launch is March 14 at Hambright Elementary from 1 – 4 PM.

Mark Sternat ended the meeting with a tribute to Tom's service as President of SPAAR.