SOAR
Southern Area Rocketry

2015 Annual Meeting

and Election of Officers

February 12th, 2015

A chartered section of the
National Association of Rocketry

Minutes from
2015 Annual Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2015

Meeting was held at the Tuxford Subdivision Clubhouse in Alpharetta, GA.

In attendence: (Apologies if I forgot someone)

Jorge Blanco	Alan Smithee	Keven Scholberg	Bob Nowak
Chase Corbet	Al Lanzi	John Adams	Jeff Coons
Jim Phillips	Roy Green	Joe Burley	March Briner
Glenn Harper	Steve Corrigall		

Meeting came to order at 7:00. Pizza was served thanks to Kevin's smart thinking...

Everyone at the meeting was handed a printout of the 2014 minutes along with the agenda for the 2015 meeting and the 2015 Launch Schedule

Election of Officers:

The elections and here are the results for 2015

President - Jorge Blanco
Vice President - Tom Kinard
Treasurer - Jeff Coons
Secretary - Everett Stowe

Many thanks to both Steve Corrigall and Kevin Scholberg for their service the past few years as VP and Treasurer.

New Positions (committee heads)

Launch Coordinator -
Contest/Activity Coordinator - Tom Kinard
Membership Coordinator -
Vendor Liaison - Jim Phillips
Field Liaisons - John Adams, Darrell Richey, Tim Callahan

GRITS 2015 (February 27th-March 1st)

There will be 16 High Power pads at GRITS this year.
Currently there are 31 people and counting, signed up to launch at GRITS with only a couple of weeks till the event. We have 2 venders signed up as well.
Come join us for a great weekend of fun in the sun, fellowship and of course, lots of rockets.

Launch Discusion

- The 2015 Launch Schedule is attached to this report. *Dates and places are subject to change.*
- SoAR is Co-Sponsoring GRITS with Tripoli Atlanta Feb 27-Mar. 1, 2015
- SoAR is Co-Sponsoring NSL 2015 (use of low power pads) May 23-25 in Orangeburg, SC

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Field Prospects
A few new fields are being sought for launch fields for the club. If any come available, the schedule will be updated.

Ideas on increasing attendance at monthly meetings
The idea was brought up about adding plans and events for each meeting to the SoAR News that will tell what is planned for the next upcoming Rocket Talk meeting.
Ideas suggested are, rocket videos, demonstrations, club supplied food, etc.
Watch for the SoAR News in your email box each month.

Trailer Maintenance
The clubs trailer needs some TLC.
- The flooring needs to be worked on and possibly the shelving at the same time.
- The wheels need to be maintained and Jorge said it will cost about $200.00 and he would get that scheduled soon.
- We're also talking about looking into doing a Graphics Wrap for the trailer. The vinyl is getting a little old and time to add something to the trailer to get people driving my interested in what our club is about.

Club Activities
It was suggested to have a bar-b-que at one of the launches this year and would be scheduled in advance. We would hold the regular launch but end earlier than ususal and then enjoy a little food and fellowship. Keep an eye on the launch schedule.

At this point, the annual meeting was adjourned.

Some members had a few rockets to show and some technical discussions were held about weather cocking and design.

Hey March,
"how long is that sucker...?"

2015 Launch Schedule

Jan. 10th - MSA

Jan. 24th - MSA

Feb. 14th - MSA

Feb. 27th, 28th, Mar. 1st – **GRITS 2015**

Mar. 14th – no launch

Mar. 28th – MSA

Apr. 11th - MSA

Apr. 25th – Lilly

May. 9th - MSA

May. 23th - NSL - Orangburg, SC

Jun. 13th - MSA

Jun. 20-21st - Southern Thunder

July 11th – MSA

July 25th – Party at Blanco's home, swap meet, etc...

Aug 8th – MSA

Aug 28th –29th, 30th - Freedom Launch

Sept 12th – MSA

Sept 26th – Lilly

Oct 10th – MSA

Oct 24th – MSA

Nov 7th – MSA

Nov 21st – Dragway, Commerce, GA

Dec 12th - MSA

***** dates and locations are subject to change**

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Agenda

1. **Annual Club Officer Vote**
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Treasurer
   d. Secretary
   e. Proposed New Positions (committee heads)
      i. Launch Coordinator
      ii. Contest/Activity Coordinator
      iii. Membership Coordinator
      iv. Vendor Liaison
      v. Field Liaison
      vi. At Large Board Member

2. **Launch Discussion**
   Available fields: MSA, Lilly, Dragway. Tifton
   a. Annual Launch Schedule.
      i. Should we continue the 2nd Saturday launches at MSA
      ii. How should the 4th Saturday launches be distributed
         1. Low/Mid-Power
         2. High-Power
   b. Regional Launch Co-Sponsorship
   c. Field Prospects
      i. Sam Smith Park, Cartersville,
      ii. Oakwood Rd. Oakwood, Ga (near Gainsville)
      iii. Old GAMMA field near Perry, Ga.

3. **What do we need to do to increase participation in our club meetings?**

4. **Trailer Maintenance**
   a. Floor
   b. Shelving
   c. Wheels

5. **Equipment Instruction**
SoAR members enjoy a wide range of equipment that makes club launches safe and effective. An issue that comes up regularly is that few of our members know how to use club equipment. Should we have a regular training schedule where club members are *required/expected/???* to participate.

6. **Club Contests/Activities**
   a. Dumpster Dive
   b. UPS shipping tube contest
   c. Club Project level 3 with TARA???
   d. Would you folks be willing to cut a launch short at to have bar-b-que?
   e. Are there other suggestions from the floor (help the contest director)