

SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: July 7, 2026

Number of Attendees: 11

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Robb White. The meeting was held at the Lebanon Public Library.

Our next launch will be Sunday, July 12 at Hisey Park weather permitting. Note the launch time has been moved up to 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to avoid the midafternoon heat. Set up to start at 9:30 a.m.

We will again be volunteering to do trash pick-up at the Lebanon Blues Festival July 31 and August 1. We need volunteers to work at the festival. Anyone interested should contact Robb White. The Optimist Club will make a \$1000 donation to SORA for our help.

We have been invited to participate in the Runway Fest in Dayton on August 16. Robb and Rick will get more information, and we will decide at the August SORA meeting.

Rick stated that the club's bank account was \$1529. The last deposit was \$71 from dues and merchandise purchases.

Harold gave a talk on designing scratch-built rockets and displayed several of his models including his latest polyhedral rockets. He stated that they would be taking flight at our next launch. He also introduced the "Breakfast of Scratch Rocketeers" to everyone's enjoyment.

Rick showed a video of the recent Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket exploding on the launch pad which had extensive discussion of the event.

Rick reminded everyone participating in NARTREK that paperwork was needed to go along with the rocket design.

Rick then played clips of NASA's wakeup music that was used to awaken astronauts in space. This included songs by Karen Carpenter, Elton John and Frank Sinatra, and a clip of NASA's banned music: "Paralyzed" by Norman Carl Odam, the Legendary Stardust Cowboy" which you only had to hear to know why it was banned.

Rick's tool-of-the-month was a two-gallon Ziploc bag into which he placed all the parts of a new rocket kit to keep them from getting lost.

Robb will soon be sending out information on having mid-week launches with individuals using their own launch pads.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.