



SOUTHWEST OHIO ROCKETRY ASSOCIATION (SORA)

BUSINESS REPORT DECEMBER 02, 2025

6:00PM TO 7:30PM NAR SECTION #624

1. Robb showed a video from Apogee Rocket Components on flying rockets in cold weather. Topics: keeping glues, tapes, shock cords, and motors in the car until ready to fly, using accelerator to help CA glue harden, being careful about plastic parts that easily crack, dusting all plastic chutes with baby powder due to increased stiffness, and taking care of black powder motors which absorb water into the cardboard casing resulting in the propellant grains pulling away from the inner wall resulting in CATO. Also, keeping yourself warm by standing on a rubber matt or cardboard, using form-fitting latex gloves under your regular gloves, and wearing insulated pants.
2. Robb updated the club on progress on the Lebanon Library. Progressing well. Hope to be done early January.
3. Kevin and Josie Enser, and Glenn Wolf renewed their memberships for 2026. Nice! And they will get a free updated name tags!
4. We sold one SORA hat, one mug, one t-shirt, and one polo.
5. Robb talked about a new rocket information book called "Making" Rockets" by Mike Westerfield. Lots of good, modern information.
6. Rick presented a lecture on use of self-healing cutting mats. Please use these to prevent your spouse or parent from giving you the evil eye when you cut up the unprotected kitchen table with your Exacto knives when making model rockets! Rick talked about how they "heal" themselves (fascinating science!), how to store for them, and how to properly clean them so they will last for 20 years.
7. Lee Berry is scheduled to attend the January meeting and will present a video of his trip to Apogee Components.
8. Total amount of money taken in \$84.
9. January's meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday Jan 6th in Loveland. This may change if Lebanon opens early.