

SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: October 7, 2025

Number of Attendees: 13

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

Our next activity will be on Saturday, October 11, at the Fifty Springs picnic area in Caesar's Creek State Park. We will be assisting the Boy Scouts launching their rockets beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Our next SORA launch will be at Hisey Park on Sunday, October 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Setup starting at 11:30 a.m. The current forecast is for clear, dry weather.

On November 8, we will be hosting members of Trail Life launching their rockets at Hisey Park starting at 9:00 a.m.

Pat Counts, physics teacher at Wyoming High School, has again asked us to assist his class with launching their rockets at Hisey Park. The date and time have not been set.

Rick Forrester gave the treasurer's report: Our current balance is \$817. Income for September was \$25 from donations and new member dues. We also made \$44 at the Hisey Fall Festival which was held on Saturday. Expenditures were \$313.74 at e-Rockets, by Robb, for 24 rocket kits and a bulk box of A8-3 engines.

Rick gave a report on the Hisey Fall Festival launch. We had four rocketeers making 32 launches of which 26 were completely successful.

Next month's meeting will again be held at the Loveland Library, but on Monday, November 1st, instead of our usual Tuesday meeting.

We have new members Nikodem and Prez Radwanski. Welcome to you both.

Harold showed his three-stage, scratch-built Caph Collider rocket, which he successfully flew last month. He explained his method for developing the design.

Rick demonstrated his ingenious method for preventing nested five-gallon buckets from sticking together. He then gave his "tool-of-the-month" presentation which was a small miter box kit. He recommended purchasing a larger, sturdier saw.

We watched a video of an Estes engine being removed from its casing, inserted into a glass tube and then ignited. It was very interesting to see the inner workings of the engine firing.

We had four young rocketeers present who were each diligently assembling a rocket kit during the meeting. We hope to see their rockets launched at Hisey in the future.

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