

SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: August 4, 2026

Number of Attendees: 8

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, August 9 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 again helped with trash pick-up at the Lebanon Blues Festival held this past weekend. Thanks to everyone who participated. The Optimist Club will make a \$1000 donation to SORA for our help.

Rick stated that the club's bank account was \$1593.51. The last deposit was \$64 from dues and merchandise purchases. He has contacted Metal Depot in search of a supplier for new, longer launch rods. He found that 6 foot long, 316SS stainless steel rods were \$11 for 3/16" diameter and \$31 for 3/8" diameter. A motion passed for Rick to purchase the launch rods. Robb stated that we needed to buy bulk packs of rocket kits, boxes of A8-3 and C6-5 engines, and igniters.

Harold gave a talk on using Open Rocket software to simulate scratch-built rockets and to check for stability. He handed out packages of rocket supplies to those wanting to try scratch-building a rocket. Hopefully, we will see some of those rockets at Hisey park in the near future.

Rick showed his Space Pen made by Fisher. They are designed to write at any angle, including upside down, temperatures from -30 F to 250 F, underwater and even in space.

Rick's tools-of-the-month were for making smooth fillets on fins. These included potters' scrapers, putty knives and even popsicle sticks.

We ended the meeting with a video by Tim Van Milligan of Apogee Components about different types of shock cords and their proper uses.

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