

SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: September 1, 2026

Number of Attendees: 12

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

Robb announced that we have received a check for \$1000 from the Optimist Club as a donation for our help with trash pick-up at the Lebanon Blues Festival.

Our next launch will be tomorrow, September 2, at Hisey Park from 9 a.m. to noon, set up starting at 8:15 a.m. This will be a trial midweek launch to gauge member turnout. Our normally scheduled launch will still be on Sunday, September 6. 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.

The Hisey Fall Festival will be October 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. SORA has been asked to participate again this year, as we have in the past few years. Set up will start at 10 a.m.

Rick stated that the club's bank account was \$2637. The last deposit was \$44 from dues and merchandise purchases plus the Optimist Club donation.

Our two newest members attended the meeting. Welcome to Aaron Quick and Timothy Baker.

There was a discussion about SORA possibly sponsoring a team to compete in the American Rocketry Challenge. Teams have three to ten students from grades 6-12. The contest consists of launching a rocket with two raw eggs to 800 feet and returning the rocket safely with the eggs unbroken in 37 to 40 seconds.

The Trail Life organization has again asked us to help with a rocket launch in November.

Harold gave a talk on how he makes square bodied rockets and displayed several of his completed rockets. Watch for his handout to be posted on the SORA website soon.

Rick's tools-of-the-month were handmade motor organization boxes made from cardboard and a Pocket Parachute Calculator from Apogee Components that allowed a rocketeer to choose the correct sized parachute given the weight of the rocket.

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