

SORA Minutes of Meeting

Date: January 6, 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 Loveland Public Library. Robb said that the Lebanon Library remodeling was scheduled to be completed by mid- to late-February, so our next meeting will still be in Loveland.

Our next SORA launch at Hisey Park is pending good weather. Check the SORA website for details.

Rick Forrester gave the treasurer's report: Our current balance is \$1367. Income for December was \$84 from donations and new member dues. Expenditures were \$25 for our launch system supplies.

Robb suggested setting the following goals for SORA for 2026:

1. Participation by club members in the NARTrek program.
2. Having a full day competition and inviting other local clubs to join us.
3. Getting more members involved with high power rockets, although we cannot launch these at Hisey.

Rick suggested:

4. Having a 90% success rate for our rocket launches.

Harold suggested:

5. Having more scratch-built rockets by members.

Starting in March, our monthly meeting will be on the first THURSDAY of each month at the Lebanon Public Library at 6:30 p.m. The March meeting will still be contingent on the remodeling being completed.

We viewed an Apogee Workshop segment where Tim van Milligan demonstrated a method for painting large plastic nosecones.

Rick discussed the requirements for certification at all three levels for launching high powered rockets.

Harold gave a demonstration of his new design for a kirinairon parachute made from a circular piece of ripstop nylon with slits cut into it. He will be testing it at the next launch.

Rick went over the annual launch report for 2025 showing various charts and graphs that displayed the data from all our launches for the year. He then discussed his tools-of-the-

month: tweezers and hemostats that are good for holding small pieces and reaching down into body tubes to grab things.

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