

SPAAR Meeting
June 9, 2025
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Tom Aument, Louise Aument, Larry Gerlach, Dan Weinhold, Bruce Canino

Treasurer Report: \$3,188.00 previously reported fund balance (4/7/2025)

+ 30.00	dues income
+ 20.00	toilet donation
- 12.00	email dodo subscription
- 182.00	toilet cost
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\$3,044.00	current fund balance (6/9/25)

current membership = 58 units.

Section Advisor: Report from Glenn - Website Excellence Award registration is due by June 30 to have the SPAAR website considered.

Reminder to NAR numbers – when renewing membership or signing up for a new membership indicate SPAAR as you preferred section so we get credit for your participation.

Safety reminder – we must not set launch angles such that rockets will fly over crowds or parking areas.

Competition: Report from Glenn - Current NRC contest year ends Friday, June 13th. Results must be submitted by Friday, June 20th. The first day of flying for the 2025-2026 NRC contest year is June 29th.

Events for the 2025-2026 NRC are:

- 1/2A Parachute Duration FAI
- 1/2A Streamer Duration FAI
- 1/2A Helicopter Duration FAI
- A Rocket Glider FAI
- C Eggloft Altitude
- A Altitude

If you wish to express your displeasure in the inclusion of a majority of FAI events in the NRC, keep you eyes out for Rule Change Proposals coming this year. Unfortunately, other than griping there isn't much that can be done to change what has been selected. However, I expect there to be some rules change proposals submitted that will place some controls on this happening in the future and you vote matters.

On the subject of Rules Change Proposals, I wish to thank those that voted in favor of my RCP for Classic Model scoring. It passed with 64% of the vote. This should make it more enjoyable to participate in this event in the coming years.

NARAM-66 is in Muncie, Indiana this year from June 22 thru June 29. It is being hosted by the Pittsburgh Space Command Section, Steve Foster CD. Steve was a long time supporter of SPAAR RAMTEC regionals, an International competitor and multi-awarded national team division champion along with Rod Schafer.

Registration closes on June 15th.

Events are:

Classic Model

1/2A Parachute Duration FAI

1/2A Streamer Duration FAI

B Rocket Glide Duration

1/2A Altitude

A Payload Altitude

B Helicopter Duration
D Dual Eggloft Altitude
1/2A Flex Wing Duration

There will be a separate sport range and high power launching.

This Fall the Carl McLawhorn Memorial Fly-off will be held in Grove City, PA on October 18 – 19, with a Friday night BBQ at John Brohm's home for those come out.

Website: Report from Tony –

1. Annual Website Renewal is coming up on July 14th. Last year was \$310.28. I have not received a renewal notice yet, but will report back when I do.
2. I have not been able to find a suitable website hosting replacement that would offer the same benefits that we have for a cheaper price. My recommendation for now is to renew with our current provider unless the price goes up considerably. I will continue to look at alternatives.
3. It was reported that the Paypal membership renewal link is no longer working. I confirmed this and I'm working with Larry to get a new link we can use moving forward. I believe there is an email address that is linked to our Paypal account that can be used in the meantime. I'll confirm this with Larry and we can look into it as an alternative.
4. No other issues reported for the website or the Facebook Group.

Old Business: Louise called the attorney for the Rick Hackman estate to check on status of settlement. They are in final stages of the real estate portion of this settlement and then will be able to make final distributions. We will be providing our EIN number to the attorney.

New Business: Tom will send out an email asking for number of people planning to attend the June 21 launch at the Zell farm. If the number is small, the launch and the portable toilet will be cancelled.

Tom will submit SPAAR website for judging by NAR.

Bruce Canino said that his access to ZOOM is being phased out. Louise set up an account and set up today's meeting. We can use ZOOM for free for 40 minute meetings and can piggyback two meetings together for additional time if needed. The other option is to pay approximately \$160/year (13.33/month) and utilize longer meeting times (up to 30 hours) with one login. The feeling at this time is to continue with free 40 minute meetings and have two logins available in case we exceed the first 40 minutes. Louise will schedule future ZOOM meetings with her account.