

SPAAR Meeting
October 6, 2025
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Tom Aument, Louise Aument, Glenn Feveryear, Rita Feveryear, Dan Weinhold, Bruce Canino, Eric Dorward, Larry Gerlach, Tony Rossi, Mark Sternat

Treasurer Report: \$2,537.00 balance at our previous meeting (9/8/25)
+ 20.00 dues income
- 00.00 (no expenses this period)

\$2,557.00 current balance (10/6/25)

Membership "units" = 62.

Section Advisor: NARCON 2026 – February 21, 2026, Noon – 9PM, EST; Virtual R&D Presentation Event

NSL East – 2025 – November 22-23, 2025, Nashville, Georgia. Hosted by SoAR Section 571.
17,999 ft MSL waiver. Flights restricted to 15,000 ft. Recovery area is a square mile of nothing but dirt.
Registration is open via link on NAR home page.

NSL East – 2026 – May 23-25, 2026, Geneseo, New York. More info to come, hopefully.

NARAM-67 – Possibly at AMA flying site in Muncie, Indiana. No date yet.

Safety – Countdowns NFPA 1122 & NPFA 1127, the codes governing model and high-power rocketry both require five second countdowns. The model rocket safety code requires a countdown before launch but does not specify a length. Abbreviated 3 second or less countdowns should not be used. Countdowns should have a cadence that corresponds to one second intervals. Rushed countdowns to beat a wind gust defeat the countdown purpose.

Competition: CMMF-13 (Carl McLawhorn Memorial Flyoff) – October 18-19, 2025, 595 Tieline Rd, Grove City, PA

9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday, 9:00am – 2:00pm Sunday

High Power waiver – 3,850 AGL

Events: FAI 1/2A Parachute Duration, FAI 1/2A Streamer Duration, FAI A Rocket Glider Duration, FAI 1/2A Helicopter Duration, C egg Lofting Altitude, Predicted Altitude (Use any SEMROC kit/replica). All other NRC events may be flown with your own supplies.

Friday evening BBQ at John Brohm's home, 106 Wickerham Dr, Mars, PA.

Web: Tony and Larry have been working through the PayPal issues. SPAAR must set their account up as a Business account rather than a Personal account. Larry has converted the account. There is a fee/transaction which generates a 1099 and could alert the IRS. This may be something that we need to address in the future.

New Business: Tom has received the Rick Hackman Trust document from the attorney. He noted that Farmland Trust has had to make several adjustments to their portion of the estate so it is good that we passed on this gift.

It was felt that we should cancel SPAARSPAM for this year.

A discussion was held about the proposed 2026 calendar. Members prefer launching at Halifax rather than at Zell Farm. It was decided to change the June 27 launch from Zell to Halifax. Louise will also add the dates for NARCAM and NSL to the calendar.

Tom brought up the possibility of a new trailer. He received notification from Keystone Trailers about a sale through the end of October. He will be visiting Keystone tomorrow to look at a 6'x10' single axle trailer. It has headroom of 6'6". There is an option of a drop door or barn doors. We could look at trade-in or selling ourselves. Tom's proposal is that SPAAR would provide \$1000 toward the purchase; Tom and Louise would pay the remainder. Tom will report back to the Board after his visit tomorrow. It is possible that action will need to be taken promptly in order to take advantage of the sale prices.

Glenn stated that the high power setup has not been effective and perhaps we should abandon its use. Instead Tom will extend the wire to the existing system by 40'.

The next launch is at Manor Middle on Saturday, October 11 from 1 – 4 PM.