

Washington Aerospace Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2007

President Kent Newman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Brad Wright and Greg Deputy were in attendance. Jim Wilkerson is in Japan on Boeing business.

No new attendees.

Old Business:

April Meeting:

The April 7th meeting will be the first of the quarterly “traveling roadshow” meetings. Brad Wright has arranged for the meeting to be held at the Microsoft campus in Redmond. Brad will be posting details and directions early to allow people not accustomed to attending to make plans.

February Minutes:

Minutes distribution via the WAC members distribution list went well.

Newsletter:

The first quarter newsletter will be published this month. Always be conscious of a topic or news items that might be relevant to share with the membership.

Trailer:

Kent worked up a club budget pro forma that lends itself to a three year lease/buy agreement. Brad acknowledged the information and will pursue a purchase before next meeting.

Websites:

Both Brad and Andrew have updated contact and FITS information on the club and FITS sites. A last review will take place this month for accuracy.

MJG Matches:

As a follow-up to last meeting’s ematch test, Kent ran further tests on dipped J-Tek ematches to further explore their use as igniters.

A single dip, a double dip, a folded dip, a double folded dip and a double double dip all fired without hesitation (special Newman “drool pyrogen” in all samples). The J-Tek pyrogen, although small in comparison to a Daveyfire “F”, burned both slow enough and hot enough to be used as an ignition source for pyrogen. The J-Teks will be very usable as igniters if dipped.

New Business:

Low Power Controller:

Andrew MacMillen was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Andrew will bring the low power controller to the meeting in April. Connectors and cabling remain to be completed.

High Power Launch Pad Replacement:

Brad is working with Greg Deputy and Denny Wright to replace at least 3 and as many as 6 high power pads depending upon materials costs. The pads will replicate the "K-Pad" currently being used at the away cell. Brad is targeting the end of April for the pads to be complete.

TRA Update:

TRA Prefecture dues have been paid. An application for research launches has been made.

FAA Waiver Update:

Brad is submitting the waiver application for both day and night launches at the Sportmen's Club this week.

FITS Video:

An offering of the 2006 FITS video will be offered this week to help raise money for the club and to raise interest in the 2007 version. \$20.00 including mailing and shipping.

FITS Preparation:

- Scott Bowers is working on securing vendor premiums for the drawing.
- Brad will pursue a FITS line of apparel for both pre-order and on-site purchase. The group felt that long and short sleeve T-shirts along with caps would suffice.
- Specific motor mentoring procedures was discussed. Brad will contact Sunriver and PSP to find out what their plans are. The club will not assume the liability of an individual flier with respect to local and federal regulations but wishes to be able to communicate what options are available to the non-LEUP flier.

Details will be included in the newsletter.

- Fire Extinguishers and their orings and component fixtures are to be checked to prevent leaks.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. for idle conversation and project reviews.