



# The Syracuse Rocket Club

**TRA Prefecture #053**  
**NAR Section #566**



## **CLUB MEETING MINUTES** **February 09**

**In attendance:** George and Elaine Reavis, Dennis Friend, Rich Pitzeruse, James Shattell, Cheryl Costa, Peter and Christopher Plumley.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. The 2009 Rocket Team Challenge. We discussed logistics of the event. There is an informal meeting at The Most on Thursday April 2, 2009 at 3:30 til 5pm for all interested in helping out. This is the day that all school teams would pick up their rockets. Also, discussed only having 2 kinds of rockets to give to students instead of the 8 from last year. Also discussed having the Nation Grid at the event to tame the rocket eating utility poles!!! It was also brought up by Rich that there is now a Flash Camera for avionics. Rich will look into it.
2. The Nike Smoke was discussed. There may be a new, bigger and better rocket in the near future for SRC to get their hands on but there is more discussion needed for that. In the meantime the discussion swayed to getting the schools to fill the nose cone of the Smoke with experiments such as GPS units or their pet guinea pigs. Well, maybe not the latter. I wanted to see if you were really reading this! We will attempt to have information on that in the Rocket Team Challenge team packets and at the launch.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **James and Peter will work together and come up with a draft proposal of the dynamics of the launch. Specifically...**
  1. **Which rockets to offer.**
  2. **Which altimeters to buy**
  3. **What stations and where to set up stations at the launch**
  4. **The feasibility of the use of scales**
  5. **There are other parts of this launch that peter and James will address that are too numerous to address here.**

**Peter will email the club with the draft and we will adjust and edit if applicable. He will get this to SRC in two weeks so we can discuss it at the March SRC meeting.**
2. **Rich to look into the Flash Camera's and email Peter with his opinion of these new devices**
3. **Peter to contact The National Grid for the feasibility of having a crew stationed at the launch**

**FINANCES**

1. We have \$382 in our Acct.

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**NEXT MEETING MONDAY March 2, 2009**

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