

# UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**December 2023, January 2024**

Due to the holiday season the December meeting date of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was canceled but was combined with the January 2024 meeting at the Polar Bear Fly-In on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at Kingery Field in Yoncalla, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Dale Bensen. There were 33 members, wives and guests in attendance.

The minutes from the November meeting were read by Secretary Chuck Johnson and accepted by the membership as read.

The December treasurers report was then read by our Treasurer Terry Thomas and it was reported that after expenses of \$234.59 for repairs and circuit board replacement for the sheep fence charger, the Plat I event registration for \$25 and deposits of \$240 for 2024 dues receipts and \$20 for the sale of one hat, the club account balance for the month of December was \$4,193.42. The treasurers report was accepted and approved by the membership as read.

President Dale Bensen reported that he has not had a response from the freight company or the supplier regarding the one roll of runway fabric damaged in shipment. He will contact them again to get a status report. The plan to paint the Wilbur field sheds will remain on hold until the weather and temperatures are more favorable for painting.

Just a reminder, the Wilbur Field and Yoncalla Field have both been approved as a FRIA sites by the FAA. Terry Thomas is currently working on getting FRIA certification for the Plat I site as well.

The porta-potties have been cleaned at both fields and after making the repairs to the charging equipment on the sheep fence, the fence is now putting out the proper voltage and keeping the sheep off of the field. Please be sure to reconnect the gate wires and turn on the charger when leaving the field.

Dale Bensen will start working on the new flight stations for Wilbur field now that the holidays are over.

Don Harris proposed that the club give a raffle ticket to each member that attends each monthly club meeting to be used for a raffle of one of his creations or a kit. Each member in attendance will fill out the ticket for that month and deposit it in a container to be drawn at the last meeting of the year.

Bring your suggestions for club flying events to the next meeting or submit them by email to any of the club officers for consideration and please be prepared to host or help host the proposed event.

If you remember getting into modeling in your youth, R/C for the most part was a dream and mostly out of reach. Free flight and control line models were the main venue for our building and flying entertainment. Bob Lewis reminded me that control line

flying is still alive and well in Roseburg. A number of members still gather out behind the Church on the Rise, east of Roseburg, at 3500 NE Diamond Lake Boulevard on Saturday's at 1:00pm. Memorial Day weekend, the NW Regional Control Line Championships & BBQ takes place at the south end of the Roseburg Airport. The flying starts on Friday, flying starts at 9:00am each day and continues thru Sunday covering all types of the modeling spectrum, consisting of Scale, Combat, Speed, Carrier Landing, Aerobatics and Jets. If you have never seen or heard a Dyna-Jet, it is an experience you will "never forget". For more information on the event and the clubs weekend control line flying, contact Bob Lewis at 541-537-0061 or by email at RadarRobert@gmail.com.

The first club raffle of the new year was held at the Polar Bear and Phil Rokus's wife Kim won the 3-D night flyer. Mike Millage won the two electric motors, Doug Edwards won a 3-D kit. All of the raffle items for the Polar Bear event were kindly donated by Don Harris.

Be sure to renew your club dues for the new year. The club dues are still \$80 and will be due starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks to all who attended and made the New Years, Polar Bear event an overwhelming success. A much appreciated thank you to Jim & Myra Yourdon for the fantastic chili feed and a special thanks and acknowledgment to the three out-of-towners Sean Wilson, Kyle Wilson and Oliver Willis for coming down from Eugene and entertaining us all with some fantastic 3-D flying. A great start to the 2024 flying season.

We are going to try changing the meeting locations, alternating between Roseburg and Sutherlin. The next meeting will be in Roseburg. The location to be announce via email.

The club meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm, and the field was opened to more visiting and flying.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary

