

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2024

The August meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday August 14, 2024 and was called to order at 7:03pm by President Dale Bensen. There were 14 members in attendance.

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

The August treasurers report was then read by our treasurer Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$5,695.82. We received \$20 for balance paid on one members renewal and \$79.00 from a meeting raffle.

The August expenses were additional Plat I Float Fly expenses for ice, food, soft drinks and materials for the raffled Cub for a total of \$234.20. Field maintenance expenses for mower fuel and Septic Service for the Yoncalla and Schrum fields were \$223.11. Additional expenses to complete the Yoncalla runway fabric installation were for galvanize spikes, staples, Black Jack mastic, paint thinner and water & ice for work party for a total expense of \$538.54. The ending account balance for August was \$4,766.98. The treasurers report was accepted and approved by the membership as read.

Vice President Alan Rader reported that the 2025 Plat I Float Fly has been registered and approved by the City of Sutherlin water board and we are officially on the books. President Dale Bensen reported that the frames for the new steel flight stands for Dave Schrum Field are complete and he needs to get the Trex material for the surface decking and side rails. Due to material shortages and supply issues, there is a delay in acquiring the material. Each 12' Trex board currently runs \$72 subject to change.

A work party will be on Thursday August 15th at 7:00am to finish the installation of the new runway fabric at Kingery Field. The schedule to paint the interior of the Schrum Field shelter in an off white color is yet to be determined. A question to paint the interior of the shelter or leave it as is was raised and a request for feedback for this phase of the work has yet to be received. Therefor the painting will take place later this August, weather permitting.

We discussed using metal T-posts for the sheep fencing at Kingery Field in lieu of the plastic posts that keep getting broken by the sheep. Terry Thomas checked on the cost of a different fiber reinforced post that is much stronger than the ones we are currently using and the overall cost to replace with the fiber reinforced posts is too expensive. We are better off using the metal "T" posts for the electric fencing.

Just a reminder that the Big Bird & Air Show is coming up on August 23rd , 24th & 25th. The landing fee for the event is \$15. There are several great planes and items for the raffle. A ¼ scale Chipmunk, an RV-4, a 3-D profile plane, some props, and a 10cc gas engine just to name a few. Dale Bensen is attempting to get a mobile Mexican Food

Cart to be available for the event.

A safety reminder to the membership that all flying must be done from the flight line and not from the pit areas or the clear field between the picknick shelter/parking area and the runway. Several of us are guilty of this and for everyone's safety we need to change our habits.

A special thanks to all of the members that were able to come out and assist with the new runway installation. Due to the heat and weather conditions, the dates and times for the work parties were a little sporadic and quite impromptu. To any and all of you, your patience and assistance was greatly appreciated.

David Abercrombie brought in his framed up profile 3D plane for show and tell, built from one of the donated 3D basic kits from Don Harris.

Gabriel Russell brought in his Black Horse Hobbies, 94" Scale Zero for show and tell, with electric retracts and powered by a DLE-85. He said it flies really great.

The next meeting will be September 11th in Sutherlin at Abby's Pizza on Central Avenue at 7:00pm.

Dale Bensen adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary