UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2024

The September meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday September 11, 2024 and was called to order at 7:03pm by President Dale Bensen. There were 15 members in attendance.

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

The September treasurers report was then read by our treasurer Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$4,766.98. We received \$80 for one new membership, Air Show registrations were \$240.00, revenue from sales of Air Show Raffle Tickets were \$166.00. Expenses for the steel fabrication of the 6 new flight stands for Schrum Field were \$527.96. The trex decking for the stands will be purchased and fabricated next month. The ending balance for the month was \$4,725.02.

The Big Bird/Air Show on August 23rd, 24th and 25th was fairly well attended by our members and by flyers from Medford, Grants Pass, Eugene and Salem. There were 16 pilots in total signed up for the event. We had rain showers off and on on Friday, affecting early attendance but the remainder of the weekend was great. Sunshine and blue skies. There was a Taco/Mexican food truck on site on Friday and was very well accepted by the flyers. They were not able to stay for the full weekend due to prior commitments and they didn't make a lot of money due to the weather, but they said that they plan to come back for the event next year. A ¼ scale Chipmunk, an RV-4, a 3-D profile plane, some props, and a 10cc gas engine just to name a few of the items raffled off. Gabriel Russell won the Chipmunk, David Abercrombie won the RV-4 and Dale Bensen won the 3-D Profile plane.

The new runway fabric is in place and looks great. The sun has stretched it tighter than the original that we placed 6 years ago. If you are flying and end up having a prop strike on landing, please let us know so that we can make repairs quickly, thereby reducing the chances of increased degradation of the damaged area.

A short work party will be needed to clear out the fire pit shelter so that it can be spray painted. A time and date to be established.

The "End Of Summer" fun fly and BBQ will be on Saturday September 21st. Please RSVP so we can get a head count for the food.

One of our new members Ken Walker will be returning home to Hawaii for the winter. He will be back next season to rejoin the group. He said thank you to us all and that he really enjoyed his participation and the friendships he made with the club.

The next meeting will be October 9^{th,} in Sutherlin at Abby's Pizza on Central Avenue at 7:00pm. Dale Bensen adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary