

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2025

The February meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday February 12, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Alan Rader in Dale Bensen's absence. There were 20 members and 2 wives in attendance.

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

The January treasurers report was then read by Treasurer Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$3,500.26. We received \$960.00 for 12 membership renewals and receipt of \$223.00 for the sale of donated model kits and engines. There was a charge of \$25.00 for our Sanction Fee to AMA for the Plat I event and a charge of \$8.49 for coffee creamer for the Polar Bear event. The ending balance for the month after the dues receipts and expenses was \$4,649.77. The treasurers report was accepted as read.

Secretary, Chuck Johnson reported that Don Harris has requested support from the club for funds for a ¼ Scale Sopwith Pup kit, covering and decals from Balsa USA, in exchange for the 6+ models that he has built and donated over the past six to eight months. The cost to the club is approximately \$600.00. The motion was voted on and accepted by the membership. Chuck reported that he currently has a 1/3rd Scale Ford Fliver, a ¼ Scale J-3 Cub, a Super Decathlon, a Bucker Jungameister biplane, a Turbo Beaver float plane and soon to come Seamaster float plane hanging in his shop ready for the summers events. All of the aircraft except for the float planes are for sale to any interested parties. All proceeds from any of the sales will go to the club.

John Piri reminded everyone that indoor flying has begun again on Wednesday's up in Springfield at the Pape Sports Center. John talked about the possibility of using and Ultra-Sonic System for a deterrence for the sheep in lieu of using electric fencing. He looked into the system for feasibility and found that the system has a very limited range. It would work in a relatively confined area such as under the shelter with about a 149-160 degree sweep. The cost of each unit would be around \$350.00. No action to be taken at this time.

Alan Rader announced that the Plat I event is on the Sutherlin schedule. A \$75 sanction fee is required and the city manager assured Alan that our event has permanent standing with the city. The topic of the annual donations that the club makes to the YMCA and the Cancer Research Center in Roseburg was addressed and any further action was tabled until September.

John Piri reminded us that there is a swap meet up in Eugene on Saturday the 15th and another up in McMinnville on Saturday April 12th.

Bob Lewis volunteered to put together the flier for this years float fly. Gary Williams reported that the Annual YMCA Kids Fair is on April 26th and John Piri requested the assistance of a couple of pilots to assist him in flight demonstrations with multiple flying blimps and balloons. Gary asked for some assistance to man the club table with the flight simulator and the models on display. Your assistance is only needed for 2-3 hours, 9a to about noon. Please come help if you can.

Bob Lewis and Alan Rader informed everyone that there was a control line event on Saturday February 15th at the Church of the Nazarene at 3500 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. Come out and enjoy some control line flying.

David Abercrombie talked about the plug malfunction that was the determined cause of his ¼ Scale Citabria crash. The result was a defective pin in the plug that got bent and resulted in intermittent signal contact. A good reminder to check all connections, electrical and mechanical before you go up. Gus Phillips reported that he too lost his new ¼ Scale Fairchild with an undetermined failure.

Gary Williams announced that he and Stephanie were selling their house and moving over to the coast. He offered 4 free foam planes, with slight damage or hanger rash, all easily repaired. He needs to clear out some of the planes for the move.

Gabriel Russell brought in the fuselage of his new 120” FW-190 from Black Horse Hobbies. It is estimated to weigh 35#s ready to fly with a DLE 120 twin, swinging a 27” prop.

VP Alan Rader adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm

The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza on March 12th , 2025, hope to see you there.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary

