

# **UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2025**

The August meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday August 13, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Alan Rader in president Dale Bensen's absence. There were 11 members and 1 wife in attendance.

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

The July treasurers report was then read by Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$3734.05. Terry reported that there were no receipts for the month. We had expenses of \$30.30 for pop for the Plat I float fly, and \$253.97 for the fencing gate handles, insulators, double hooks, 2 ground rods and 12ga. ground wire for the Yoncalla field sheep fence. The ending balance for the month after all expenses was \$3,449.76. The treasurers report was accepted by the membership as read.

Sadly, Terry has requested to have someone take his place as treasurer due to time constraints, looking for a new house outside of the Roseburg area. Anyone interested in taking on the treasurer's function for the club let any of the club officers know.

It was noted that the calendar of events posted on our website is not current and is being referenced for club events by outsiders not realizing that it is old information and needs to be removed. The only current event that needs to be referenced is our Big Bird/Fun-fly/BBQ and raffle, open event, for flyers, family and friends coming up on August 22-24<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP if you plan to attend with family or friends.

It has been brought to our attention that some pilots are standing on the edge of, or on the runway while flying at Yoncalla. This is a safety issue and in violation of AMA standards and club rules. It is acceptable to stand behind your plane on the take-off run, but please when flying move behind the orange flight stations while in the air for your own safety and others.

President Dale Bensen and I were finally able to meet with Kelly Guido at Schrum Field this afternoon to discuss the changes to the fence line, and the requirements for further use of the flying site. Kelly is the owner of the quarry site but the product and mining of the quarry has been leased out to another company.

The main issue affecting our flying site is that the east end of the runway is in a leased portion of the quarry and is a designated mining area. There is a portion of that area currently being used as our runway between the small shed and the fence line at the berm. As such Kelly said that activity by anyone within the prescribed mining area is required by mining health safety to attend an extensive training program, and get certified to work or be in that area. Kelly said that he can get the actual alignment of that

mining zone and mark it out for us when we get ready to move the fencing.

Kelly had no issues with what we wanted to change and suggested that we extend the runway to the west as far as we need to go to vacate the mining area and widen the field by the additional 30' as requested. The only draw back is that the flight stations will be at the very end of the runway to the east. These should be moved to the west side of the fire pit shelter. Placing the pilots more to the center of the runway. We can then install another open shelter for members to gather and visit if needed.

As for the roadway, we volunteered to provide a 10"-12" culvert for drainage under the road, but Kelly declined that due to turbidity testing requirements in three locations along the creek for storm water runoff from the quarry. His only other concern was liability for damages and personal injury. We informed him that the property owners will get \$4m liability insurance policy from AMA provided by the club and that each individual flyer utilizing the UVM site is also required to have AMA license that includes insurance of \$2m liability and that they should their AMA card available while flying at the field.

Chuck will send Kelly a copy of the UVM Constitution and club By-laws for they're records, along with a copy of the FAA FRIA certification.

Kelly said he will run all of the information through they're attorney to make sure we meet all of their requirements. The result was very positive feedback for the club and field.

Don Harris continues to support our club with his generosity. He recently donated his beautiful 1/3 scale Fly Baby monoplane to the club to sell to anyone interested. The plane is complete and ready to fly, powered by an OS Pegasus opposed 4-cylinder gas engine. Wing attachments were designed to fold back along fuselage for ease of transport. The Engine is new and alone lists for more than \$3200.00 with the gas conversion and electronic ignition. The only run time was a test run to set up the electronic ignition system timing for the four cylinders. The total investment is better than \$5K. The only request Don has made is that the Fly Baby not be sold by the club for less than \$2500.00, the club receiving all proceeds from the sale. If there is no club interest, the Fly Baby will be held as the main raffle next spring for the AMA Jamboree. Hopefully there will be a greater exposure and a better possibility to meet our reserve sale minimum. It may also help draw more participants to the Jamboree.

Don't forget to RSVP for the BBQ next weekend and bring your favorite plane to fly for the Big Bird and fun-fly. If we have enough participants, we will have a Harris built Ford Fliver and a Decathlon to raffle.

Vice-President, Alan Rader adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm. The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, hope to see you there.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary

