

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES July 9, 2025

The July meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday July 9, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00pm by President Dale Bensen. There were 19 members and 2 wives in attendance.

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

The June treasurers report was then read by Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$2,686.55. Terry reported that we received \$540.00 for Plat I flyer registrations and \$570.00 for proceeds from raffle ticket sales. We paid out \$62.50 for the float-fly buttons. The ending balance for the month after all receipts and expenses was \$3734.05. The treasurers report was accepted as read.

To recap the Plat I float-fly event, there were 25 pilots registered to fly. The weather for most of the weekend was great. A lot of flying was going on and a few R/C boats too. The raffle generated quite a bit of interest with several planes, kits, props and accessories. Many items generously donated to the cause by Don Harris and Gary Williams. Dale Bensen won the ¼ scale J-3 Cub and Ken Walker won the Turbo Beaver on Floats. After discussing the decline in attendance for the event, the membership voted to continue the float fly next year.

The Cancer Foundation of Roseburg sent us letter of gratitude, thanking the club for our generous \$300.00 donation.

The posts for the sheep fencing have been installed but currently the sheep are off of the field while the hay is growing. The wire will be run when the sheep are turned loose on the field again. All of the hardware and fittings have been purchased, (less the ground wire) to complete the fence when needed.

John Piri reported that several staples along the runway fabric seams are popping up and need to be tapped back down and sealed with mastic.

Phil Tallman approached the club to inquire if Umpqua Valley Modelers would entertain the idea of hosting the 2026 AMA Jamboree at Kingery Field, the weekend following our float-fly, June 26-28th.

The Wenatchee Red Apple Fliers have hosted the event for the past 3 or 4 years and were reluctant to do it in 2026. Hosting the AMA Jamboree is a huge undertaking and will require the assistance of most of our members in some form or another. An event of this magnitude will give UVM national recognition.

Phil Tallman reported that there were fees for car and RV parking \$5-\$25, pilots landing fee is \$45, food trucks for 3 days. A flight line director, safety inspections officer, co-ordination with Yoncalla Fire & EM crews. Dale Bensen said that he would have access to a Quad that can be used for fire and safety. Additional field prep and

conditioning will be needed with numerous work parties. The members in attendance voted unanimously to host the Jamboree.

Gus Phillips brought in his new Phoenix 92" Waco Biplane, powered by and EMF70 twin, weighing in between 27 & 28 pounds.

Don Harris has several planes and gas engines that he is wanting to clear out of his shop to make room for more projects. Many of the models are complete and have yet to be flown or have only 1 or 2 flights. If you have any interest, give Don a call at 541-661-7032. He will make you some really good deals.

The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza on August 13th, 2025, hope to see you there.

President, Dale Bensen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary