

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2025

The September meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday September 10, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00pm by Secretary Chuck Johnson in president Dale Bensen and Vice President Alan Rader's absence. There were 19 members and 1 wife in attendance.

The minutes from the August 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 \$3,449.76. Terry reported that there were receipts of \$260.00 for the Big Bird fly in registrations and \$220.00 for the event raffle. We had expenses of \$35.00 for the Plat I float fly sanction fee to the City of Sutherlin, and \$166.64 was spent for the annual club BBQ for food and beverages. The ending balance for the month after all expenses was \$3,728.12. The treasurers report was accepted by the membership as read.

The Big Bird & Fun Fly event was lightly attended by flyers. There were 13 registered pilots for the Big Bird event and numerous club participants for the fun fly. We capped off the day with the 2nd annual family and friends BBQ and the big bird raffle. There were roughly 36 flyers, family and friends that sat for the BBQ. Everyone had a great time flying and visiting at the BBQ. Don Harris continues to support our club with his generosity. He recently donated a beautiful Blue & Silver ¼ scale Ford Fliver and a ¼ scale Super Decathlon for the Big Bird raffle. Phil Rokus won the Ford Fliver and Martin Sherman from Medford won the Super Decathlon. The weather was perfect for an enjoyable day of food, flying and prizes.

Kelly Guido at the Wilbur Quarry has not been able to get the staking placed to delineate the mine area for the relocation of our field fencing. I haven't received any feed back on the legal issues or insurance proposal we made from their attorney.

Plans and issues for the 2026 AMA Jamboree to be hosted by the club was the primary point of order for the night. We addressed the need for manpower assistance for and during the event. John Piri recommended that we contact some of the other clubs in the area, Grants Pass, Medford, Eugene and Salem for assistance since the event is a regional event beneficial to all clubs in the area. There are numerous positions that will need to be filled by our members and volunteer staff for three plus days. Flight line safety, aircraft safety inspections, fire suppression teams, RV camping assistance, public parking attendants, registration and raffle support, and litter control.

John Piri volunteered to develop the event flyer and assist with advertising and circulation of the flyers. Having the computer skills for that task is a tremendous help. Thank you John for offering to take on that task. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

A meeting is being set up with the AMA-VP Phil Tallman and associate VP Jay Strickland to discuss more of the issues and possible problems in putting together an event of this magnitude. A future date for this meeting has yet to be determined depending on they're availability. President Dale Bensen will report when a date for that meeting has been determined.

Gus Philips reported that there is a GME Scale event coming up in Talent, Oregon if anyone is interested in attending or making the trip up to see what's going on. The landing fee is \$20 and there is a Saturday luncheon starting at around 12pm.

Secretary Chuck Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza on October 8th, 2025, hope to see you there.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary