

UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2025

The November meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday November 12, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00pm by president Dale Bensen. There were 12 members and 1 wife in attendance.

The minutes from the October meeting were read by Secretary Chuck Johnson and accepted by the membership as read. Chuck reported what the membership attendance count was for the annual end of the year aircraft drawing.

The October treasurers report was then read by Treasurer Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$3,728.12. There wasn't any activity in the account, therefor the ending balance for the month remained at \$3,728.12. The treasurers report was accepted by the membership as read.

The issues and impacts regarding the proposed 2026 Northwest AMA Jamboree to be held at Yoncalla, Kingery Field were discussed. AMA VP Phil Tallman and associate VP Joe Miller arrived late at Kingery field at 3:30pm due to aircraft delays, on November 1st to meet with our club officers to discuss the needs, accommodations and procedures to run a successful Jamboree. They were very impressed with the field, the fly-over area and the space allocated for the R/V parking, camping and the public parking areas. They recommended adding additional porta-potties and food vendors.

Due to the high exhaust temperatures on the turbines possibly damaging our fabric runway, Phil recommended that those be restricted from the event. We questioned if that would impact attendance and Phil said that in his experience they will still come with other aircraft. The fees were discussed and the accepted landing fee is \$45, the public parking was \$5, the R/V parking was \$20/night, tent camping was \$5/night. The space allocated for the R/V parking was 20'-25' wide and the length as need per vehicle. We discussed the means for fire suppression and emergency services via local Fire and EMS. Other considerations were the number of personnel need to support the activities.

As reported to the membership last month, Dale Bensen informed Phil and Joe that he will have access to a quad that can be used as an immediate response vehicle with fire extinguishers, sand and water for crash recovery. Don Kingery, the facility land owner, said that he can make his water truck available for larger fire suppression if needed.

The membership discussed a date for the Jamboree and decided tentatively barring any future impacts on July 10th, 11th & 12th. John Piri suggested that we contact other clubs in the area to seek manpower assistance to help run the event, in consideration of having a reduced landing fee and local club support, acknowledgment.

AMA will assist with getting information out on Facebook and the AMA publications, advertising to hobby shops and distributors. Phil's request for

compensation of these services was to receive any excess funds above our cost in the event raffle as a donation to the AMA kids foundation.

The work to relocate the field fence and field amendments at Schrum Field is still on hold temporarily until we get the alignment staking for the mining area from Kelly Guido. Hopefully that will come soon. We discussed getting a price for 6-8 truck loads of the overburden soils from the Quarry to fill in the low areas and seeded, before the new fence is installed and possibly before the ground gets rain soaked, making it difficult to bring in the fill material, saving Larry Keeling a lot of extra tractor work moving soil around.

We discussed the problems with the runway coating at Kingery Field and the ongoing problems with the seam adhesion failures. After considering all of the issues, Chuck Johnson suggested that we look at the possible use of the same astro turf we are going to use on the field approaches. Terry Thomas did a cost analysis using the current cost of the turf material in relationship to the fabric we have been using, the price is nearly equal with one exception. The cost of the runway fabric, staples and mastic continue to escalate on a monthly basis. That will push the cost well above that of the turf material. The football field Astro-Turf is more resilient and will hold up to the wear and tear of hard landings and prop strikes. It is permeable for water drainage. Once in place it is difficult to move due to its weight. Chuck will get more information, hoping to bargain for a quantity discount, and a possible delivery to the field. The Turf was going for \$160 per roll of 10'x120'. We made a rough estimate of needing 15 rolls to overlay the existing runway. The method of edge seaming has not been determined if it is even needed. The membership took a positive approach to the recommendation. More information to come!

President Dale Bensen adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm. There is not a December meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting will be held at Kingery Field during the annual Polar Bear, Chili Feed and raffle on January 1st, 2026, at 1:00pm hope to see you there for a fantastic chili feed and an open field bring what ya' got fun fly to kick off the 2026 flying season. A lot of words just to say come on out and have fun.

Have a “Merry Christmas” a happy and joyous holiday season to you all.

See you next year.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary

