

# **UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES October 8, 2025**

The October meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday October 8, 2025 and was called to order at 7:00pm by president Dale Bensen. There were 14 members and 1 wife in attendance.

The minutes from the September meeting were read by Secretary Chuck Johnson and accepted by the membership as read. Chuck reminded everyone that each meeting attended earns a raffle ticket for the end of the year aircraft drawing.

The September treasurers report was then read by Secretary Chuck Johnson in Treasurer Terry Thomas' absence. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$3,728.12. There was a receipt of \$80.00 for one membership renewal and one expenditure of \$80.00 for pumping and cleaning one of the porta-potties. The ending balance for the month after all expenses and receipts 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. The activities of concern were the use of Turbine Jets on our fabric runway. The turbine jets develop about a 750+ deg. exhaust blast on takeoff rotation that can damage our runway fabric. Other considerations were the conditions of the adjacent grass apron for a runway and the support teams to work the pits, event sign up and landing fee collections, vehicle and RV parking, aircraft safety inspections, food vendors and site preparations.

AMA VP Phil Tallman and associate VP Joe Miller will be at Kingery field at 1:30pm on November 1<sup>st</sup> to meet with the club officers to check out the Kingery Field facilities, accommodations and discuss the requirements and needs to have a successful Jamboree.

President Bensen reported that he will have access to a quad that can be used as an immediate response vehicle with fire extinguishers and for crash recovery. Don Kingery said that he can make his water truck available for fire suppression if needed. There will be additional brush and tree clearing at the north end of the field.

It was reported that the porta-potties at both Schrum and Kingery fields are again in dire need of service and cleaning.

The members were informed that they need to consider nominations and vote for club officers in November, for the 2026 season. Gregg Wagner made a motion and it was unanimously accepted by the membership to keep the current officers, in light of them working on the coordination efforts for the 2026 AMA Jamboree and the Schrum Field runway improvements and fencing realignment.

(President & Secretary commented: I think we got railroaded.)

John Piri reported that indoor flying has once again resumed at the Bob Keefer facility up in Springfield on Wednesdays, a \$5 landing fee required, and there is also a growing group participation with sailboats out at Plat I. You can contact John Piri or Mike Millage for possible times or a schedule for when they go to the lake and sail.

Don Harris has donated another ¼ Scale plane to the club for raffle or sale. It is the Balsa USA Collegian, complete electronics less engine & receiver. The asking price is \$600. The proceeds from the sale go to the club.

Don can make you a good deal on the new OS. 120 twin gas conversion that was originally mounted if you so choose. I know he will give you a great buy, far less than new.

President Dale Bensen adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00pm hope to see you there.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary