

# **UMPQUA VALLEY MODELERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2026**

The February 2026 meeting of the Umpqua Valley Modelers was held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin, Oregon on Wednesday February 11, 2026 and was called to order at 7:03pm by president Dale Bensen. There were 15 members and 1 wife in attendance.

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

The treasurers report was then read by Treasurer Terry Thomas. It was reported that the beginning balance for the month was \$3,828.12. There were sixteen membership renewals for total receipts of \$1,280.00. The reported expenditures for February were \$35.00 for the 2026 AMA Jamboree sanction, \$150.00 for steel hub replacement wheels for the damaged field flight stands, \$80.00 for postage stamps, \$115.98 for replacement of the electric fence charger & battery, \$220.00 for the AMA club charter, \$85.00 for Schrum Field/Wilbur Quarry liability insurance and \$1,200.00 Don Kingery for our annual field lease, for total expenditures of \$1,901.58. The ending balance for the month was \$3,206.54. The treasurers report was accepted by the membership as read.

We discussed the the issue of getting Kelly Guido to mark out or delineate the location of the mine area in respect to the new easterly fence line. Kelly said that he knew where it is and would mark it out. At the time of our meeting he had not been able to get it done. We also talked about getting some of the Overburden material for fill in the area that we want to widen the runway.

There have been several occasions where the gate to Schrum Field has been left open after leaving the field for the day. Please remember to close and re-latch the chain on the gate when you leave. The livestock get in and cause a lot of damage to the field and fencing. As a reminder, there is no flying over the trees, ranch and buildings along the creek on the north side of the field and absolutely no flying over the berm & trees towards the Quarry on the east end of the runway.

The electric sheep fence at Kingery Field has been reinstalled and seems to be effective in keeping the sheep off of the field.

Everyone was reminded to please take their trash and crashed planes home with them when they leave. There is not any regular trash pickup service at any of our flying sites. Please help keep them clean.

Jim Yourdon brought the lawn sweeper he had stored from the Creswell club, down to the field and it appears to be more than sufficient to help sweep and clean the pit area of the existing sheep droppings, leaves, weeds and grass. That saved the club \$450 trying to locate and buy a new unit. The price was \$450.00 plus shipping if we can't find a used one on Craig's list. Regular retail varies from \$475.00 to \$750.00.

Gary informed the club that the YMCA is having the Kids Activities event again

this year. It's from 9-11, with set up and breakdown, it will only take about three hours of your time on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If the club is planning to have an exhibit we would need to submit our request as soon as possible. Dale Bensen is coordinating with Mike Millage to run the simulator again and Alan Rader to fly his blimp. Those who wish to display a few planes need to let Mike, Alan or Dale know so that they can arrange to have a couple of tables available.

President Dale Bensen adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

The next meeting will be held at Abby's Pizza in Sutherlin on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary