

ERCA Minutes 01/20/2026

- Attendance: 12

Treasurer's Report

Balance:	November 8th, 2025	\$8,128.91
Expenses:	Abby's Pizza - Club Meeting	\$206.09
	Above All Sanitation - monthly service	\$120.51
	Total Expenses	\$326.60
Income:	Dues & new member fees	\$1,219.94
	Swap meet table fees	\$100.00
	Total Income	\$1,319.94
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Expenses:	Field supplies - Jim	\$119.98
	Postage stamps	\$31.20
	Above All Sanitation - monthly service	\$120.51
	Total Expenses	\$271.69
Income:	Dues & new member fees	\$630.00
	Swap meet table fees	\$326.41
	Total Income	\$956.41
Balance:	January 10th, 2026	\$9,806.97

- We ended 2025 with slightly more money in the bank than we had at the start of the year.
- It is not our purpose to be a "for-profit" organization, but there are a number of capital projects that have been discussed that this money could potentially be put towards in 2026.
- These suggested projects include improving the field irrigation system, laying a concrete pad for the portable toilets, repairing/improving the geotex runway, building some new benches and tables, etc.
- As of January 10th, we have a total membership of 67 members.
 - 24 club members had not renewed their membership.
 - 5 members have renewed since then, leaving 19 unrenewed.
 - 4 club members that are yet to renew also have lapsed AMA membership. AMA membership is required to continue to be a member of the club.
 - Two members let me know they are not renewing: Dave Fenner & Oliver Willis

Old Business:

- Events:
 - Swap meet – Sat Feb 28th, 10am - 1pm.
 - We are sold out of tables.
 - 4 people have not paid yet for their tables.
 - They have to the end of the month, after which their table will be given to folks on the wait list.
 - The Drone racing group would like to use our field for two weekends.
 - May 18th would be the first event.
 - We will still be able to fly those weekends.
 - We may use a flag system to clear the air for the 5 minutes that their heats run.
 - July 18th has been suggested as the second date.
 - This is our monthly club meeting weekend, but that may be positive.
 - Ken is going to ask them to present at a club meeting so that the club can vote on the request.
 - F3A event
 - Gary McClellan has asked if we can host a F3A pattern event.
 - Potential date is August 8th & 9th.
 - Dave volunteered to cook lunch.
 - Gary has offered to do Sportsman class training sessions if members are interested in trying it.
 - Dave is going to connect with Mike to confirm his approval.
 - This was voted on and approved, pending the FAA altitude variance and Mike's okay.
 - Other events we want to do again in 2026:
 - Ryan Meadows Neighborhood Sale
 - Soaring By the Sea Foundation events
 - Local EAA chapter event
 - Scouting America

New Business:

- If you see someone new at the airfield, make sure you say "Hi". If they are new to the club, check how experienced they are and if they are proficient.
- Dave brought up the challenges of the buddy box set up:
 - Richard Maris has offered to sell his lightly used DX8G2 to the club for \$150.
 - This was voted on and approved.
- Field maintenance:
 - More volunteers will be required to help with watering later in the year.
 - The mower shed needs some repairs. Around May we'll have a work party to fix it up.
 - Brian Ostlind will get some gravel to fill in the hole on the corner of the access road. We will get a bigger gravel load for more of the driveway (including Mike's stretch) later in the year.
- Ryan Hansen shared about South Eugene High School's flight simulator.
 - Ryan wants to make the simulators available to the community.
 - It is a dual control simulator. It has panels for single and dual motors, Cessna & Piper.
 - If you want to get involved, Ryan would love to hear from members.
 - Getting more adults interacting with the kids and coaching them is very valuable.

- Dave brought up the issue of the cost of food for the meeting barbeques.
 - We might switch up between burgers and dogs to be more cost effective.
 - Ken suggested doing chili at the first club meeting at the field (April).
- Rick Bergeron made new signs for the outside of the club house. Thanks Rick!
- Richard Maris asked about the solar charging system.
 - The seems to be little enthusiasm for updating or improving it.
 - Most members have plenty of batteries or a big battery pack/generator.
- At the end of January, we have a number of bits of administration that Martin will take care of for the club: renewing our AMA Charter, IRS registration renewal, Oregon charitable status renewal, Oregon business registration, and the PO box renewal.
 - For the AMA Charter, we now have an AMA Leader Member on the club roster, so we should be able to regain the "Gold Leader Club" status. Martin will let everyone know when this is officially confirmed.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday February 17th at Abby's.