

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 15 members were present.

Minutes from the June 2024 meeting were read and approved.

The club treasury update was provided by the club secretary as the treasurer was unable to attend. Bills are current, and the club treasury is in good shape with adequate funds in the checking account and a CD account. It was also noted that a Venmo account has been set up for the club to allow for an easy pathway to donate money to the club.

The Corp of Engineers performed the 5 year Environmental Review of Dinneen Field on Wednesday June 12, 2024. Due to communications mix-up, none of the club officers were aware that the review was planned for that day, but club members Lou Matustik and Jim Hingst were present at the field in and stepped up in admirable fashion. No problems were noted for this inspection.

The Waterfront Gathering, a vintage RC competition was held on Saturday June 15. Total of 6 pilots flew, there were no incidents and the competition phase was completed on Saturday, allowing for open flying on Sunday June 16. Ideas are being considered to try to increase the number of pilots participating in the event in the future.

The WMAA Spring picnic was held on Saturday June 22. The event was well attended, and a breeze through the shelter house help to mitigate the heat of the day.

Club pylon races were held at the field on Saturday July 6. Seven WMAA member pilots registered to race, a number of other club members and some spectators gathered at Dineen Field on the morning of Saturday July 6, 2024 for the club pylon races. The weather conditions were warm sunshine with no clouds and a moderate wind from the west southwest. Three heats of eight lap races of two planes were flown by the electric Eflight T28 Trojan planes and the Club Pylon Racer Class (AMA Sport Quickee 500 class like planes) raced for 10 laps. The races were run from a standing start over the two pylon (600' spacing) racecourse. Because of the relatively small number of racers the pylon cut lights were not set up and cut judges with flags were used. Marcelo Molina and Jim Hingst raced in both the T28 and pylon racer classes. Several nose over on take-off and also several close races occurred. Unfortunately, Jim's T28 developed problems and could not complete the race.

The downwind takeoff conditions added to the challenge of racing. A number of mechanical problems including servo failure, fuel tank pick up line break and carb coming loose were seen, emphasizing the need for reliability and finishing each heat race in addition to speed.

The T28 Racer results are as follows:

- 1st place Gary Smith 9 pts
- 2nd place Marcelo Molina 7 pts
- 3rd place Dave Dumond 2 pts
- 4th place Jim Hingst 0 pts

The Club Pylon Racer results are as follows:

- 1st place Kurt Koelling 9 pts
- 2nd place Jim Hingst 8 pts
- 3rd place Lou Matustik 4 pts
- 4th place Marcelo Molina 3 pts

5th place Tony Tai 2 pts

Thanks to all of the club members who attended for helping out with set up and running this event including Richard Robbins and Jim Nutall for setup and Don Upshaw for serving as the flagman. Thanks to Dave Dumond for bringing the donuts.

Club members are encouraged to participate in the fun and excitement of future pylon races. The next race will be scheduled in the fall time frame. Now is the time to put a racer together and prepare for the next race.

Lou Matustik

Library Day is planned for Saturday July 20 at the field with a static, informational display at the Westerville Library on Friday July 19. We are planning display flights, buddy box flights with WMAA instructor pilots , computer simulators and a cook out. This event will also involve a number of people so try to pencil it in on your calendar to be at the field to help. Rick Tressler will be coordinating the display at the library. If you are interested in helping at the static display or have a model you would like to display, please contact Rick.

The Columbus Scale Classic will be held at Dinneen Field on Saturday August 10 and Sunday August 11. Gary Smith will be acting as CD for this event in Mike Barbee's absence. Members are encouraged to come out and fly or help at the event. A pizza party is planned for Saturday evening at the field for contestants and club members.

The WMAA Fall Swap Meet and Fun Fly will be held on Saturday September 28 at Dinneen Field. Pencil this in on your calendar, more on this event as it gets closer.

A new club member, Kurt Waninger, introduced himself to the club. Kurt has a background in line control and is fairly new to RC flying, but progressing well. Welcome to WMAA!

The next club meeting will be Monday August 12, at 7 pm. The meeting will be at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Dumond

WMAA Secretary