

# **Westerville Model Aeronautics Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 14, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the First Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Approximately 16 members were present.

Minutes from the September 2024 meeting were read and approved.

The club treasury update was provided by the club treasurer. Bills are current, and the club treasury is in good shape with adequate funds in the checking account and a CD accounts. A second CD has been opened to take advantage of current interest rates.

The WMAA Fall Swap Meet and Fun Fly was held on Saturday September 28 at Dinneen Field. Other than a couple sprinkles, the weather cooperated and there were a large number of sellers and flyers who were able to enjoy the event. There was some discussion of tentative dates for the 2025 Spring Swap and Fly to be considered at the January 2025 meeting. The most likely dates are either Saturday May 17, or Saturday May 30, 2025.

A fall pylon race and combat session has been scheduled for Saturday October 19, starting at 9 am. Pylon races for the electric T28 series and Quicky 500 series aircraft will be flown first in the morning followed by a 3 lap pylon race for the HB1 combat aircraft and then the actual combat session for those aircraft. It has been proposed to have a \$10 entry fee to the combat sessions to allow for a cash first prize to the overall combat aircraft winner between the race and combat sessions. There will also be some model kits that may be offered as prizes. Hot dogs and burgers will be available for lunch and the generator will be available for any needed power.

Kevin Petrilla presented information to the club regarding a possible training aircraft donation to the club by FMS Aircraft if the club is able to develop and implement a more formal training program than has been offered in recent years. Mike Barbee, Kevin Petrilla, Greg Knight and Bernie Kruse were nominated to spearhead the effort and get a response back to FMS via Kevin Petrilla in the near future.

Mike Barbee reported that he had seen what appeared to be a construction staging area on Africa Rd north of the field and raised the possibility that the I71 Big Walnut interchange project was moving forward. Subsequent communication with The Corp of Engineers indicated that this staging area was related to Delaware Water project and the I71 project has not moved out of evaluation and planning stage.

The November WMAA meeting will be the 2025 Family Holiday Banquet on Monday November 11, at the church. We plan to start serving dinner at 6:30 pm, getting started with setup around 5:30. More information will be sent out by email to the club regarding reservations and pot luck planning. 2025 officer election will also be held at that meeting. The current slate of officers has agreed to continue serving unless there is another member who wants to take on one of those roles. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Gary Smith before the meeting.

Plans will be made to host the 2025 Columbus Scale Classic at Dinneen Field on Saturday August 9 and Sunday August 10, 2025.

Club member Bob Rankin offered to spearhead an effort to provide a solar power source for use at Dinneen Field which will move forward in 2025.

Two new club members introduced themselves, Jeff Hill and Bob Rankin.

The next club meeting will be Monday November 11, the WMAA Family Holiday Banquet. The event will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church with dinner being served at 6:30. More information will be sent out by email in the near future.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Dumond

WMAA Secretary