

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 18 members were present.

Minutes from the May 2025 meeting were read and approved

The club treasury update was provided by the club secretary. Bills are current, and the club treasury is in good shape with adequate funds in the checking account and CD accounts. A second CD has been opened to take advantage of current interest rates; both CDs will mature in August 2025. It was noted that one known expense coming up will be resealing of the parking lot, probably in 2026. Some expense is also expected in 2026 to deal with repairs to the mowing deck of the older Exmark mower.

Planning is being finalized for installation of a solar power system at the field to provide power for battery charging on June 16.. The system will offer 12 and 24 volt taps for power to battery chargers. Thanks to club member Bob Rankin for spearheading this project.

The WMAA Spring Swap Meet and Fun Fly on Saturday May 17 went well. The club realized a reasonable profit from grill sales and sale of donated items. Windy conditions limited the flying, but there were some intrepid aviators who were able to partake.

The cub scout rocket fly and award ceremony was held on May 18 at the field. Thanks to Bernie Kruse and Don Upshaw for the demo flights. The scout rocket flights went well in spite of a brisk breeze.

The Columbus IMAC Challenge was hosted at Dinneen Filed on Saturday May 24. There were about half a dozen pilots and went well.

Club pylon races and a combat session were held Saturday June 7. The completions went well and a report has placed with the meeting minutes.

The Waterfront Gathering Vintage RC competition is coming up on Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22. The field will be closed to general flying during the competition on Saturday, but open to general flying on Sunday.

The club summer pot luck cookout is planned for Saturday June 28. The club will provide burgers, brats and drinks. Club members will be asked to bring a pot luck dish to share. We plan to serve dinner at 6pm. Members are encouraged to bring aircraft and fly before or after dinner. More info will be sent out by email shortly. This event is for members and guests.

The 2025 Library Day is coming up on Saturday July 19. Along with the instructor assisted buddy box flights, we expect to have 3 computer simulator stations, balsa gliders for the kids and pilot wings for people completed a round of flights with the instructors. Thanks to Gary Smith for arranging the balsa gliders and Chad Rawdon for obtaining the pilot wings, The club will provide the usual hot dogs etc. at a lunch cookout, demo flight pilots are still to be arranged. Rick Tressler has offered to coordinate the static information display at the Westerville Public Library on Friday July 18.

Mike Barbee discussed the upcoming Columbus Scale Classic. Individuals have been identified for most of the needed support roles for the event. Mike Barbee will offer training / refresher sessions on scale competition on Tuesday August 5 and Tuesday August 12 at the field in the evening for any new club members interested in

flying at the event or just learning more about the competition. There may be an additional competition class offered for club members to encourage participation as well. Mike will also be hosting the party at his Monster Hanger on Saturday evening; all club members are invited.

Stan Thorton brought up the idea of working out a new order of club apparel, T Shirts and possibly hats, to be offered to for purchase by club members. Gary Smith and Bill Knipe will work out the details and information will be sent to club members.

Thanks to Bernie Kruse for the work he has done in updating donated aircraft to be used as club training aircraft. We currently have 4 nitro powered aircraft available for use outfitted with Spektrum 2.4 receivers. The aircraft are stored in the right equipment shed.

An extreme thank you to Dave Moreland for all the work he put in to rehab the flight stands with needed repairs.

New members Max Flores and Ralph Newman introduced themselves and were welcomed to the club.

The next club meeting will be Monday July 14, at 7pm at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Dumond
WMAA Secretary