

# **Westerville Model Aeronautics Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **July 14, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 20 members were present.

Minutes from the June 2025 meeting were read and corrected as necessary

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 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. Shortly after the June meeting the older ExMark mower blew the engine again and it was decided to replace the mower rather than investing money into another repair. A used Kubota was located and purchased for the club. The mower is a 2022 model with very low hours of use, the club paid \$5000 for it and it has been placed into service. Options are being considered for dealing with the disposal of the ExMark machine.

A solar charging system has been placed into service located at the north west corner of the shelter house. After some initial fuse blowing, the system will now support 24v, 10 amp and 12 v, 10 amp power output. Spare fuses are located inside the power outlet box, and the outlets have been labeled with power capacities. Please observe these limits so the system remains up and functional for all to use. Thanks to Bob Rankin for spearheading this project and donating the system. Thanks also to the several club members who assisted with various aspects of the project.

The Waterfront Gathering Vintage RC competition was held on Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22. The weekend had good weather and had a great turnout of 9 pilots and 27 aircraft. Many thanks to Jean Marie Piednoir for serving as contest CD.

The club summer pot luck cookout was held Saturday June 28. We caught a break from rain that came down early in the day and moved elsewhere during the picnic and about 35 members and guests enjoyed a great evening.

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 completing a round of flights with the instructors. We will need a number of volunteers to help with the day's activities. Club members are encouraged to consider helping out with buddy box flights and bring transmitters for use with club trainer aircraft. 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. Many thanks to Rick Tressler coordinating and staffing 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 as an EDF class. Mike will also be hosting the party at his Monster Hanger on Saturday evening; all club members are invited.

At the June meeting, 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. Thanks to Gary Smith and Bill Knipe WMAA logo T shirts are available for order by club members on Amazon. Go to the Amazon website and search for “WMAA logo tee” if you wish to place an order.

Club members Mike Barbee and Gary Smith represented the club at the Scale Nats held at Muncie, Ind over the past weekend. A total of 47 pilots participated in the competition.

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.

New members Drew Rider and Mark Kincaid and Ralph Newman introduced themselves and were welcomed to the club.

The next club meeting will be Monday August 11, at 7pm at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dave Dumond  
WMAA Secretary