

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Approximately 15 members were present.

Minutes from the September 2025 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 CD accounts. Two CD accounts open, both have recently been renewed and will mature in January 2026. We may consider additional CD options as we finish up the membership renewal season in January.

Mike Barbee reported the results of the NASA raffle. The drawing for the engine that was offered has yet to be completed.

Members were reminded that WMAA branded merchandise, T shirts, caps and mugs are available for sale on Amazon and TPublic web sites. Hoodies are also now being offered for sale. A portion of sales from these items goes to benefit WMAA. Please direct any questions to Bill Knipe

Safety officer Mike Barbee had no incidents to report for the month. There was some discussion regarding working with new flyers to ensure that they operate safely.

Due to the lack of rain for most of the past couple months, it has been decided to defer bush hogging the outer field area until next spring.

The fall Swap Meet and Fun Fly on September 27 went very well, benefiting from excellent weather and a large turnout of sellers and flyers. The club did well from a financial standpoint due in large part to the generosity of a number of people who donated items to be sold to benefit the club.

Club pylon races and combat flying sessions were held the following weekend on October 4, and went very well. There was a very good number of pilots flying in both classes of pylon races and an excellent turnout of flyers for the combat sessions.

Stan Thorton did a presentation on his new aircraft, a FreeWing PT 50, a twin EDF model of a Gulfstream business jet. Very nice-looking airplane that we look forward to seeing in the air at the field.

The usage of the solar charging system has been increasing, so we will probably add additional outlet capacity on both the 12 and 24 volt outlets. Once again, thanks to Bob Rankin for providing the system and maintaining it.

The next club meeting will be the annual WMAA Family Holiday Banquet on Monday November 10th at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Westerville. We will plan to start serving dinner at 6:30, so plan to arrive around 6 to 6:15. Additional information will be sent out by email as the date gets closer. 2026 officer elections will also be held that evening. The current slate of officers has indicated they are willing to continue serving. If anyone would like to step up into one of these roles please contact Gary Smith or any of the other officers before that time.

As per our usual practice, there will be no meeting in December.

The annual WMAA Freeze Fly will be held at Dinneen Field on Thursday January 1, 2026, starting about 9am.

The January meeting will be Monday January 12, 7 pm, at the church in Westerville. The main topic for the meeting will be event planning for 2026.

The next club meeting will be the WMAA Family Holiday Banquet on Monday November 10, 6pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Westerville. We plan to serve dinner at 6:30

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Dumond

WMAA Secretary