

# **Westerville Model Aeronautics Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **January 12, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Approximately 14 members were present.

Minutes from the October 2025 meeting were read and approved.

The club treasury update was provided by the club president as the treasurer was absent. Bills are current, and the club treasury is in good shape with adequate funds in the checking account and CD accounts. Two CDs are maturing this month and will be consolidated into one account to take advantage of a higher interest rate.

The annual Holiday Family banquet was well attended and enjoyed by about 40 members and guests, featuring orange duck presented by Chef Stan Thorton.

There were about 15 club members who braved the cold to come up to and possibly fly at the 2026 WMAA Freeze Fly. Bernie Kruse led the frozen flyers into the air to greet 2026.

There are no major repair issues that are known at this time that should be needed for the mower fleet. Larry Mayo is performing some repairs to the spreader, but it is showing it's age and will likely need replacement soon.

The club is planning to purchase a brick in memory of club member Jim Neal who passed away late last year for the AMA Walk of Fame. Cost of these memorial bricks ranges from \$150 to \$1000 depending on the size and color of the brick. Any club members wishing to donate funds to be used towards this memorial may send donations to club secretary Dave Dumond. The club assisted in making arrangements for the Celebration of Life for Jim Neal and sent a sympathy card to his wife, Ruth.

Tentative dates for 2026 club activities were identified as follows:

Field Clean Up Day Saturday May 2

Columbus IMAC Challenge Saturday May 23

WMAA Spring Swap Meet and Fun Fly Saturday May 30

Vintage RC Competition TBD

Club Pot Luck Cook Out TBD

WMAA 2026 Library Day Saturday July 18

Columbus Scale Classic Saturday August 15, Sunday August 16

WMAA Fall Swap and Fun Fly Saturday September 12

WMAA Fall Pylon Races and Combat Saturday September 19

These days are still to be finalized and are subject to input from club members.

An additional spring pylon race and combat session will be added and the CORKs club will be contacted regarding a date for the WMAA/ CORKS shootout.

WMAA has been contacted regarding possible involvement by the Hilliard Historical Society in a flying / static display at the Franklin County Fairgrounds on April 25, 2026, in conjunction with America 250 activities. Gary Smith has contacted them to indicate that we are interested and will follow up regarding the details. Please contact Gary if you are interested in helping with this community event.

New club member Craig Howard introduced himself and was welcomed to the club.

Stan Thorton brought up the idea of adding some additional club function in December. He may offer additional details in the future.

Stan Thorton, Bernie Kruse, Brian Gafford and Gary Smith each presented information on winter projects they have in progress.

The next meeting will be Monday February 9, 7 pm, at the church in Westerville. The main topic for the meeting will be event date finalization for 2026.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Dumond

WMAA Secretary