

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

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 February 2026 meeting were read and approved.

The club treasury update was provided by the club president as the secretary 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 have been consolidated into one account to take advantage of a higher interest rate and will mature in July 2026. At this time, we have 69 members paid for 2026.

Club members were reminded that WMAA branded items are available for purchase from Amazon and TeePublic.com. On Amazon a search for WMAA will bring up T Shirts, hooded sweatshirt and travel mugs. On Tee Public.com, search for WMAA for shirts, and search for “WMAA logo hat” to find the hats.

The club has purchased a brick in memory of club member Jim Neal who passed away late last year for the AMA Walk of Fame. Cost of the memorial brick will be covered by directed donations and from club general funds. The brick has two lines of text, “JIM NEAL” is on the top line and the lower line is “WMAA”.

Dates for 2026 club activities were reviewed

Static Display and possible flying at Franklin County Fairgrounds with Hilliard Historical Society, Saturday April 25, 2026 afternoon

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 Saturday June 13 and Sunday June 14

Club Potluck Cook Out Saturday June 27

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.

Due to the later than usual date for field Clean Up Day, we will try to get the field rolled prior to that date. Timing details will be sent out as they become clear.

We will set a date for spring pylon races and combat flying in the near future.

Upcoming RC events include the Dayton Swap meet March 20 & 21

Toledo Swap Meet April 10&11

Lancaster Swap Meet April 25

Gary Smith, Jean Marie Piednoir, Stan Thorton and Randy Leigh each presented information on winter projects they have in progress.

The next meeting will be Monday April 13, 7 pm, at the church in Westerville. If the weather is good enough, that meeting may be moved to the shelter house at the field. That change will be communicated by email a few days before the meeting.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Dumond
WMAA Secretary