

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 29 club members were present.

Minutes from the April 2026 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. At this time, we have 85 members paid for 2026 and 3 members in inactive status. Club treasurer Greg Knight has communicated to Gary Smith that he would like to step down as club treasurer due to work time demands.

The club participated with the Hilliard Historical Society's America 250 celebration on Saturday April 25 with a static display and question and answer session at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. A few club members got in demo flights and the club was able to hand out many info flyers on the club and the upcoming 2026 Library Day in July.

WMAA Field Clean Up Day was held on Saturday May 2, getting started around 830 or so. Planned work included the usual suspects of bush and tree trimming, mulching and trash pick up along Africa Road, in addition to sealing the set up benches, rolling the runway and an application of weed and feed to the runway and surrounding grass. The club provided coffee and donuts. Approximately 25 club members were able to assist. Thanks to all those who were able to help and a big thank you to Sunbelt Rental in Sunbury for the use of the roller.

WMAA will be hosting Cub Scout Pack 968 for their annual awards ceremony and rocket launch on Sunday May 17. The field will be closed to general flying from about 400 pm until 730 pm for the rocket launch. We will be doing some brief demo flights around 400 pm.

The club will host the 26th annual Columbus IMAC Challenge on Saturday May 23, and possibly Sunday May 24. The field will be closed to general flying during the competition. It is expected that some contestants may be at the field for practice on Friday May 22, but the field will be open to general flying that day.

The Spring Swap Meet and Fun Fly will be held on Saturday May 30. The event will officially get under way around 9 am or shortly before and will follow the format used in the past for these events.

The club will host a Warbirds Fun Fly at Dinneen Field on Saturday September 26. An AMA fun fly sanction has been applied for by Mike Barbee, and other volunteers are being lined up to assist with running the event. An event branded T shirt has been designed and is available for purchase. Contact Stan Thorton for more details on the shirt. Other details on the event are still to be determined, and more information will be sent out in the near future.

The annual Corks vs WMAA Shoot Out will be hosted by CORKS at their field adjacent to Centerburg International Airport on Sunday August 2. We are looking into expanding the shoot out to a three club event to include TORKS, CORKS and WMAA. More details will be sent out in the future.

The club will look into the cost and benefits of getting the parking lot resurfaced this year vs. 2027 and make a decision in the next month or two.

Dates for 2026 club activities were reviewed
Cub Scout Rocket Launch Sunday May 17
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
CORKS/ WMAA Shoot Out Sunday August 2 CORKS Field
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
WMAA Warbirds Fun Fly Saturday September 26
An additional spring pylon race and combat session may be added.

Two new or potential new members, Michael Rankin, and James Yates introduced themselves and were welcomed.

The next meeting will be Monday June 8, 7 pm, at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Dumond
WMAA Secretary