

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 28 club members were present.

Minutes from the May 2026 meeting were read and approved.

The club treasury update was provided by the club president. 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 88 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 is actively looking for a new member to serve in the role.

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. The club received a thank you card from the Hilliard Historical Society.

The Spring Swap Meet and Fun Fly was held on Saturday May 30 and had an excellent seller and flyer turnout. While the swap meet went well, the overall benefit to the club has decreased due to limited club sale items at this swap meet, but also due to decreased revenue from the grill sales due to higher costs of food. We will evaluate raising the process of grill items offered to offset the inflation effects.

WMAA hosted Cub Scout Pack 968 for their annual awards ceremony and rocket launch on Sunday May 17. Windy weather limited the demo flights planned for the group, but the event went well otherwise.

Due to poor flying weather, the Columbus IMAC Challenge was canceled from its planned date of May 23.

The Waterfront Gathering vintage RC competition will be held on Saturday June 13 and Sunday June 14. There are 5 pilots registered so far for the competition. The field will be closed to general flying on Saturday, but open to general flying on Sunday.

WMAA will hold a spring cookout and potluck in the evening on Saturday June 27. More information will be sent out by email.

The 2026 WMAA Library Day will be on Saturday July 18. More details will be planned at the July meeting.

The annual Corks vs WMAA Shoot Out will be hosted by CORKS at their field adjacent to Centerburg International Airport on Sunday August 2. A practice session will be held at Dinneen Field on Saturday August 1. We still need two or three pilots to compete for WMAA. See Mike Barbee for details.

WMAA Pilots will participate at an EAA Young Eagles event to be held Friday June 26 at Knox County Airport. WMAA will present an RC simulator, and buddy box flights.

Preparations continue for the Columbus Scale Classic to be held on Saturday August 15 and Sunday August 16.

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 club is getting estimates on the cost of getting the parking lot resurfaced this year and will make a decision on that at the July meeting.

Planning to bush hog the outer field area is underway and we hope to have it done by the end of June.

Thanks to Bernie Kruse for construction of the safety fence protecting the concrete prep pad by the runway. The fence proved its worth preventing possible aircraft damage during a takeoff incident. Discussion was held considering implementing some sort of system to communicate with other pilots when a maiden flight is being made.

Dates for 2026 club activities were reviewed

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.

The next meeting will be Monday July 13, 7 pm, at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Dumond

WMAA Secretary