

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 282 club members were present.

Minutes from the June 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. The CD account has just renewed for a 7 month term. At this time, we have 90 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 Waterfront Gathering vintage RC competition was held on Saturday June 13 and Sunday June 14 with excellent weather. Nine pilots with 22 aircraft participated..

The WMAA Spring cookout was held on Saturday June 27. Approximately 30 club members and guests attended.

Several WMAA members helped with an EAA Young Eagles event at Knox County Airport on Friday June 26. Thanks to Bernie Kruse, Dennis Bacon and Brian Gafford for providing demonstration and buddy box flights.

The 2026 WMAA Library Day will be on Saturday July 18. Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the event including buddy box flights, flight simulators cooking and general organization. Please try to come out and help with this community outreach event. We plan to get underway shortly after 9 am and wrap up by about 1 pm.

Don Upshaw is spearheading the WMAA information booth at the Westerville Public Library on Friday July 17. If you are able to assist with that, please contact him.

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.

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 August meeting.

The outer area of the field has been bush hogged and looks much better.

Dates for 2026 club activities were reviewed

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
The fall pylon races and combat session may be rescheduled to Saturday October 3.

The next meeting will be Monday August 10, 7 pm, at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Dumond
WMAA Secretary