

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the Dinneen Field shelter house. Approximately 20 club members were present.

Minutes from the July 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 97 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. Tom Rau has said he will be interested in filling the role.

Jean Marie Piednoir informed the club that the VRCS has donated \$200 to the club for hosting the Vintage RC event in June. We have also received a \$100 from a VRCS member.

The Columbus Scale Classic will be hosted this Saturday August 15 and Sunday August 16 at Dinneen Field. Members are encouraged to come out and participate, either by flying in the competition or assisting with the event. Grass cutting this week will proceed around the forecast rain as needed. It is anticipated that some out of town pilots may practice at the field on Friday, but the field will be open to general flying on Friday August 14. All club members and competition pilots are invited to the party Friday evening at Mike Barbee's Monster Hanger. Please bring a chair and pot luck dish to share. The party starts at 6:30. Mike Barbee announced that this will be his final year serving as CD for the Scale Classic. We will be looking for a new person to serve as CD for this outstanding event that Mike has headed up for the past 14 years. Many thanks to Mike for his efforts.

The annual Corks vs WMAA Shoot Out will be hosted by CORKS at their field adjacent to Centerburg International Airport. Due to conflict for CORKS members, the date of the shoot out has been moved to Sunday August 30

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 are available for pickup. 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 regarding the cost of getting the parking lot resurfaced this year and will make a decision on that at the September meeting.

Bob Rankin has received an inquiry from the Columbus EAA chapter regarding their organization's interest in partnering with WMAA for a Young Eagles event. Gary Smith and Bob will follow up with the EAA chapter to get more information on that possibility.

TORKS has a Fly in scheduled at their Field at Deer Creek State Park September 11, 12 and 13

The WMAA Fall pylon races and Combat Fly has been rescheduled to Saturday October 3.

Two new members, Dan Clay and Scott Rolls, introduced themselves and were welcomed to the club.

Dates for 2026 club activities were reviewed
Columbus Scale Classic Saturday August 15, Sunday August 16
CORKS/ WMAA Shoot Out Sunday August 30 CORKS Field
WMAA Fall Swap and Fun Fly Saturday September 12
WMAA Warbirds Fun Fly Saturday September 26
WMAA Fall Pylon Races and Combat Saturday October 3

The next meeting will be Monday September 14, 7 pm, at the Dinneen Field shelter house.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Dumond
WMAA Secretary