

Westerville Model Aeronautics Association

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order by club president Gary Smith at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Approximately 17 club members were present.

Minutes from the September 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 been renewed for a 7-month term. At this time, we have 99 members paid for 2026 and 3 members in inactive status. There are 18 members who have renewed for 2027 at this time and 2 additional members who have submitted renewal but have not paid as yet. Greg suggested that members who are donating supplies to the club also submit a receipt so as to be able to track the actual cost of operating the club for planning purposes.

The WMAA Warbird Fun Fly on Saturday September 26 was a successful event with appositely 30 pilots and 45 aircraft. Branded T-shirt sales, registration fees and grill sales combined to make the event very worthwhile for the club

The WMAA Fall pylon races and Combat Fly sessions on Saturday October 3 were a great club event with 12 pilots flying in pylon races and about 10 pilots flying the combat sessions. .

The field was aerated and reseeded on Monday October 5. Thanks to Mike Barbee for arranging this and covering the expense and to Bernie Kruse for breaking up the dirt chunks afterward to get the field back into flying shape quickly.

2027 WMAA membership renewal season has opened. 2026 memberships expire December 31, 2026. Dues for 2027 remain at \$75 and may be paid online via PayPal, or by filling out the membership renewal online and mailing a check to Dave Dumond at the address listed or paid to Dave Dumond in person at the field or at a meeting.

Information will be sent out via email regarding the upcoming WMAA Holiday Family Banquet to be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church on Monday November 9, 2027. The format will be the same as in past years with the club supplying chicken, ham and drinks, and members bringing a pot luck dish to share. This event is open to WMAA members and guests.

Members were reminded that officer election is coming up. Anyone interested in serving in one of the officer positions should let Gary Smith or one of the other officers know.

Information was presented on a collaboration between WMAA and the EAA branch based at Don Scott Field to have a Young Eagles Build and Fly project in the spring of 2027. The project would probably get underway around April of 2027 involving about 6 to 10 Young Eagle members and would need the support of a few WMAA members to assist with building the models and helping fly them. More information on this will be available in the future.

Discussion was held regarding the information that has come out recently regarding the potential sale of the AMA National Headquarters in Muncie, Indiana. There were a number of discussion points regarding how this

would affect the future of the hobby and how the situation has come about. More information will be sent from the club to reinforce the email that was sent out last week to AMA members.

The next meeting will be the WMAA Holiday Family Banquet to be held Monday November 9, 6 pm, at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Westerville. Dinner will be served at 630 pm.

There being no further club business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Dumond

WMAA Secretary