



# W.O.R.K.S. Sheet

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### **Next Board/Club Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 28th**  
**Hummel/WORKS Field**  
**5:30PM**

## Gentlemen and Ladies Start Your Engines

Our flying season is upon us and mowing has begun. The field is in excellent condition and many thanks to those that started us off. The mowing schedule is attached, and any changes should be sent to me or Tommie Walters. **As a courtesy to all flyers, please be proactive in letting the membership know your weekly day/time that you and your partner will be mowing.** Please also adhere to the mowing height chart that is in the storage container. As you may know, the zero-turn mower was out of commission for a few weeks. Koenig Equipment picked it up and determined that a bad positive terminal connection was causing the electronic error reporting. It was repaired returned last Friday and is now working.

As you all know, the Club and field are supported by the members. There are nine (9) members that have yet to renew and pay dues. Please make these a priority and bring your dues to the meeting this month or mail it to the Club's address: WORKS Flying Club, PO Box 643, Miamisburg, Ohio 45343-0643. If you are not renewing, please let us know so we can adjust the AMA roster.

Our Training program meetings have been very productive and final review of the equipment will be done at the club meeting this month. Logbooks are prepared and we will be ready to have our first students. Gary S. along with several members have used flight simulators to develop standard training videos and instructional procedures. Pictures of our meetings are below. Many thanks to those attending our meetings Dave Gehorn for his photography work.

Speaking of training, as our club "ages" physically, we must be proactive in bringing new pilots into the hobby and, of course, the WORKS Club. There is an interesting article in the "Education Through Aviation" section in this month's AMA magazine about a new tool for Instructors available online. It reinforces Gary S.'s approach to not changing the way an instructor instructs but encourages a formal "ground school" foundation. I encourage you to read it. As the season starts, we need new ideas about member recruitment, got any???

Our next meeting is this Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the FIELD. Chef Greg is planning a one-time only special Smashburger meal to start the season off. He'll return to the regular menu going forward. Food ready by 5:30pm, meeting soon thereafter!

That's all for now, see you at the meeting! Kim



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## What's Happening in the Club?

- Next meeting Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hummel/WORKS Field at 5:30PM
- Chef Greg to prepare special, one-time only Smashburger meal.
- **There still are several outstanding member renewals!**
- Mowing has begun, remember to alert members of your day/time!
- Roster Attached.

## 2026 Officers and Board Members and Term

President – Tom Hapner (2026)  
Vice President – John Boyko (2026)  
Treasurer – Greg Newman (2026)  
Secretary – Kim Birdseye (2026)  
Board Member – Danny Barnett (2025-2026)  
Board Member – Shawn Kappner (2025-2026)  
Board Member – Gary Streifthau (2026-2027)  
Board Member – Doug Manson (2026-2027)

## Mark your Calendars

**April Meeting – April 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:30PM – Hummel/WORKS Field**

**May Meeting - May 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30PM-Himmel/WORKS Field**



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

**FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA**

A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.



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## WORKS Flying Club 2026 Mowing Schedule As of: March 26, 2026

Week	Dates	Mowers
1	04/05 - 04/11	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
2	04/12 - 04/18	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
3	04/19 - 04/25	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
4	04/26 - 05/02	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
5	05/03 - 05/09	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
6	05/10 - 05/16	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
7	05/17 - 05/23	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
8	05/24 - 05/30	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
9	05/31 - 06/06	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
10	06/07 - 06/13	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
11	06/14 - 06/20	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
12	06/21 - 06/27	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
13	06/28 - 07/04	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
14	07/05 - 07/11	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
15	07/12 - 07/18	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
16	07/19 - 07/25	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
17	07/26 - 08/01	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
18	08/02 - 08/08	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
19	08/09 - 08/15	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
20	08/16 - 08/22	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
21	08/23 - 08/29	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
22	08/30 - 09/05	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
23	09/06 - 09/12	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
24	09/13 - 09/19	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
25	09/20 - 09/26	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
26	09/27 - 10/03	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett
27	10/04 - 10/10	Steve Richardson & Brian Bremer
28	10/11 - 10/17	Kim Birdseye & Jim Milthaler
29	10/18 - 10/24	Shawn Kappner & Tom Hapner
30	10/25 - 10/31	Greg Newman & Al Asbury
31	11/01 - 11/07	Tim Anderson & Sam Parfitt
32	11/08 - 11/14	Terry Wyant & Dave Gaines
33	11/15 - 11/21	Tom Shafer & Danny Barnett

Alternate: Kim Birdseye 937-477-7009  
Coordinator: Tommie Walters 513-645-9979

As a courtesy, please email the membership of your planned date/time of mowing. If you need help doing so, email Kim at [kmbirdseye@aol.com](mailto:kmbirdseye@aol.com) or 937-477-7009 and he will publish.



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## Safety-Safety-Safety

At last month's meeting there was a lengthy discussion of the dangers of Lithium polymer (LiPo) batteries, the handling and charging. Several members related some of the harrowing experiences they have had with these batteries and how unpredictable they can be. **It was generally agreed that all LiPo batteries will go bad sometime!** LiPo batteries are prone to swelling and thermal runaway if punctured or overheated. Proper handling, specialized chargers, and avoiding physical damage are essential for safe operation.

### Key Safety Precautions:

- **Never Leave Charging Unattended:** Always monitor LiPo batteries during charging, ideally charging them in a fireproof container.
- **Use Proper Chargers:** Always use a charger designed for LiPo batteries and use balance charging.
- **Inspect Regularly:** Check for damage, swelling ("puffing"), or loose wires before use.
- **Store Safely:** Keep batteries at a "storage charge" (roughly 3.8V-3.85V per cell) when not in use for long periods.
- **Avoid Physical Damage:** Do not puncture, crush, or subject the batteries to shock.

If a battery is swollen, punctured, or damaged, it should be treated as dangerous and disposed of at a proper recycling facility.

There are many safety containers on the market as well as simple ammo boxes to use for storage and charging. These batteries are primarily at risk when charging or discharging so consider storing them in approved containers.



It is recommended to store LiPo batteries at 50–60% capacity (3.8V – 3.85V per cell) in a cool (40 – 80°F), dry, fireproof container (like an ammo can or LiPo bag). Keep them away from flammable materials and direct sunlight, ideally inspecting them regularly for damage or swelling.



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## Thanks to All Member involved in the Training Meetings

