

THE SLOW ROLL



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SVF CLUB ending 49 years as a charter club

President Report
Board Minutes YES
Minutes YES
Birthdays
VIDEOS NO

Happenings YES
SVF Meeting photos NO
Thumbs Up guys
OEAF Report

Toys 4 Tots
Wings
Argonaut

President—Frank Moskowitz
Vice President—John Geyer
Treasurer—Oliver Henien
Secretary—Mike Peck
Editor—Bob Purdy

MEETING AT FIELD JANUARY 6, 8AM

December 2023 Slow Roll Presidents Letter

Welcome to the December 2023 Slow Roll. It's time to reflect on the past year and think ahead to next year.

So, I will take this opportunity to do a little reflecting on 2023. First, I want to thank all the members of the Club. We had a great year of **Flying** and **FUN**. We welcomed many new Club members and they have become our friends. The renewals are continuing to come in. Our membership is very active, and we shared many hours of flying, instruction, and great conversation. We will continue to make improvements to our field.



The Ramada will soon be permitted and built.

2023 was a year I will remember for the great contributions of our elected officials and board members and the many members that always give their time to the club when needed. I thank you all very much! I'm positive that Sun Valley Fliers Club will continue to be the premier RC Flying Club in Arizona. And thank you to the members who are instructors who help bring the next generation of aviators into the world and sometimes rekindle the flying skills of some older pilots.

There will be no January 2024 Slow Roll. The next event coming up at Sun Valley Fliers field will be the Toys for Tots Electric Fly In. That takes place on Saturday December 9th. In January we will host the Winter Warbirds event. That will take place January 26th through 28th which is Thursday through Sunday. John Gerhardt will be the CD and can be reached at John Gerhardt gerhardt1957@gmail.com If you have any questions. Both events are discussed further in this edition of the Slow Roll

For those of you that haven't attended a club meeting in a while, December is the time to start. Please join us for our next club meeting on Saturday December 2nd **at our field 8am**. We will have many raffle prizes and the 50/50 could make you very happy \$\$\$\$. You never know what might happen, and you don't want to miss it.

The meeting starts at 8am. We will have coffee and donuts for your enjoyment. I would like to close this month's article by wishing all a wonderful holiday season. Whatever holiday you celebrate, may it be filled with good health and happiness and the promise of a great new year. Enjoy your Holidays and start your projects for next year's fun.

Have fun out there!

Frank Moskowitz

President



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes November 4, 2023

Officers Present: President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-President John Geyer, Treasurer Oliver Heinen, Secretary Mike Peck

Board Members Present: Charlie Beverson, Dan Bott, Jim Sprecker, Val Roqueni, Brian Rhoads

Meeting Open: President Moskowitz called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM at the SVF field.

Guests: Jeff Grey, Jason Jay

New Members: Mike Killian

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: The October 7, 2023 club meeting minutes were approved as written and published.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen reported on the amount of funds in the club treasury. Primary expenses for last month were the field waste removal, J-John, and renewal of the GoDaddy account for our website. The report was approved as presented.

Membership Director's Report: The process of renewing individual memberships is continuing; renewals will be processed until December 31, 2023.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads had no reports of any unsafe conditions at the field, and thanked the members for flying safely.

IT Update: Bobby Santoro will delay launching the new website until the membership renewal process is complete at the end of this year.

Old Business:

1. Ramada permitting is still in progress. Our Civil Engineer, Steve Bargeloh, has uploaded the new site plan for review and approval. Once the site plan has been

approved and stamped, he will submit the plan, floodplain clearance, and construction plans for the building permit. We are making progress, at the speed dictated by the Planning & Development Department. One of our club members asked what was our plan for the barbeque area, and President Frank said that Tighe O'Meara had stated he would put an insert in the existing cooking structure, so that it could be used.

2. We are also still waiting on the FAA to approve our field for FRIA status. Our FRIA application has been filed with the FAA, and the AMA is waiting for them to review and respond. If the FAA has any questions pending approval, the AMA will contact our club as soon as possible for clarification. The FAA has pushed up the deadline for remote ID enforcement to March of 2024. Model airplanes flying within an approved FRIA site will not require remote ID, if our understanding is correct.

New Business:

1. Bob Bayless has the flyer for the December 9, 2023 Fly 4 Tots event at the SVF Field. Please support the club by attending and contributing an unwrapped toy, even if you do not plan to fly in the event.
2. John Gerhard, the Winter Warbirds contest director, reported that he has received the AMA sanction and will open registration on Nov.15th. Winter Warbirds will be held January 25-28, 2024.

50/50 Raffle: The 50/50 raffle prize of \$49 was won by John Gerhard.

Show & Tell: None

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 8:31 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes December 2, 2023

Officers Present: President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-President John Geyer, Treasurer Oliver Heinen, Secretary Mike Peck

Board Members Present: Charlie Beverson, Craig Guest, Dan Bott, Jim Sprecker, Val Roqueni, Brian Rhoads, Kenny Rhoads, Tony Quist

Meeting Open: President Moskowitz called the meeting to order at 8:18 AM at the SVF field.

Guests: Dave & Dean Webber

New Members: Lou Butler

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: The Nov. 4, 2023 club meeting minutes were approved as written and published.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen reported on the amount of funds in the club treasury. The report was approved as presented.

Membership Director's Report: The process of renewing individual memberships is continuing; 94 renewals for 2024 to date. Tony and President Frank have the 2024 stickers for those that still need them. The Membership Directors report was approved as presented.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads had no reports of any unsafe conditions at the field, and thanked the members for flying safely.

IT Update: Bobby Santoro will delay launching the new website until the membership renewal process is complete at the end of this year.

Field Maintenance Report: Brian Rhoads reported that it is time to have a field cleanup day following the winds and rainstorms of the fall. The brush line north of the runway is full of trash and needs to be picked up before the snakes come out in the late Spring. We also need someone to hook up the drag and drag overrun areas around the runway. President Frank said he will send out an email to all members scheduling the day we will have the field cleanup.

Old Business:

1. Ramada permitting is still in progress. Our Civil Engineer, Steve Bargeloh, has submitted the plan, floodplain clearance, and construction plans for the building permit. It is now in the queue of the Planning & Development Department waiting for their approval. Tye O'Meara has

obtained his contractor license and will complete the ramada construction after we have the permit in hand and filed with the County Flood Control District.

2. We are also still waiting on the FAA to approve our field for FRIA status. If the AMA has not heard anything from the FAA by Dec 18th, they will use the alternate process which will give us remote ID exemption, called a Remote ID Authorization letter, which is as good as the FRIA status. Model airplanes flying within an approved FRIA, or within a site having a Remote ID Authorization letter will not require remote ID.

New Business:

1. Bob Bayless has the flyer for the December 9, 2023 Fly 4 Tots event at the SVF Field. Please support the club by attending and contributing an unwrapped toy, even if you do not plan to fly in the event. The event will go from 8 AM to 3 PM.
2. John Gerhard, the Winter Warbirds contest director, reported that he has received the AMA sanction, and registration is now open. Winter Warbirds will be held January 25-28, 2024. Should be a great show; bring your Warbird model and fly.
3. Mike Peck brought up the 2024 Arizona Classics, Scale Jets, and Warbirds event to be held March 14-17, 2024. We have some of the key positions filled, but need SVF members to volunteer for leadership roles in some other positions. This will likely be our largest event of the year and we need plenty of help. The filled positions are show below, and the ones we need help with those that have no name by them:

Event Manager – Brian Rhoads
Flightline Coordinator – Kenny Rhoads
Gen Field Maintenance – Jim Sprecker
EMS & Crash Cart Coordinator –
Cut Up Whole Chickens –
Food Pickup Coordinator –

Registration – John Geyer/Mike Peck
Setup Sound Syst – Howard Kennedy
Steak Cooking Coordinator –
Gate Worker Coordinator –

4. nothing had been completed on the ramada, and they had stated they were not going to renew SVF membership until the ramada was done. This began a few spirited and passionate discussions with several SVF members who were supportive of the efforts made by the club to get the ramada permit approved, and thought that not supporting the club by withholding renewal was a poor way to express disappointment in the process. In the end, President Frank said that any member who was disappointed with any aspect of how our Club is run, would be better served by calling Frank, John Geyer, Mike Peck, or any other Board of Directors member so they can explain what the Board is doing about that issue.

50/50 Raffle: The 50/50 raffle prize of \$67 was won by Tony Quist.

Show & Tell: None

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 8:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Peck

SVF Secretary





Sun Valley Fliers BoD Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023

Club Officers Present:

- President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-President John Geyer, Treasurer Oliver Heinen, Secretary Mike Peck

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Craig Guest, Jim Sprecker, Val Roqueni, Tony Quist, Jaime Edwards, Bobby Santoro

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened at 6:00 PM; there was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Mike Peck

1. The October 16, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes were motioned to approve, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. The club treasury balance was reported by Oliver, and it is adequate for the club's needs.
2. Oliver presented a very detailed review of the Club's finances for 2023 including breakouts of club income and expenses by category which provide the Board with excellent data for future decision making.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. There have been 55 or 56 membership renewals to date, and Tony reminded the Board that all renewals need to have the filled out information page from the website for each renewing applicant.

Safety Officer's Report: Ken Rhoads

1. There are no safety problems to report at this time.

Information Technology Report: Bobby Santoro

1. The new website will not be activated until after the membership renewal process is completed.

Old Business:

1. Ramada permitting – Still in process with the City of Phoenix Planning Dept. Nothing new since the Club meeting.
2. The December 9th Fly 4 Tots event - the gate signup sheet is out and President Frank has asked for volunteers for this important job.
3. Winter Warbirds event – CD John Gerhard reported he has 100 coffee cups and goodies for pre-registered pilots.

4. The Situation with the FRIA is the same. The AMA has submitted our request to the FAA and we are waiting to hear the decision.

New Business:

1. The 2024 stickers have been received. Renewing members can get up to two stickers per person, if requested.
2. The club is not getting rid of the dumpster.
3. President Frank will get pricing estimates to install an 8' high chain link barrier at the East end of the runway fence so that the existing spectator bleachers could be placed behind that barrier for both Winter Warbirds and the Arizona Classics, Jets and Warbirds events. Decision to contract for the fencing is tabled until the next Board meeting.
4. John Geyer's updated SVF Maneuvers and Procedures required for the Solo Pilot's Exam is approved by acclamation.
5. The Board approved a \$500 gift certificate for Steve Bargeloh for his work on the Ramada Permit. Steve is not receiving the normal financial remuneration an Engineer would get for his work.
6. Jamie Edwards had heard there were complaints of radio hits or interference from some of the members of the Club. He asked if anyone else had heard about this. No one on the Boards had heard of radio interference in a very long time.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck, Secretary



ONE EIGHTH AIR FORCE MEETING MINUTES November 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1850 hours by Commander Brian Rhoads. Members in attendance were Michael Peck, Rick Marshall, John Geyer, Ken Rhoads, Howard Kennedy & Kenny Kear.

The Finance Officer, Gene Peterson, was not able to attend, however, he has reported that the treasury has a balance of \$[REDACTED]

Bhoads had cash to deposit in the amount of \$42.00 from shirt sales.

The minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting were approved as published and distributed.

Old Business:

Bob Bayless reported on the Fly 4 Tots joint SVF/OEAF electric event on Dec. 9, 2023. The awards have been finished and there will be no expense to the OEAF. Formal shirts are requested to be worn by all OEAF members in attendance. The OEAF will sell their shirts at the event, but we will not bring out the Group trailer. The OEAF will provide water and coffee. All OEAF members are encouraged to attend, or at least, bring Bob an unwrapped toy gift for the program.

Curtis Kitteringham, the US ScaleMasters National Chairman sent a letter of thanks to the One Eighth Air Force for sponsoring three Best of Awards for the Championships, and was specifically appreciative of those OEAF members that participated in the event.

The requested OEAF nametags from Nameplate Distribution have been received.

New Business:

The sanction dates for the One Eighth Air Force classics, scale jets, and warbirds fly-in at the Sun Valley Fliers field have been corrected with the

AMA. The correct dates are March 14-17, 2024. We have some members that are committed to work the event, but still need key people to volunteer for jobs listed below that have no name next to them:

Registration – John Geyer & Mike Peck
Event Manager – Brian Rhoads
Flightline Coordinator – Kenny Rhoads
Field Maintenance & trash – Jim Sprecker
Sound System Setup – Howard Kennedy
Cooks for the steak dinner - ?
Someone to cut whole chickens - ?
EMS and Crash Cart - ?
Gate Coordinator - ?
More to be announced next meeting

Gunsmoke 2024: We believe the Gunsmoke Scale Masters Qualifier will again be held at the AMA Superstition Airpark field; however, we do not know the dates at this time.

There is nothing new on getting the OEAF website from transferred from Ken Justice at this time.

At the next OEAF meeting, attending members will be asked to vote on whether we should continue to try to hold our meetings at alternating East Valley and West Valley locations. We need some feedback on this issue.

The next meeting will be at 1100 hours, on December 13, 2023 at the Sun Valley Fliers field.

The meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

Michael Peck
OEAF Adjutant

What's Happening



Today a few of us met at Coyote Basin for a little Park Fly. I call it, 'Black Fly Day'. We don't shop!!!

Howard Kennedy, Val Roqueni, Derek Micko, Rich Wildey, John Wanner, Bob Bayless



Arthur Gambino F-18



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December 9, 2023 8AM to 3PM

**The Sun Valley Fliers & The One Eighth Air Force
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FLY 4 TOTS

**An Electric Flying Event
To Benefit**



Date: December 9, 2023
Location: Sun Valley Fliers Field
Time: 8:00 AM till 3:00 PM

AMA card required
AMA Sanction 15317



Entry fee: 1 Unwrapped toy

Lunch: Sub Sandwiches will be available for purchase

Mystery Judges will award trophies

There will be a raffle for all attendees. Must be present to win.

Robert Bayless CD
623-694-3379
sumobob@cox.net

All Electric Flying Models welcome!

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Bishop	Richard	Hamra	Michael
Bott	Dan	Krebs	Ronald
Carrilo	Michael	Lee	Tommy
DiFabbio	Vincent	Melbye	Kenneth
jones	Martin	Morgan	Randolph
marhevka	william	Payne	Kelley
Miller	Graham	Penunuri	Ed
Mills	Richard	Peterson	Steve
Osborn	James	Pierz	Jonathan
Ponsler	Kyle	Pilcher	Norman
Powell	Al	Rizor	Justin
Radford	Lawrence	Roberts	Lenny
Schlegel	Gary	Snyder	Daniel
Surace	Lawrence		
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All pilots must utilize a spotter at all times and abide by AMA Rule 540d" (see and avoid procedures)

Any pilot willfully violating this rule is subject to loss of flight privileges.

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Club Officers 2022-2023

FRANK MOSKOWITZ, President

John Geyer, Vice President

Oliver Heinen, Treasurer

Mike Peck, Secretary

Safety Officer Kenny Rhoads

Bobby Santoro

Website Supervisor

**Please check your
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