



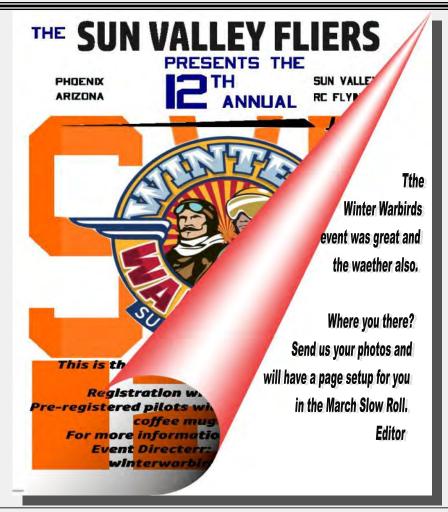
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MEETING AT FIELD FEBRUARY 3, 8AM

February 2024 Slow Roll Presidents Letter



Welcome to February's Slow Roll. I trust everybody had a very happy and healthy holiday season.

According to our club's Administrative Action Schedule, our members are to review the AMA Safety Code, SVF Field Safety Rules and the SVF By-Laws. Here is the link for the By-Laws and Field Rules https://sunvalleyfliers.com/field-rules-and-regulations/

If you have any comments or questions, we can discuss them at our next club meeting on Saturday February 3rd.

This past week we held the 12th annual Sun Valley Fliers Winter Warbirds event. There were 107 registered pilots. John Gerhardt did an amazing job as CD. See the flyer and info in this edition of the Slow Roll. I thank all our club members who volunteered to make this the best event ever. The March edition of the Slow Roll will have all the pictures and event details.

Our permit for the Ramada is in its final approval stages. We are waiting for the final building permit which should be any day now. In the meantime, we have erected 10 pop up canopies as protection from the sun and elements. After we get the new Ramada up, we will sell the popups to club members at a very discounted price.





As our membership grows and new faces appear, we all need to ensure that our field maintains its stature as the best-looking and most desirable club around. It's everybody's job to help. Thanks to Brian Rhoads and all the members that showed up for the field cleanup day. You guys did an amazing job, and the field looks fantastic.

If you would like to voice your opinion regarding anything to do with our club, please come to the monthly meetings. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

For those of you that haven't attended a club meeting in a while, February is the time to start. Please join us for the February 3rd club meeting. 9am at our field. 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. We have coffee and donuts for your enjoyment. The meeting is at the SVF Field and starts at 9am.

Have fun out there!

Frank Moskowitz

President



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes January 6, 2024

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

Board Members Present: The usual Board role call not taken due to a frosty morning & late start. The Secretary observed the presence of Board members Charlie Beverson, Dan Bott, Jim Sprecker, Val Roqueni, Brian Rhoads, Kenny Rhoads, and Tony Quist... sorry if I missed anyone.

Meeting Open: President Moskowitz called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM at the SVF field.

Guests: None

New Members: Steven Walker, Geoff Grey, Sam Bissell

New Solo Pilots: Louis Butler, congratulations Louis, have fun flying with us.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> The December 2, 2023 club meeting minutes were not published as there is no Slow Roll newsletter for December. These minutes as well as the January minutes will be published in the February SVF newsletter and approved at the next membership meeting. The Secretary's report was accepted.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Oliver Heinen reported on the amount of funds in the Club treasury, which is adequate for expenses to date. Oliver presented the 2023 treasury recap and a recap of the normal average Club costs for the year. Current membership fees are about 30% below the Club's annual expenses. The SVF Board will review these figures and determine how much and when a dues increase may become effective. Oliver was commended on the completeness of his report and the Club's financial situation for 2024. The report was approved as presented.

<u>Membership Director's Report:</u> The process of renewing individual memberships is continuing; there are over 200 renewals for 2024 to date. About 40 members have not renewed to date, but club membership is expected to reach about 250 during 2024. The Membership Directors report was approved as presented.

<u>Safety Officer's Report:</u> Kenny Rhoads had no reports of any unsafe conditions at the field. Thank you Club members for operating in a safe manner last month.

<u>IT Update:</u> Bobby Santoro will delay launching the new website until the membership renewal process is complete at the end of January 2024.

<u>Field Maintenance Report:</u> Brian Rhoads reported that the SVF will conduct a field cleanup on January 13, 2024 between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. The following items will need to be accomplished:

- 1. Utilize the steel drag on runway over-runs and the dirt to the North of the runway
- 2. Shovel debris and smooth the soil on the along the West end of the pits along the parking lot fence.
- 3. Collect accumulated trash from the desert along the Northern boundary beyond the dirt North of the runway.
- 4. Remove asphalt chucks from the North edge of the runway.
- 5. Repaint the orange/white centerline bucket markers East and West of the runway.

All available SVF members are requested to participate. Tasks will be assigned based on members' physical abilities. Refreshments/snacks are planned to be available **for workers**.

Old Business:

- 1. Ramada permitting is still in progress. Our Civil Engineer, Steve Bargeloh, has advised us that the ramada site plan, the ramada construction details, the exemption for a non-commercial structure, and flood plain hydrology reports have all been accepted by the City of Phoenix commercial planning department. Our permit is expected to be approved within the next 15 days. Mike Peck reminded members that upon receipt of the permit, we will still need to present that the permit to the Maricopa County Flood Control District to have the red tag ceaseconstruction order removed, and potentially pay the fine for starting construction without an approved City of Phoenix permit. After MCFD accepts the permit, construction may begin, but will be dependent on required approved inspections by the City of Phoenix as construction proceeds. Nothing in this process is quick. 2. We are also still waiting on the FAA to approve our field for FRIA status. The Academy of Model Aeronautics Club Services Representative, Lucas Rodden, says he submitted the letter requesting a Remoted ID Authorization for the Sun Valley Fliers on January 3, 2024, and that will cover our club exempting us from the Remote ID requirement until the FRIA is approved by the FAA.
- 3. Bob Bayless thanked the SVF and the One Eighth Air Force for the excellent support of the Fly-4-Tots event last December. In 2022, the Sun Valley Fliers members collected three large 30X30X36" boxes of toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys 4 Tots program. In 2024, the SVF members in conjunction with the One Eighth Air Force members collected 5 large 30X30X36" boxes of toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys 4 Tots. Bob thanked all the SVF and OEAF members for their generous contributions and pledged to have another electric event for the same charity this year, with a goal of at least 7 large boxes of toys.

New Business:

- 1. President Frank is investigating the cost and potential installation schedule of temporary shade screens, temporarily attached to our ramada poles for the Winter Warbirds event. The Board will be presented with the salient cost/installation information at the next Board of Directors meeting.
- 2. Membership renewals are doing well. We have about 40 previous members on the un-renewed members list, with some of those promising to renew before the end of the month. Previous members are encouraged to renew in January ahead of a potential dues increase. We historically lose 40-50 members during the renewal cycle, so this is about the same as previous years.
- 3. President Frank said we still need some volunteer help for the gate watch for the upcoming Winter Warbirds event. A Google drive sign up sheet will be going out to all members shortly.

50/50 Raffle: The 50/50 raffle prize of \$28 was won by Paul Delawder who donated his winnings back to the Club treasury. Thank you, Paul, your contribution is appreciated.

Show & Tell: None

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to close the meeting at 9:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Peck

SVF Secretary



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2023

Club Officers Present:

President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-President John Geyer, Secretary Mike Peck

Board Members Present:

 Charlie Beverson, Craig Guest, Jim Sprecker, Val Roqueni, Tony Quist, Jamie Edwards, Bobby Santoro, Dan Bott, Kenny Rhoads, Brian Rhoads

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened at 6:02 PM; there was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Mike Peck

1. The Nov. 6, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes were motioned, seconded, and approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1. The club treasury balance was reported by President Frank as provided by Oliver Heinen, who was not able to participate, and it is adequate for the club's needs.
- 2. Oliver's accounting presented a very detailed review of categorized income and expenses for the periods of November 1- 30, 2023 and 12-1-2022 through 11-30-2023. This analysis provides the Board with information that member dues are generally insufficient to meet the annual operating expense and desired improvements to the club. Oliver will be asked to determine how much of an increase in dues is warranted.
- 3. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. There have been 118 membership renewals to date, and Tony expects a considerable increase in renewals during the next two weeks.

Safety Officer's Report: Ken Rhoads

 Craig Guest relayed a safety concern expressed by a member regarding another SVF member turbine pilot flying their model at the outer limits of safe visual range North of Jomax road. A designated member of the Board will have a private discussion with the turbine pilot and determine if further action/training is necessary.

Information Technology Report: Bobby Santoro

1. The new website will not be activated until after the membership renewal process tapers down.

Old Business:

- 1. Ramada permitting Still in process with the City of Phoenix Planning Dept. A few questions from the City are being addressed by Steve Bargeloh.
- 2. The December 9th Fly 4 Tots event SVF expenses were \$335, and the One Eighth Air Force has been asked to provide their half of the co-sponsor cost. There was some concern that the event ended before the announced closing time, as some members showed up to participate in the late morning/early afternoon. While stiff winds and cold made the weather unfavorable, the expressed disappointment was that lunch and the raffle were both concluded by 10:30 AM. A Board member will discuss this with the CD.
- 3. Winter Warbirds event The CD stated the event is on track and will be held Jan 26-28, 2024.
- 4. The 2024 Arizona Classics, Scale Jets, and Warbirds event is on track to be held March 14-17. More information on this event will be provided in the future.

New Business:

- 1. The Board read and carefully reviewed an e-mail received from Barry Mazer regarding an incident at the December 2, 2023 club meeting, and reached agreement on a decision. President Frank will send Mr. Mazer a letter with the Board's decision.
- 2. The Board has determined that the Club budget will require an increase in membership dues. Oliver Heinen will provide the Board with an assessment of the amount of the dues increase needed and the increase will become effective after Jan. 31, 2024.
- 3. The combination to the gate lock will be changed after Jan. 31, 2024. Members of the club in good standing will receive the new combination by e-mail.
- 4. The FAA has still not granted FRIA status for the Sun Vally Fliers field. Since SVF does have a Letter of Agreement with the FAA at Deer Valley Tower, the AMA will submit a Remote ID Authorization to the FAA which is just as binding as a FRIA in terms of being able to fly at our field without remote ID in each model. This has come about because the FAA was not staffed or funded to provide a timely response to the large number of FRIA applications the AMA has sent to them on behalf of member clubs.
- 5. We cannot dispose of old LIPO, Lithium Ion, or LIFE batteries in the dumpster, whether they have been rendered inert or not, because of other prohibited chemicals in the batteries. Members are to be asked to take their own old batteries to Home Depot or Batteries Plus for no-cost recycling. Those that have been collected at the field will be broken down into smaller containers and taken in for recycling to Home Depot or Batteries Plus on the field cleanup day, but this is NOT a normal function that the Club provides for its members. President Frank will send an e-mail to members.
- 6. President Frank has filled out an SVF application to the AMA to request grant money for our Ramada reconstruction.
- 7. Some members have apparently been spilling or dumping fuel on the chip seal area South of the ramada pavement. This is causing a problem in the underlayment below the loose gravel on top of the chip seal and will cause us additional expense and problems when the chip seal area is scheduled to be finished during the ramada reconstruction project. President Frank will send an e-mail to members asking that fuel or oil not be spilled in this area.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Wichael Peck, Secretary



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2024

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, Tony Quist, Jamie Edwards, Bobby Santoro, Dan Bott, Brian Rhoads

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened at 6:02 PM; there was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Mike Peck

1. The Dec. 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes were motioned, seconded, and approved. The Secretary had emailed an advance copy of the January 6, 2024 Club meeting minutes to the Board of Directors and there were no comments or corrections to the Club minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1. The club treasury balance was reported by Treasurer Oliver Heinen, and it is adequate for the club's needs.
- 2. Oliver reviewed the Sun Valley Fliers financial accounting for the year 2023 and noted that the Club's dues were insufficient to cover the routine annual operating costs of the Club. He estimated that dues would need to be increased by approximately 30% to cover the usual annual operating costs but requested additional time to validate all calculations and determine the amount of dues increase we need. Tony Quist, our Membership Director, reminded the Board that he had sent out a breakdown of how many Club members were in the Senior, Adult, Junior, and Founders membership categories and further noted that we were the only Club in the valley that offered a senior membership at reduced cost. He also noted that most R/C clubs in the valley do offer a family membership rate. The Board will consider the necessity to keep a reduced cost senior membership category when Oliver completes his calculations of what the membership dues should be increased to for a vote by the Board. The family membership issue was deferred for now.
- 3. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

- 1. There have been 208 membership renewals to date; 34 previous members still have not renewed. The number of non-renewals is in line with our historical experience from year to year.
- 2. Tony brought up a membership issue regarding a winter visitor that recently asked several Club members what he needed to do to fly at our field for about two months out of the year. Tony had responded he should join the club, but a couple of members said in the past the Club had accepted a donation. Tony asked the Board for a decision, stating it was not fair to the dues paying members that winter visitors arrive in the valley during prime flying season, use our facilities, and not join & pay the full amount of member dues. Most of the Board agreed with Tony that winter visitors must join the Club as regular members.

Safety Officer's Report: Ken Rhoads

- Brian Rhoads brought up an issue where a member was flying a turbine jet without a spotter, perhaps in
 excess of the maximum turbine speed for turbine powered aircraft, and two people were filming the
 flight which was uploaded on the internet. Brian talked to the member about having to use a spotter
 and the maximum speed for turbine r/c models but feels perhaps it is time for a rules committee to be
 established.
- 2. John Nolte had contacted President Frank about the Board of Directors commenting on 3D pilots that fly over the runway while others are flying at the same time. Brian noted that this was not limited to the two members Mr. Nolte had talked about but was still common during late Saturday evening flight sessions. Brian made a motion to establish a rules committee that he would be happy to work with, along with Dan Bott, and Kenny Rhoads. President Frank suggested an Ad Hoc rules committee to revisit our rules and report back to the Board, consisting of Dan, Brian, and some knowledgeable others Dan may be able to recruit, then report back to the Board.

Information Technology Report: Bobby Santoro

1. The new website is expected to be activated within the next two weeks...

Old Business:

- 1. Ramada permitting We believe we are in the final stage awaiting permit approval by the City of Phoenix Commercial Planning Dept.
- 2. Winter Warbirds event The CD stated the event is on track and will be held Jan 26-28, 2024.
- 3. The 2024 Arizona Classics, Scale Jets, and Warbirds event is on track to be held March 14-17. More information on this event will be provided in the future.

New Business:

- 1. The January 13, 2024 field cleanup was an excellent event. Thank you, Brian Rhoads, for taking the leading role coordinating that, and many thanks to the very numerous Club members that showed up to provide the labor. Tighe O'Meara brought his welding equipment to the field and welded the legs back on to spectator screen for the bleachers. Thank you, Tighe. The bleachers were moved outside the spectator fence near the East end of the runway for Winter Warbirds.
- President Frank ordered ten 10' X 10' popups from Costco @ \$120 each to provide cover for Winer Warbirds. When no longer needed excess popups will be sold to Club members.
- 3. The combination to the gate lock will be changed after Jan. 31, 2024. Members of the club in good standing will receive the new combination by e-mail.
- 4. The final decision regarding increasing our dues and determining the amount needed will be voted on at a future Board meeting based on Oliver's determination on how much is needed to balance our budget.
- 5. Final preparations are underway for Winter Warbirds; two J-Johns and a Wash Station will be delivered on January 24th. Wiring for charging will be installed and run from the generator. The Board discussed the Gate sign-up sheet status and a few modifications to it.
- 6. RID (Remote ID Authorization) is in place for the entire Club, meaning there is no requirement by the FAA for models flown at our field to have remote ID.
- 7. The old tires have all been stacked on the side of the generator shed and still need to be removed. President Frank plans to borrow his son-in-laws dump trailer and either take the tires to a dairy or a tire recycler.
- 8. MCFD is to repair their gate on Jomax road on Tuesday, Jan 16th.
- 9. Brian Rhoads would like to have the members of the Board meeting at the field on Saturday, Jan 20th at 9:00 AM to go through the Connex we used for storage and get rid of unneeded items.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Peck, Secretary







Winter Warbirds 2024



SVF members setting up the field for the 2024 Winter Warbirds











December 9, 2023 we had the second annual Fly 4 Tots. This year's goal was to fill 6 of the Marine Corp Toy collection boxes. We filled 5. In 2022 we filled around 3. This was a wonderful improvement!

The weather was awful, with 20 mph direct cross winds and it was cold. Even so, people flew. We hosted 26 pilots. What we lacked in pilots was more than made up by people bringing toys!

We had a raffle made up by donations from, Horizon Hobbies, Banana Hobbies, Superstition Hobbies, **Duncan's and Hobby Bench.**

Thanks to Sun Valley Fliers and The One Eighth Airforce for their support and sponsorship. I was helped out by many members of the club. Thanks to Frank Moskowitz, Tony Quist, John Geyer, Brian Rhoads, Gene Peterson, Howard Kennedy and many others.

Special Thanks to SGT Robert Libby III USMC for his and the Marine's support.

Save December 7, 2024 for next year's event! Our goal for next year 7 boxes. See you there.

Bob Bayless

























































Photos by Bob Poe

What's Happening



Sun Valley Fliers

Louis Butler goes Solo. John Geyer was his primary instructor but he also got a lot of help from Todd Inskeep in setting up and repairing his airplane. Val did his check flight.



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SVF Field Clean Up January 13, 2024















Photos by Frank Moskowitz



SVF Field Clean Up January 13, 2024



















ARIZONA WARBIRDS AND CLASSIC

ARIZONA WARBIRDS AND CLASSICS is planning to be held again at the Sun Valley Field March 14 thru 17.

This event started fifty years ago as the One Eighth Scale Fly in.

Bonnie and I are planning a lot of great food, flying, fun and Arizona big blue skies.

Friday night will feature a half roasted chicken along with the auction. All the net proceeds of the event goes to Children's Cancer Foundation. We are proud that this event raised a little over \$10,000 last year for the foundation. The chicken dinner is no cost to the pilots and extra dinners for friends & family is \$20.00

Saturday is our 10 oz filet mignon steak awards dinner. This is not a contest but we hand out 20 awards such as "Best Finish", Best WWI" etc. each award is hand made.

Registration is open and is similar to TC Flightdeck. They just changed their name so people who have registered before will have their AMA number and list of planes that may have been entered at other event that used RC FlightDeck.

Registration is open and the sooner guys register the better for our food, porta potty planning.

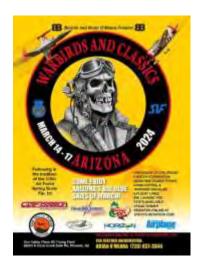
We do have tents for rent, let me know asap if you intend to rent a tent.

Bonnie & Brian OMeara

Thanks in advance for sponsors such as Top RC, PowerBox, Jetcat USA, Horizon Hobbies and Model Airplane News.

Model Airplane News has committed to a full article in a future edition of the magazine.

Attached is our flyer and the link to register is https://events.rcnation.com/event.cfm?id=8493





Bigger flyer in this Slow Roll

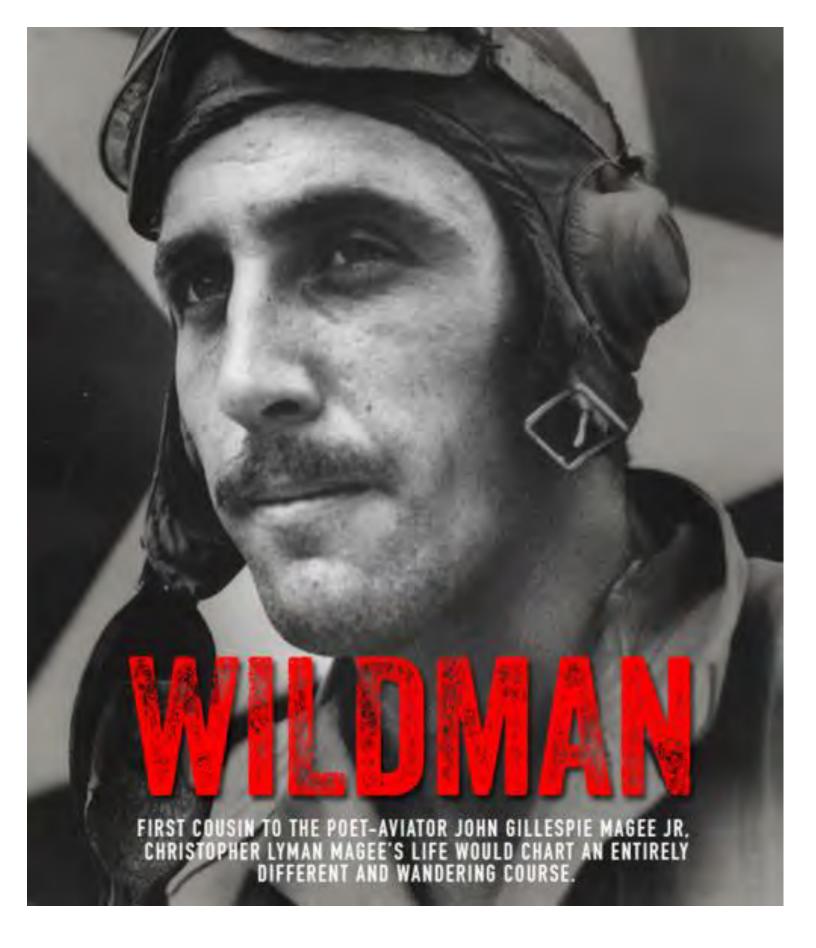
SVF PILOTS HALL OF PLANES

You SVF members that been around for a while should remember I had/ asking members to show us your projects, new acquired, or planning on a scratch building project.

So the editor is asking you guys/gals to show us what your proud of.



Thanks Mike Ardy for using this photo



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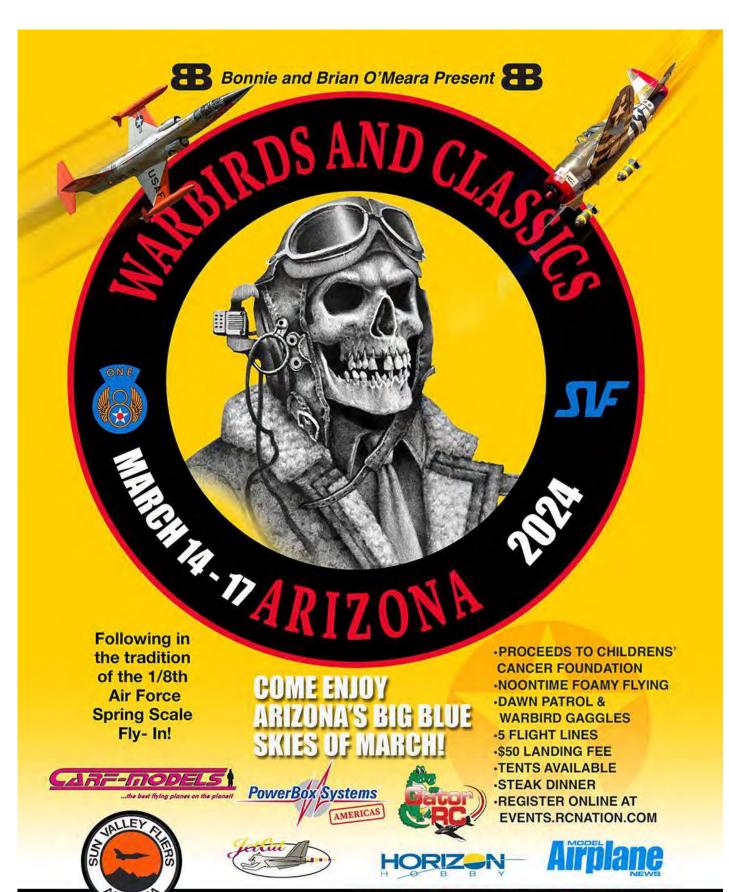
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Monster C-17 Globemaster

https://www.modelairplanenews.com/monster-c-17-globemaster/

NEW: Derek Micko interview with the AMA https://www.youtube.com/live/cpbDvmnGbS4?si=WHjzCCfeYa2A4GjX

CHECK THESE VIDEOS OUT



Where are your videos????

My thanks to those who passed this info on.









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Brown	Paul E	
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DeMar	Steven	
Dolan	Mike	
Edwards	Jamie	
Fivecoat	Joshua	
Gowell	Ben	
Jacobson	Matt	
Julovich	George	
Koons	Kevin	
Lamb	Dennis	
Larrivee	Craig	
Miller	Dylan	
Peck	Michael	
Pierz	Stanley	
Sprecker	Jim	
Stevens	Eric	
Tessier	Walter	
Watson	Justin	
Wright	Charles Fred	



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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 **Membership list for** Phone numbers.



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