



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes October 4, 2025

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

Board Members Present: Charlie Beverson, Jim Sprecker, Brian Rhoads, Dan Bott, Tony Quist, Kenny Rhoads, and Fred Wright

Meeting Open: President Frank opened the meeting at 8:09 AM.

Guests: Jenna Rhoads

New Members: Larry Brasen, welcome Larry!

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: - Mike Peck

1. The Club meeting minutes and the Board meeting minutes are posted to the website. Mike encouraged members to review the Board meeting minutes to stay informed of items the Board of Directors is working on for the Club. The last Club meeting minutes were approved without correction.
2. The Secretary's report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen -

1. We presently have sufficient funds in our bank account to operate the club for the remainder of the year. Oliver gave a definitive report on the income and expenses the SVF had during September.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist (self-proclaimed 'Cuddly Muffin')

1. Cuddly reported that we have the 2026 membership renewal section up & working on the website, and members can begin renewing their membership at any time. Frank will send out an email to remind everyone to log on and renew.
2. We have over 260 members for 2025, which is the highest we have had for several years.

Safety Officer's Report: - Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny reported an incident at the field last Sunday where he had a dead stick landing, and his caller had announced he would be "on the field". Kenny felt the announcement had been acknowledged, but another pilot who was still flying inadvertently passed low over the caller's head causing concern for everyone involved. We are reminded that our hobby has risks and can present dangers to our fellow members at the field. Please insure

when a caller must cross the runway to retrieve a model that all other pilots in the air are aware of the “on the field” situation.

IT Update: Irv Singer -

1. The September club meeting and Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. Irv has posted some new pictures to the website as well and encourages members to send him their pictures from the field. Irv is in the process of developing a section on the website for members to post their “for sale” items on. A number of members chimed in with announcements of items they have for sale.
3. President Frank thanked Irv for keeping the website up to date.

Old Business:

1. The construction on Cave Creek Road is way behind schedule. The contractor has not been able to accurately predict when the barriers on Cave Creek Road will be removed.
2. President Frank only received one contractor bid to obtain and install the photovoltaic solar panels and wiring to provide electric power to all workstations under the ramada, and it was an excessive amount (\$17,000). Frank has decided to have the Club procure the equipment and do the work himself with the help of some club members.
3. John Gerhardt has received the AMA Sanction for our 14th Winter Warbirds event; the dates will be January 29 – 31, 2026. That’s Thursday through Saturday, and President Frank will be sending e-mails to the membership asking for help to run the event.

New Business:

1. Vice-President John Geyer announced sad news that Dave Zarra, the President of the Arizona Model Pilots Society, passed away recently. Robert Norton, the incumbent Vice-President of the AMPS will take over as President of that club.
2. President Frank is working with Cole Cunningham to upgrade our 17-year old weather station. It has relied on Cole’s ham radio to make it available on the internet, and Cole is gathering information about the equipment we need to make it work through Wi-Fi. It will be powered by the existing solar panels and will utilize a sim card that will cost us about \$10 a month.
3. Jim Sprecker announced we will be having a swap meet on the same day as our December 6th Club meeting. Sellers will pay \$15 which includes breakfast at the field, and if they need to rent a table, that is an additional \$10.
4. Dan Bott reminded members that the Academy of Model Aeronautics is electing a new President, and he encouraged SVF members to support and vote for Greg Stone.

Show & Tell: This item has been moved up on the agenda, so it precedes the drawing & 50/50 raffle to encourage more members to share show & tell items with the membership at the meeting.

1. Vice-President John Geyer would like to see more show and tell activity at our club meetings, and he recalled past years indoor meetings when show and tell was a regular and interesting part of Club meetings, and was well supported by the membership. John would like other members to come forward with presentations on their interests like 3D models, bashed ARF’s, foamies, turbines, new radio equipment, etc.
2. John discussed his DeHavilland Tiger Moth building project to start the new emphasis on the show & tell part of the meeting program. His Tiger Moth biplane is built from wood-framework from a Duncan-Hudson kit. It has a 30cc gas engine, and the model is covered then painted in Stitts paint. It is very detailed as John wants to use it in scale

competitions. He discussed the importance of good documentation and the efforts he made to install functional flying wires on the wing, cockpit and scale pilot figure detailing, wing slats on the upper wing, and anti-spin strakes on the back upper portion of the fuselage. John offered to answer questions and show his documentation to interested members after the meeting. Thank you, John.

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by Geoff Gray, who received \$58 for his half. Congrats Geoff!

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary