



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2026

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

Board Members Present: Charlie Beverson, Jim Sprecker, Tony Quist, Wayne Layne, and Kenny Rhoads

Meeting Open: President Frank opened the meeting at 9:07 AM.

Guests: Norm's family from Michigan

New Members: Rick Small, welcome Rick!

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. Last month's Club and Board minutes have been posted to the website. There were no comments, corrections, or changes requested to the December 2025 Club meeting minutes.
2. The secretary's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. We expect to have sufficient funds in our bank account to operate the club for the next year. Oliver gave a definitive report on the income and expenses the Club had during the previous year, and a breakdown of our income, expenses, and field improvement costs during the past three years. Our membership dues income is now sufficient to cover all normal recurring operating expenses during the year with a small excess margin.
2. Oliver also reminded members that their dues, donations, and event income had been utilized by the Club in making almost \$500,000 in improvements and normal maintenance costs to the SVF flying site since 2018. Members were asked to use our facilities with care to respect their investments.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation as presented.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that 207 adult members have renewed their membership for 2026, and we also have 23 junior members in good standing. That only leaves 45 members from last year to renew, and most of those are first-time members. This puts the Club significantly ahead of the rate of renewals for the past few years.
2. Tony was thanked for his efforts in keeping up with membership lists and the renewals.
3. President Frank encouraged the remaining members to renew soon through our website, sunvalleyfliers.com.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. There were no unresolved safety issues to discuss for the previous month.
2. There was an issue with proper flightline etiquette last month, which did lead to some inherently dangerous situations, but it has been addressed and corrected by the Board of Directors.

IT Update: Irv Singer

1. The December 2025 Club and Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site, and the link to those meeting minutes has been moved to make it easier to find.
2. Irv has also posted new pictures to the gallery section of the Club website, and other things are in process of being updated, including payment methods for member renewals.
3. The Club secretary asked the membership to thank Irv for a lot of hard work that has taken place on our website, and this is very important, as it is our only means of communicating with the membership between meetings since we have not found a new newsletter editor. A round of applause followed for Irv.

Old Business:

1. President Frank and Tony Quist have 2026 membership stickers for those members that have renewed and also have a 2026 AMA membership card. Please get on of the new stickers to put on you 2026 AMA card to show you are a current member of the Club in good standing.
2. The Board of Directors has noted that there are already places on the West side pits where fuel has been spilled during refueling of models. This appears to be primarily jet fuel and gasoline by members who fuel those types of models. Please remember to bring a catch-can or other method to avoid spilling fuel on our nice new asphalt surfaces and take some pride in how nice our facility looks. Chris Cores was nice enough to donate some oil absorbing pads and a spray chemical to help remove the spills that have already occurred and these are in the generator shed. Thank you, Chris!
3. We are still waiting for a quote from Lorenzo of American Asphalt, our paving contractor, to add a bumper to divert the water away and to apply a seal on the gravel fill that was put in the level out the rain caused ruts.
4. President Frank has renewed our Club Charter with the AMA and provided copies of our insurance documents to the City of Phoenix and the Maricopa County Flood Control District.
5. The swap meet last month was very successful and did not pull members away from the December Club meeting. Jim Sprecker and Art were acknowledged for organizing providing leadership to manage the event.

New Business:

1. The Winter Warbirds event is on track for January 29 through January 31, 2026. Further information is on the website, or you can contact John Gerhardt for more information. President Frank said John stated he had all the help he needed, but there was a lingering question about gate workers for Thursday and Friday that has not been fully resolved.
2. Member Brian O'Meara gave a short talk on the upcoming SVF Scale Aviation Airshow event to be held on March 18 – 21, 2026. Brian had full color posters to distribute to members and hobby shops and reminded us all that the event has always generated a large donation in the name of the SVF to the Morgan Adams Children's Cancer Foundation and a worthwhile profit for the Club. The event will include a Friday evening

chicken dinner (free for pilots) with an evening auction, and an available steak dinner Saturday, licensed food vendors for lunches, noontime foamie flying, dawn patrol & warbird gaggles, and lots of flying fun. The flyer is posted to the website and registration is available at events.rcnation.com Online registration is \$60 and registration at the event is \$75. Wayne Layne is developing a volunteer list for SVF members to help with many tasks such as setup, gate duties & admission, parking, and other activities during the event that require manpower from the Club. President Frank will setup online signup lists for these purposes.

Show & Tell:

1. Derek Van Dyke showed the Sig Astrohog kit that he built. The original kit was designed back in the 1957-1958 period. Derek's build was faithful to the Sig plans, covered in Sig Coverall, doped, and painted for the trim features. He is using an OS Max .60 two stroke for power, and it is still waiting to perform the maiden flight. It is a great example of what a member can do in building a kit model airplane. Thank you, Derek!
2. Ben Gowell showed his kit built Yellow Aircraft AT-6 Texan. An excellent scale model with lots of detail in the Chariots of Fire scheme. Ben built the model in honor of his late father and nicknamed it "The Pops". It has a GP-76 twin for power. Thank you, Ben!
3. Tony Quist showed an E-Flight 1-meter Gee Bee R-2 model available from Horizon Hobbies. It uses a 4S battery and Tony says this ARF tracks straight on ground handling, while other Gee Bee R-2's were a handful on the ground.
4. Thanks to all who displayed and discussed their models in the show & tell. It made the meeting more interesting and informative.

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by Chris Rosenkrans, who donated the \$35 back to the Club. Thank you, Chris!

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck, SVF Secretary