



## Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes February 7, 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, John Gerhardt, Fred Wright, and Kenny Rhoads

**Meeting Open:** President Frank opened the meeting at 9:05 AM and requested all members to drive more slowly to keep the dust down on our entry road.

**Guests:** Johnny from the Arizona Model Aviators club. Sorry, I did not get the last name.

**New Members:** Greg McManus and Martin Trout. Welcome Greg and Martin!

**New Solo Pilots:** Rick Small, but Rick was not present to receive his certificate.

**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 January 2026 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.
2. Oliver noted that we had unusually high expenses during January due to the costs of the asphalt added South of the ramada, the solar project under construction, and the cost of tents rented for Winter Warbirds, but the income side of Winter warbirds has not been turned in yet and that should offset the tent expenses.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation as presented.

**Membership Director's Report:** Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the Club has 223 adult members and 27 junior members in good standing for 2026. That leaves about 37 members from 2025 that have not renewed their membership.
2. President Frank encouraged the remaining members to renew soon through our website, [sunvalleyfliers.com](http://sunvalleyfliers.com).

**Safety Officer's Report:** Kenny Rhoads

1. There were no safety issues to discuss for the previous month.

### IT Update: Irv Singer

1. The January 2026 Club and Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. Irv has also posted new pictures to the gallery section of the Club website from Winter Warbirds.
3. Irv is continuing to investigate alternative payment methods for member renewals.

### Old Business:

1. President Frank and Tony Quist have 2026 membership stickers for those members that have renewed and have a 2026 AMA membership card. Please get one 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. Chris Cores has donated some oil absorbing pads and a spray chemical to help remove the spills and these are in the generator shed. Please use them if you spill fuel or oil on the asphalt.
3. Lorenzo, of American Asphalt, our paving contractor, will 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. The paving of the area South of the ramada is complete and this is a closed item. Club members should **never drive vehicles on the new pavement** as it is not thick enough to support vehicular weight, and it would surely break apart.

### New Business:

1. The Club would like to thank John Gerhardt for continuing the Winter Warbird Event and not letting it die off. After 11 years of being the CD for the event and building it up, Tony did a fabulous job before handing it off to John. Tony believes the event is even better under John's guidance, averaging about 100 pilots and 150 model airplanes. It is a pilot's event with everything geared to letting them do their thing, and pilots enjoy its simplicity.
2. President Frank noted that registration for the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow is now open and available online at **EVENTS.RCNATION.COM**. Online registration is \$60 and registration at the event is \$75. It is a new name, but the same event from Thursday, March 18 through Saturday, March 21, 2026. Model aircraft must be a representation of a full-size aircraft, flown in a racetrack pattern with NO hovering, 60" minimum wingspan, and all means of propulsion are welcome. Young guns with small models welcome.
3. President Frank is working on the installation of the solar panel project to provide power to the electric outlets under the ramada. The batteries and battery box, breakers, switching panel, wiring, conduit are in; and the solar panels will be installed soon.
4. In accordance with our Club Administrative Action schedule, February is the month when we appoint a nominating committee consisting of one Board member, two non-Board members, and the President as chairman. John Geyer is appointed as the Board member and John will be soliciting 2 non-Board members to assist him in canvassing the membership for our annual election of Officers and Board members.
5. Club members are reminded that the SVF no longer accepts batteries for recycling. The yellow recycling containers have been removed, and members are cautioned not to throw old lipo or lead acid batteries in the trash containers or dumpster as these pose a fire hazard or acid spill hazard and cannot go to the dump. Members should take their old batteries to Batteries Plus, Home Depot, or other places themselves. The SVF cannot recycle them any longer as our source for that will no longer accept the quantities we were collecting.
6. The Board of Directors has decided to reduce the number of times that a hot breakfast will be served at the field for Club meetings because the tip jar donations do not cover

the cost of the food. We will have a hot breakfast every other month for a while and see if the donation situation improves to cover food costs.

7. There was a question from the membership if we could put up any signs on Cave Creek Road that would identify the SVF model airplane flying site. President Frank said the City would not allow that, but the Board will investigate getting some kind of identifier sign that the County will allow us to post next to Jomax road.
8. Wayne Layne, the Field Marshal for the Arizona Scale Aviation event reminded members that we still need volunteers to work various jobs during that event. Wayne said he would develop a sign-up sheet program that there will be a link to on the SVF website. We will need 40-50 volunteers for that event.
9. Brian O'Meara reminded members that the Arizona Scale Aviation event is a money maker for the SVF, and members will not get pit pass privileges just because they are Club members. Members will need to buy a \$10 pit pass to get into the pits, or better yet, be a registered pilot. There is a free chicken dinner for registered pilots on Friday night followed by a big auction with very nice, donated prizes available to bid on. Saturday night there will be a 10 oz fillet mignon steak dinner available with all the trimmings for \$35. Also, regrettably, no dogs will be allowed at the event as this has caused problems at past events.

### **Show & Tell:**

1. Kaleb Massey showed his large EDF American Airlines 737 stretch jet with Callie Graphics markings. Very nice, Kaleb, thank you.
2. Martin Trout showed his original Carl Goldberg Falcon 56 that was built from a kit. Martin converted the power from an Enya .20 alcohol fueled motor to an electric. Very nice, Martin, and thank you for showing it to us.

**50/50 Raffle:** The raffle was won by Fred Wright, who donated all \$70 back to the Club. Thank you, Fred!

**Meeting close:** Motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Peck, SVF Secretary