



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes March 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, and Kenny Rhoads

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

Guests: Christian Van Dyke

New Members: Ray Hoffman and Aidan Howe

New Solo Pilots: Aidan Howe

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 February 2026 Club meeting minutes.
2. The secretary's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. We have sufficient funds in our bank account to operate the club for the next year.
2. Oliver reported that the 2026 Winter Warbirds event netted about \$8152.00.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation as presented.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the Club has a total of 252 members, including juniors, who have renewed their membership for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. There were no safety issues of consequence to discuss for the previous month. There was one incident where an electric airplane was armed in the pits and accidentally had the motor started, but there were no injuries or damage. Another member was counselled to not taxi his airplane from the runway to the pits.
2. Vice-president John also related a story where he and another seasoned electric pilot had been helping a third member program his electric airplane, and the aircraft was armed in the pits during the programming of a motor cut-off switch, and John had forgotten to unplug the battery afterward. Again, the motor was accidentally started, and it flew forward off the table doing minor damage to the electric airplane and to another model's rudder. This shows that even seasoned members can make a mistake; a lot of care must be taken

when working with electric powered models. Good rule of thumb...take the prop off until ready to fly.

IT Update: Irv Singer

1. The February 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 as well as a ten-minute video from the event, courtesy of Oliver Heinen.
3. Members are encouraged to check out the website!

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 your 2026 AMA card to show you are a current member of the Club in good standing.
2. John Geyer is the Board member for the nominating committee and has appointed Irv Singer and Craig Lahlum to be the two non-board members of the committee. Chaired by President Frank, this committee is seeking members who are interested in running for our Officer positions or the Board of Directors for the election this year.
3. 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, Lowes, 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.
4. The Board of Directors had 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 did not cover the cost of the food. Vinnie DeFabio has volunteered to fund the breakfasts at all monthly club meetings as he felt they were important and helped to encourage attendance. Thank you, Vinnie!

New Business:

1. President Frank has completed the installation of the solar panel project to provide power to the electric outlets under the ramada. The batteries, battery box, breakers, switching panel, wiring, conduit, and the solar panels are all in. All outlets are powered from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM, and Frank will adjust the start time as the time of sunrise changes. The shut-down time is governed by a timer that will protect the batteries at night when there is no sunlight. The ramada lights are also on a timer and are set to cut off after 60 minutes. The Club members thanked President Frank with a standing ovation for his time and professional work to make this project happen.
2. Tony Quist was able to get the dates back for the Sun Valley Jets event. The SVF will host this event on October 22, 23, and 24 of 2026. Tony has sent in the sanction, and we will have more information in the future. Anyone who has questions currently is encouraged to contact Tony.
3. Kenny Rhoads has completed dragging the area South of the wash for a spectator parking lot and has added a walkway from the new lot to the field. Two parallel logs now show the boundaries of the walkway where it enters the existing field parking lot. Thank you, Kenny, it is a great job and it is now ready for the Arizona Scale Aviation airshow.
4. We reminded members that registration for the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow is now open at EVENTS.RCNATION.COM and is \$60 in advance of the event. At the event, it

will cost \$75. Wayne Layne, the Field Marshal for the event reminded members that we still need volunteers to work various jobs during that event. Wayne has developed a sign-up sheet program that is linked to on the SVF website. We still need 40 volunteers for that event, and volunteers will get three days of free parking, pit privileges, and the chicken dinner on Friday night. Brian O'Meara reminded members that the Arizona Scale Aviation event is a money maker for the SVF, and non-working SVF 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. Saturday night there will be a 10 oz fillet mignon steak dinner available with all the trimmings for \$35, followed by a big auction with very nice, donated prizes available to bid on. Regrettably, no dogs will be allowed at the event as this has caused problems at past events. Brian and Wayne took signups from members at the meeting who wished to volunteer for work.

Show & Tell:

1. There was no show & tell for this month.

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by Vinnie DeFabbio who donated the \$51 back to the Club. Thank you, Vinnie!

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck, SVF Secretary