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Board Nominations Meeting!

This month's meeting is also our nominations meeting. Yes, it is that time of year again. Nominations for candidates to run for SVF Officer & Board of Director positions will be conducted during this meeting. Any member can nominate another SVF member from the floor at the April meeting as long as the nominee is willing to run. The Board of Directors serves two-year terms and there will be 4 openings this year. All officers are up for re-election since their terms are for one year at a time. If you would like to be a part of how this club is run, you might want to come to this Saturday meeting. Our nomination committee consists of John Geyer, Irv Singer, and Craig Lahlum. Feel free to reach out to any of them with questions.

This month's meeting is Saturday April 3rd, at 8:00 a.m.

April 2026 Slow Roll Presidents Letter



Welcome to April 2024 Slow Roll. I hope everyone is having a great year so far.

The Scale Aviation Air Show Event took place March 18-21. The weather cooperated and was hot, over 100 degrees all 4 days. All told it was a fantastic time for all involved. See pictures and comments in this edition of the Slow Roll. I want to thank all the SVF members that volunteered their time for all the various tasks that were required for this huge event. These events are so important to us. It's part of our revenue to survive and pay the bills. So, thanks again to those who always selflessly volunteer to assist.

Sun Valley Fliers Club Elections. Yes, it is that time of year again. Nominations for candidates to run for SVF Officer & Board of Director positions will be conducted during our Saturday April 4th meeting. 8am start time as usual at the field.

Any member can nominate another SVF member from the floor at the April meeting as long as the nominee is willing to run. The Board of Directors serves two-year terms and there will be 3 openings this year. All officers are up for re-election since their terms are for one year at a time. If you would like to be a part of how this club is run, you might want to come to the April 6th meeting and find out the latest. Our nomination committee consists of John Geyer, Todd Inskeep and Ben Gowell. Feel free to reach out to any of them with questions.

The actual election results will take place at our May 2nd election meeting so please put this date down on your calendar so you can be there. We are also going to continue with our online method for submitting Ballots. We have been using this method for many years with great success. Prior to the voting week, you will receive an email with instructions on how to submit your vote. If you have any questions about voting or casting ballots, please contact John Geyer jegeyer1012@gmail.com

The weather is getting warmer which means more of our members will be at the field. 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 in the area. It is everybody's job to help. If you would like to voice your opinion regarding anything to do with our club, then please come to the monthly meetings. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

For those of you that have not attended a club meeting in a while, now is the time to start. Our club meetings take place on the first Saturday each month. 8am start time. We will have many raffle prizes and the "50/50" could make you very happy \$\$\$\$. You never know what might happen, and you do not want to miss it. We have coffee and donuts for your enjoyment.

Have fun out there!

Frank Moskowitz
President



AMA Foundation Executive Director Steve Haston came to visit the 2026 Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow.

Steve had the following to say about his time at the event: "At 105 degrees, most people would have looked for shade and called it a day. But at the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow, the heat became just another part of the story, because nothing was going to stop AMA pilots from taking to the skies. Presented by Bonnie and Brian O'Meara, this remarkable event was more than a gathering of talented model aviators; it was a celebration of skill, generosity, and purpose. Every year, the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow brings people together not only for the love of model aviation but to support the fight against cancer. That mission gave even greater meaning to an already unforgettable weekend. And what a weekend it was!"

"From the moment the first aircraft lifted off, it was clear that this was something special. The flying was extraordinary. Large-scale jets thundered across the Arizona sky. Beautiful warbirds roared past with power and grace. Replicas of some of history's most famous aircraft reminded everyone why Scale aviation holds such a special place in our hobby. Every flight reflected precision, discipline, and countless hours of dedication. This event saw 87 pilots from 12 states in attendance!

"Just as impressive as the aircraft was the talent behind the sticks. Pilots delivered breathtaking aerobatics and smooth, controlled flying that kept spectators locked in from takeoff to landing. In weather that set records for this time of year, they performed at an exceptional level, once again showing the resilience, passion, and determination that define the AMA community.

"The O'Mearas made the event even more meaningful through their generosity. They provided prizes, including 25 handmade trophies created by Bonnie, and created moments that will have a lasting impact, especially for the next generation. One highlight was the recognition of three young pilots known as the 'Young Guns,' each of whom was awarded a new, high-end, 20-channel radio. It was exciting to see youth encouraged in such a powerful way. Investments like these help ensure that the future of model aviation remains strong, vibrant, and full of promise. Through all of their efforts, the O'Mearas raised upwards of \$8,000 for The Morgan Adams Foundation!

"During the closing dinner, AMA President Greg Stone, AMA Foundation Co-Chair Dan Bott, and I had the privilege of speaking to the pilots and attendees. We shared our vision for the future of AMA and the AMA Foundation, highlighted the important work being done, and spoke about the opportunities ahead. Most importantly, we asked for their continued support, because the future of our hobby depends on all of us.

"Events like the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow remind us of what makes this community so extraordinary: generosity, excellence, mentorship, and heart. Thank you to Bonnie and Brian O'Meara and every pilot, volunteer, attendee, member, and donor who made this event possible.





Steve (R), joined by AMA President Greg Stone (M) and AMA District XI Vice President Phil Tallman (L).



"Now is the time to keep that spirit moving forward. Support model aviation in your local community. Encourage the next generation to get involved. Stand behind the AMA Foundation as we work to protect, grow, and inspire this great hobby. Thank you for believing in the future we are building together."

Arizona Scale Airshow Photos!



(Many photos courtesy of BJH Photography)





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



Club Meeting March 2026.

One of our new junior members is awarded his flying certification by VP John Geyer.



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026

Club Officers Present:

- President Frank Moskowitz and Secretary Michael Peck

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Jim Sprecker, Kenny Rhoads, Wayne Layne, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, and Dan Bott.

Guests Present: Irv Singer, IT Manager

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:05 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Mike Peck

1. The minutes of the February 9, 2026, Board of Directors meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver could not attend but submitted a written report on the end-of-month balance in the treasury and noted the club's operating funds are sufficient to cover the projected expenses for next year.
2. John Gerhardt was thanked by President Frank for his work in continuing to host the Winter Warbirds event, and Oliver's report noted that the net income to the Club from this event was \$8,149.76.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that 252 members, including juniors, have renewed for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny stated he had not received any reports of safety issues during the past month.
2. A Board member commented that he had heard from several Club members that a lot of pilots are flying without spotters during the week. Those Club members are not comfortable enough to address the issue themselves with the pilots flying outside of our rules. President Frank will send out an e-mail to all members encouraging them to speak to other members who are not following our safety rules when at the field.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. 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.
2. Irv has also added information to the website on the perks that volunteers working in the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow.
3. A picture of our newest junior member with his solo certificate was also added to the website.

Field Maintenance:

1. We have weeds that need to be removed from the field and President Frank will contact John Serio about getting it done.

Old Business:

1. We have a member, Brian Bailie, who has expressed an interest in becoming the newsletter editor and President Frank will meet with Brian this Thursday to hand over Bob Purdy's programs, files, and whatever else Brian needs. The plan is to publish the Slow Roll quarterly instead of monthly; at least to start off.
2. Oliver is the contact for Dean Simms regarding the use of our field for Arizona Tech Week drone/electronics demonstrations. We have not heard of any further plans at this time, but should get additional information on that soon.
3. The new sign at the entrance to the field has been installed.
4. The Board has approved the SVF feather sign for the side of Jomax Road. President Frank will send us images of what is planned to be on the feather sign.

New Business:

1. Preparations for the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow starting on March 18, 2026, are underway. President Frank has ordered 4 J-johns and 2 wash stations, the 4-yard dumpster will be emptied daily, the Deer Valley Airport tower has been texted, and VIP pit passes will be made available to any tower operators and their family members that wish to attend. Wayne Layne will contact the tower by phone daily with start and stop times. There will also be some Academy of Model Aeronautics dignitaries who will get VIP pit passes as well. The propane tanks have been refilled. We have some volunteers to work on the event but still need more.
2. The solar project for providing electricity to receptacles under the ramada is complete. President Frank has added timing for when the solar power will automatically turn on and off and has installed a separate 60-minute timer on the ramada lights. Frank also provided a picture from our field camera showing some of our members utilizing the field on Sunday night where some of those members were not cleaning up their trash. Frank has talked to one of those members about reminding everyone to be responsible and clean up after themselves.
3. Tony Quist was able to get the same dates set for the Sun Valley Jets event for 2026. The sanction application has been sent in, but it has not been approved yet. Anyone who needs additional information should contact Tony directly.
4. Ken Rhoads has added a pedestrian walkway so that people who park in the South lot can easily walk to the main parking lot and field. Two parallel logs line the walkway area.
5. We discussed the need to collect Club members' FAA numbers last month, and perhaps to include a required field in the annual renewal section of the website to collect members' FAA numbers as a condition of renewing membership. President Frank noted we had not voted on that issue and was unsure as to whether we should require new members to have and submit their FAA number to join the Club. Two Board members were strongly in favor of requiring both new and renewing Club members to provide their FAA numbers to the Club. They reminded the Board that FAA registration is not optional, and that our FRIA agreement with the FAA plainly states the SVF must provide a list of all members' FAA numbers to any authorized FAA representative upon request. It was motioned, seconded, and approved (with one abstention) to require both new and renewing Club members to provide their FAA number to the Club. This continues to be an action item to discuss at the next membership meeting.

6. John Gerhardt attended the Arizona Model Pilots Association Greenfest electric event and was asked if the SVF membership would like to attend and fly at a scheduled Open House at the AMPS field. This would probably include some kind of food being served, perhaps dinner. This should also be an item on the agenda for the next membership meeting.
7. John has also been contacted & asked if the SVF would like to sponsor a trophy for the upcoming Wings over Chino scale event in Chino, CA. They would also be willing to sponsor a trophy for an SVF event. The Board approved the sponsorship request.
8. Fred Wright was unable to attend the Board meeting but sent an email asking for consideration of putting some kind of sealer on our dusty gravel entrance road. He indicated that we could ask for member donations to fund the roadway seal and he would personally be willing to contribute to this fund. President Frank noted that we have discussed this previously and investigated the application of a product called 'Gorilla Snot'; however there was a question as to how long this over \$10,000 product application would last with our moderately heavy use of the roadway. Jim Sprecker said that Colorado used ammonium sulfate to treat their dirt roads and perhaps we should look into that. President Frank said he would talk to Lorenzo to see what their company would recommend (short of pavement), and to the County to see what they would approve.
9. Dan Bott reminded the Board that the President of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Greg Stone, and the AMA Foundation chairman, James "Bud" Lane, will attend the Arizona Scale Aviation Airshow this month.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary