



President's Letter



Now I know why it is called the lazy days of summer. By midday our field looks like a ghost town. For those lucky enough to arrive at the crack of dawn, the temperature and wind conditions are excellent. By mid-morning you must deal with 100° plus temperatures. Unfortunately, we have high humidity, and high dewpoints associated with our Monsoon season. Arizona Monsoon season typically lasts until mid-September.

Until then, arrive early and enjoy the morning flying conditions.

We are still looking for flight instructors. As our membership grows, we need to offer the services that our club is known for, especially being the friendliest and most forward-thinking club in the valley. If you are interested in this position, just inform me or any club officer or board member.

I always welcome comments so please feel free to call me anytime you want to chat about club-related issues. You can reach me at 602-809-4195. If I do not answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you. I can receive text messages on that number as well.

That's all for now. Enjoy the heat!

There will be no club meetings in July or August since the temperatures are not that inviting for a gathering. We will resume normal club meetings starting Saturday, September 5th

Have fun out there!

Frank Moskowitz,
President

The field has some new signage!



The mornings still see some action...







Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes June 6, 2026

Officers Present: President Frank Moskowitz, Treasurer Oliver Heinen

Board Members Present: Charlie Beverson, Tony Quist, Irv Singer, Fred Wright, and Ben Gowell

Meeting Open: President Frank opened the meeting at 8:04 AM.

Guests: None

New Members: Chris Chen and Jay O'Hare. Welcome Chris and Jay!

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. We have sufficient funds in our bank account to operate the club for the next year.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation as presented.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the Club has 235 adult and 28 junior members for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report: None

IT Update: Irv Singer

1. The May 2026 Club and Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. The June Slow Roll newsletter has been posted to the website.
3. There are new pictures in the gallery section of the Club website and members are encouraged to check out all items on the website.
4. Members were reminded if they have comments or questions on the Slow Roll send them to this email address: SlowRoll@SunValleyFliers.com
5. Members were also reminded if they have comments/questions or input to the website send them to this email address: TechSupport@SunValleryFliers.com

Old Business:

1. The results of the May SVF election were announced last month and President Frank welcomed new Board Members Ben Gowell and Irv Singer to the Club meeting.
2. President Frank also thanked Brian Rhoads and Dan Bott for their service to the Club as previous Board members.

New Business:

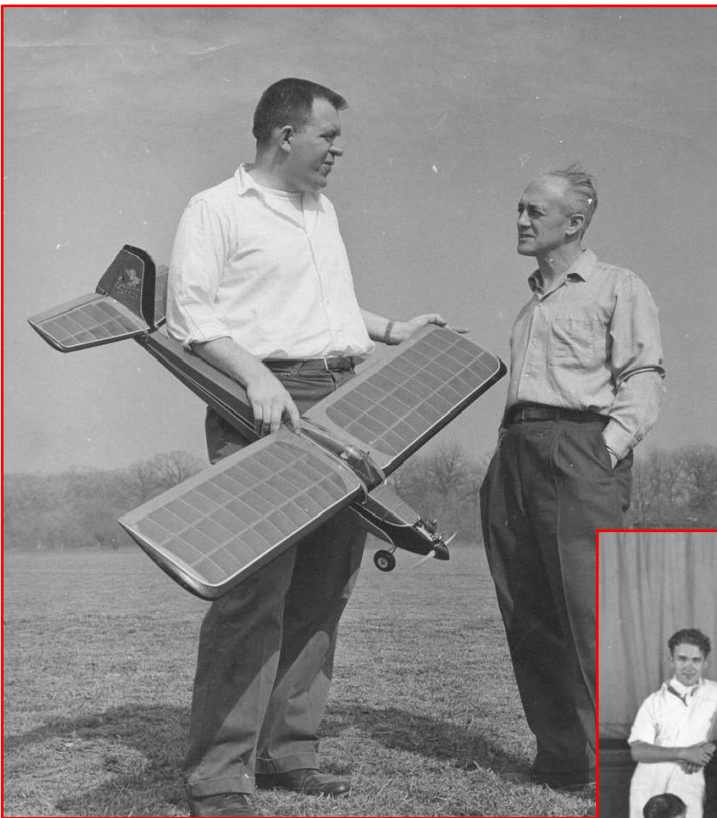
1. There is a new runway facing camera at the field. Members wishing access should contact President Frank.
2. President Frank has completed the Arizona State Corporations Division 2026 Annual Report for the SVF as a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation, and it has been accepted as filed by the Corporations Division. Thank you Frank!
3. There will be **NO Club meetings during July and August 2026** due to the expected high heat at the field.

Show & Tell: None

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was completed but we didn't catch the winner's name.

Meeting close: Motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 AM. Attending members appreciated the brevity of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Irv Singer
For: Michael Peck, Secretary



Vintage photo from Chicago, 1936



Name the Plane

**This one's easy. Extra points for naming either man in the photo!
Submit your answers to:**

slowroll@sunvalleyfliers.com

Many of you did not see this in the last issue, so we'll try again.

Tony Quist is the current leader, having named the plane and submitted a name!

Answers to be revealed next issue!



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2026

Club Officers Present:

- President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-President John Geyer, Treasurer Oliver Heinen, and Secretary Michael Peck

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Kenny Rhoads, Wayne Layne, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, Fred Wright, Irv Singer, and Ben Gowell

Guests Present: None

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:00 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Mike Peck

1. The May Club meeting and Board meeting minutes have been posted to the website.
2. Mike thanked Irv Singer for taking the minutes at the June 6 Club meeting and has received Irv's email with the typed minutes.
3. The Secretary's report was motioned, seconded, and approved

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver submitted a 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. There was a brief discussion on how the new portable toilets company billing was being paid, as the company has not set up automatic billing for us. Also, t-shirt/jacket sales were included in the reported total balance for the month.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that 235 adult members and 28 junior members are in good standing for 2026.
2. There were two people from the Nightworks UAV company that were supposed to sign up for membership to fly UAVs by arrangement at the club field. One person successfully signed up, the other was not successful in completing the signup. President Frank will contact Nightworks to ensure all their UAV pilots are members.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny stated he has had nothing to report on in the way of safety issues during the past month.

Information Technology Report: Irv Singer

1. Irv reported at the Club meeting that the photo gallery is still growing and encouraged Board members to check out the website.
2. President Frank thanked Irv for his work on the website and said it is the best it has looked in a long, long time.

Field Maintenance:

1. John Serio has applied weed pre-emergent treatment to the field and treats it for weeds twice a year for about \$2700. President Frank continues to seek competitive estimates from other pest control companies to assure appropriate use of club finances for recurring maintenance costs.

Old Business:

1. Ron Deppart had asked at the June Club meeting why his request for the round SVF Logo sign at the entry to our field had been disapproved by the Board as no reason was given in the minutes. President Frank stated that there will be an additional proposal in new business today, which should please Ron.
2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF was approved by the AMA but has not been received from Horizon Hobbies yet. Ben Gowell will follow up on it as he will be heading up the training activities, and he plans to contact some middle schools/boy scouts in the area to see if he can get about 15 minutes to talk with the kids and develop some scientific oriented interest in attending a training day.
3. The welcome to SVF sign at the East end of the ramada has been installed and it looks great, including the back-side rectangular signs which encourage safety, courtesy, flying smart, and not starting engines in the pit area. The costs were paid by Fred Wright; thank you so much Fred! Fred was asked to let Oliver know what those costs were for our records.

New Business:

1. There were two wing bags and a fire extinguisher turned in as lost and found. They belong to Ben Gowell, and he was advised where they were stored so he could retrieve them. Ben's equipment was taken off his pit table by accident, not maliciously.
2. Chris has a 20-foot laser cutter that can cut a new metal SVF sign that spans the width of the framework to the left of our field entrance. A conceptual drawing was shown to the Board which is a different design from the round logo. Fred stated that the existing framework would need to be reinforced with diagonal metal bracing welded onto the corners and the foundation of the two vertical members needed to be checked for footer adequacy. Chris will do the work for free; we just need to pay for the metal and reinforcement materials.
3. There was an alternate suggestion to create an arched entry over the road, like what you would go through at the Triple Tree facility for Joe Nall. Discussion ensued on height/width requirement to allow County equipment to go through and there were concerns over more cost. Consensus was to pursue the laser cut sign for the existing framework left of the entryway.
4. The new camera is facing our windsock and the images produced are great. Board members wishing for access can contact Frank. Members are cautioned that the microphone on the camera is very sensitive.
5. Charlie Beverson asked to get some cost estimates for additional asphalt taxiways on both the East and West sides of the runway starting boxes. Discussion ensued on whether the taxiways should be attached to the South edge of the runway or be separated from the runway. It was determined no decision on exact location would be made until we could get some cost estimates and then decide on the cost/benefit to the Club.
6. The Board agreed to cancel the Club meetings for July and August due to heat at the field. Board meetings are still planned, subject to need.
7. John Gerhardt asked if we had ever considered getting an AED defibrillator for the field. Kenny Rhoads explained what would be necessary in terms of regular maintenance, charging, inspection, training of users, cost to acquire, and method of securing from theft. Kenny said that there were two Fire Stations

close to the field and response time was about two minutes. The AED device is much less practical than 911 and the issue was closed.

8. Ben Gowell stated he really enjoyed the Slow Roll's in-depth story of Arthur's Spirit of St. Louis model and would like to see more of that kind of in-depth articles in the Slow Roll in the future. Brian Bailie will be happy to publish the stories, but he needs members to send their stories to him.
9. There was a quick discussion on the atmosphere (vibe if you will) of the Sunday evening flyers at the field. It was noted, again, that they were a bit of a different group but were not currently causing problems for other members. President Frank has invited one of their members to come to the Board meeting, but they have declined.
10. Ben Gowell asked about our social media presence on the web, particularly Facebook, Instagram, and U-tube. We do have a Facebook account, but Frank will talk with Brian to see if we can/need to expand.
11. Ben Gowell also asked if the Club would benefit from a sign that showed how much money over the years the Club had donated to charitable causes. A discussion followed regarding the amounts that have been previous generated including the Morgan-Adams cancer Foundation, our support of Toys for Tots, and older events like the Ready Kilowatt electric fly-in that contributed to St Mary's food bank, Wounded Warriors, etc. The older amounts are no longer available, and our recent history of charity contributions is not substantial enough for such a sign for the public.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary

July SVF Birthdays

Sylvain Allard
Joedy Allison
Enzo Ariano
Brian Bailie
Andrew Baker
Sam Bissell
Kyle Girardo
Lance Hunsucker
Todd Inskip
Grayson Keaton
Donald Kelley
Spencer Kleinhans
Patrick Majurski
Mike Roberts
Juan Rombaut
Keith Swart
John Wanner
Troy Wesley

August SVF Birthdays

John Boccia
Roger Chamberlain
Jim Clawson
Paul Delawder
Bernhard Doerenbecher
Melvin Estorga
John Falconer
Ray Fulks
Alan Graham
Paul Hamra
Barrett Hochhaus
Ronald Marshall
Rick Marshall
Frank Moskowitz
Steven Neumann
Michael Niehaus
Mike Padron
William Pearse
Joseph Santoro
Frank Seminara
Daniel Smith
Jeffrey Smith
Shayne Williams
Dustin Young
Allen Young



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SUN 11:00 AM — 6:00 PM

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Kenny Rhoads - Safety
Tony Quist - Membership

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