

THE HALF ROLL



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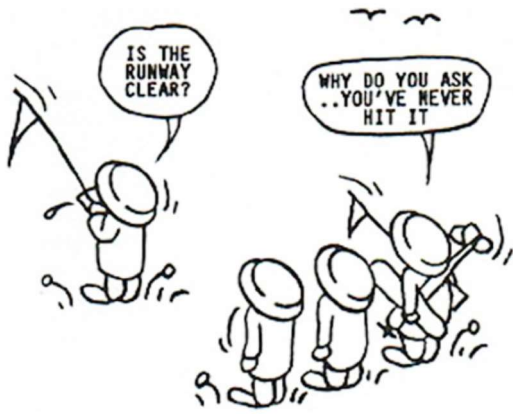
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Welcome to the Half Roll! This is an abbreviated version of our Slow Roll for August, since most of us are beating the heat, or trying to. Here's hoping your summer is full of fun, family and flying! See you all soon...



Thanks to visitor Bryan Hazelwood from Moon Township, PA for this great image of the field!

Remember, next club meeting is Saturday, September 5th



Sun Valley Jets



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Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2026

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, Irv Singer, Fred Wright, 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: Michael Peck

1. The July 2026 Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. 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. A member requested information on the approximate annual revenue the club receives from membership renewals and Oliver provided that information.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the club has 241 adult members and 28 junior members for 2026.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny; he is out of town.

Information Technology Report:

1. Irv has put some new pictures in the Gallery section of the website and if anyone has any additional new photos please send them to him.
2. The link on the website to the FAA will be made "live" so that all SVF members can easily click on it and sign up for their Small UAS Registration Number and certificate as required by both the FAA and the SVF.

Field Maintenance:

1. See new business regarding the field access road.

Old Business:

1. A conceptual rendition of an SVF sign for the two posts South of the entry gate to our field is still being finalized by Art for approval by the Board. The sign would be laser cut, and the costs are limited to

cost of steel for the sign, as Chris Cores will cut it for nothing. There will also be some cost to improve the structural integrity of the posts that the sign would be attached to.

2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF was approved by the AMA and Horizon Hobbies are expecting to ship the kit within a week.
3. The proposed project for additional asphalt taxiway paving on the South edge of the runway has been determined to be unnecessary by a majority of Board members.
4. President Frank is in discussion with Brian Bailie about the Club's social media presence on the web.
5. President Frank has measured the amount of model airplane noise that can be heard South of the dike where new housing construction is underway. The maximum reading Frank has obtained on his sound meter is 40 decibels. Vice-President John Geyer is still checking the louder model airplanes at the field to see if they are or are not compliant with the AMA recommended readings of 90 dB or less at 9 feet. It has been decided not to try to immediately impose a decibel level at the field, but to discuss what will need to be done in the future at club meetings, and to discuss with and sensitize some of our members with noisy airplanes to seek ways to quiet their models to avoid problems in the future.

New Business:

1. American Asphalt has given us a \$21,000 quote on the entry road project for providing a 10' wide, 2" thick layer of rolled GSA (ground stabilizing asphalt) from the pavement at Jomax road to the entryway to our parking area. There was a question as to whether the proposed 10' width was wide enough to prevent breakdown of the edges of the rolled GSA when cars going in opposite directions must move over to pass each other, and if American Asphalt assures us no breakdown will occur. Treasurer Oliver Heinen thought the club should maintain a balance of funds in the treasury that would cover all known annual expenses and sufficient funds to repair damage that may occur to our improvements due to storms, vandalism, or unforeseen other events.
2. President Frank has been in contact with the Flood Control District to see if they had any funding that could help with the cost for dust control purposes. Unfortunately, the County stated they cannot provide any financial assistance, but they did tell Frank that there was no permit required for the work, as they considered this to be maintenance of the existing roadway. The County did say they may be able to provide some no-cost labor and equipment to spread the GSA as operator training for their newer employees from the piles where it would be dropped to the desired 10' width. Board members were concerned that American Asphalt would not be responsible for the quality of the finished project if we had the County provide labor and equipment. The Board asked Frank to thank the County, but we would fund all the work.
3. President Frank said he thought that there would be quite a few members that would be willing to donate funds for the project so that the club treasury would not have to bear the entire cost. He proposed drafting a letter to all SVF members to see how many would be willing to contribute donations to the project and determine how much could be raised for the project. The Board approved drafting the letter and withheld approval of the project until we see what amount of donation pledges are obtained. Once funding is known, the Board will consider approval by e-mail.
4. Brian and Bonnie O'Meara have asked the Board if we would like to accept the two relatively new stainless steel barbeque grills that were used in the past to cook steak at the Arizona Scale Warbird, Classics, and Jet Fly in events. Brian and Bonnie are retiring from CD/contest hosting activities & are no longer going to put this event on for the SVF and the One Eighth Air Force. They indicated that the club could keep the grills, or sell them, as the SVF wishes. The Board accepted their donation with many thanks and additionally thanked them for the years of service to the SVF in hosting the Spring Scale Fly-In and for the thousands of dollars their event has contributed to the club.

5. President Frank has been working with Claire Miller, the supervisor of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation/North who advised Frank the SVF's use agreement with the city was overdue for renewal. Ms. Miller said she would handle getting together the required documentation to sign and to get a new agreement approved.
6. The club has been contacted by a commercial security drone company called Knightwerx to see if we would approve them using our field for their private use to host some of their partners with private demos for a period of three days. The club would not be able to use the field during that time. Although Knightwerx has pilot members in the SVF, we cannot shut down the field for three days, and the Board disapproved their request.
7. A Board member brought up that some paragliders have established a runway off the Cave Creek Parkway and were launching/landing there. At present they are not in conflict with our operation, but we need to be aware they are there, as these are man-carrying aircraft.
8. Ben Gowell asked for information about what is contained in the AMA approved Starter Kit as he will be working with student youngsters. Ben wants to contact schools within about 5 miles of the field to see if we can connect with students and their parents about r/c flying. He wanted input from the Board on student ages we think are appropriate for this endeavor. The consensus of opinion was 12 years old or younger before the kids are committed to social media on their cell phones. Ben will also reach out to Boy Scouts/CAP cadets. Ben suggested a Saturday at the field be set aside for youth instruction along with a free lunch/drinks/or snacks, etc. The Board fully supported the idea of a day at the field once we determine a level of interest from youth and their parents. Frank suggested Ben check out the reading material/guidance with the kit and start off slow to get his feet wet successfully. Ben was thanked for taking this on.
9. Tony Quist will contact Frank to discuss the SVF Jet event Oct 22-24,2026.
10. The next in-person club meeting at the field is scheduled for September 5, 2026.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2026

Club Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Charlie Beverson, Wayne Layne, Jim Sprecker, John Gerhardt, Tony Quist, Fred Wright, and Ben Gowell

Guests Present: None

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:04 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report:

1. Mike will join the meeting later, but the June Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. 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. A member requested information on exactly what the monthly recurring costs consisted of, and it was explained.
3. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the club has 237 adult members and 28 junior members for 2026.
2. The Nightworks UAV company has signed up all pilot personnel for SVF & AMA membership to fly UAVs by arrangement at the club field. Another UAV company was checking out our field for operations and were told that each of the pilots needs both Club and AMA membership to fly at our site.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny; he is out of town, but a Board member cautioned everyone to be aware that we do have snakes out on the field. A 7-foot snake was seen getting under the kitchen slab; no one was sure of what type of snake it was.

Information Technology Report:

1. Irv is out of town, no report this month.

Field Maintenance:

1. John Serio was paid for completed weed pre-emergent treatment to the field.

Old Business:

1. The Board was shown a conceptual rendition of an SVF sign for the two posts South of the entry gate to our field. There is still additional work needed before the sign could be laser cut, and the changes to the artwork were discussed. Costs are limited to cost of steel for the sign, as Chris Cores will cut it for nothing, and there is also some cost to improve the structural integrity of the posts.
2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF was approved by the AMA but has not been received from Horizon Hobbies yet. The AMA was contacted and says the problem is with Horizon Hobbies who are experiencing out-of-stock and shipment issues.
3. We are still awaiting cost estimates for the additional asphalt taxiways on both ends of the field. Lorenzo needs to know how we want to terminate the taxiways at flight stations 1 & 6. The Board decided to have to have Lorenzo quote having the taxiway butt up to the edge of the flight stations as opposed to creating additional asphalt to feather into the pit area.
4. President Frank is in discussion with Brian Bailie about the Club's social media presence on the web.

New Business:

1. Vice-President John brought up an issue with the noise some of our members airplanes generate considering the restarted construction for housing that is going on South of the dike and suggested that we need to consider how and when in the future we need to regulate prop and engine exhaust noise to remain good neighbors with the people who will ultimately be homeowners just to the South of our field. President Frank stated he has been in touch with the contractor for that project and the model homes for the development will not be finished for viewing until the third quarter of 2027. Another member suggested we need to start now in planning for the eventual occupancy of neighbors and reminded the Board of what has happened in Europe with many lost flying sites and very restrictive sound regulations on motors. He noted that even the Cave Creek Airport had to modify their noise abatement policies and flight areas due to neighbor noise complaints. This started a very long discussion that included noisy airplanes also have irritated other club members, the need to determine accurate measured data on the decibel level at our flying site boundary, the decibel level at the future new home area on the other side of the dike, and the AMA guidelines for measuring noise generated by airplanes at the field. We also need to determine what County and City have in terms of noise ordinances at our property lines. President Frank will take some sound measurements at our property boundaries, as well as at the housing development site to see what we are dealing with. It was decided not to try to immediately impose a decibel level at the field, but to discuss what will need to be done in the future at club meetings, and to discuss with and sensitize some of our members with noisy airplanes to seek ways to quiet their models to avoid problems in the future.
2. Walt Tessier has donated two Timbre airplanes and two radios to the SVF for use with new members that may not have equipment to try and fly. The radios will be checked out to make sure they can be buddy boxed and the Timbres checked for airworthiness by Vice-President John. Ben Gowell also has some trainer-type aircraft that can be used for new student pilots.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary

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



Mon-Fri 9:00 AM — 8:00 PM
SAT 10:00 AM — 8:00 PM
SUN 11:00 AM — 6:00 PM



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M-F 9:30-8PM, SAT 9:30-6PM SUN 11-5PM
4240 West Bell Rd. 602-547-1828 Glendale
M-F 9:30-9PM, SAT 9:30-6PM, SUN 11-5PM





THE SLOW ROLL



Club Officers

Frank Moskowitz - President
John Geyer - Vice President
Oliver Heinen - Treasurer
Mike Peck - Secretary
Kenny Rhoads - Safety
Tony Quist - Membership

Directors

Jim Sprecker
Wayne Layne
Kenny Rhoads
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Charlie Beverson
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John Gerhardt
Ben Gowell



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