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President's Letter

As the weather cools, more of us will be flying at the field. This is a good time to review our safety and field rules, which are designed to prevent injuries. We can all become complacent, so an occasional reminder helps keep flying safe and enjoyable. You can find the Field Rules and Regulations on our website: <http://sunvalleyfliers.com/field-rules-and-regulations/> And Always use a spotter while flying.

Our website is current with the latest events and photos. Thank you to Irv Singer for continually updating the links with information about club events and day-to-day flying.

Fresh millings have been added to our entry road to reduce dust. We also recently applied a tack coat that binds the millings and gives the road an asphalt-like appearance. Come see the improvement for yourself. Please keep your speed below 10 mph when entering the parking area, as faster driving can still send loose dust into the air.

These improvements came at a cost. I sincerely thank every member who donated toward the entry road work. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

Tony Quist has sanctioned a Jet Rally for SVF, scheduled for Thursday, October 22, through Saturday, October 24. With four weeks to organize the event, we need volunteers for several tasks. Attend our September 19 board meeting for details.

I hope more members will join us at the next club meeting at our field on **Saturday, October 10, at 8:00 a.m.** Attend for a chance to win a raffle prize—and the 50/50 drawing could make you very happy. As always, we'll have complimentary donuts and coffee on hand to help you start your day right. You never know what might happen, so don't miss it!

Have fun flying!

Frank Moskowitz,
President

[Come out to the field Saturday October 10 for the meeting - It's time to get you back in the air!](#)













READER REMEMBERS FIRST FLIGHTS

George Julovich looks back on early models, improvised recoveries, and lessons that lasted.

STORY AND PHOTO BY GEORGE JULOVICH

GEORGE JULOVICH (New River, Arizona) has had this 1983 photo of

himself at the Sundowners RC field (formerly in Chesterton, Indiana, and now in Wheeler, Indiana) for a long time. He stated that it is posted in his hobby room and he wanted to share it with others. He wrote:



George Julovich at Sundowners RC field, 1983

"My first airplanes were a foamie MRC Hawk powered by an Enya 15, a Sig Cadet Senior, and an unknown (1950s?) Free Flight (FF) model converted to RC. The FF elevator and rudder hinges were spiral wire as on a spiral-bound notepad. Quite amazing.

"Like most of us, I started at the age of 8 to 10, flying small FF and Control Line airplanes and model rockets. My father was too busy to enjoy the outdoors, so my brother and I learned to fly by trial and error. By age 16, other interests took over and the model airplanes were given to neighbors.

"The MRC Hawk (1979) was flown on a private field near a state highway. I launched the airplane and it was out of control (because of my inexperience) and flew across the state highway, lodging in a group of 50-foot trees. At that time, I was employed by the electric utility and knew the supervisor at the local substation. He had a crew truck with a lift and used 'hot sticks' to dislodge the airplane with no damage. Try doing that nowadays and you sure will get fired.

"I joined a local club called Sundowners RC Club, near Chesterton, which is now an apartment complex. I searched for a downed airplane (Sig Cadet) in the 1,000-acre cornfield one summer. (I thought that flying an airplane at sunset would seem fitting.) We used triangulation to estimate where it dropped in the 8-foot cornstalks and returned the next day with three industrial-duty Motorola handsets (from the electric utility again). I held up a long pole with a red flag and listened to the other two spotters instruct me to walk east or west until I got to the point where we decided to start a spiral search. Joe walked toward the flag and yelled that he found it. I laughed and told him a few choice words. As he walked toward me, he presented the airplane - intact without damage.

"Since that time, I always make it a point to fly with the sun behind me and on a calm day, even if the name of the club sounds romantic. I still enjoy flying RC in north Phoenix!

"By the way, the AMA number on the model in the foreground is 14202. Maybe a reader can identify the model's name?"



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes September 19, 2026

Officers Present: President Frank Moskowitz, Vice-president John Geyer, Treasurer Oliver Heinen, Secretary Michael Peck

Board Members Present: Charlie Beverson, Tony Quist, Irv Singer, Wayne Layne, Jim Sprecker, John Gerhardt, Fred Wright, Kenny Rhoads, and Ben Gowell

Meeting Open: President Frank opened the meeting at 8:03 AM.

Guests: Taylor Dwyer and Susan Howard

New Members: Ernie Flotto. Welcome Ernie!

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. A printed copy of the June 6, 2026 Club meeting minutes was available for review since there was no club meeting during the hot months of July and August.
2. The Board of Directors meeting minutes for July and August are posted to the website.
3. The Secretary's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Oliver Heinen

1. Oliver provided an overview of the club's income and expenses from June 1, 2026, through August 31, 2026 and we have sufficient funds remaining in our bank account to cover the known operational costs for the next year.
2. Oliver noted the cost of tack coating the entry road was not yet included in the list of expenses for the three months.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the Club has 242 adults and 27 junior members for 2026, and since renewals will begin next month, this will be the final total membership accounting for this year.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny has been out of town for three months and during that time no safety issues have been reported to him.
2. President Frank stated the Deer Valley Tower supervisor had contacted him by phone on September 7th to report the pilot of a full-size airplane had observed two r/c model aircraft at 2500 feet above sea level with smoke on. Frank discussed this with the Tower supervisor and stated he would take corrective action with the club members who were flying the turbine powered models that were observed. Frank talked with both members

and told them not to use smoke above 200 feet AGL and not to exceed our 400-foot AGL ceiling. The Deer Valley Tower did not file an FAA report on the incident.

IT Update: Irv Singer

1. The July and August Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. There are new pictures in the gallery section of the Club website of the work done to our entry roadway and members are encouraged to check out all items on the website.
3. The Slow Roll and the special issue Half-Roll during the summer months are posted to the website. Thank you, Brian Bailie.
4. Members were advised that they will be required to register with the FAA and obtain and use an FAA number in order to renew their membership with the SVF. The link to the FAA drone site is on the website and is now live and working.
5. Members were also reminded if they have comments/questions or input to the website send them to this email address: TechSupport@SunValleyFliers.com and any comments/questions regarding the Slow Roll can be directed to SlowRoll@SunValleyFliers.com.

Old Business:

1. There were no club meetings during the summer months of July and August.
2. Previous member issues with concerns over the dust being raised by vehicles on the entry road have been addressed and resolved with the new layer of rolled Ground Stabilized Asphalt provided by the Board approved project. President Frank thanked the SVF members who donated money to help make the roadway project happen quickly & without significant drain on the treasury.
3. The President and Vice-president are continuing to monitor and the amount of noise being generated by our models as construction of a housing tract South of the dike is ongoing.

New Business:

1. The roadway project will include a Board approved tack coat which has been applied as a second step to the project. The contractor, American Asphalt had quoted that at very close to their cost and the tack coat will improve the dust control and extend the life of the GSA rolled layer on the road. There are a few places where the tack coat is a bit thin, but American Asphalt will return to repair those sections. President Frank has also installed speed bumps at the entryway to the parking lot to remind members too slow down on the untreated parking lot surface and not raise dust. **It is important that members continue to drive the 10 MPH speed limit on the entry road as this extends the life of the new surface.**
2. Chris Cores has volunteered to pay for & fabricate a replacement for the existing "Sun Valley Flyers" sign to the left of the cattleguard on the entry road. The rendering of the new sign will be shown on the website once all design work is completed.
3. The SVF Jet Rally will be held on Thursday Oct 22 through Saturday Oct 24th. Tonmy Quist is the Contest Director and this is a turbine models only event. Tony expects 50 – 60 entries, and is still accepting volunteers to help with the event.
4. Tony Quist will also pick-up the 2 stainless steel barbeques that Brian and Bonnie O'Meara donated to the club for use during the jet rally.
5. Someone broke the lock and chain on the main gate to gain access to the field. President Frank has put a new lock in place and anticipates having the lock welded to the chain in the near future.

Show & Tell: None

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by Craig Lahlum and he donated \$67 back to the club. Thank you, Craig!

Meeting close: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck, Secretary



Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 7, 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, Ben Gowell, Jim Sprecker, and Wayne Layne

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 August 2026 Board meeting minutes have been posted to the web site.
2. The Secretary's report was moved to accept, 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. The established minimum desirable balance to be in the treasury after completion of the entry road project will be met.
2. The treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. Tony reported that the club has 242 adult members and 27 junior members for 2026. This will be the final count for 2026 as we will start the renewal process next month.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny, but President Frank stated the Deer Valley Tower supervisor had contacted him by phone at 8:45 AM to report the pilot of a full-size airplane had observed two r/c model aircraft at 2500 feet above sea level with smoke on. Frank discussed this with the Tower supervisor and stated he would take corrective action with the club members involved who were flying turbine powered models. Frank talked with both members and told them not to use smoke above 200 feet AGL and not to exceed our 400-foot AGL ceiling.
2. Kaleb and 1 other junior member have been left at the field alone to continue flying. There are inherent safety risks to flying r/c model airplanes and we need to send a letter to all junior members parents about not leaving their children at the field alone, and explaining the Club will not be responsible for harm that may come to a junior member if left unattended by their parents.

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 drone zone is now "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.

Old Business:

1. Arthur has submitted a conceptual rendition of an SVF sign for the two posts South of the entry gate to our field. The sign would be laser cut, and the costs are limited to cost of steel for the sign plus attachment hardware. Chris will address the costs, but this will be covered under new business.
2. The Club training day starter kit for the SVF has been received by Ben Gowell. Ben will be contacting schools within about 5 miles of the field to see if we can connect with students and their parents about r/c flying.
3. The funds for the Ground Stabilized Asphalt layer to the entry road has been approved by the Board, and the project has been a huge success in eliminating the dust generated by vehicular traffic.
4. The club has agreed to accept Brian and Bonnie O'Meara's generous offer of the two stainless steel BBQ grills. We are awaiting their return from Colorado to finalize the transfer.
5. President Frank is still working with Claire Miller, supervisor at the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department to develop a new use agreement with the city for our flying site.

New Business:

1. American Asphalt has completed the GSA entry road project over a three-day period. The millings have been compacted by rolling and our members are very happy with the results. President Frank has installed two speed bumps at the end of the roadway where it meets the parking lot to remind members to slow down in the parking lot area to avoid kicking up dust. We received approximately \$22,000 in member donations to help fund the project, and the donors will remain anonymous.
2. Lorenzo, our contractor with American Asphalt did a sample hand-sprayed tack seal on the 20-foot-long section of road where the water runoff recently had cut into the roadway. Lorenzo is willing to tack seal the entire roadway, mechanically supplied from a truck in a much heavier coat for \$6,111. This would require a vote from the Board today, and members have already pledged about \$3,000 in support of the tack seal addition. After discussion on the benefits of having the road tack sealed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the tack seal project and to schedule it ASAP.
3. President Frank has ordered 3 j-johns and 1 wash station for the Jet Rally event. Tony Quist indicated he needed volunteers to work the event, and President Frank will send an all-member email requesting help. The Jet Rally will be held Oct. 22-24, 2026.
4. Chris Cores has volunteered to pay the entire cost of the SVF field entry sign if the club would obtain a contractor to pour footings for the framework and if the Club wants the brick work fascia around the posts to have that done as well. Thank you, Chris!
5. Board members have proposed a future Family day at the field with free food for family members and activities such as balloons for the kids, face painting, maybe nail services for the girls, etc. The board would have to vote to allocate maybe \$2000 for all the activities. A Saturday date was proposed, perhaps Nov. 21st. It was suggested to invite Deer Valley Tower personnel as well. A better estimate of the costs is needed, but the Board liked the idea. TBD.
6. Jim Sprecker recently attended an event at the Chino Valley flying site and observed that the Chino club raffles off an electric ARF airplane in lieu of a 50/50 raffle to raise money at the meeting. Jim was unsure how much they raised to offset the \$400+ cost of such a model, but thought the Board should consider it as an alternative idea and try it out once to see if it would be successful at the SVF. Ben Gowell has a model airplane he would donate, and the decision was left for a meeting during cooler weather with better attendance.

7. Brian and Bonnie O'Meara have sent an email to the Club asking if anyone has volunteered to CD a warbird & classics event in lieu of the event they have run in March. They indicated if no one wanted to run such an event, Clay & Debbie Sherrow have expressed an interest in conducting a One-Eighth style event on the usual March dates, but at the TIMPA field near Tucson. President Frank indicated no one has volunteered, but he will ask Arthur & Ben Gowell if they had any interest; otherwise TIMPA can have the date.
8. The next in-person club meeting at the field is scheduled for September 19, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary

October SVF Birthdays

Dean Brox
Brian Chamberlin
Alan Claypool
Mark Collar
Ron Deppert
Warren Folkerts
Geoff Gray
Craig Guest
Ken Justice
Trayson Kellii
Arelus Mytty
Rick Paquin
Norman Poynter
Kenneth Rhoads
Douglas Ringering
Robert Ritchey
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