THE SLOW ROLL

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President's Letter

By the time you read this article, you should all have received your membership renewal reminder via email. Our renewal runs from October 1st through December 31st, 2026. After that you will be delinquent, and you don't want that to happen. I urge you not to wait until the last minute to renew. Your membership fees allow us to continually upgrade the field and keep it clean while also offering a safe place to fly. PayPal is the easiest way to pay for your dues. Just go to the Join/Renew link on our website. It will walk you through the process. If you don't want to use PayPal, then we have an option to pay with a credit card, cash, or check. Send Tony Quist, our membership director, an email at quist23@cox.net and he will help you through the process. This time around you must input your FAA number. A live link will take you to the FAA Drone registration site https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/ Registering your drone with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is a legal requirement for drones weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) or for any drone flown under Part 107 commercial rules. I know its confusing to call your airplane a drone, but according to FAA rules, your airplane operates as an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)—meaning they have no human pilot on board and can be controlled remotely or fly autonomously via pre-programmed flight paths. They designate them as drones.

While you are renewing your membership, you might want to have a look once again at our safety and field rules. They can be found on our website under the link called **"Field Rules and Regulations"** located on the left side of the home page. There are three links once you get to the Rules page. They are Sun Valley Fliers **By-Laws, Field Rules and See and Avoid**. All good documents that you should be aware of. Remember our safety officer is Ken Rhoads. You can always ask Ken kennyrhoads@hotmail.com about anything safety related.

We are planning a family day event on Saturday November 21st. Food, balloons for the kids, face painting and other fun family events. I will keep you posted as we get near this event time.

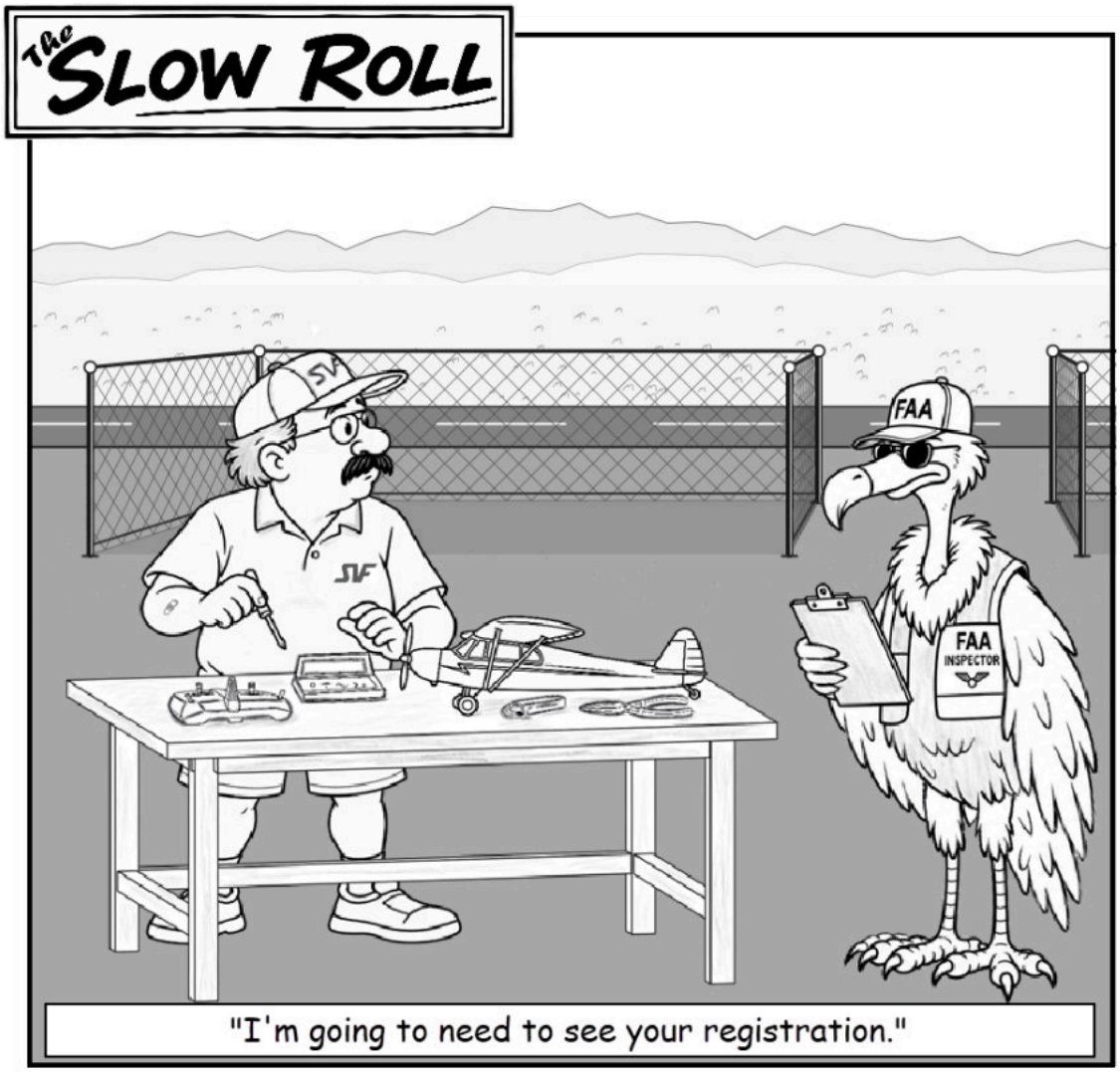
To remain current with the most recent government-related news, regularly visit the AMA Government Affairs blog.

For those of you that haven't attended a club meeting in a while, November is the time to start. Please join us on **Saturday November 7th 9am at the field**. 9 **am** should be a good start time now that the weather is getting colder. We will have many raffle prizes and the "50/50" could make you very happy $$$. You never know what might happen, and you don't want to miss it. We have coffee and donuts for your enjoyment. Remember, the meeting is at the SVF Field and starts at 9 am.

Have fun flying!

Frank Moskowitz,
President

Come out to the field Saturday November 7th at 9 a.m. for the meeting!



The Slow Roll Comic

Yes, we now have a comic of our own, set at the field. Too many funny things happen at our field, and they're worth sharing.

Back in the '80s and '90s, I would always look forward to the Ed Henry comic "MicroHenrys" in *Model Aviation*. And the recent comics here are one of the things that seem to get noticed in the Slow Roll.

Once I got started with this, ideas just kept coming. Then I had to figure out how to make a comic, and not have it be just another 'bot image full of hallucinations. Those guys really can mess up a perfectly good airplane! And it is unbelievably difficult to get them to understand how to make our pilot stations.

Ultimately, I needed to sketch things out, which I can do, enough to make things recognizable, at least. (Plus I got to learn Procreate on the iPad which was new to me.) Then, once you do have a basic image and layout, they get the idea, and then they can give you pieces to play with. Back to Procreate. Eventually, they can ink the drawing fairly well. So what you see is a weird collaboration that took way too many hours and has many elements, but if it puts a smile on your face, it's all worth it!

Enjoy!

-Brian Bailie





The ***Sun Valley Jets*** event, by Tony Quist

Sun Valley Jets is in the books!

It was a wonderful 3 days of jet flying with a lot of friends. We had 74 registered pilots (from 9 states, plus Canada and Brazil) who flew non-stop from sun-up to sun-down. The early birds that showed up on Wednesday will forever be cautious of coming early: 50 mph winds and a hail storm. After that, we had constant flying.

Team Elite Aerosports and BVM Jets had their pilots flying all the latest jets. Those 2 crews really take the event to the next level! All of my Horizon Hobby Air Team buddies were on hand, helping pilots with radio programming questions and flying their jets.

I really have to thank the companies that help support this event: Horizon Hobby, BVM Jets, Elite Aerosports, Kingtech Turbine, and Fuel Factor RC. Your help allows us to have a better event!

Everyone is aware of the legend of John and Sharla Gerhardt. They are 2 of the best hosts you will find at any event. This weekend we have a new challenger: Chris Cores and his family came in with an entire team that set up a spread of food at the field that was over the top for 2 nights. I am truly impressed by his and the family's generosity. It reminded me of being home during the holidays with a full kitchen working hard to satisfy others. Along with the Cores clan, Sharla Powely and Debbie Sherrow were there helping everyone have a fun evening.

I also need to thank guys at Sun Valley Fliers for supporting my events. Frank Moskowitz (Prez) and about 25 others show up to do the dirty work that makes it happen. Wednesday morning setup to Sunday morning clean up, they made it happen. Let's not forget Poppa Ken Rhoads, Norman Poynter and Rick Paquin running the line. You kept it running smooth. Thanks to Chris Cores, Jeff Smith, Dick Polkinghorn, Derek Van Dyke, Brad Rodgers, Charlie Beverson, Frank Moskowitz, Ken and Brian Rhoads, Geoffrey Gray, Norman Poynter, Rick Paquin, Craig Guest, Dustin Young, Jim Sprecker, Brian McKelvey, Ernie Flotto and Rich Mills who were responsible for making this event happen. Thank you to them... A huge thank you to Donald Waldhauser for coming out and weed-eating the place on Tuesday.

I hope I named everyone that helped. Events like this can't happen without the support of the members.

- Tony Quist

(Ed. Note: Keep turning pages to reveal photos of the event!)

Polyester Covering, by Larry Brasen

This article shows how to cover an airframe with polyester dress lining found at craft and sewing stores. I purchased a swatch 2 yards by 58" for $10. You also will need Mod Podge (a thinned white glue). I bought a 16 oz jar for $6.99.

The process starts with two coats of Mod Podge where you want to adhere your covering, drying in between.

When dry, MP becomes a heat-activated adhesive. You could use Stix It, but MP can be purchased locally, it's less expensive, and easy water clean up.

Apply dress lining as you would any iron on covering. This will need more heat than a normal hobby iron. After the edges are adhered, shrink as usual. I seal with one more coat of MP over full surface. Then if wanted, a coat of Minwax polyacrylic to seal and waterproof before paint.

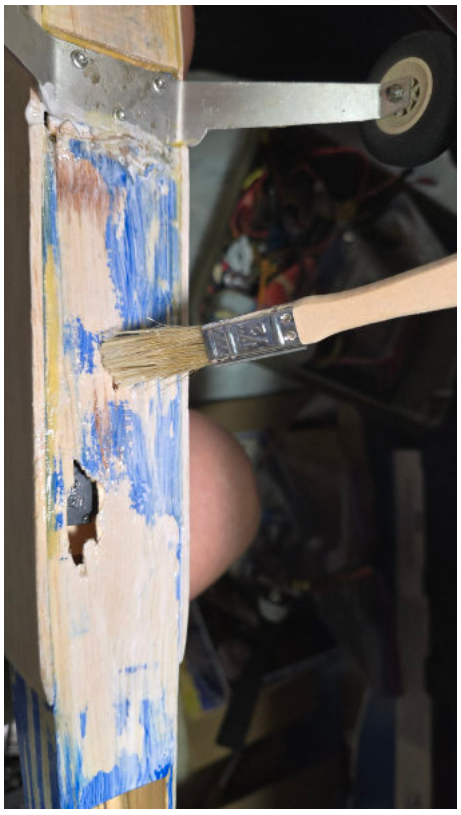




That's some brittle balsa!



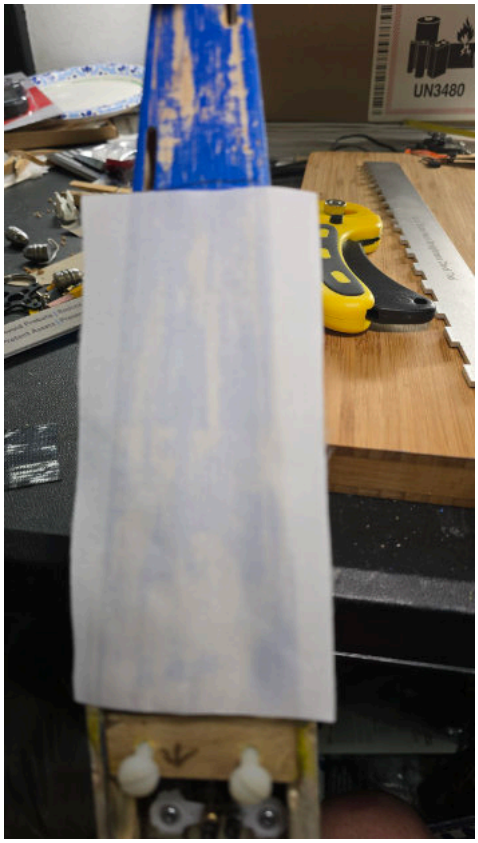
Mod Podge is available locally



Step 1: Brush on two coats



Polyester dress lining



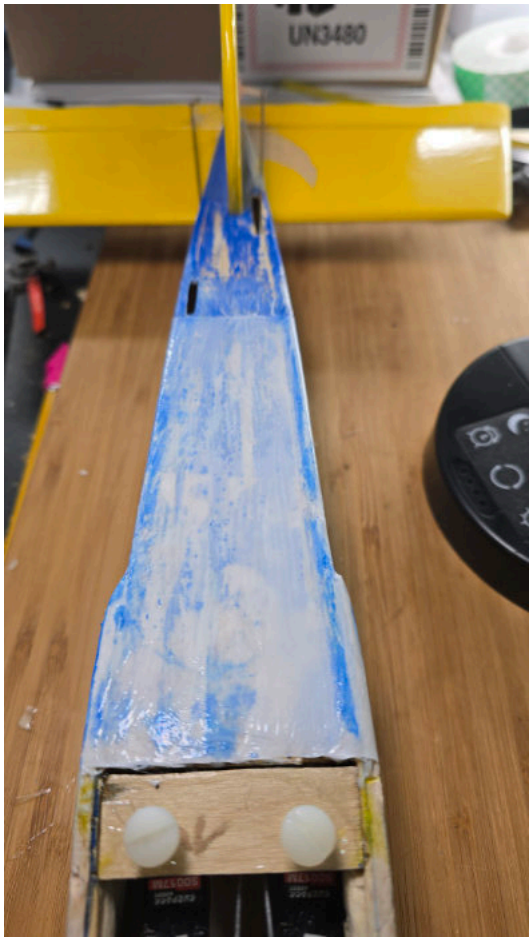
Step 2: Lining in position



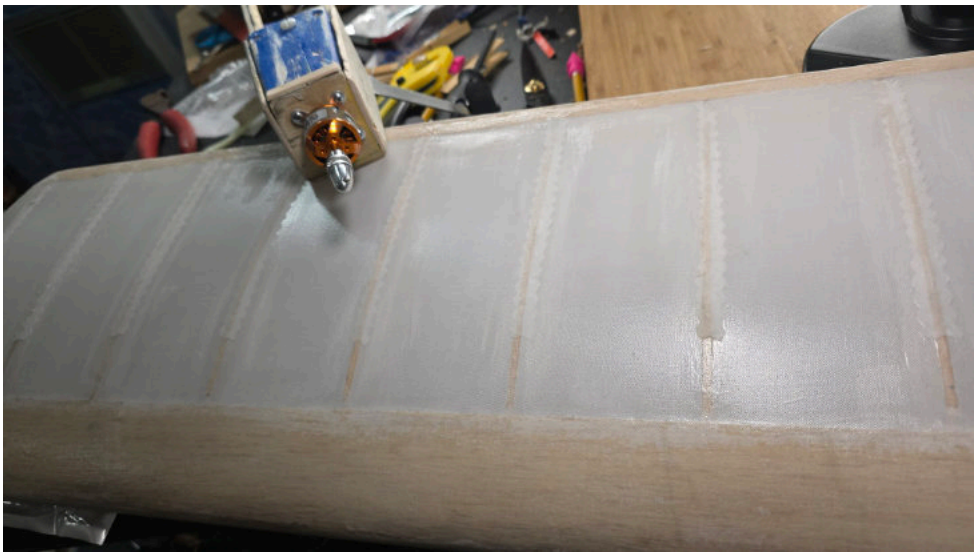
Iron at temp



Step 3: Ironed down



Step 4: Final MP coat



Open bay wing covered by this process

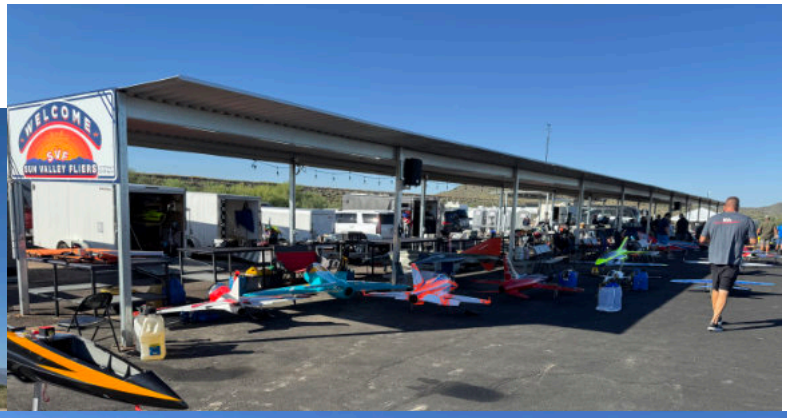
Photos by Larry Brasen

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Larry is a regular at the meetings, so come by and ask him any questions you have, and say, "Thanks!" for a member-contributed article! Thanks, Larry!

The Sun Valley Jets event
















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Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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, John Gerhardt, Fred Wright, and Kenny Rhoads

Meeting Open: President Frank opened the meeting at 8:05 AM and asked members to drive respectfully in the parking lot to not raise dust on others.

Guests: None

New Members: Victor Nosovitsky, welcome Victor!

New Solo Pilots: None

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. The Club and Board of Directors meeting minutes for September are posted to the website.
2. 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 for September, and we have sufficient funds remaining in our bank account to cover the known operational costs for the next year.
2. Oliver noted that members had donated $4712 toward the entry road project during the past month, and he thanked the donors for their contributions.
3. The Treasurer's report was motioned, seconded, and approved as presented.

Membership Director's Report: Tony Quist

1. The Club had 242 adults and 27 junior members through the end of September 2026.
2. The renewal notices for 2027 have been e-mailed to all members, and they were reminded that they will need to have an FAA issued registration number as a recreational UAS flyer to renew their SVF membership for 2027.
3. As of today, 30 members have renewed their SVF membership for 2027.

Safety Officer's Report: Kenny Rhoads

1. Kenny has not seen or heard of any safety issues in the last month.

IT Update: Irv Singer

1. The September Club and Board meeting minutes and the October Slow Roll have been posted to the web site.
2. Irv has posted new pictures from September activities at the field in the gallery section of the website.
3. Brian Bailie was thanked for his work in putting out the Slow Roll newsletter. He said that his job would be much easier if members would send him some content to include in the Slow Roll.
4. The link to the FAA drone site is on the website and is now live and working to assist members in obtaining, or renewing, their FAA issued UAS registration number.
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. The new layer of rolled GSA material on the entry roadway has been tack-coated, and the project is now complete. Members are reminded that the speed limit on the entry road is still 10 MPH and driving faster will break down the coating and bring the dust problem back.
2. There are two speed bumps on the resurfaced entry road to help remind members to slow down. President Frank is considering another speed bump in front of the curved section of roadway by the old entry gate.
3. Chris Cores will be making a new entry sign to replace the old Sun Valley Flyers sign, which is South of the old gate to the field. Chris will donate the sign at no cost to the Club. Thank you, Chris!!

New Business:

1. The SVF Jet Rally will be held on Thursday Oct 22 through Saturday Oct 24th. Tony Quist is the Contest Director, and this is a turbine models only event. Tony has 42 pre-registered pilots, and he expects participation to be in the mid-50's. Tony is still accepting volunteers to help run and clean up at the event.
2. President Frank asked members to be observant at the field for people driving too fast on the entry road. Members should say something to people driving too fast or at least report them to Frank.
3. E-mails have been sent out to all SVF members requesting them to renew their membership on the website.
4. The October issue of the Slow Roll newsletter has been sent to all members. President Frank thanked Brian for putting a great issue together and getting it out on time.

Show & Tell: Irv Singer brought out an extremely nice 1967 Jaguar E-Type 2+2. The restored vehicle was high gloss black with chrome trim and original red leather seats. It had the original 4.2 Liter six-cylinder engine with 3 carbs. A lot of the OGs in the club fondly remember the Jaguar XKE series and were appreciative of seeing Irv's car. Thank you for showing it, Irv.

50/50 Raffle: The raffle was won by junior member Jason Terrell, and he received $70 of the $140 in tickets purchased. Congrats, Jason!

Meeting close: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck, Secretary

Sun Valley Fliers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 5, 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, Jim Sprecker, and Wayne Layne

Guests Present: None

Open: President Frank Moskowitz

1. The Zoom internet meeting was opened by President Frank at 6:01 PM. There was a quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Michael Peck

1. The August 2026 Board and Club 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. We have received an additional $4712 in donations for the road tack seal project. President Frank noted that the Club has purchased a fourth picnic table, and this one is ADA compliant to allow use by wheelchair users.
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. There has been one new member and one renewal for 2027.

Safety Officer's Report:

1. No report from Kenny, and no safety issues have come up since last month's report.

Information Technology Report:

1. Irv has put some new pictures in the Gallery section of the website for September field activities, and if anyone has any new content they would like posted, please send it 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 will be laser cut and Chris Cores will cover the cost of the sign, but we are waiting for Chris to present the final look of the sign to be constructed. The Club will need to obtain contractor(s) to pour the new footings and build the brickwork fascia around the poles.
2. The tack coat has been applied to the new GSA entry road and a second tack coating for the thin areas has also been completed.

3. The club has accepted Brian and Bonnie O'Meara's generous offer of the two stainless steel BBQ grills, however, there is no room to store them in the main Connex container. The suggestion was made again to obtain a third Connex container. The Board felt that if we got rid of the old BBQ grills and cleaned out some more of the things we don't use anymore, there should be room in the main Connex container for the new grills.
4. 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.
5. SVF will not host or run a 2027 March Warbirds & Classics Fly-in, and the dates for that event are released to the Tucson International Model Plex Association (TIMPA) for their use.

New Business:

1. Niteworks, the drone testing company, has at least three employees that are SVF members and they have requested authorization to install a WIFI connected camera on our Connex weather pole. The company will pay all acquisition, installation, and recurring costs for the system and will use it to monitor the helicopter pad area so they know when it is not in use by other club members and also so they can watch their drone test flights. The Board approved the request.
2. American Asphalt applied slurry seal to the last unsealed gravel area South of the kitchen, and the work and material was provided at no cost to the Club.
3. Preparations for the Jet Rally on Oct. 22-24, 2026, are moving ahead. Registration activities are covered for Thursday and Friday. Tony Quist, our Contest Director, will not have trophy awards this year and expects participation to be about 50 entrants due to fuel costs and other travel-related expenses. Tents have been ordered, and Big Brother BBQ will have food available for purchase.
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 facia around the posts to have that done as well. Thank you, Chris!
5. The proposed Family Day event at the field may be scheduled for November 21st with free food for family members and activities such as balloons for the kids, face painting, maybe nail services for the ladies. President Frank will send out an email to obtain an estimate on how many family members would be interested in attending. We need this to determine the estimated costs of having the balloon, face painting, and nail services contracted for.
6. President Frank has installed two sets of speed bumps on the tack coated entry roadway to encourage members to slow down and drive the 10 MPH speed limit. He is considering adding a third speed bump by the curve at the old entry gate to the field.
7. The next in-person club meeting at the field is scheduled for October 10, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Peck
SVF Secretary

November SVF Birthdays

Charlie Beverson
Cody Campbell
Chris Cores
Brian DeBenedetto
Craig DeMarcus
John Gerhardt
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