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SVF MEMBERS VOTE!

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SVF MEETING May 1, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

*Editor Note: Due to an illness
This will be a small newsletter.*



THE PRESIDENTS CHANNEL

Frank Moskowitz

May 2013 Slow Roll Presidents Letter

Welcome to the May 2013 Slow Roll.

I'd like to start out by reminding everyone to please vote in the upcoming election. This will take place during our May 1st club meeting. By the time you read this letter, it will be too late to mail in proxy ballots. In lieu of mailing back your ballots, you will have to attend the meeting in order to vote. All proxy's had to have been mailed and been received prior to the meeting. If you cannot make the election meeting and you did not receive a ballot by email attachment, I would like to know. Please contact me as soon as possible (fmoskowitz@cox.net) or (602-809-4195). When making your decision on voting for a new candidate for either Club Officer or BOD, remember to consider that persons past involvement with the club; Have they been active at all our events, have they offered positive comments to help us move forward as a club. The Officers and Board of Directors helps shape both our future existence and growth in this valley and is quite an important job. Use good judgment on your selections. Speaking of good judgment, here is the email that you should have received describing the voting procedure put in place by the BOD:

Dear SVF Member,

As you are likely aware, the upcoming election for the SVF Board of Directors and Executive will be held at the monthly club meeting at 7pm on May 1st, 2013 at Deer Valley Airport.

Recently, there have been a series of improper actions which have potentially undermined the legitimacy of this election. A Board of Directors meeting was held on April 18th to review these actions and determine the best path forward. The purpose of this letter is to communicate to you the decisions which have been made regarding the election. These decisions are as follows:

- 1) ALL election ballots previously received via email, regular mail, obtained at the field, or from other sources has been declared invalid. In other words, if you have previously mailed in a ballot or given a completed ballot to a board/executive member, a candidate, or even a friend planning on attending the meeting, the ballot is no longer valid. The Board considers that these ballots have been potentially tainted.***
- 2) Attached to this letter is a new proxy ballot. You will note that the ballot is marked "Version 2 BOD approved April 18, 2013. Please use this ballot for proxy voting as detailed in item 3) below. Only ballots marked "Version 2 BOD approved April 22th, 2013" will be accepted as proxy ballots.***
- 3) To vote using the proxy ballot, please follow the procedure listed below:***

- Print out the attached Version 2 ballot***
- Make your selections for each of the Executive and Board of Directors positions.***
- At the bottom of the ballot in the space provided, print your name, sign the ballot, and print your AMA number.***
- Place your ballot in an envelope, apply a stamp of sufficient postage and, using the US Postal Service, mail your ballot back to the SVF at the address provided below:***

Sun Valley Fliers
P.O. Box 31816
Phoenix, AZ 85046

- 4) Only Version 2 ballots completed per the procedure above and mailed will be accepted as proxy ballots. You must mail in the proxy ballot for it to be accepted***

I'm sorry that you, the membership of SVF had to be part of this somewhat bizarre and unscrupulous balloting. Know the source of this behavior and vote with your heart for the continued wellbeing of our club. My campaign statement is on the next page of this Slow Roll.

That's it for now. See you at the field!

Remember to show up for our next club election meeting Wednesday May 1st at Deer Valley Restaurant. We 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. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. If you want to eat I suggest you arrive no later than 6:15 pm. Location is Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. (7th avenue and Deer Valley Road).

Have fun out there!

Frank Moskowitz

President



Sun Valley Fliers Club Meeting Minutes APRIL 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Frank Moskowitz. There were 36 members in attendance.

Frank introduced the executive and the board of directors.

Frank thanked the folks for attending/helping at the pattern contest. Unfortunately it was only one day as Sunday was too windy to fly.

Guests:

- None

New Members:

- None in attendance

New Solo Pilots:

- **Neil Banyai solo'd one year ago today!**

Secretary's Report – Jim McEwen

- The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as published in the Slow Roll.

Treasurer's Report - Gene Peterson

- Account balances are looking good. The pit area that was paved last year is scheduled to be sealed/coated on April 9th (weather permitting)
- As of tonight, we have 265 paid members.
- The report was accepted as published in the Slow Roll
- Some airplane parts and covering material have been donated and are available at the front at the end of the meeting.

Safety Officer Report - Ken Justice/Frank Seminara

- No new incidents or issues since last month.
- Please read the monthly safety article in the Slow Roll.
- Ken has club apparel for sale and has brought some to this meeting.

Old Business:

- Eric Stevens was the CD of the helicopter event. Many thanks to Eric, Neil, Loren, Bob, Steve for their efforts. We made a net profit of about \$800-900. There were 40 pilots and it was a great weekend.
- Howard Kennedy talked about the 1/8 AF event. There were 65 pilots, it was a bit breezy on Saturday and there were a couple of fatal crashes. There are photos in the Slow Roll and the 1/8 AF website.

New Business:

- On Tuesday April 9th, the field will be closed to seal the approx. 750 linear feet of cracks in the runway and to oil seal the pit area.
- Frank explained the reciprocal agreement we had with AMPS. The AMPS board recently voted to cancel the agreement. This was mentioned in the Slow Roll.
- **2013 Election**
 - o The Secretary and Slow Roll Editor will publish the ballots.
 - o At the board meeting this Monday, the board will examine potential methods of electronically voting.
 - o Nominations for Board of Directors included:
 - John Deacon, Lou Pffiefer, Wayne Layne, Ron Thomas, Mike Smith, Eric Stevens
 - o Nominations for Executive included:
 - Frank Moskowitz – President
 - Ken Justice – President
 - John Geyer – VP
 - Gene Peterson – Treasurer
 - Jim McEwen – Secretary

Community Awareness – John Geyer

- Nothing new to report.

Door Prize Winners:

- Jim McEwen – Robart stand, Jay Stewart – battery, Peter Boland – fuel, Neil Banyai - Monokote Iron
- Frank Seminara – gallon of fuel

50/50 – Bernie Frank

Show & Tell:

- None

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm. Respectfully submitted, Jim McEwen – Secretary

\$ TREASURERS REPORT \$ with *Gene Peterson*

TREASURERS REPORT May 2013



It's Election Time again. Lots of action on this years event. We haven't had this much conversation on the elections since probably 2004 when **Ken Melbye** and **Norm Goodnuff** faced off.

Speaking of presidents, you might like to see some history of our club presidents and I've listed below current members of our club that were at one time our president, and some more than just one time.

Kent Walters 1976- Bob Frey 1979- Mike Peck 1981, 1985, 1993- Tom Guca 1982- Rusty Fried 1983- Jim "Jet" Whitney 1991, 2000- Larry Sheffield 1992, 2002- Norm Goodnuff, 1996,1997, 1999,2004,2005,2006- John Wisniewski 1990, 1994-Howard Kennedy 2003- and Frank Moskowitz, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

So here we go again, get out and vote for your selection, either by proxy or come to the meeting on May 1.

265 members at this writing.....

4 new members in April have joined our club.

Kiel Marley, Regular Member- Sean Pyles, Junior Member – Tim Stocker, Regular Member – And Michael Van Heemst, Junior Member. Stop and say hi if you see them at the field or the General Membership Meeting.

Have fun flying in May. No events planned, just good spring weather.

Regards **GENE PETERSON, TREASURER**

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May 2013 SVF BirthDay Boys

First name Last name	Member type	Dob
Richard Polkinghorn	Senior	05/06/1943
Thomas Hickey	Regular	05/06/1963
Ray Beliveau	Senior	05/06/1926
Ervin Nemec, Jr.	Senior	05/10/1942
Tony Lopez	Regular	05/10/1953
Dave Borrow	Regular	05/11/1970
Ronald Norris	Senior	05/14/1930
Brian O'Meara	Regular	05/16/1948
Michael Johnson	Regular	05/16/1958
Roger Miller	Senior	05/17/1936
Bob Wainman	Senior	05/19/1947
Cal Sutton	Regular	05/19/1965
Paul Clifton Jr.	Regular	05/22/1964
Tomas Perez	Regular	05/23/1965
Sean Pyles	Junior	05/25/1998
Scott Okerstrom	Regular	05/27/1957
Brandon Arnett	Junior	05/29/1998

Members Please Vote



To the members of Sun Valley Fliers
from Frank Moskowitz

As you are aware I am running for the presidency of SVF again this year. Some have thought I did not want to run again but that is not true. For those of you that attend our monthly club meetings you know what my thoughts are about this club and you know how I have continually moved this club forward. For those of you that have never met me other than reading the presidents letter in the Slow Roll, let me review some of the accomplishments that enabled our club to be the best RC flying club in the state.

1. First and foremost is our newfound relationship with Maricopa Flood Control District. For those of you not aware, we sign a use agreement with Flood Control to be tenants on their land. Not an easy task and very easily upset. With my constant contact with County and Flood Control, they now consider us to be an asset to them. We protect their land. Through constant negotiations we are very secure in our location.
2. Second is the relationship we now have with Deer Valley Air Traffic Control. We went through some rough times with members not abiding by the See and Avoid rules. We had an option to lock it down to 400 feet. I didn't want that simply for the reason we all needed to learn how to See and Avoid. A hard 400 foot rule would lead to complacency and spotters wouldn't have been required with the vigilance we need now. I am very proud of how every one of our members keep a watchful eye on the sky and we fly safe. The Deer Valley Air Traffic Controller manager tells me we are doing just great. We have members with varying flying skills and various love of different types of airplanes. Every one of us should be able fly at SVF with confidence and feel secure that no one is trying to judge them or maybe remove their unique type of flying from our club. The board of directors acts swiftly and justly to correct members who pose a threat to our wellbeing and relationship with our neighbors at DVA.
3. The last items I would like to remind you of is the amazing improvements to our field. The entry road, new asphalt, a generator, repairs on the Ramada and grounds improvements. I can't remember when so much has been accomplished by anyone else who has held this position.

On closing let me say that if re-elected, I will continue to make sure the issues and concerns of Sun Valley Fliers are fully addressed as I have always done. I look forward to your support and hope to continue to make this flying club the most amazing place to be in the state.

Frank Moskowitz
President
Sun Valley Fliers



SVF **FLIGHTLINE SAFETY**

Welcome to the May 2013 **"FLIGHTLINE SAFETY"**! I decided to revisit an informative safety article I wrote last summer on Density Altitude, since this weekend's weather forecast calls for 97 plus degrees...so the "heat is a comin", as they say! We've had some nice flying weather so far this year but now the late Spring and Summer heat will affect our body's ability to function properly...as well as our RC Aircraft and Helicopter's ability to fly compared to our cooler months of flying! So let's do a review for the seasoned Phoenix RC pilot and maybe turn on the old light bulb for any newcomers to our Phoenix summer heat! But hey, "it's a *dry heat*!" But tell me that when it's 115 degrees outside!!! This performance factor is called **Density Altitude** (DA and this doesn't mean the RC engine manufacturer). Simply stated...

Density altitude (DA) is defined as the pressure altitude corrected for non-standard temperature variations. And while this is a correct definition, my definition is perhaps more appropriate: DENSITY ALTITUDE IS THE ALTITUDE THE AIRPLANE THINKS IT IS AT, AND PERFORMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS COMPUTED VALUE. Density altitude is basically a measure of actual altitude conditions you will be flying under with factors calculated that include mean sea level barometric air pressure, temperature, and dew point. Full scale pilots are trained to be aware of this performance enhancing or degrading factor. Pilots are usually aware of this "flight factor"...most of the time. But there are a lot of "full-scale" aircraft performance issues and accidents attributed to DA, especially out west in HOT, mountainous areas. **The lower the DA is, the better aircraft performance and flight characteristics will be. Well, a high DA will adversely affect our RC aircraft also,** especially if you have a marginally powered RC aircraft to start with! Even the high power to weight ratio 3-D aircraft can be affected! I was thinking about this last year one hot August Phoenix day, sitting around "hangar flying" in the shade under our covered Ramada with a few other RC and Full Scale pilots. A couple of RC aircraft had some "issues" when they came in to land. Normally not an issue for these aircraft or pilots, but both had rather "hard" landings at speeds that they normally land at, resulting in some aircraft damage. The plane(s) just seemed to drop or quit flying before the pilot(s) normally thought they would, resulting in a hard landing(s)! They both made the comment "that they needed more speed" for their landing. But why, you might ask? **The HIGH DA was a contributing factor!!!** Our SVF field sits at approximately 1500 Feet MSL (mean sea level). However, when I calculated the density altitude for early morning flights, the DA was pushing 4700 feet compared to a typical winter morning of 900 feet! (yepper, below our actual field elevation thus giving greater performance in the winter!) There is a big difference in how this affects your RC aircraft performance, just like full-scale aircraft! So beware of this and adjust accordingly while flying in these hotter months. Adjust your speeds a little with higher take off and approach/landing speeds, along with other flight profile speeds to avoid that "mushy or mashed potato-feeling" flight controls and loss of control! And on glow and gas engines, don't forget to adjust that fuel mixture! If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact me anytime and we can discuss this issue! Here is a link to an online DA calculator http://wahiduddin.net/calc/calc_da.htm Try a couple of calculations of our "typical summer day" (altitude 1500', 105 degrees, 29.89 altimeter, 69 degree dew point) versus "typical winter day" (1500', 45 degrees, 29.99 altimeter, 12 degrees dew point) and reflect on how this affects your aircraft's performance! It's a real eye-opener! With the heat, be aware of how it affects your RC aircraft or helicopter sitting in your locked up car. It affects your batteries, CA...everything! And be sure to bring plenty of water with you to the field to stay hydrated. It can sneak up on you real quick with our warmer weather!

Our May 1st Member meeting is also our elections meeting. Be sure to attend and VOTE! We have a great club, with great people who volunteer their time to be Officers and Board Members so that everyone who flies RC aircraft and helicopters in our club, may do so safely, no matter what they fly, amongst friends at the best facility in Arizona! Stay alert in the upcoming summer heat and look out for each other.

That's it for this month! Thanks for taking the time to read our SVF **Slow Roll** newsletter and this article. Be a good steward of our hobby and our Club. Be sure to stay hydrated and remember **"Safety Is An Attitude"** and...

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

Ken Justice

SVF Safety Officer

To: Fellow Sun Valley Fliers Members

From: Ken Justice

As most of you are now aware, I am running for the Office of President at SVF this year. I was asked to run...and after much thought, I decided to run. For those of you that have either read my monthly **SVF Flight Line Safety** contribution to the Slow Roll or have seen me at our field, you know that I have been your Board appointed SVF Safety Officer since January 2011 and was asked to oversee our SVF merchandise sales since about December 2010. In late 2012, I became an SVF Club Instructor, which included being an AMA "Intro Pilot Program" Instructor. Frank Moskowitz asked me if I could attend Board Meetings as your Safety Officer. I have attended most Board Meetings, contributed to discussions that were relevant to safety, and gained a good understanding of how the Officers and Board members operate. Some of you may not have had any contact with me, even though I am usually out at our SVF field several times a week, so please allow me to present my thoughts that have led me to seek being YOUR President. One thought that summarizes my goals is an excerpt from my April 2013 SR **Flight Line Safety** article..." *We are here to enjoy this fun hobby and the camaraderie of sharing time at the field with each other...no matter what part of this hobby we enjoy. Whether you fly electrics, nitro, gas, scale, pattern, IMAAC, 3 -D or Jets, we are very fortunate to have a facility like we have at Sun Valley Fliers. Let's all look out for each other and work together, so we can safely enjoy our hobby at OUR field now....and into the future!"*

1. I am a retired Airline Captain, business owner, corporate Board Member, FAA Airframe and Powerplant (A & P) Technician, former FAA Designated Examiner, NHRA Team owner/driver/consultant and long-time RC aircraft enthusiast who first joined this club in 1988 and taught my Son to fly during that time. I have a wide ranging background that gives me insight into our hobby, how our model flying impacts the National Airspace system, and how best to preserve our field's existence going into the future. As your Safety Officer, I have contributed factual information to Board discussions on both safety and airspace use issues to help guide the Board in their deliberations.
2. My number one consideration for running is: **to bring this club's membership TOGETHER**, pulling in the SAME DIRECTION, being UNITED to ensure that we are PROACTIVE in managing our great flying facility...not being REACTIVE once "shots have been fired across our bow"! **This club exists for ALL members in good standing to enjoy our great hobby, regardless of which type or style of flying that they might enjoy, and being able to do so in a safe, friendly, & non-confrontational manner.** That's why I have stressed complying with both the AMA's and SVF's Safety rules...so we don't have an incident that could jeopardize not only the wellbeing of an individual, but also the wellbeing and existence of our club. I have done this as YOUR Safety Officer without getting in anyone's face...because you don't have to do that! Some are spreading rumors that if elected President, that I will seek out eliminating certain groups from flying at our field and/or changing the current field rules! **ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE!!!** I want to make it perfectly clear...**I have NO INTENTIONS to eliminate any group of current flyers or to change any of the current SVF Field Rules or limitations!!! PERIOD!!! THIS FIELD IS FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBER GROUPS to enjoy!** We need to do this TOGETHER! We are ALL entrusted to be good stewards of this hobby...of the AMA...of our SVF club!
3. This club has seen vast improvements in its facilities over the years, thanks to past BOD and Officers, but mainly our Members who were interested in having a top-notch flying facility. We need Officers and a Board that listens to its members...enabling us to keep moving forward! I like transparency in a governing body...and I will endeavor to bring that to this club's Officers and Board. I'm open-minded and I try to find knowledgeable people who will work with me. The current Board is very knowledgeable. The "power" of the presidency is actually quite limited, and in order to accomplish much, it is necessary to create a consensus among board members and officers by LEADING that group to carry out the wishes of its members. **A club president should listen to and interact with the membership and should follow the club's Constitution & By-Laws because those documents are of, from, and for the membership.** Few people wish to participate in leading a club because it's hard to please everyone all the time...but the best interests of the majority of the members need to be considered...to go forward PROACTIVELY!

I have served as your Safety Officer FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP for more than two years, among my other duties, and I have supported Frank and our Board. But as Frank has often stated as President, "If you would like to participate in, or change the way the club is run, volunteer to serve as an Officer or Board member". I am "volunteering"...asking for your carefully thought out VOTE, to allow me to help YOU take this club forward, into the future... "PROACTIVELY". I believe I have shown the interest, ability, integrity & commitment to serve as your President. The rest is up to you.

Thank you for taking the time and interest to read my campaign statement!

Ken Justice
Safety Officer
Sun Valley Fliers
602.315.4707 Cell

2013 SVF BALLOT

President: ___ Frank Moskowitz (*incumbent*)
 ___ Ken Justice
(Vote for one) ___ _____ (write-in)

Vice-president: ___ John Geyer
(Vote for one) ___ _____ (write-in)

Secretary: ___ Jim McEwen
(Vote for one) ___ _____ (write-in)

Treasurer: ___ Gene Peterson
(Vote for one) ___ _____ (write-in)

Board of Directors:

(Vote for five)
___ John Deacon
___ Wayne Layne (*incumbent*)
___ Lou Pfeiffer IV
___ Mike Smith (*incumbent*)
___ Eric Stevens (*incumbent*)
___ Ron Thomas (*incumbent*)
___ _____ (write-in)

Incumbent: [in-cum-bent] = somebody currently holding an official post

Version 2 BOD approved April 18, 2013

Print Name _____

Sign _____

AMA Number _____

SVF FIELD TOP SEAL ADDED





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Jim McEwen, Secretary
Ken Justice, Safety Officer

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Phone numbers.



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