

Next Meeting: May 4, 2006
Where: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant

President's Column

Based on the temperatures this past weekend it's starting to look like summer again. I want to thank Paul Clifton for stepping forward and filling the secretaries position. He will be assuming the full duties this month; hopefully he remembers that he volunteered. For those who don't know Paul, he's the guy taking all the pictures with the digital camera; I guess you could almost call him the club photographer.

Many members have inquired how the talks are going with the Sun Valley Fliers. At this time a leader is in process or has been sent to the powers that be that control the Cave Creek Recreation area. The club's board has o.k.'d the concept. Also based on the SVF newsletter, the cat is out of the bag as the issue was mentioned in it (not sure if it was intentional, but it was there). This won't be a fast process. Once permission is received, which could be next month or 4 months from now, than the frequency change over will begin. Sun Valley has close to 300 members, so several months will be needed to get the channels in line as well as putting in the infrastructure (i.e. pads, shade and so on). For those who are thinking on going and joining SVF right now, if the transition takes place in August or September and you join than, your dues will most likely carry over to the next year. Right now it's a matter of waiting for the proper permission to get the pads and such installed in the new area. I have also been asked about the dues structure. Members would still pay

ARMS \$25 annual and would additionally pay SVF \$50 annually (after the initiation fee). The ARMS dues will be used for our clubs expense and probably some maintenance of the helicopter area through donations to SVF. Our clubs willingness to contribute financially towards the helicopter area will really help this progress. I have also been told by the SVF president that the Phoenix bond issue that passed is not related to the Cave Creek Recreation Area and that the feel he got was it would be some time before any city improvements would be implemented as the land is under city, county, state and federal control, in other words a lot of cooks stirring the pot. Lastly, I haven't heard anything negative from our members which is a good sign.

That's it for this month. We still have Cool Power 30% fuel available, we also have a small amount of Wildcat 30% Curtis Youngblood mix is anyone is interested (please don't ask how we ended up with the small amount). Additionally, if anyone wants fun fly shirts, let me know before I relegate them to long-term storage.

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