



# TAILWINDS TAILS

## AVTI Newsletter

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July 2011

### AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

#### AUG 2011

3 (Tentative)	Church Group Demo (Volunteers Needed)
4 (7:30pm)	Monthly Meeting at Fox Airfield Lobby
20 (6:00pm)	BBQ, Night-fly
TBD	Board of Directors' Meeting

#### SEP 2011

1 (7:30pm)	Monthly Meeting at Fox Airfield Lobby
TBD	Board of Directors' Meeting

### MODEL OF THE MONTH



Shawn Grizzard with his Super Cub

Check out other clubs' events by visiting the following websites:

[www.deserthawksrc.com](http://www.deserthawksrc.com); [www.cvrcoaring.com](http://www.cvrcoaring.com)  
[www.vccomets.com](http://www.vccomets.com); [www.sbrcm.org](http://www.sbrcm.org).

Remember to check the bulletin board at the field for an up-to-date calendar of events.+

Member's contributions are welcome.

#### EDITOR'S COMMENT

*The club is soliciting suggestions and comments on all club matters. Members are invited to send in suggestions on any subject. The suggestions may be sent in on-line by going to the club web site ([www.avti.org](http://www.avti.org)) and emailing the webmaster.*



Barkly enjoying a summer swim

# Antelope Valley Tailwinds Inc.

AMA Charter #114  
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## \* Membership Meeting \*

August 4, 2011

Thursday

7:30 p.m.

Fox Airfield Lobby  
4555 West Avenue G  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
Visitors and guests are welcome.

## \* Board of Directors Meeting \*

TBD

Location: TBD

A.V.T.I. Airpark  
47500 Challenger Way (10<sup>th</sup> Street East)  
between Avenues F and G  
Lancaster, CA 93535

### FIELD STATISTICS

Latitude: N 34° 44' 44"

Longitude W 118° 6' 32"

Elevation: 2326'

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## President's Message

Hello Members

There has been a stretch of some good mornings and days so I hope some of you have taken advantage of that time with the smell of nitro. We all belong to the club because of a common interest in R/C and my hope is we can move past some of the politics that seems to cripple us at times. With that being said, here is what has happened and what is being done to get back on track. At the most recent general meeting a motion passed stating the bylaws were NOT followed correctly in determining the outcome of the election for VP. The fact is a couple mistakes were made innocently and not caught until a few days later along with a difference of opinion in how the bylaws read. At the meeting, the membership expressed their opinion and a vote determined we would have another election for VP between Joe and Tony. This election will take place at the September general meeting. Here are a couple of other changes not in any order. Don Chaffee has resigned at the Secretary and Jean Greear has been appointed to replace him. Bob Sumoski has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the board and Sean Hennessy has been appointed for the position of VP until the election determines a winner. The BOD has also asked me to stay on as President until after the election can be held in September and I have agreed to do that. Roger Counts had handed off the baton to Derek Abramson after 4 years of handling the newsletter and website maintenance and I would like to thank Roger and Don for their service of time along with welcoming Jean, Derek and Bob to their new positions. A board meeting was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> and a positive discussion was held along with many suggestions on how to fix some of the bylaws to avoid future pitfalls. We are working on dates to schedule a BBQ at the field in August and possibly a swap meet in the near future along with other events. I really do hope we can get back to the fun that united us in the beginning.

Sincerely,

*Douglas Killebrew*



## Secretary's Report

*(Minutes for June 2, 2011 as amended)*

Meeting called to order by President Doug Killebrew at 7:30 pm. Motion to approve minutes of the June 2, 2011 general membership meeting was not passed as published. The amended minutes for the June 2, 2011 minutes are:

### Elections for Vice President and Treasurer

Members present: 49 members present.

Votes needed to win: 25

#### Election for Vice President

Total votes cast: 48

Joe Dagata: 25

Tony Frackowiak: 22

Bob Knoob: 1

#### Election for Treasurer:

Total votes cast: 47

Tony Frackowiak: 26

Bob Knoob: 20

Mike Manx: 1

### Model of the Month

Tony Accurso: F104 Starfighter EDF 70MM fan runs on 4s lipo pack and F5 EDF 70MM fan uses a 4s pack

Cliff Keeling: Sig Fazer built from kit 48 four stroke engine.

Tony Frackowiak: Parkzone micro F4U Corsair and Precision Airbatics Addiction S 3D power by an E-Flite 32

Roary Murray: LA-1 Pattern powered by a YS61

Model of the Month Winner: Roary Murray

Attendance certificate winner: Keith Benard

50/50 won by Dan Garrabrant

President Doug Killabrew resigned as president.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

## **Minutes drafted by the BOD attending the July 7, 2011 meeting.**

Meeting called to order by President Doug Killebrew at 7:30 pm.

Members present 23

The president Doug Killebrew issued an apology to the general membership for a lack of decorum during the election last month. He further issued apologies to the Abrahamson family, Tony Frackowiak, and all of the other members that sent in complaints concerning the decorum of the meeting. Complaints from the Abramson's concerning a comment made by Scott Baker at the June 2, 2011 general meeting were addressed by the issuance of an apology by Mr. Baker for his comments. A complaint filed by Tony Frackowiak to the BOD concerning the actions of the Secretary at the field was resolved by the announcement that the Secretary would issue an apology.

A motion was made by Bob Sumoski to hold a new election for Vice President as Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph c of AVTI's Constitution And By Laws was not adhered to in the June 2, 2011 election. The motion was seconded and a discussion followed as to what was the actual number required for 49 members present. The understanding was that a whole number greater than 50% +1 of the members present was needed to satisfy the requirements of the By-Law. None of the candidates received the required number of written ballots to be elected and the motion was approved.

A motion to amend the minutes of the June 2, 2011 General Meeting as published in the newsletter was made. The motion was seconded and the discussion resolved two changes. Changes were to strike the word infant from the Members Present line and to just state "Members Present – 49. Also added to the minutes was that Doug Killebrew resigned from the President position at the conclusion of the June 2, 2011 meeting. These amendments to the minutes were passed by the club membership.

### **New Business**

Tony Frackowiak further described the events that led to the AVTI BOD voting to refuse the offer from the BITW organizers for the 2011 event. The organizers made a demand that Tony Frackowiak could not be involved in any way with the BITW 2011 and that he would not be allowed to even be at the field Tuesday through Sunday of the event week. If the club agreed to those terms, then BITW would consider having the event at AVTI. This demand by the organizers is both unethical and by AMA rules illegal.

Four members of the BOD voted strongly to not have the event and to discontinue negotiations with the BITW. Rumors stating that the reason for BITW not being held at AVTI was the fault of Tony are untrue. The fault lies entirely with the BITW organizers.

Model of the Month winner: Shawn Grizzard

Attendance Certificate was not awarded:

No 50/50

Meeting was adjourned and 9:25 PM

## **BOD Meeting Minutes July 7, 2011**

Met at Bob Sumoski's house

Present were: Tony Frackowiak, Doug Killebrew, Derek Abramson, Andria Abramson, Sean Hennessy, Preston Knepper, Bob Sumoski, Jean Greear, Mike Greear

### **Motions Taken:**

Jean Greear – Secretary

Bob Sumoski – Director

Derek Abramson – Director

Preston Knepper – Director

Derek Abramson – Webmaster / Newsletter Editor

Doug Killebrew will stay on as President until after the election

Sean Hennessy will be interim Vice President until election

Mike Johnson, Mike Greear, Bob Sumoski will be on the field relocation committee

### **Topics Discussed:**

Term of directors

Order of authority

What makes a voting member

Simple majority verses 50%+1

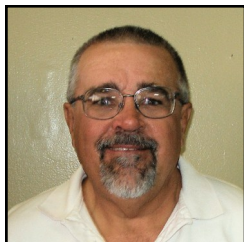
Absentee votes



Sign – in sheet / ballots  
August 20 – BBQ Night fly  
October meeting – Swap meet

*Jean Greear*

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## **Treasurer's Report**

07/19/2011

**Checking : \$10,398.23**  
**AVTI Field Fund: \$13,156.24**  
**Financial Assets: \$23,554.47**

These totals were the last ones provided by Joe Dagata. Since I was just provided access to the accounts I have yet to prepare my own Report. The July Financial Statement will also have to wait until the September meeting.

**Current Membership: 73 Members**  
**New Members for 2011/2012: 12 Members**

As of July 19, 2011, 22 members have not renewed their AVTI membership for year 2011-2012. As a reminder, those renewing at this time need to include the extra \$10 late fee. Those who have not renewed please keep in mind that current membership in both AVTI and the AMA is required for use of the facility and voting during meetings.

Total dues collected for 2011/2012, as of July 19th was \$4,280.00.

I will not be at the August meeting, as I will be competing in the Pattern event at the U.S. Nationals. I will mail out all Membership Cards due before I leave.

Thanks!

*Tony Frakowiak*

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Dear Members,

As the incoming Newsletter editor, I would like to thank Roger for his work over the last four years as both Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. I have some big shoes to fill and will have some growing pains as a result. I would like to welcome any comments, and/or suggestions of what you would like to see published. I would like to also ask for any photographs, new or old to add to the website and Newsletter for all to enjoy.

Thank you,

Derek Abramson  
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster



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membership in A.V.T.I. Please make sure your  
AMA membership is current.



AVTI Float Fly at Lake Elizabeth  
Tony's Kadet getting a little wet.



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