



# TAILWINDS TAILS

## AVTI Newsletter

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### Latest Tailwinds

*Derek Abramson, Editor*

Happy New Year AVTI. I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Although we are all suppose to be griping about the poor weather as Winter is not known to be good for flying, we just came off of a three week perfect weather streak. The activity at the field made evident many club



Is that Bender in that Astro Hog

members enjoyed the great weather.

I hope many of you made it the AMA show this year, I attended Friday and saw many members looking for a good deal, or at least enjoy the many displays at the show. What amazed me are the number or aircraft available in foam. I would have never thought a foam airplane could look so good.



Don Chaffee with his Wildcat

The quadcopters seem to be the latest and

greatest. Also, the addition of a three-axis gyro stabilization system being implemented on various "harder" to fly aircraft; amazing.

On a sadder note, we lost another of our long-time life members Randy Coupland. He left us in November. Randy brought the joy of aero-modeling to many and contributed much to AVTI. He will be missed.

At the field, I usually see many great aircraft. With todays ARF, busy schedules and family, a lot of building and finishing has gone to the way side. Occasionally I see a great airplane brought to the field with much love and care in the construction. One such aircraft and its builder stuck out. Cliff Keeling brought his Senior Falcon on the 30th of December. What a beautiful airplane. The Senior falcon resonated a lot of memories for me as I am sure it will for many. The



Falcon flew as good as she looked. Good Job Cliff. Until then, I hope to see everybody at the field.



Don Chaffee's Wildcat on a pass



Tony Frackowiak taking Mark Johnson up for some training.

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
<b>February 2012</b>		
9	7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
11	9:00 am	AVTI Heli-Classic
<b>March 2012</b>		
1	7:00pm	AVTI General Meeting



The beginning of the Rainbow Coalition



Tony Frackowiak with his Trex 500 FBL

## AVTI HISTORY

Bob Sumoski will be updating the AVTI History page located on the club's website <http://www.avti.org/>. Any pictures, newspaper or magazine articles, event fliers that you may have would be welcome. Oral history (stories) would also be welcome. Materials would be returned if requested. Bob Sumoski, [661-945-2410](tel:661-945-2410), [robertsumoski@gmail.com](mailto:robertsumoski@gmail.com)

## By-Laws Committee

Members can contact any committee member with suggestions, corrections or additions to the Constitution and By-Laws (as amended 11/14/09). Committee members, Roger Counts, Bob Sumoski and Mike Grear.



## President's Message

Happy New Year

Did you get the AMA show? More importantly, did you get out with anything left in your bank account? I saw tons of show specials that were fantastic this year and hope you all saved a couple bucks on some much needed supplies. I had a great time talking to lots of people and vendors and it just reminds me how great most of the people are in this hobby. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your new winter projects at the upcoming meetings, so let's keep bringing them in. I am so excited with all of the new technology coming down the pike, but I'm not sure my bank account will keep up with all the things I want as a result. On a tough note, one of our lifetime members Bob Sumoski has taken ill and we ask for all our your prayers to help him back to good health.

Fly safe

Doug Killebrew



## VP's Message

Hello AVTI members!

We have been blessed with some of the most perfect weather for flying lately. Nearly dead calm winds for almost the entire day have been the norm. I've been taking advantage of this time and have got in a lot of flying. I've even taken to practicing the new F3A patterns. The Finals version of the pattern is a real bear! Lots of rolling circles, rolling loops, knife-edge loops and all kinds of snaps. It has been very

challenging to try these new maneuvers, but it has also been very rewarding. I've been reminded that biting off a little more than you can chew from time to time can be very satisfying. It's particularly rewarding if you start to see some progress in your skills. I think I had been guilty of being happy with the status quo and not trying to better myself.

So I guess what I am saying is that maybe some of us should try something new from time to time. If it's not giving pattern a try, maybe it's working on a scale model. Or give a racer a try. Maybe even a helicopter or a 3D model. R/C modeling has such a wide spectrum of possibilities it seems a shame not to give a different aspect a try. I know it's what has kept me in the hobby for as long as I've been in it!

Hope to see you at the field!

Tony Frackowiak

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## Treasurer's Report of 12/15/2011 Compiled by Tony Frackowiak

**Checking Account Balance \$ 7,865.41**

**AVTI Flying Field Reserve \$ 14,380.20**

**Financial Assets \$ 22,245.61**

**Income for December \$74.50**

**Expenses for November - \$343.85**

**Total dues collected for 2011/2012, as of 8/30/11 -  
\$4,872.50**

**Current Membership Total -85 Members**

**New Members for 2011/2012 -21 Members**

**Members not Renewed for 2011/2012 -18 Members**

As a reminder, your AMA dues must be renewed by January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2012 to retain your club privileges. You can go online at [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org) to renew, or mail in your renewal using the forms the AMA has sent you. If you would drop me an email to let me know you have renewed I would appreciate it!

Thanks!

Tony Frackowiak

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General Meeting Minutes

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Compiled by Derek Abramson

1910 Meeting brought to order by Doug Killebrew

20 Members were present including one new member: Craig Horton

November minutes were accepted as written. Voted and passed

Treasurers Report was read by Tony Frackowiak. Voted and passed (Please see attachment)

### **Old Business**

-November 5 Breakfast Fly

-Good turnout cold and windy though

-Christmas Party

-Don Chaffee won the grand prize, Horizon Wildcat

-Need input on venue for 2012 party

-Christmas Airshow

-Good Weather, great turnout

-~\$1,000 in toy donations with over \$200 in cash

-Demo Pilots Kirt Campbel and Rob Walden put on a great show

-Cost benefit of show was good

-Girl Scout Rockets

-Cancelled due to weather

### **New Business**

-AVTI Member Randy Copland passed away

-Will be noted in the Newsletter and a \$75 donation was made

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-Club Generator

-Up and running

-Club Officers have access to generator; generator is for club use.

-Gas Fund: Tony Frackowiak and Derek Abramson have been supplying fuel. Informal gas donations would be appreciated

-Cost: 2.5 Gallons per full day. ~\$9.22 per day of operation (Fuel)

-Maintenance will be provided Bob Childress

-February 11 2012 Helicopter Fly in

More information will be fourth coming

-California City Flyers has a fun fly on January 22, 2012

-All AVTI members are invited

-Revised Field Regulations

-Posted on Newsletter and Website

-February Meeting we will vote

-23 January BOD Meeting at Robert Sumoski Residence (Delayed )

-Discussion, definition of "Control of pets at the field"

1912 Break

1957 Meeting resumes

Model of the Month

-Tony Frackowiak T-Rex 500 Flybarless

-Jack Bugaren Phoenix Katana

-Tony Accurso A380, A-10

-Mack Moffat P-39

-Pete Carbin Blade SR

Drawings

Attendance: Craig Horton

50/50: Chuck Mosa (\$31)

MOM: Jack Bugaren

1923 Meeting Adjourned

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## Barkley's Safety Tip



Hey guys!

Boy, that stretch of nice weather had my boss at the field a bunch lately! All good for me because I love being outside and seeing all my friends. I see most of them also got a lot of flying in lately. And I see some new faces out here! It looks like the club is getting more popular.

With new members comes a little responsibility from the membership. Let's make sure our new friends get a chance to become familiar with the Field Regulations. There's a lot of good info in the current ones and I know the Boss has spent some time on the computer updating them. Not much will change compared to how we have been doing things, just getting everything down and organized.

It's always more fun when we all understand how everything fits in with our procedures. I see so many different kinds of models being flown and it sure is neat how they can all get along. Plus you never know what will become the "hot ticket" in a month or two. But with our great field we can handle it all!

Hope to see you at the field!



Above: Tony Accurso with his Foam A380 with 4 EDF units

Below: Pete Carbin with his Blade Helicopter



# Antelope Valley Tailwinds Inc.

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## A.V.T.I. Roster of Current Officers (2011)

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## \* Membership Meeting \*

AVTI General Membership meeting  
February 2, 2011  
7:00 PM (Note Time Change)

## \* Board of Directors Meeting \*

TBD

A.V.T.I. Airpark  
47500 Challenger Way (10<sup>th</sup> Street East)  
between Avenues F and G  
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## More Models...



Above: Jack Burgaren with his Katana  
Below: Tony Accurso with an EDF A-10



Mack Moffat With his P-39



## For Sale

If interested, please contact James McClain 661-945-1410



Curtiss Jenny Electric ARF NIB  
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**REMINDER**

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

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Cliff Keeling's SR Falcon coming in for a landing