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## MODEL AIRPLANE NEWS



# Latest Tailwinds

*Derek Abramson, Editor*

Well gang, it is another month in the year that has gone by. The weather has not been the greatest so I hope everyone is getting some building/repair time in on their respective fleets. This issue, you may have noticed a cover from 1974 on the front page. On the cover, we have one of our very own members. The reveal will be buried in the newsletter. I will give you a hint, it is the person on the timer in the background who is in question.

As the summer approaches, we will be having some great events at the field. Check the calendar in the newsletter and the website for updates. Coming up in May we will be having the Parkzone Free for All pylon race. IN June, there will be a Pattern event just for fun. If there is an event you would like to have, shoot myself or any BOD member with your



Mark Lattimore rips it up with his TREX 700 Nitro

Coming up at the meeting, We will have a vote on a bylaw change for the up and coming elections in June. The verbage of the change will be in the minutes section. The section will be in bold.

Speaking of meetings, we have been very fortunate to have some very good modelers in the club. Cliff Keeling once again impressed all with his Sig Hog Bipe and his Riser. We all enjoy a good model or project in the works; come on to the meeting and show it off, you may win something.

Website changes are still progressing, a little slower right now as I have been busy with school. The Member page is up, and will be updated as I get more photos of you guys at the field. There will be a mix of poses and on the fly type photos. If you like to just submit something, please feel free. Resolution needs to be at least 2Mp and unedited. I will handle the rest.

Also, the Tech page will be getting some updates, Lou Munoz submitted some work sheets for airfoil calculations. Also coming up in the future will be information on choosing a power system for electrics. If there is anything anybody is looking for, shoot me an email.

I hope to see everyone at the field. Until then, Happy Landings



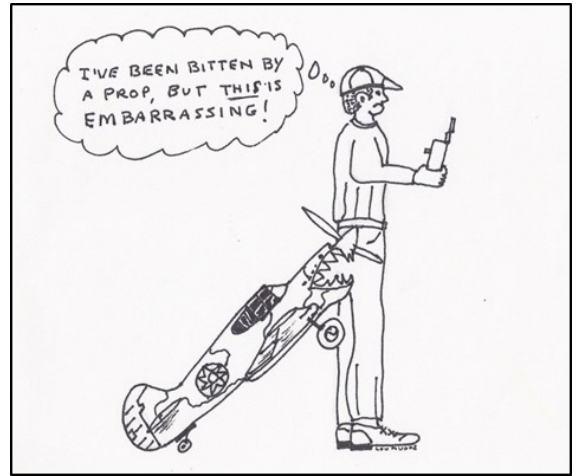
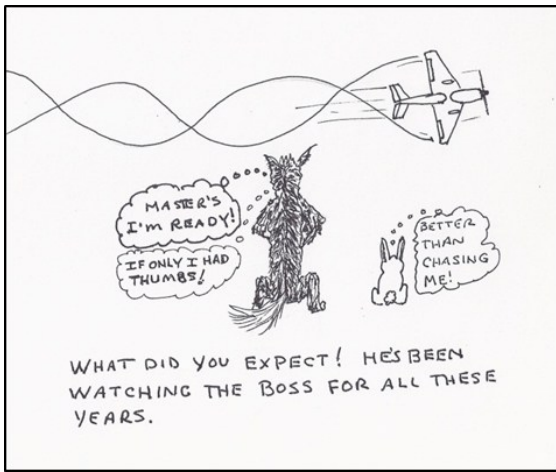
AVTI Sailplane Jamboree Participants from Left to Right.

Jamie and Steve Schoolcraft, Bob Childress,

Tony Frackowiak and Derek Abramson

idea and we will get it on the calendar.

We just had the sail plane event which was a lot of fun. One of our new members took first. The are posted online with the flight times. Just check the link on the main page. First was Jamie Schoolcraft, Second was Tony Frackowiak and Third was Derek Abramson.



A Day at the airpark by Lou Munoz

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
<b>May 2012</b>	
3 7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
5 9:00 am	AVTI Parkzone Free for All Pylon Race
<b>June 2012</b>	
7 7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
23 9:00 am	AVTI Pattern Event
<b>July 2012</b>	
5 7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
TBD	Float Fly TBD
<b>August 2012</b>	
2 7:00pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF



Pattern Meet at AVTI Circa 1987

## 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), [robertfsu-moski@gmail.com](mailto:robertfsu-moski@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.





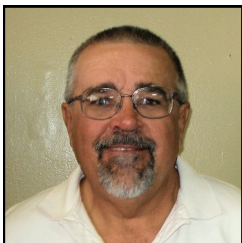
## President's Message

Hello Everyone

Do April showers bring May flowers? I'm not sure if that is true in the Antelope Valley, but I'm sure we can count on some wind!! I hope everyone's Easter went well and that some of you made it out to the field in between the storms. As for me, I'm one racer down from a crash this month, so it's back to building for me. Keep an eye out on our schedule of events coming up in the newsletter or on the website. I know we have a parkzone race the first weekend of May and several more events in the works. Also, congrats to John Shalbreck for completing his first Q-500 race! He made all of his heats and brought home his airplane in one piece, much better than my first race...

Doug

## VP's Message



Hello AVTI members!

I hope everybody has been taking advantage of the good days we have had to fly. It seems like the wind has been here quite often this month. I'm hoping the heat of summer will start to bring a few more good days to fly!

The Helicopter Fun Fly had light attendance but everyone who was there enjoyed the coffee, bagels and burgers served up. I hope the upcoming Sailplane meet will have some good weather to get in a nice, fun event.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we're going to have a Parkzone race. The course and flying rules will be the same as we have used in the past but we are going to open the rules up to allow more than just the T-28 to race.

The rules should make it a very interesting event! I hope a lot of the members decide to give it a try. Racing is really fun! I have enjoyed the racing I have done enough to get one of the new E-Flite Shoestring's like Doug brought to a meeting a while back. I plan on going to a few of the races held around this area.

The Pattern Contest season is now in full swing. On March 30<sup>th</sup> I drove to Hesperia to fly at a meet to be held there on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately the wind really came up and I decided to head home. But Mike and Jean stayed for the event with Mike winning the Advanced class. Way to go, Mike!

Then on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> I attended the Riverside Club Pattern contest. This event has now been named the Chuck Hartman Memorial due to the untimely passing of Chuck over the winter. Chuck was a great guy and we all miss him. The event went really well and we all had a great time. I was able to win the F3A event after deciding to move back up to that class from Masters. Mike placed second in the Advanced class. Jean was still recuperating from shoulder surgery so she did not compete. We all hope to see Jean back to flying soon!

We are talking about holding a one-day Pattern Event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at field. We will keep it very low key and fun. More to come on that soon.

Hope to see you at the field!

Tony Frackowiak

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**Treasurer's Report of 03/30/12**  
**Compiled by Tony Frackowiak**

**Checking Account Balance \$ 7,300.09**

**AVTI Flying Field Reserve \$ 14,444.97**  
**Financial Assets \$ 21,745.06**

**Income for MArch -\$ 191.50**

**Expenses for March - \$793.75**

**Total dues collected for 2011/2012, as of 8/30/11 -**  
**\$5,145.00**

**Current Membership Total -93 Members**

**New Members for 2011/2012 -28 Members**

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

Seven members have yet to renew with the AMA. The current list is at the field on the bulletin board. If you see those members, a gentle reminder would be appropriate! Those who have not renewed, 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**

06 April 2012

Compiled by Derek Abramson

1911 Meeting brought to order by Doug Killebrew

19 members were present

**Old Business**

-Minutes from March Meeting accepted and voted

-Treasurers report was read by Bob Childress, Voted and accepted

-BOD Audit results were disseminated

-Work Party successful, completed fence

repairs and cleaned up the field

-Helicopter fun-fly report

-Light attendance

-Bob Childress cooked lunch

-AVTI Sail Plane Jamboree scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of April

**New Business**

-Doug Killebrew proposed hosting a quarter midget race

-Potential income for the club

-Bylaw update process as Bob Sumoski is in better health.

-proposed change under Section 3 Elections from

**C. The officers will be elected by a simple majority (50% + 1) of those members present at the June meeting and it shall be by written ballot.**

to

**C. The officers will be elected by a simple majority of the ballots cast at the June meeting and it shall be by written ballot.**

-May 5 will be the Parkzone Free For All Pylon Race. Rules will be posted online and in the Newsletter

-June 9 Club Event TBD (Since cancelled and replaced with 23 June Pattern Meet)

-BOD Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Bob Sumoski Residence

-Pete Carbin Suggested an Indoor Fly

-April 22<sup>nd</sup> Cal City flyers fun-fly

**MOM**

-Cliff Keeling brought his Hog Bipe and Sig Riser

-Steve Swick brought his P-40 Electric Model

-Pete Carbin brought his Mini Stryker

**Drawings**

-Attendance: Pete Carbin

-MOM: Steve Swick

-50/50: Derek Abramson

2007 Meeting adjourned

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## **Parkzone Free For All Pylon Race Rules**

Aircraft must be a **Parkzone** brand Warbird with stock motor. No airframe modifications that affect performance will be allowed. (Clipped wings/tails, smaller canopies, etc.) Any 3-cell LiPo battery may be used with a capacity between 1300-2700mah. Electronic speed controls (ESC) must be the same general capacity as supplied with the airplane, or recommended by **Parkzone**. This is intended to be a fun racing class, not a cutthroat competition. Entrants that stretch the rules will be severely handicapped or possibly disqualified at the discretion of the Contest Director!

The airplanes that are eligible are listed below with the restrictions/provisions for each airplane.

**T-28 Trojan:** Must use stock 480 motor and stock 9.5x7.5 prop. Landing gear may be installed or removed.

**F4U Corsair:** Must use stock 480 motor and stock 9.5x7.5 prop. Landing gear may be installed or removed.

**P-51 Mustang:** Must use stock 480 motor and stock 9x6 prop.

**F4F Wildcat:** Must use stock 480 motor and either the stock 9x6 prop or the 9.5x7.5 T28/F4U prop.

**Bf-109G Messerschmitt:** Must use stock .15 motor and stock 3 bladed 10.6x7.8 scale prop. Landing gear must be installed.

**Spitfire Mk IX:** Must use stock .15 motor and stock 9.5x7.5 prop. Landing gear must be installed. If retracts are installed, they must remain extended in the down position during the race.

**P-47D Thunderbolt:** Must use stock .15 motor and stock 9.5x7.5 prop. Landing gear must be installed. If retracts are installed, they must remain extended in the down position during the race.

## Barkley's Safety Tip



Hey guys!

One of the fun things I get to do with the Boss is travel to a lot of other fields and meet a whole new group of friends at the Pattern Contests. They're really a great bunch! They even named me the "Pattern Animal of the Year" in 2009. But sometimes at these meets we get to see what can happen if things go wrong. Last weekend we had one of those big electric models get loose in the pits. The pilot had finished his flight and his helper had brought it back from the runway and set it down in the pits. The pilot mistakenly thought the helper had turned off the radio in the model, but he had not turned it off. When the pilot turned off the transmitter, the receiver went in to fail-safe, which the pilot had never set properly. The throttle came off and the model went running off. Fortunately it hit some chairs and then a shade post. But it sure was scary!

Maybe you remember a few articles back that I mentioned the importance of setting your models fail-safe. Nearly all the newer radios now have this feature and it really needs to be checked, especially with those neat electric models. So please do a quick review and check out and let's make sure this kind of thing won't happen at our field!

I hope to see you all at the field soon!



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### \* Membership Meeting \*

AVTI General Membership meeting  
May 5, 2012  
7:00 PM

### \* Board of Directors Meeting \*

TBD Please See AVTI.ORG for  
Meeting time and location

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

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and up to the date information

<http://www.avti.org>

On the cover is our own Tony Frackowiak , he is the  
official timer.

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## General Meeting Highlights



Cliff Keeling's Hog Bipe



Pete Carbin with his Stryker



Preston Knepper wondering when do we start



Steve Swick with his P-40



Cliff Keeling talking about his Riser and Power Pod



AVTI's Youngest Member, Annaliese Abramson enjoying the meeting

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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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