



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



Tony Frackowiak's Nuance ready for a trim flight

Summer has officially started, and it has started with a lot of wind. Also welcoming the warm weather was the Antelope Valley winds.

So far the winds cancelled the AVTI Summer Heat Pattern Meet which was scheduled for June 23rd. Coming up though is the AVTI Summer Float Fly on July 1st at Lake Elizabeth. Mike and Jean will have there rescue craft to recover any lost aircraft on the lake.

At the June meeting we had the club elections for President and Secretary. Doug Killebrew ran and was re-elected for President, Myself, ran for Secretary and was re-elected. I want to thank you for your support.

For you guys who have some things to sell, the July meeting will feature a swap meet before the general meeting. If you have anything gathering dust, please bring out and you may make a few bucks. All are invited.

Amongst a few of us, there has been some chatter about a build and fly contest. This would entail every participant purchase build and fly a specific kit. We are trying to figure out what would work in our club. This



Cliff Keeling supervising the flying activities

may be one of those things to get us to build again.

Lately, the helicopter area is getting a lot more use now. Bob Campbell built up a couple of tables to replace the worn out weather beaten ones out there. Thank You Bob.

See everybody at the field!!



A Day at the airpark by Lou Munoz

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
July 2012	
5 7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF Swap Meet at 6:00Pm
1 9:00 am	Float Fly TBD
August 2012	
2 7:00pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
September	
6 7:00pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
October	
4 7:00pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF



Steve Swick with his Polaris

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

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, and Mike Greear.





President's Message

Hello Members

First of all, congratulations to Derek for being re-elected into the Secretary position. It's one of the toughest positions and Derek does a spectacular job! If that's not enough, he doubles up as the webmaster keeping us updated with pictures, event coverage, and monthly newsletters. I was also re-elected to another term as the AVTI President and I would like to say thanks for all of the support. Most of you know that my full time job keeps me pretty busy at the dealership and I want to thank the entire BOD for doing a great job making this position even possible. Derek and Tony in particular do quite a bit of behind the scenes work that helps me and directly benefits the club...

On to business, I'm happy to report we had 4 AVTI club members compete at a local pylon race on June 9th at the Basin along with several others that came to watch. Here are some of the highlights: Tony Frackowiak, Jamie Schoolcraft, Mack Moffat, and myself all entered the competition and raced. This was Jamie's first race ever and his young son Steven teamed up and called for his dad and picked it up quickly. Jamie did a good job flying and finished in the middle of the pack out of 20 entries and accomplished his goal of not finishing last or crashing. Tony teamed up and called for Mack, who raced Formula 1 in the late 70's, and had him right on the poles and I might add that Tony looked pretty comfortable on the course after taking off a few decades from racing himself. All 4 of us brought home our planes including me which was the first race this year I didn't crash something, so I would call that a good weekend. I look forward to more good times at the future races and hopefully we can put on our own race next year at our club field.

We do have some events coming up, so please keep a watch on the website and remember events are more fun if you participate rather than just reading about them...

Fly safe and have fun,



VP's Message

Hello AVTI members!

On May 19th I went to Camarillo and attended the 2nd Classic Pattern Get-Together held at the Channel Islands Condors club field. This event celebrates the "Old School" style of pattern flying with one maneuver per pass and the majority of the models flown are designs from the 70's and the 80's. Since I started pattern flying in 1975 this is right up my alley. I really enjoy these classic models and the fast, open flying we used to do with them. I'm going to start working on holding a Classic Pattern event at our field later in the year, probably early November.

I competed in another pattern event at the Hemet Model Masters field on May 26th and 27th. The Greear's were out on a 4-wheel drive camping trip so they didn't make it but our new members Jamie Schoolcraft and his son Steven were there. The pattern bug has hit Jamie hard and he bought a 2-meter Evolution from Jean Greear and has been doing a bunch of practice flying. This effort came through as he won the Sportsman Class at this contest. Congratulations Jamie! I moved up from Masters to F3A this year and I was able to win the class at this meet. The move up for me has been a lot of work but it has been more fun for me testing myself at this level again.

As Doug mentioned several of us AVTI members went to the Pylon Race at Sepulveda that Doug was helping to conduct. I hadn't been on an official pylon course in maybe 20 years. I did a little Formula 1 and Quickie racing with Rossi engines before the Nelson engine came out. But except for the occasional club race, I haven't been doing it. But the new NMPRA EF1 event using simple ARF models and low cost electric power systems got me interested again. After I saw Doug's E-Flite Shoestring I pulled the plug and I put one together for myself. Jamie also got the same model. Mack Moffat has been flying some Quickie 500 and he was also there to race. I had a blast with a lot of lessons learned. I even had a mid-air going around Pylons 2 and 3 and although the other model crashed mine was hardly damaged. I flew it in the next heat! I'm looking forward to the next race!

The Pattern Contest on June 23rd is coming up. A few of our members have been trying their hand at the Sportsman Pattern. I hope we have some good weather and we all have a great time.

Also, we will be having a Float Fly on July 1st at Lake Elizabeth. The Greear's will be bringing their raft so we will have a rescue boat. I think they're planning on getting there early so the flying should be able to start around 7:30 or 8:00. I haven't had a seaplane out for a while so this should be a blast!

Hope to see you at the events and at the field!

Tony Frackowiak

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**Treasurer's Report of 06/14/2012
Compiled by Tony Frackowiak**

Checking Account Balance \$ 9,476.99

AVTI Flying Field Reserve \$ 14,447.19
Financial Assets \$ 23,924.18

Income for April -\$ 2,717.00

Expenses for March - \$318.73

Total dues collected for 2011/2012, as of 5/03/2012

\$5,407.50

Total dues collected for 2012/2013, as of 6/7/12

- \$4,065.00

Total Membership Last Cycle -

101 Members

Current Membership Total -

55 Members

New Members for 2012/2013 -

4 Members

Members not Renewed for 2012/2013 -

48 Members

Renewal time is now! Remember your dues expired on May 31st. After that date your club privileges have expired. You have the month of June to renew before the \$10 Late Penalty is assessed. I will be at the club meeting early to take renewals, or you can hit me up at the field. I carry membership cards with me so I can get everything done there. Or you can mail it in and I will return your card by mail.

Keep in mind the temporary Dues Reduction has expired so the dues have returned to their original amounts. They are \$100 for an Open Member, \$75 for a Senior and \$50 for a Junior Member.

Thanks!

Tony Frackowiak

General Meeting Minutes

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Compiled by Derek Abramson

1905 Meeting brought to order by Doug Killebrew

22 members were present

Old Business

-Minutes from March Meeting accepted and voted

-Treasurers report was read by Tony Frackowiak, Voted and accepted

-Bylaw Committee progress update

-BOD submitted final draft.

-Relocation Committee Update

-Awaiting response concerning lease resubmission

-Bob Sumoski Resigned from BOD. Cliff Keeling was appointed BOD

_Tim Williams health update.

-Mike Johnson has an Ultra-stick wing to give away. Contact Doug Killebrew Or Mike Johnson for information

-June 23rd Pattern Contest, check web site for weather update.

New Business

-President and Secretary election.

20 cast, 20 Yea for Doug Killebrew, President

20 cast, 20 Yea for Derek Abramson, Secretary

-July 5 General meeting Swap meet at 6:00 pm before meeting

-July 1 Summer Float Fly at Lake Elizabeth

-Possible Indoor event on June 30th. Check website for any details.

-Discussion on using Pay Pal for membership renewal or new membership

MOM

-Tony Frackowiak Shoe String and Carbon Cub

-Jim McClain brought his Taylor craft

-Steve Schoolcraft brought his Katana and P-51

-Richard Hooker brought his Sig Kadet

-Dick Skoglund brought his Se-5

-Mike Mann brought his Escapade

-Phil Holmes brought his Jager F501 and F104

Jamie Schoolcraft brought his Shoe String and Mini Katana

-Steve Swick brought his Poalaris

Drawings

-Attendance: Pete Carbin

-MOM: Phil Holmes, donated gift certificate to club

-50/50: Jean Greear

2025 Meeting adjourned



Barkley's Safety Tip



Hey guys!

Those new 2.4 radios have been so nice that I see almost everyone has switched over to using this new equipment. But I also see that many still have their older 72 radios that they bring out every now and then. They still work fine so why not use them? But please remember to use the Frequency Paddles just north of the center pit area. You don't want to ruin your day or someone else's! Here's the Frequency Control rules from the Field Regulations,

1. Frequency control of radios other than 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum equipment consists of the frequency paddle stand located near the center of the pit area. Prior to turning on such a transmitter, the owner must rotate up the paddle that corresponds to the frequency of their transmitter. The owner will then use a clothespin or other such device to pin the paddle in the up position. They will also place their AVTI membership card or a facsimile of such on the paddle. They are then clear to turn on the transmitter.
2. Flyers using the South Area will use the same frequency paddle stand if not using 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum equipment.
3. Fliers using the Helicopter area will only use 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum equipment.
4. Pilots using 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum radios are not required to use a frequency control system.
5. When using the frequency paddle stand, if another pilot is using the frequency paddle, those waiting for the frequency will indicate that by placing their pin on the side of the paddle. If others are waiting for the frequency, possession of the channel shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes. NOTE: No one shall remove ANOTHER'S pin from the frequency control paddle and REPLACE it with any other pin.
6. The use of an impound area during events will be up to the discretion of the organizers or CD of that event.

So if you have one of those long antennas coming out the top of the transmitter, please make sure to use the Paddles!

I hope to see you all at the field soon!

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* Membership Meeting *

AVTI General Membership meeting
July 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 (10th Street East)
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General Meeting Highlights



Tony Frackowiak's Carbon Cub



Jim McClain with his Taylorcraft



Steven Schoolcraft with his Katana



Richard Hooker with his Kadet



Mike Mann with his Escapade



Phil Holmes with his Dailmer Benz DB
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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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Jamie Schoolcraft with his Shoe String



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