



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



The weather is warming up and the winds are picking up. This last month was busy for many of us; taxes and such. Events were lite but there were a few contests that were attended by our fellow members. So, it has been busy.

Some sad news to pass, AVTI member John Kinsinger has passed. He will be missed. There will be a celebration of his life at the Kinsinger home. There will be information at the May Meeting.

The summer is looking like it will be an exciting one. Once the rest of us get our birds dusted off (mine particularly need a good dusting because of school) the BOD will have some events put on the docket for everyone's enjoyment.

A few updates, It is that time of year to renew. Our renewal falls on the 31st of May for the new year. Please renew in a timely

fashion to avoid the late fee that will be imposed on in June.

Also, it is time for nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Tony Frackowiak currently holds both positions and has agreed to run. If there are any other nominations, please make them at the May meeting.

Cliff Keeling has resigned as a BOD member due to personal reasons. We would like to thank him for his dedication and service.

The field renaming is currently being worked. A sign design is being hashed out, more information will be coming soon.

I am sorry there is a lack of new photos as school has been keeping me on my toes. I will be back in the saddle in June so I look forward to seeing everybody at the field. Until then, keep those wings level.





Derek Abramson's Mr Mulligan

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
May 2 7:00 pm 20 6:00 pm	General Meeting WJF BOD Meeting
June 6 7:00 pm	General Meeting WJF



Tony Frackowiak's Nuance on short Final



AVTI HISTORY

I will be creating 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. Please email myself the Newsletter editor or the Webmaster.



President's Message

Hello Members

Welcome to May. Just a friendly reminder, at this next general meeting on Thursday May 2nd, we will be accepting any nominations for VP and Treasurer as those positions are up for re-election. Tony has been juggling both positions is willing to stay on for another term of Treasurer or VP. Any member in good standing can be nominated at this next meeting and if the member agrees to the nomination, their name will be added to the ballot for the June election meeting. Also, with May comes the close of our calendar year which means annual dues are to be paid. They can be paid at the general meeting or by mail to our P.O. Box. I would also like to recognize Preston Knepper and Bob Childress for accepting another term of appointed directors. Board meetings, emails, field maintenance, club functions, club BBQ, and the list goes on and on for the volunteer work they do. Thank you to both for your support of this club. I would also like to thank Cliff Keeling for his time as a director on the BOD. Cliff has recently resigned as a board member due to health issues and family obligations and we hope to still see him involved in the club when time is available. Stay tuned for upcoming events. I believe there are rumors of a float fly in the works along with a possible fun fly down the road. Several of us have been going to competitions all over the state, so I look forward to some reports on those events....

Fly Safe

Doug Killebrew



VP's Message

Hello AVTI members!

There have been a number of pattern contests and the Aerobatics Seminar since my last VP report. The Seminar was lightly attended, especially by non-members, but I think it was well received. From the results from the last few contests I can see that our members are doing well! Jamie Schoolcraft has been winning the Sportsman class at every contest. Mike and Jim Whitacre have been making steady improvements with Mike placing second at Riverside and then a third at the last contest. It has been great to see the improvement.

Jamie has made up some stickers for those in the club who are flying pattern. They are a nice logo with "Team Tailwinds" on them and either an AMA/FAI model or a Classic Pattern model in the center. These are vinyl self-adhesive stickers and really look nice. The club has ordered a quantity and we are selling them for \$1.50 each. Just look me up and I'll get them to you.

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

Tony Frackowiak

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Treasurer's Report of 4/29/2013

Compiled by Tony Frackowiak

Checking Account Balance \$ 6446.90

AVTI Flying Field Reserve \$ 19,124.50

Financial Assets \$ 25571.40

Income since last Report \$ 100.00

Expenses since last report \$ 746.42

Total dues collected for 2012/2013, as of 12/22/12

\$6,290.00

Total dues collected for 2013/2014, as of 04/29/13

- \$100.00

Current Membership Total -

84 Members

New Members for 2012/2013 -

17 Members

Members not Renewed for 2012/2013 -

30 Members

As of 4/29/13 the total income collected for the 2012/2013 period was \$6,696.00. Transferred dues to the Field Fund totaled \$1,597.50. Available Income for the period was \$5,098.50. Expenses for the period were \$3,445.40. So we had a surplus of \$1,653.10. This improves us from last years deficit.

Thanks!

Tony Frackowiak

General Meeting Minutes

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Compiled by Derek Abramson

-1905 Meeting brought to order by Doug Killebrew

-11 Members Present, 1 guest

-March minutes were accepted as written.

-Voted and passed

Old Business

-Aerobatics Seminar Report (Mark Johnson)

New Business

- Doug Killebrew has completed the necessary paperwork for CD

MOM:

Richard Hooker brought his LT-40

Derek Abramson brought his quad-copter printed using a 3-d printer

Jim McClain brought his (not sure what it was)

Meeting Adjourned 1945

Barkley's Safety Tip



Hey guys!

It has been busy the last few weeks. The Boss has been practicing his Pattern flying a lot trying to get ready for the contests! At least I get to be out at my favorite place!

From time to time it seems like a good idea to review some of the Field Regulations. This month I thought we'd go over some of the Airpark Usage rules. Here are two,

3. *Flying is restricted to club members and guests. Guests must have in possession a current AMA membership card when flying. A current AVTI member must sponsor guests. When guests are using the Airpark facilities, the AVTI sponsoring member is responsible for their guest's activities, abilities and conduct.*

4. *If asked by another member or a club official, members must produce their current AVTI and AMA membership card. If unable to show these cards they must produce a picture ID and then their name can be checked on the Club Roster posted at the field. If they are not shown as a current member on the Roster they will not be allowed to fly. The Field Marshall will maintain the Club Roster.*

It's great to have outside people flying at our field and we want to be friendly when they come out. But please make sure they are familiar with our procedures so we don't have any unpleasant surprises!

I hope to see you all at the field soon.

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* Membership Meeting *

May 2, 2013
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

* Board of Directors Meeting *

May 20, 2013
6:00 PM AV Ford Conference Room

A.V.T.I. Airpark
47500 Challenger Way (10th Street East)
between Avenues F and G
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and up to the date information

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Annaliese Abramson at the Aerobatics Seminar

