



# TAILWINDS TAILS

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## Latest Tailwinds

*Derek Abramson, Editor*



Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. The month of January has been absolutely amazing for flying weather where both the temps have been warmer than usual and the winds nearly non-existent. This made for a lot of flying for many members.

The AMA show was held this month. I hope many of you made the trip to see old friends, fellow members, and of course some show deals. There were some great speakers this year and many of the companies that were represented provided advice and showcased many new offerings. I hope everybody had a great time at the show.

Also, AVTI hosted the Boy Scouts Rocket Launch. The morning was cold but,

the wind was absolutely calm. There were approximately fifty people that participated with thirty or so youngsters launching many rockets. The rockets were promptly chased down by the "pack" which made for some good entertainment.

Coming up, we have a pattern meet on February 15th and 16th. The pattern meet is open to any members who would like to participate. Please see Tony's article for more information.

There has been some changes in the BOD over the last couple of months. Please take a look at Tony's article for the details.

**Keep Those Wings Level!**



Tony' Frackowiak's Albatross



The Pattern Line-Up

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
<b>February</b> <b>6 7:00 pm</b> <b>15, 16 9am</b>	AVTI General Meeting WJF AVTI Winter Pattern Meet



Derek Abramson's Sequence on the Bench

### 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

Due to a death in the immediate family, I have asked the BOD to accept my resignation from President of AVTI effective immediately. I would like to thank the entire club and BOD and for the opportunity of working with me during the last few years. I believe we accomplished quite a bit after we hit a couple speed bumps in the beginning and I'm thankful of the position I held. I still plan to be active in the club( or active for me that is), and I plan to help with the coordination of moving the field at a future date. Thank you for understanding my decision and for the thoughts and prayers that have come my direction already....

Fly Safe

Doug Killebrew

## Incoming President's Message



Hello AVTI members!

As some of you may have heard, Doug Killebrew has resigned as the AVTI President. First, I want to give my condolences to Doug and his family for the recent death of a relative. I would also like to thank Doug for his service to the AVTI these last few years. He has helped move the club forward through some tough times and we all appreciate his efforts. We all hope to see you at the field, Doug!

With this resignation, as the Vice-President I have assumed the position of President for the remainder of the term. Jean Greear has agreed to fill in as the Vice-President and the BOD approved this appointment. Thanks Jean for helping out!

Also, Bob Childress has had to resign from the BOD as a Director. I again want to thank Bob for his efforts as a Director. And like Doug, we all hope to see you back at the field! So to fill Bob's position, Mike Greear was appointed as a Director and the BOD approved. We all appreciate it, Mike! Thanks!

The Christmas Party was a great success! All who attended had a great time, especially with the show Jamie Schoolcraft put on. Thanks Jamie! It was great! And then some members went home with some great gifts. It was a nice way to celebrate the Holiday Season!

The repairs to the runway have been completed and they are really nice. Mike Readman did this and if any of the membership needs this kind of work done around their home, I would highly recommend Mike. His phone number is 661-816-1147. Mike did a great job for us at a very reasonable price so please give him a call if you need some work done.

On January 18th the club hosted a large group of Boy Scouts launching model rockets. Derek worked the arrangements and was out at the field to support them. I'm sure Derek will have a better report on it. They had great weather and Derek told me there were a ton of successful launches! These events can really help us when we ask some of the powers about a new field!

We are continuing to work on obtaining a new location for our club's field. There is not much to report but progress has been made. Hopefully we can obtain a site in the next 4 to 6 months so that we can then begin to build the new field. Please know that we are working on this and everyone is very confident that things will be worked out. I know this is a big



concern for the membership but know we are doing all we can.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> I will be holding two pattern contests. Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> is for regular AMA/F3A pattern. Then Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we will have Classic Pattern. We have a lot of members now who are active in pattern and we should have a great time! Let's hope for some of the great weather we have had lately!

Hope to see you at the events and at the field

Tony Frackowiak

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### General Meeting Minutes for January

There are no minutes to report due to the January Meeting being canceled.

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Chris Mahoney on final with his Excelleron 90 (Top). Mack Moffat assembling his Extra (Middle) Annaliese Abramson monitoring the Frequency Board (Bottom)



## Barkley's Safety Tip

January, 27 2014



Hey guys!

Boy, have the Boss and I been out to the field a lot lately! He's really been enjoying the great conditions. Some days we have been out until dark! I just love spending the day at the field.

I'm hearing a lot of good things about the runway repair. Everybody seems to be happy about it. At least no one has knocked any landing gear off lately.

I thought I'd review a few of the Field Regulations. We haven't had any real problems but it's nice to review every now and then.

### **ARTICLE IV - FACILITIES**

- 1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Airpark is forbidden at all times.*
- 2. Anything brought to the flying field shall be removed when you depart. Broken props, models, soda cans, rubber bands, rags, paper towels, empty fuel containers, etc. shall be placed in trashcans provided. Please dispose of larger items in the Waste Management container to the south of the pit area. Cigarette butts must be disposed of in a trash receptacle, not on the ground!*
- 3. Port-a-Potties are provided for your convenience. Please knock on the door before entering and latch the door while inside.*
- 4. Owners are responsible for their pets behavior at all times.*

I hope to see you all at the field soon. I'll be the one wagging his tail and chasing a ball!



## Action at the Field



Tony Frackowiak's Episode in the sun (Top Right), Greg Hampton's Ugly Stick before touchdown (Top Left). Dick Skoglund's Piper Cherokee on the Starting Table (Middle Left). Robert Fish Starting up his Phoenix 7 while Don is looking on (Bottom Left). Tony Frackowiak's Albatross on a nice low pass (Bottom Right)

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### \* Membership Meeting \*

February 6, 2014  
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

### \* Board of Directors Meeting \*

TBD Please See Website  
6:00 PM AV Ford Conference Room

A.V.T.I. Airpark  
47500 Challenger Way (10<sup>th</sup> Street East)  
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