



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



It is that time of the year where the AV winds keep us looking for more flying weather. I hope in the brief stints of nice weather that many of you are hitting the field. Myself, it seems like everything is scheduled or I am working when the day is nice.

Due to these winds, I do not have much in the line of photographs. So, in the meantime, please enjoy some photos from our past.

Hopefully we could get some flying in. Please check the website for any fun flys or contest dates. Until the next time, lets hope the wind gods are finally kind with us.

Keep those wings level (assuming we are not blown out)



Pimk is a Man's color



Chuck Mosa "adjusting" his helicopter

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
June 5 7:00 pm 7 8:30 am	AVTI General Meeting Classic Pattern Get-Together Riverside Radio Control Club
July 3 7:00 pm 12 9:00 am	AVTI General Meeting WJF Summer Heat Classic Pattern Contest



Artie Hilliard prepping his J-3

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

Well, it's been too long since I got an article in for the newsletter. Sorry about that!

The winds have not been very cooperative for a while. Hopefully with the heat of summer settling in we'll get back to some flying, at least in the mornings.

We tried two times to have a Sailplane event but the high winds knocked them out. Maybe we'll try again in a month or two.

There have been a few pattern meets the last couple of months and Team Tailwinds is still kicking butt! Mike Whitacre is leading the District Championship points in Sportsman with Don Fox also doing well. Jamie Schoolcraft is leading in Intermediate. Robert Fish has the lead in Advanced with Mike Greear staying close. Sean Mersh has shown the way in F3A Silver and I'm currently in the lead in F3A. It sure is great to see the excellent representation our club has at these events.

On July 12th Robert Fish is taking over the reigns of the Summer Heat Classic Pattern contest. Should be a lot of fun and a nice way to get involved in some aerobatics.

Please remember that your membership expires on May 31st. With the extension of our field until November of 2015, there's no reason not to send in your dues. I always have cards with me at the field so if you see me you can pay me then. Or if you'd like, you can come to the meeting on June 5th. I'll be there early to collect dues. Or you can mail them. To make it a bit quicker, you can send them to my home address

Hope to see you at the events and at the field

Tony Frackowiak

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Vice President's Message

As I am writing this Mike and I are traveling on I - 5 south in Oregon returning home from a patten contest in Wenatchee, WA. We left Litterock at 1:30 pm Thursday afternoon, arrived there at 3pm on Friday and was greeted with 15 mph winds.

There were 19 pilots and the weather was a bit windy first thing Saturday morning but died down for some very enjoyable flying but then picked up again to about 35 mph around 4pm. Reminded us of home. It rained in the wee hours Sunday morning and was over cast at the start of the contest with some winds. It's funny how some people say they don't fly at the Lancaster field because of the wind. We have traveled to quite a few fields and there hasn't been many times where the wind wasn't blowing.

The WRAF (Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers) site was fantastic. It sits on 22 fenced in acres and was funded entirely by Waste Management at the tune of just under 2 million dollars. Competing in the contest there was 1 lone Sportsman, 5 in Intermediate, 3 in Advanced, 3 in Masters and 7 in FAI. There were a few pilots who came down from Canada, 2 from Idaho, 2 from the Salt Lake area and two crazy So Cal pilots who drove 1,200 miles one way to compete over the Memorial weekend.

Mike took all 6 rounds in his class I finished 4th. I didn't fly the first round (cross winds, lol) had 2 not so good rounds but 3 great ones. I was the first female pilot to ever compete at their field in any event and it was quite a big deal for them.

Mike and I pulled our small enclosed trailer and tent camped at the site. There was plenty of room on the grass for tent camping and 24 sites with water and electric RV hookups. The club house had a full kitchen and there were restrooms and a shower area just outside the club house. It had a covered back porch area running the full length of the club house with an upper level observation deck. Pilots had the choice of flying off the grass or the asphalt runways. When we left the field we traveled to Vancouver, WA to visit with a friend of mine I hadn't seen in 40 years. We stayed with them Sunday night, went to breakfast Monday morning and we are now heading south. Sorry we missed the sailplane event, hope it wasn't blown out and there was a good turn out for it. Hope to see you at the field.

Jean

Treasurer's Report as of 5/1/14

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$360.33

Expenses since last Report - \$165.49

22-Apr	LegalZoom - Incorporation	\$(7.99)
1-May	Aarow - Restroom thru 4/30/14	\$(157.50)

Per the Bylaws I transferred \$426.88 from the checking to the Field Fund Account.

Checking Account Balance - \$ 8,738.87

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 20,515.18

Financial Assets Total is \$ 29,254.05

Total dues collected for 2013/2014, as of 05/01/14 - \$5,432.50

Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 05/01/14 - \$250.00

As of 3/6/13:

Current Membership Total -	80 Members
New Members for 2013/2014 -	21 Members
New Members for 2014/2015 -	2 Members
Members not Renewed for 2013/2014 -	23 Members

Club membership expires on May 31. Renewals are being accepted. You can pay me directly at the meeting, or at the field. Or you can mail them in. I would prefer you mail them to my home address of,

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Thanks!

General Meeting Minutes

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Compiled by Derek Abramson

1901 Meeting brought to order Tony Frackowiak

7 Members were present

Treasurers Report was read by Tony Frackowiak.

Voted and passed

April Minutes voted and passed

Old Business

The Sailplane Meet had great weather and a light turnout. But those who attended had a great time. As usual, the real points were obtained with good spot landings. Here are the results,

1st - Tony Frackowiak – 1560 – Mystique

2nd – Jamie Schoolcraft – 1380 – Radian

3rd – Steven Schoolcraft – 1158 – Radian

4th – Cliff Keeling – 483 – Bird of Time

On April 12th and 13th Team Tailwinds went down to Perris, CA for the Chuck Hartmann Memorial Pattern contest. I'm happy to say that the Team did well. Here are the placing's,

Sportsman – 1st – Don Fox, 2nd – Mike Whitacre, 5th – James Whitacre

Intermediate – 3rd – Jean Greear

Advanced – 1st – Robert Fish, 4th – Mike Greear

Many of Team Tailwinds are going to Apache Junction this weekend for another pattern contest. Wish us luck! F3A – 2nd – Tony Frackowiak

New Business

Per the Bylaws, the offices of President and Secretary are up for election this year. Both Derek and I have agreed to serve for another term if elected. The terms are for another two years. Elections will be held at the next meeting in June.

The Sailplane Event seems to be a nice, easy club event. So unless the membership thins differently, I'd like to schedule another one for May 17th.

Another upcoming event is Summer Heat Classic Pattern meet on July 12th with the 13th as a back-up. This year Robert Fish is the CD. So start getting those Classic models ready. Should be fun!

At the last BOD meeting we discussed the use of the field by the various groups flying rockets. It was decided that we will discuss with them the possibility of one of their Leaders to join the club. Also, if flying as a guest, there must be a current AVTI member supervising the activity.

Models

Tony Frackowiak brought his Mini Radian

Tim Williams brought a Fun jet and a couple of his Quads.

Drawings:

MOM: Tim Williams

Attendance: Richard Hooker (gift certificate is owed)

Meeting Adjourned 1938

THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TAILWINDS PRESENTS:
THE 2ND ANNUAL
SUMMER HEAT CLASSIC
PATTERN CONTEST

SATURDAY JULY 12th, 2014
(SUNDAY, JULY 13 alternate weather day)

ANTELOPE VALLEY TAILWINDS Field
Lancaster, California

Pilot's meeting 8:30AM/Wheels up 9:00AM

See Link for Directions:

http://www.avti.org/about_us/field/field.html

Come out and enjoy pattern flying the way it should be-
FUN! All CPA classes will be offered. Awards through
third place.

-Entry fee: \$20.00

Have an old -school pattern plane? Bring it!

No? Bring what you have!

(Please no 2 meter planes in Advanced/Masters)

Glow-Gas-2 Stroke/4 Stroke-Electric

All are welcome! AMA REQUIRED.

For More Information contact CD Robert Fish @ 805-338-0200

E-mail: akmotov@pacbell.net

Links: www.classicpatternassociation.com <http://www.avti.org/>



Barkley's Safety Tip

May 26, 2014



Hey guys!

We haven't been at the field that much these last few weeks. The winds have kept the Boss at home. But we did get out a bit this last weekend. With the heat of the summer coming back it may be time to remind everyone to drink lots of water when you're out flying. I sure am glad the Boss puts out a nice dish of water for me. When you're covered in black fur it gets pretty warm!

In this climate it's really easy to get dehydrated. I don't sweat like you guys do, but when it's so dry, you don't notice how much water you're losing. One sign of dehydration is when you start to get a headache. If you feel one of those coming on, start drinking the water!. If you get behind on the water it's really hard to recover. So when you're not flying have a water bottle in your hand!

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

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*** Membership Meeting ***

June 5, 2014
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

*** Board of Directors Meeting ***

TBD Please See Website

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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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