



# TAILWINDS TAILS

*AVTI Newsletter*

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## Latest Tailwinds

*Derek Abramson, Editor*



Where is all of this wind coming from? It appears I am still down and out for flying over the past couple of months. I hope some of you are getting out there to get some landings in.

We are well into the renewal period. I notice there are still many members who have not renewed. After the July 3 meeting, there will be a penalty.

Lately, Team Tailwinds has been

attending many contests in District 10. There are a couple of contest reports inside to fill you in.

On July 12th, we will be having a Classic Pattern Event. This is a low key event where any aircraft could be flown. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

Until next time; lets hope the wind gods smile on us.



AVTI Flight-Line May 2013



Jack Bugaren's P-51

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
<b>July</b> <b>3 7:00 pm</b> <b>12 9:00 am</b>	AVTI General Meeting WJF Summer Heat Classic Pattern Contest
<b>August</b> <b>3 7:00 pm</b>	AVTI General Meeting WJF



Dan Hall's Decathlon

**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.



## Message from the President

Hello AVTI members!

Boy, has it been windy! It seems I've been saying that a lot lately, but it really has been very windy for an awfully long time! That's been making it very hard to get out to the field for some much needed flying. Let's hope that we eventually return to a normal weather pattern and start getting some good flying time.

Our "Team Tailwinds" pattern pilots competed at Victorville on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm very happy to say we again did very well. Mike Whitacre won the Sportsman class with brother Jim taking 4<sup>th</sup>. Jean Greear has made some improvements and she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Intermediate. Mike Greear had a close battle in Advanced and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sean Mersh won the Masters class. Robert Fish decided to give the F3A Silver class a try and took 1<sup>st</sup> place! I was able to win the F3A class. So out of the 6 classes Tailwinds members won 4 of them. Way to go!

On June 7<sup>th</sup> Robert Fish ran the 4<sup>th</sup> Classic Pattern Get-Together at the Riverside R/C Club field in Perris. It was a really nice day and we all had a blast! Robert and Jennifer really do a great job of holding a fun event.

Next on the calendar is the 2<sup>nd</sup> AVTI Summer Heat Classic Pattern contest on July 12<sup>th</sup>. I sure hope the winds can lie down for that event! Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> is a back-up day if we should get a bad day for the 12<sup>th</sup>. Here's hoping we can have a great event!

The elections for the President and Secretary were held at the June Meeting. The results were unanimous for myself as President and Derek as the Secretary. I want the club to know that I consider being an officer as an honor. It has been 9 years since I first became an AVTI Officer. We've had some ups and downs but overall the club has prospered. We have a

great membership and I only look forward to what the club will do in the future. My thanks to everyone!

Hope to see you at the events and at the field

Tony Frackowiak

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## Message from our Vice-President

Well, since the last newsletter Mike, myself, and the rest of "Team Tailwinds" competed in Hesperia. We had a good showing with 7 club members competing. Between us, we walked off with 4 first place and 2 second place plaques. The wind was not in our favor on Saturday as we were only able to get in 2 rounds before we had to call it quits around 11:30. We started early on Sunday morning in hopes of getting in 3 more rounds, which we were able to do.

Now that I'm off work I have been able to spend more time at the field practicing, that is when the wind allows. Mike and I are planning a trip to the Nats in Muncie, IN this summer. I have never flown there officially but hope to do well. It's hard for us "oldsters" to compete with the "youngsters", but we'll try for a good showing.

Hopefully the weather will be more accommodating in the months to come and we will see more members out at the field enjoying the hobby.

Jean

**Treasurer's Report as of 6/5/14**

**Tony Frackowiak**

**Income since last Report - \$2,055.29**  
**Expenses since last Report - \$337.63**

2-May	Post Office Box	\$(49.00)
7-May	AMA - Charter	\$(90.00)
16-May	Staples - Printing Supplies	\$(88.27)
22-May	Legal Zoom - Incorporation	\$(7.99)
4-Jun	Mack Moffat - Field Supplies	\$(62.37)
5-Jun	Preston - Field Supplies	\$(40.00)

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

<b>Checking Account Balance -</b>	<b>\$ 10,456.24</b>
<b>AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account-</b>	<b>\$ 20,515.47</b>
<b>Financial Assets Total is</b>	<b>\$ 30,971.71</b>
<b>Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 06/06/14 -</b>	<b>\$2,380.00</b>

**As of 3/6/13:**

<b>Current Membership Total -</b>	<b>30 Members</b>
<b>New Members for 2014/2015 -</b>	<b>2 Members</b>
<b>Members not Renewed for 2014/2015 -</b>	<b>50 Members</b>

Club membership expired on May 31. If you have not yet renewed your membership your membership privileges have expired. You can pay up to the July meeting without a penalty. After the July meeting there is a \$10 late fee.

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,

Tony Frackowiak  
1032 Hastings Ave.  
Rosamond, CA 93560

Thanks!

## General Meeting Minutes

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Compiled from Agenda by Derek Abramson

## Minutes of Last Meeting

Published in the newsletter

## Treasurer's Report

Read by Tony

## Old Business

We tried two different times to hold the scheduled Sailplane Meet but we were blown out both times.

The pattern contingent of the club, Team Tailwinds, went to the Victorville Pattern Contest on May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was windy for most of the event so naturally our fliers did great! Members won 4 of the 6 classes and took two 2<sup>nd</sup> places. Way to go! Here are the results,

Mike Whitacre – 1<sup>st</sup> Sportsman,  
Jim Whitacre – 4<sup>th</sup> Sportsman  
Jean Greear – 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate  
Mike Greear – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advanced  
Sean Mersh – 1<sup>st</sup> Masters  
Robert Fish – 1<sup>st</sup> F3A Silver  
Tony Frackowiak – 1<sup>st</sup> F3A

Next on the Contest Calendar is Robert Fish's Classic Pattern Get-Together at the Riverside Club field in Perris this Saturday. Then we will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> AVTI Summer Heat Classic Pattern contest on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The agreement with WM has been signed.

## New Business

Per the Bylaws, the election for President and Secretary will now be held. Derek is nominated for Secretary and Tony Frackowiak is nominated for President. We will now hold the elections.



THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TAILWINDS PRESENTS:  
**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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](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

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Links: [www.classicpatternassociation.com](http://www.classicpatternassociation.com) <http://www.avti.org/>



# Barkley's Safety Tip

June 15, 2014



Hey guys!

The high winds keep blowing, keeping us at home instead of out at the field. I sure hope they can die down a bit so we can get back out to flying. I miss seeing all my friends!

Just a reminder to all the electric fliers, please always be aware of what can happen once that motor battery is plugged in to the model! If something should happen that motor can come to life in an instant. If at all possible please set up a throttle-cut switch on your transmitter and make sure it is on when you plug in that battery. We sure don't want anyone to get hurt let alone the damage that can happen to the model.

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



## 2014 Classic Pattern Get-Together

By Robert Fish

West Coast Regional Director

Classic Pattern Association

The 2014 Classic Pattern Get-Together is in the books. We had 13 pilots attending. The weather was very good, not blazing hot as one might expect from a June day at Riverside.

First off, let me extend my gratitude to the Riverside Radio Control Club for once again giving us the use of their airfield for the day. This is our second year at this location, and I hope that it is a long-term relationship. Their field is a great location for this type of activity. We are thankful to be able to do our thing there.

Once again Kevin Gribben and Dick Johnson ([Wingswestrc.com](http://Wingswestrc.com)) brought shirts for the participants. Every year they pick a maneuver from the old rulebook to be featured on the shirt. They have become a staple item at the CPGT. Thank you guys for your continued support. Check out the goodies that they have available on [wingswestrc.com](http://wingswestrc.com). (Hint: Support our sponsors!)

I am also very grateful to my wife and CPGT Hostess Jennifer Fish, and also to Donald Fox. This year Donald stepped up and took on the role of scorekeeper and has agreed to support classic pattern in this capacity. Jennifer handled the administrative tasks, and was a most effective line boss during the contest phase. The CPGT .





would not be what it is without their most valued efforts and support.

The CPGT format is an opportunity to get pilots from behind the keyboard and bring classic pattern alive. For most of us, this is a hobby, and work, family, etc. get first billing in life, pushing our beloved pursuits to the back burner. For some, the CPGT is one of the few occasions that they get to go after it, so we try our best to provide a premium experience. It is our privilege to serve the Classic Pattern community in this way.

The first part of the day is open flying. This gives everyone a chance to get out all of the wrinkles. There is hardly a moment where there are not several airplanes in the sky at once. On the ground, there is plenty of socializing and catching up going on in the pits. Stubborn engines get coaxed to life, and leaky retracts are diagnosed.

In the later part of the day, we hold an optional two round “mini contest”. We fly two rounds of CPA pattern (all classes are offered). Open flying is still available, but most pilots elect to participate. The mini contest has proven to be a great way for guys that have never flown in a contest setting to step up and try it out in a no pressure environment. For some, it is an opportunity to fly in front of judges for the first time in decades.



We had 11 of the 13 pilots participate in the contest portion of the event. Brian Connors took the win in Pre-Novice. It was Brian’s first contest appearance since his initial and only prior contest, back in the “day”. Jonathan Rinde was close behind finishing in the second spot. Brian flew his Pilot Talon, while Jonathan flew “40 Birdie”, both “classic” Hobby Shack products from a time long past. Novice class was a two pilot duel between Donald Fox and Paul Rinde, with Donald edging out the win. Paul flew a Norvell .25 powered Small Change, an aircraft that put up an amazing performance.

Four pilots represented the Advanced class. Tak Takayama took the win flying his OS .65 powered Phoenix 7. Tak’s practiced flying style was evident, and that is what it took to edge out Doug Woodward who is always the man to beat in Advanced. Cal Orr took the third spot flying his venerable electric powered Kwik Fli III, and Scot Holmes rounded out the class flying his Bluejay Dirty Birdy.

Masters class saw the return of Brad Lang, flying his YS powered Joker. Tony Frackowiak took a convincing win with his P-7, followed by Brad Lang and Robert Fish in third, also flying a P-7.

Every year we have a “Pilot’s Choice” award, voted on by the participants to honor the best Classic aircraft present. This year the award went to Brad Lang for his awesome Beetle.

Here is a recap:

**Pre-Novice:**

1. Brian Connors
2. Jonathan Rinde

**Novice:**

1. Donald Fox
2. Paul Rinde

**Advanced:**

1. Tak Takayama
2. Doug Woodward
3. Cal Orr
4. Scott Holmes

**Masters:**

1. Tony Frackowiak
2. Brad Lang
3. Robert Fish

**Pilots Choice:**

Brad Lang, Beetle



Thanks again to all who made this epic event possible. We are already looking ahead to next year!

And to the CD's out there looking for a simple way to get some classic pattern activity going in their area, consider trying the CPGT format. If you leave off the contest portion, all you need is to have some guys show up.

It does not get much easier than that.

Gear up!!!

# ANTELOPE VALLEY TAILWINDS

## BLOW

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### Officers 69/70

President	Dale Ottensier
V. Pres.	Jim Newman
Treasurer	Walt Sefie
Secretary	Ed Friend
Editor	Dan Harrison



Meetings for February 1969  
Wed. Feb. 12 & Feb. 26 7:30

Meeting of January 8 1969 Opened 7:35.....Closed 8:30  
Ten members and two visitors present. Minutes of December 11 read and approved.  
Treasurers report for the beginning of 1969 read. Balance on hand \$140.96.  
A drum of fuel has been ordered.

A new board of directors has been appointed by Dale Ottensier, they are:

Jim Schneider	Bob Mc Donald
Dan Harrison	Ken Beck

Bill Russo will still notify an active flyer who will return phone the other active flyers. A new "Field Closed Telephone List" will be developed soon.

An addition to our dues structure comes in the Junior category. We have a potential member, John Calvert. He qualifies as a junior in A.M.A., so he would also be a junior in TAILWINDS. Dues computation follows:

A.M.A. = 20% or \$2.00.....TAILWINDS = 20% or 2.00  
Total \$4.00 (No charter fee required)

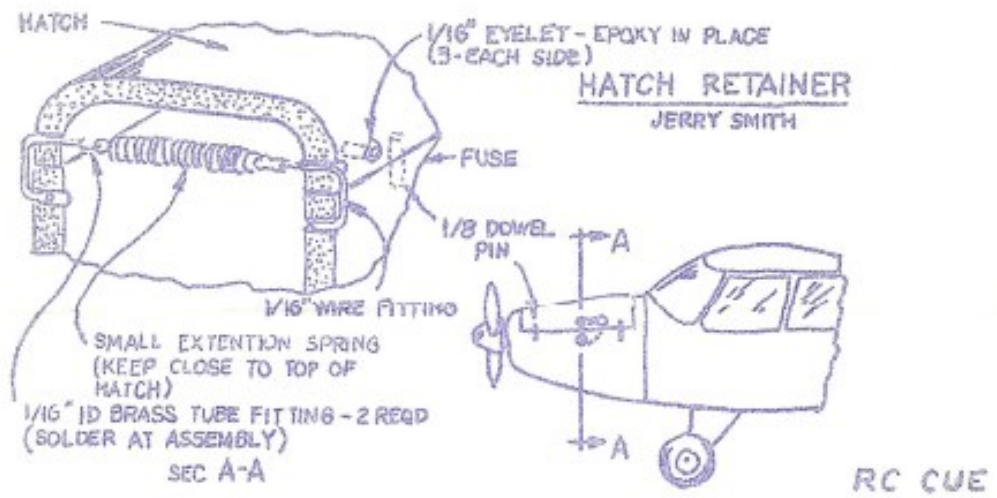
Meeting of January 22 1969 Opened 7:50.....Closed 8:20  
Eleven members and two visitors present. Minutes of January 8 read and approved.  
Treasurers report shows \$150.86. The new drum of fuel is at Jim Newman's.  
Dues collected from three more members, total membership 25.

We saw a large decal sheet that Jim Schneider brought in (USAF type). Top quality stuff, .85¢ in lots of 51 or more. See Jim at the next meeting.  
Chartered club A.M.A. licences are in and you should have one on your A.M.A. ID card.

There are still some club members who haven't got the word about flying over the parked cars. Some of the cars have wives and kids inside, we love them, so protect them. DON'T FLY OVER OUR CARS!!!!

After the meeting on Feb. 26 we are going to see some of the old films of days gone.  
Call some of the members you haven't seen for a long time and lets have a big turn out.

### THE IDEA SHEET



O.K. YOU GUYS THATS MY 1st GO AT AN IDEA SHEET. IF YOU LIKE THIS SORT OF A THING LET ME KNOW & I'LL KEEP IT UP. IF YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST, LET ME KNOW. AS A THOUGHT: I'LL GIVE A GALLON OF FUEL, TO THE MEMBER WHO GIVES ME THE BEST IDEA, AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE EDITOR

STOP PRESS!!

Ken Beck has at long last released details of his new model!

It is sensational enough to warrant a detailed report. As we all thought, it is a triplane. The only difference is all three wings are attached one one side - the left port. The tailplane is attached to the bottom of the fin (naturally enough, on the underside of the nose). The undercarriage is conventional apart from the fact that the ailerons are positioned through the rims of the wheels as opposed to the centers. This imparts a positive and negative effect on the wings. The power unit is perhaps the most interesting part of the project in that it is a 73 litre horizontally opposed single cylinder three stroke fitted with a rubber crankshaft. Ken claims that the idea of this is that as the revs build up, so does the compression ratio. Vibration is not expected to be a problem as the lower blade at top dead center is fitted with a balance weight. One problem that has been experienced is the tremendous torque developed by this engine when the throttle is opened. This has necessitated the fitting of the three wings on one side to stop wing drop on take off. The entire model is covered with heavy weight tarpaulin lightly sewn with binder twine and then given three coats of porridge thinned with acetone. Pushrods, mainmast, etc., were pencilled in to save weight. To eliminate the problems associated with

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hinges, none have been fitted. To eliminate the landing bounce that has occurred on previous models the underside of the fuselage has been liberally coated with contact adhesive. The cockpit is large in size. It has installed a W.C. pan for the aerobatic Chinese pilot Mr. Loo Ping. Control is by the well known Tom steam system. Those of you who remember his previous model will recall that the servos, although extremely powerful, were so slow that not enough time has elapsed since to take measurements. However, full travel can be expected eventually and the servo exhaust problem (they limit visibility somewhat) is expected to be resolved shortly.

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The above column was reproduced from RC GUE, Dec. 68, Vol. 1 No. 5. Good ole Ken was so modest he didn't even let us in on his project. Altogether a most noteworthy attempt at producing an unusual model. It has been rumored that Jim Schneider has placed a tentative order for some of the newfangled steam gear (complete with two jars of colored steam, to enable him to plot the course of the signal through the receiver. (Let us know how it works out).

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## **\* Membership Meeting \***

July 3, 2014  
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

## **\* Board of Directors Meeting \***

TBD Please See Website

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