



# TAILWINDS TAILS

AVTI Newsletter

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## Latest Tailwinds

*Derek Abramson, Editor*



Hi Fellow AVTI members. I hope everyone is getting some flying in as the winds have calmed down a bit. For me, it has been a busy month with working and flying.

Now that we are well into the renewal, please remember to renew your membership if you have not already. If you have not renewed, you will not be able to fly.

Now to the fun stuff. We had the Classic Pattern go earlier in the month. The weather cooperated and it appears

many had a great time. There was some close competition through out the day.

The Greears have just returned from the NATS. Please be sure to check out there article later on in the Newsletter.

Skyhunter Hobbies in Lancaster has been expanding there inventory to fill in what was lost when Smith Bros closed. Including the increased stock, Skyhunter is extending 10% off on all purchases by AVTI members. So please stop by and check them out.



Jamie's new Pattern Bird



Tim William's Quad Fleet

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
<b>August</b> <b>7 7:00 pm</b>	AVTI General Meeting WJF
<b>September</b> <b>4 7:00 pm</b> <b>27,28 8:00 am</b>	AVTI General Meeting WJF AVTI Pattern Contest



Tim William's with his Bobcat

### 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!

Now that we are having our normal weather patterns I've been getting to the field more often. I try to get there early and leave before the real heat hits.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Robert and Jennifer Fish ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Heat Classic Pattern contest. We were missing a few regulars who had other things going for that day, but those who were there sure had a great time. The winds stayed down and we got in 4 rounds of flying. I'm sure the results will be in Robert's coverage. Many thanks to all involved. The Greear's for assisting in scoring, Preston for the great food and Vic Anderson for helping with the judging.

Roger Counts and his wife hosted his Church's Kids group out at the field on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Several AVTI members came out to give the kids a good show. We had great weather and a great time! Thanks to Cliff Keeling, Jack Bugaren, Dick Skoglund and others for helping put this on. I know everyone truly appreciated it!

Mike and Jean Greear have returned from their trip to the US Nationals in Muncie. I'm looking forward to hearing how everything went!

Next on the contest calendar for our club will be the Greear's event on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to it!

Hope to see you at the events and at the field

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## Message from our Vice-President

Greeting fellow fliers, Mike and I left early Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and arrived in Muncie, IN around 3 in the afternoon on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. We practiced at the AMA site on Sunday and attended the pilots meeting and ice cream social in the afternoon. That was the first time I had flown off of a grass runway. Monday morning started the Precision Aerobatic competition with the Advanced class flying in the morning and the Intermediate class flying in the afternoon at site 4 which is a grass site. We were at the AMA site from 8 to 5 for the next 3 days, each of us flying 2 rounds each day. The weather was pleasant the first two days with slight winds coming from all directions. Wednesday brought rain and stronger winds. Mike finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 20 and I finished 20<sup>th</sup> out of 23. I had 2 good rounds but nerves and the feeling of being overwhelmed were my worst enemy.

We were told that in the 88 year history of the NATS, we were the second husband and wife team to compete. While we were there we visited with some friends and hung out with a group from California for night flying, float flying and a BBQ. We left Muncie on Friday and headed to Kentucky to go through the Mammoth Caves which were quite spectacular. Our next stop was the Rocket and Space Center in Huntsville, AL. We spent a few days in Phoenix checking out the mountain community of Peyson and a few mining towns (like we hadn't driven enough). We drove around 5,400 miles on this trip. We have a few more contests left for this season and hope to get in some practice. Hope to see you at the field.

Jean

**Treasurer's Report as of 7/3/14**  
**By**  
**Tony Frackowiak**

**Income since last Report - \$1,700.27**

**Expenses since last Report - \$197.99**

6-Jun	Meeting Award	\$(15.00)
10-Jun	Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
23-Jun	LegalZoom - Incorporation	\$(7.99)
3-Jul	Aarow - Restroom thru 6/30/14	\$(140.00)
3-Jul	Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
3-Jul	Meeting Award	\$(15.00)

**Checking Account Balance - \$ 11,958.25**

**AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 20,515.74**

**Financial Assets Total is \$ 32,473.99**

**Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 06/06/14 - \$3,830.00**

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

**Current Membership Total - 48 Members**

**New Members for 2014/2015 - 2 Members**

**Members not Renewed for 2014/2015 - 32 Members**

After the July meeting any renewal will have the \$10 Late Penalty added.

To send in your dues you can meet 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:

Tony Frackowiak  
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Rosamond, CA 93560

Thanks!

General Meeting Minutes

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Compiled from Agenda by Derek Abramson

13 members present

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Published in the Newsletter

### **Treasurer's Report**

Read by Tony

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report

### **New Business**

July 12, Classic Pattern Meet will be held at the field

Skyhunter Hobbies is increasing their stock to fill the void that Smith Brothers Hobbies left when they closed. Skyhunter Hobbies is offering 10% off for all AVTI members.

### **Model of the Month**

Jamie Schoolcraft brought his Pattern Bird and ICON

Tim Williams showed off his quads and Dynamic Soaring Bird

Pete Carbin brought his blade helicopter

### **Drawings**

### **MOM**

Tim Williams

### **Attendance**

Jean Greear

Meeting adjourned 1945



## Barkley's Safety Tip

July 31, 2014



Hey guys!

We have been getting out to the field more lately. But boy has it been hot! I've got to get the Boss to take my hints at going home. I guess sitting in the van hasn't done it! This black fur is no fun in the sun!

We sure have a great bunch of pilots in the club. We also have several guys new to the hobby. If you are having some trouble please feel free to ask anyone for some help. Sometimes it's easy to get involved in what you're doing and not see someone struggling. So ask away! I know you can get the help you might need.

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

## 2014 "SUMMER HEAT" Classic Pattern Contest



By Robert Fish

The 2014 Summer Heat Classic Pattern Contest was held at the Antelope Valley Tailwinds field, located in Lancaster, Ca. on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

We had a total of 10 entrants. The wind remained favorable throughout the day, setting the stage for an epic day of Classic pattern action!

CD Robert Fish called pilot's meeting at 8:45, and the first round was in the air shortly after 9:00 AM. A total of four rounds were flown, and we were wrapped up in time to get our long distance travelers on the road at a reasonable hour.

Jonathan Rinde and his Birdie 40 had a solo run in Pre-Novice. The Novice class saw some good flying with some close scores. Sadly, Eric Huffman saw the demise of his trusty Tipu in round three when the Earth got in the way of his airplane. Eric bounced back and took the second spot in Novice class with his Dirty Birdy. Chris Mahoney took the win flying his Super Kaos 60. Donald Fox took the third spot flying his P-7, while Paul Rinde rounded out the class in fourth. Paul was flying a Norvell .25 powered Small Change.

The Advanced class also saw some great flying with Dick Belden taking the win. Dick brought a pair of scratch built UFO's, powered by OS .55's. Tak Takayama showed his practiced flying style, and took the second spot flying his P-7. Tak is a seasoned AMA pattern flier who is now an enthusiastic Classic convert. Scott Holmes flew his OS .61 FSR powered Dirty Birdy to third place.

Masters class started as a battle between two P-7's. Tony Frackowiak flew his YS powered P-7 to the win. Round three saw Robert Fish firing up the OS .65 AX in his P-

7 only to have the carb fall off on the starting bench! Eric Huffman loaned Robert his Dirty Birdy for round three, and Donald Fox offered his P-7 for round four. Thanks to the sportsmanship of these fine competitors, Robert was able to finish up the contest flying borrowed aircraft.

Results:

Pre-Novice:

1. Jonathan Rinde 193.00

Novice:

1. Chris Mahoney 280.75

2. Eric Huffman 259.50

3. Donald Fox 250.00

4. Paul Rinde 245.25

Advanced:

1. Dick Belden 277.50

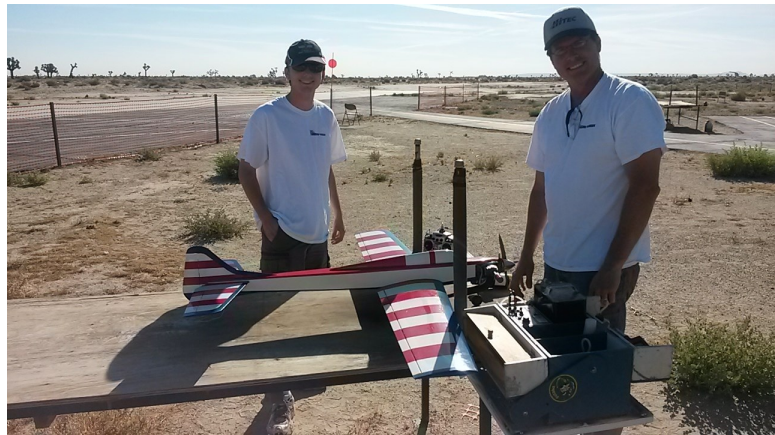
2. Tak Takayama 268.25

3. Scott Holmes 241.75

Masters:

1. Tony Frackowiak 1231.50

2. Robert Fish 1167.00



This is my rookie year as a CD, and a contest cannot happen without the help of others. My sincere thanks go out to Donald Fox for taking on the role of scorekeeper. Thank you Mike and Jean Greear for coming out and lending your support with scoring and flight line management. I could not thank my wife Jennifer enough, jumping in and tackling a multitude of tasks. Thank you Preston Knepper for coming out and feeding a squadron of hungry folks in the mid day heat. Once again Vic Anderson came out to lend a hand with judging.

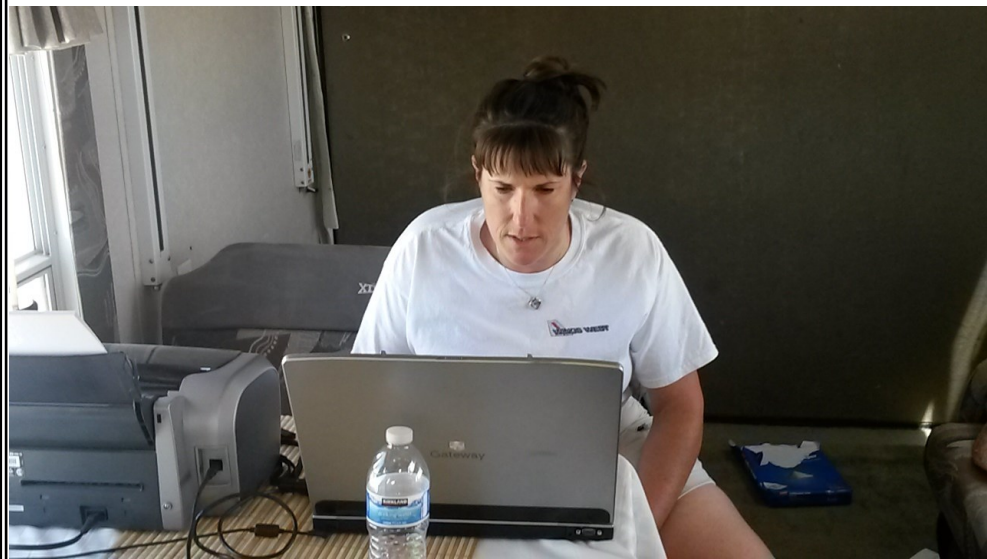
Special thanks to Tony Frackowiak for not only being my flying coach, but also serving as my "guard rails" as I dove into contest management.

Until next time.....

Gear up!!!

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## \* Membership Meeting \*

August 7, 2014  
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

## \* Board of Directors Meeting \*

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