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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



What a crazy month October has been. We have had a couple of bad windy days and a bunch of great flying days. I hope everybody has been getting some flying time in while you can.

November is looking like a good month as we have a couple of events on the books. First, we have the Classic Pattern Championships on November 8 & 9, and we have the AVTI Cool Nights night-fly. Depending on the crowd, we may even BBQ. So definitely come out with your night-fly

aircraft and gear.

December is our Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting. We will have a location and info by the November Meeting.

It is that time of year again, we need to get re-upped on AMA. So please get those renewals in so you will not miss a good day of flying in 2015.

Until then, keep those wings level!!

-Derek



Ed Blackburn with a Blue Max



Dick Skoglund's Cherokee

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
November	
6 7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting WJF
8, 9 8:00 am	CPA West Coast Regionals, Classic Pattern
15 6:00 pm	AVTI Cool Nights Night Fly
December	
4 7:00 pm	AVTI Christmas Party!!!!
January 2015	
8 7:00 pm	AVTI General Meeting, WJF



Jack Bugaren's Gasser

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 AVTI members!

Well, first an apology for not getting my articles in the last couple of months. It just seemed like I ran out of time each month. I'll try to do better!

Congratulations to Jack Bugaren in getting his Turbine Waiver. It looks like he is having a blast – pun intended – with his new jet. It's good to see some turbine activity at the field!

Another congratulations to Mike and Jean Greear for their contest on September 27th and 28th. Even though the weather was not the best, everybody had a good time and it made the club around \$550. Great job!

We had a successful Swap Meet at the last Club Meeting. I saw a lot of guys getting some killer deals, myself included. I bought some new motors for my T-Rex 500 heli and it is flying great! I think we will try to schedule these more often.

A lot of the Team Tailwinds pattern fliers are getting ready for the final AMA Pattern contest of the season. This will be the NSRCA District 7 Champs. Tailwinds members are in contention for many of the classes flown. So wish our guys good luck!

I will be holding the 2nd AVTI Fall Classic Championships on November 8th. We have had a very successful Classic Pattern season this year. Entrants are growing and there are a lot of new people giving it a try. It's really great to see.

On a personal note, I went for an Eye Exam and I'm going to be getting cataract removal and lens implants. My vision has really been giving me trouble the last few years. Night vision has gone way down and I occasionally have some problems flying, especially with my pattern models. The doctor

The doctor tells me if it all goes correctly I'll no longer need glasses for distance vision, just for reading and close-up stuff. I've had glasses since the 1st grade and I'm really looking forward to not needing them! I know several club members that have had it done and everyone has had positive results. I'm really looking forward to it.

One of our members, Vic Anderson, had a nasty accident about a month ago. I don't know all the details but as I know it, he was working on a smaller pattern model when the motor powered up. It hit him in one arm, across the neck and into the other arm. He cut a major artery and lost a lot of blood. He staggered out of his garage and collapsed on the driveway and a neighbor saw him. They called 911 and helped slow the loss of blood. But he nearly lost his life. At the hospital they put 8 pints of blood in to him. He was in Intensive Care for a week. If there is a lesson learned here it is to take the prop off of an electric model if you are going to work on it. It won't hurt you with no prop on it. Vic is doing well and I know he wants to get back out flying soon.

We have scheduled a Night Fly for November 15th. If the winds stay down I'm sure we'll have some fun. So get your night model ready to go!

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

Tony Frackowiak

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General Meeting Minutes

04 September 2014

Compiled by Derek Abramson

1904 Meeting brought to order Tony Frackowiak

10 Members were present

Treasurers Report and minutes read by Tony Frackowiak. Voted and approved

Old Business

-The Scout's Rocket Launch went very well. There were a good number of launches. Some of the launches ended with the rockets falling on the flight-line. We may need to move the launches further out to alleviate this.

-The work party was held, the fence and shade netting was repaired. Also, brush removal was accomplished.

-The Pattern contest was held, but was plagued by windy weather. The contest did net \$358 for AVTI

-The Classic Pattern Contest at Pomona is this Saturday. November 8th and 9th will be the Classic Pattern Championships at AVTI

New Business

-We need some suggestions for events, please chime in.

-November 15, there will be a AVTI Night-Fly. Details are on the website

Drawings:

50/50: Jim McClain

Attendance: Jean Greear

Meeting Adjourned



The Pattern Crew Discussing Maneuvers



Jack's Bird on the Line



Artie Hilliard's Something Extra on Short Final

Treasurer's Report as of 10/02/14

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$798.17

Expenses since last Report - \$495.49

19-Sep	Marty - Brushhogging	\$(350.00)
22-Sep	LegalZoom - Incorporation	\$(7.99)
2-Oct	Meeting Award - Tim	\$(15.00)
2-Oct	Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
2-Oct	Meeting Award	\$(15.00)
2-Oct	Aarow - Restroom thru 9/30/14	\$(87.50)

Checking Account Balance - \$ 12,055.41

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 21,233.15

Financial Assets Total is \$ 33,288.56

Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 06/06/14 - \$4,740.00

As of 10/02/14:

Current Membership Total - 61 Members

New Members for 2014/2015 - 3 Members

Members not Renewed for 2014/2015 - 21 Members

The pattern contest run by the Greear's brought in \$358 to the club.

Tony Frackowiak
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Thanks!

Barkley's Safety Tip

October 20, 2014



Hey guys!

We've been having some great flying weather and I'm having fun getting out to the field. But with the slightly cooler weather we've had some visitors. The 2nd Mojave Green Rattlesnake was in the parking lot the other day. The Boss kept me well away from it and that's a good thing. Even though he had the vet give me a shot for snake venom, getting bit by a Green would be no fun! This one was right in the parking lot between the pits and the restrooms. So be on the look-out! Here's what a little one look like,



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

Antelope Valley Tailwinds Inc.

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*** Membership Meeting ***

November 6, 2014
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

*** Board of Directors Meeting ***

TBD Please See Website

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