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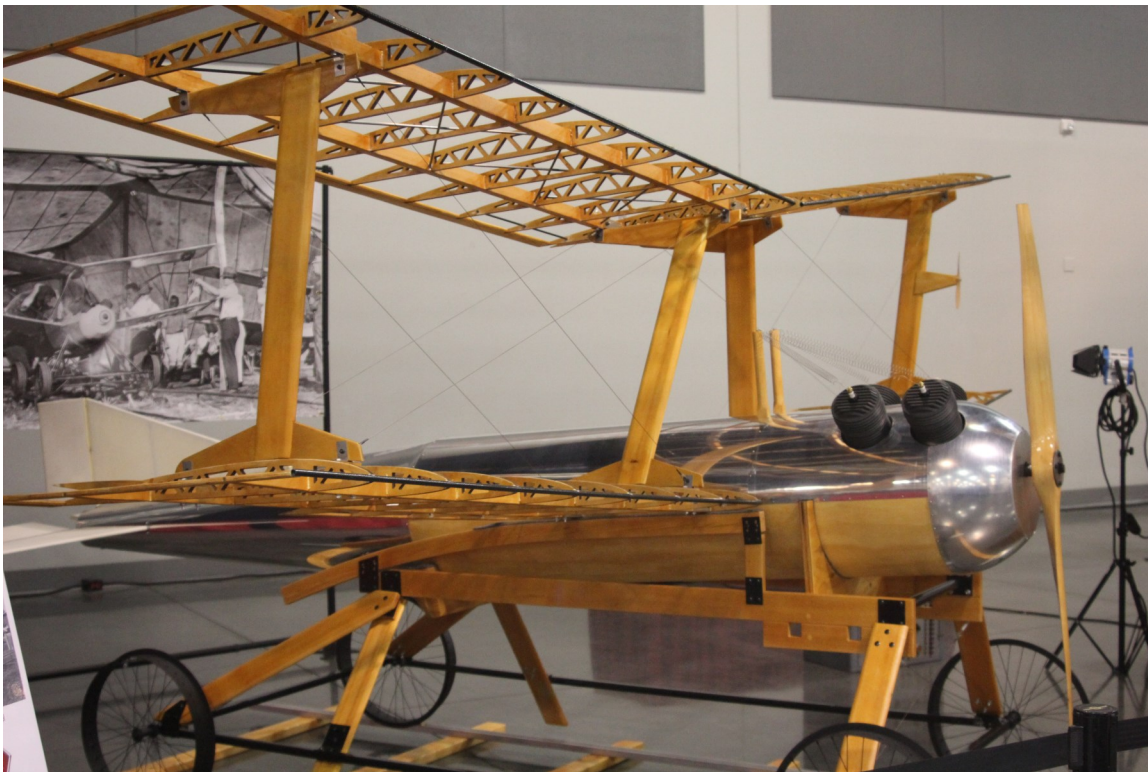
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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



Hi AVTI Members, it is another year and things are looking great. This is a little late due to my busy schedule, but I will promise I will get these out to you.

I hope everybody made it to the AMA Convention in Ontario. Red Jensen and myself worked the NASA booth where we both fielded many questions concerning our operations and potential airspace restrictions. We both met and talked to many modelers from all over the nation. It was certainly a very busy weekend

Both of us.

You may have noticed, the starting tables have been completed by Pete Carbin, Mark Loebel and Tim Williams. The tables are absolutely amazing in appearance showing pride in the workmanship and the dedication to AVTI. When you see them at the field, be sure to give them a great thumbs up and thanks for a job well done.

Until next time, enjoy the great weather and keep those wings level!



NASA DROID 3 at the AMA show



RC Modeler Annaliese Abramson at the Meeting

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
March 2015 5 7:00PM	AVTI General Meeting WJF



Tony Frackowiak's Phoenix and F-4 on the flight-line

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

January 30, 2015



Hello AVTI members!

The New Year is well underway with January over already! The weather has been great lately with calm winds for nearly the entire day. I've been out enjoying it as much as I can stand! Even Barkley at times seems to wonder why I won't go home! But in the Antelope Valley it is rare to be able to fly in calm air all the way to dark. I've been getting as much of it as I can while it's around.

Our first Pattern event of the year will be held on February 7th and 8th. The 7th is for AMA/F3A classes and the 8th is for Classic Pattern. Should be a lot of fun if the winds stay away! I'm really looking forward to this year's events.

On December 23rd I had cataract removal and new lens implant surgery done to my left eye. On January 13th I had the same surgery on the right eye. All I can say is, what a difference! I have worn glasses for distance correction since I was in the 1st grade. After these surgeries I am now 20/20 without glasses! It has been a big change but so far it has all been for the better. I am now enjoying flying even more now that I can really see the model! Flying the pattern models and my EDF jets is so much more fun! I can really let them go out without being afraid of losing sight of them. Anyone looking at the possibility of needing this procedure I can say my experience has been excellent!

I've been doing some FPV flying lately. I have an Apprentice 15e and my Parkzone T-28 set up with the video equipment. I did this back in 2008 but the equipment has really improved since then. Pete, Tim and I have been doing some formation flying with the T-28's and that has been a blast. You can see some of the video on my Facebook page.

I've also been playing with some quadcopters. I have to say I have enjoyed them more than I thought I would. I have a Blade 200 QX with the Spektrum Micro-FPV system on it. It is a lot of fun buzzing around at the field and in my neighborhood. It is also a great night flyer! It has some very bright LEDs installed that are excellent at night. I also have a Blade 350 QX3. This is both a sport flier and a camera platform. It carries an E-Flite C-GO1 HD camera that can take stills and video. I've posted some of these on my Facebook page. I've taken some pics of the field and during the last Scout Rocket launch that Derek may put in the newsletter and on the website. The 350 has some flight modes that use GPS and other sensors to make it very easy to do the camera work. It also has a Return Home mode that is really neat to see it work. It brings it right back to the spot it took off from and lands it softly. Pretty neat technology!

What a great time to be in the hobby! I can't wait to see what will be next.

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

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Vice-President's Message

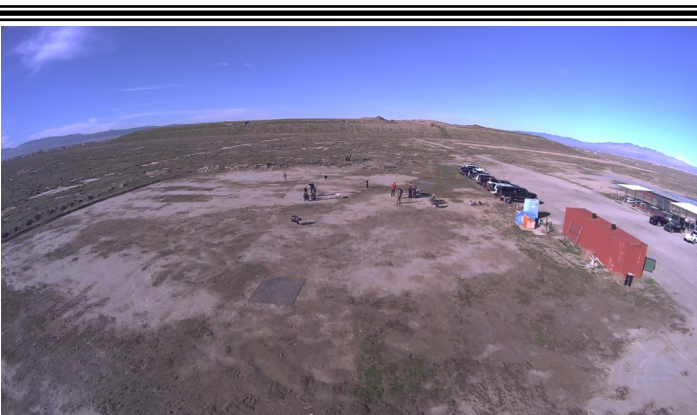


Hi all, I hope everyone had a nice holiday. I'm sorry I didn't make the Christmas gathering but Mike's work had him working late. I heard there were some great raffle prizes given away and Jamie put on one heck of a magic show.

With the nice weather I was able to get in some flying while I was off and it was great seeing so many members at the field as well as talking with some perspective members. The pattern season will be starting soon and we will be traveling to other fields to compete.

This year the sequences we fly have been changed so it's been a challenge learning the new maneuvers. I hope the weather will permit lots of nice days for practicing and that I will be able to take advantage of it. Take care and see you at the field.

-Jean



General Meeting Minutes

08 January 2015

Compiled by Derek Abramson from Agenda

- 1900 Meeting brought to order by Tony Frackowiak
- 17 Members were present
- Treasurers Report was read by Tony Frackowiak. Voted and passed

Old Business

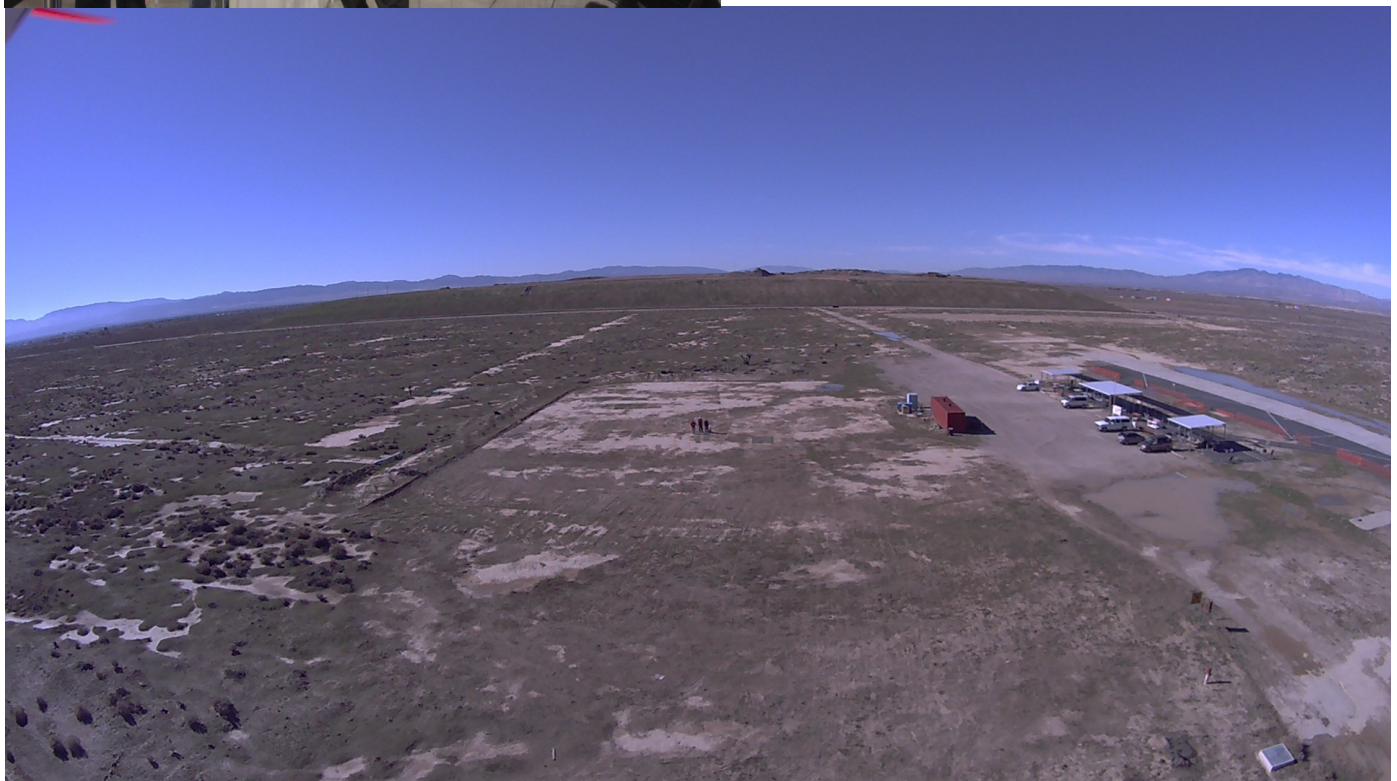
- The Classic Pattern contest held on November 8th was a success. We had perfect weather and a good turnout. Many thanks to all who assisted. Don Fox for the scoring, Jennifer and Robert Fish for the use of their camper and assisting in scoring. To Preston for again doing a great job with the food. And to Vic Anderson for helping out with judging. We made a bit of money and everyone had a great time!
- The Christmas Party was another great success. We had a slight mix-up with the room reservation but we got enough tables and had a great time! Lots of prizes were handed out and Jamie Schoolcraft showed us again just how good he is as a magician! Thanks to all who helped and attended.
- As I mentioned at the Party, I have received official notification that the field deadline has again been postponed. I have signed and we now have in place a new agreement that keeps us at our location until June 6, 2016. We will continue to search for a new site but in the meantime let us all enjoy our great facility. I know there are many events planned for 2015 and I'm looking forward to all of them.

New Business

- The AMA Expo is this coming weekend. I'm currently not planning on attending but I know many of our members plan on it. I hope everyone has a great time!
- The Model Masters club has just elected a new BOD. I have been talking with their new President, Jack Bugaren, and we have planned to renew many of the activities that used to occur between AVTI and MMM. We will have more details soon.



Meeting Adjourned 1945



Treasurer's Report as of 01/08/15

**By
Tony Frackowiak**

Income since last Report - \$480.91

Includes dues, contest profit and interest

Expenses since last Report - \$394.20

Preston - Contest Food	\$(106.72)
Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
LegalZoom - Incorporation	\$(7.99)
Qnet - Website	\$(84.00)
LegalZoom - Incorporation	\$(7.99)
Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
Aarow - Restroom thru 12/31/14	\$(157.50)
Meeting Award	\$(10.00)

Checking Account Balance - \$ 11,268.35

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 21942.35

Financial Assets Total is \$ 33,210.70

Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 06/06/14 - \$5,090.00

As of 01/08/15:

Current Membership Total - 67 Members

New Members for 2014/2015 - 7 Members

Members not Renewed for 2014/2015 - 19 Members

It's that time of the year to renew your AMA membership. Remember, to be an active member of AVTI you must have a current AMA membership.

Thanks!

Barkley's Safety Tip

January 30, 2015



Hey guys!

The weather has been great the last couple of weeks! We've been at the field a lot all the way to dark. I can't seem to get the Boss to go home!

We had another member who had a bad run in with a prop. Please everybody be careful around those engines! The Boss prefers to use the starting tables and with Tim Williams, Mike Loebel and Pete Carbin redoing them so nicely they should be a lot better. But that is not a guarantee of safety. The last accident happened using a table. So be really cautious around that spinning blade!

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



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*** Membership Meeting ***

February 5, 2015
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

*** Board of Directors Meeting ***

TBD Please See Website

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