



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



February has turned out to be a pretty good month for flying. There has been a lot of recent activity at the field. This includes the addition of a Quad-Copter Racing Course on the south side of the field. There has been a lot of activity with FPV racing which now has “hooked” several of our members. So when you have a chance, go and check it out.

Coming up here in March is the 2nd annual Los Angeles County Airshow. The line-up includes the Air Force Thunderbirds and a AV-8B Harrier. NASA will have a booth showcase-

ing many of our own UAS vehicles. So if you make it, stop by and say hello to Red and myself.

You may have noticed, there has been some work done at the field. Some of the cracks have been repaired and the new starting tables have been getting a lot of use. Concerning the starting tables, please clean up any spilled fuel and exhaust residue. A lot of work has gone into building the tables, lets try to keep them nice.



Ariel shot of the field by Tony Frackowiak



Mac Moffat running out with his airplane

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
March 2015 5 7:00PM 21-22	AVTI General Meeting WJF Terminal Los Angeles County Airshow
April 2015 2 7:00PM	AVTI Monthly Meeting WJF Terminal



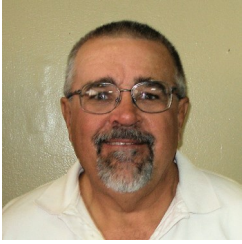
Red Jensen coming in for a low pass

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



February 12, 2015

Hello AVTI members!

The 26th AVTI High Desert Pattern Contest and the 3rd Annual Winter Classic Pattern Contest was held on Feb. 7th and 8th. The weather wasn't perfect but it was plenty good enough. We had a total of 22 pilots between the 2 contests. I'm happy to say that Team Tailwinds did very well with a sweep of all the classes in both of the events.

It was particularly enjoyable to me to see the growth in the entries in the Classic Pattern event. That style of flying is dear to my heart as it was what I flew when I first started Pattern competition in 1975. This style seems to be drawing out the people who for whatever reason can't commit the time or money to the current AMA events. It is much easier on the wallet and on the free time to be able to participate in R/C Aerobatics competition. I think it will only continue to grow.

Here are the results:

Saturday – AMA/F3A

<u>Sportsman</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Don Fox	2000.000
2. Chris Mahoney	1993.998
3. Jim Whitacre	1833.334

Intermediate

1. Jamie Schoolcraft	2000.000
2. Michael Panek	1882.776
3. Randy McElhattan	1620.083
4. Mike Whitacre	1573.032

Advanced

Mike Greear	2000.000
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Masters

1. Sean Mersh	2000.000
2. Robert Fish	1957.828
3. Bill Wallace	1885.522
4. Bill Sheets	1795.141
5. Lynn Burke	1762.423

F3A

Tony Frackowiak	2000.000
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Sunday – Classic Pattern

<u>Pre-Novice</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. James Whitacre	2000.00
2. Marta Horvath	1972.112

Novice

1. Chris Mahoney	2000.00
2. Lonnie Morrison	1821.678
3. Jonathan Rinde	1805.647
4. Mike Whitacre	1757.788
5. Ron Russell	1754.508

Advanced

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2. Tak Takayama	1994.898
3. Scott Holmes	1893.710
4. Cal Orr	1891.240
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Expert

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1. Tony Frackowiak 871.750
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When all the finances were figured out the club made a profit of \$524.63. So it was a very worthwhile weekend for AVTI.

Many thanks to all who helped get this done. Mike and Jean Greear did their usual great job with the scoring. Preston again did an excellent job on the lunch. Vic Anderson came out and helped judge. And to all the pilots who cooperated with the judging assignments and supported us with their entry. Thanks!

As I write this we are getting ready to install the new starting tables that Tim Williams, Mike Loebel and Pete Carbin have built. A couple of weeks ago Tim approached me about replacing the tops of the starting tables. They have really needed a facelift for some time. Mike and Pete also volunteered to help so with the approval of the Board they began. I haven't seen the final product yet but from the pics I have seen I think everyone will be very pleased. Thanks to all involved. It's this sort of action that makes this club the great group that it is. Thanks again!

We soon will be getting the cracks in the asphalt repaired. We have been holding off on this with the potential field move but it has gotten to the point where we really need to get them fixed. Mike Redman, the same person who repaired the joint between the asphalt and concrete a couple of years ago will soon be out working on the field. At this point I'm not sure if the field will be open while he is working. We'll get the details as they become available.

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

General Meeting Minutes

05 February 2015

Compiled by Derek Abramson

- 1900 Meeting called to order by Tony Frackowiak
- Treasurers Report was read by Tony Frackowiak, voted and passed.

Old Business

- I hope those that attended the AMA Expo came away with great stuff and good news. I hear it was mostly quads and drones.
- This weekend we start off the Pattern season with the 26th AVTI High Desert Classic and the 3rd Annual Winter Classic Pattern Contest. AMA/F3A on Saturday and Classic on Sunday. Hopefully we'll get good weather and have a great weekend.

New Business

- Tim Williams approached me about building new tops for our three starting tables. He, Mike Loebel and Pete Carbin volunteered to build them. The Board approved and they are close to having them finished. I've seen some pics and I think everyone will be very happy with what they are making. We will need to get some help when they are ready to bring them out. We'll need to remove the old stuff and install the new. I'll get the word out ASAP when they are ready. A big thanks to these guys for stepping up. It's what makes this a great club!

- I have talked further with Jack Bugaren about having fun fly events between AVTI and MMM. We may also include Cal City. We will be having a joint Board meeting to go over these events. I think it could be a lot of fun and will improve the camaraderie in the valley.
- Ramona Blanski of SOAR High School and who is involved with STEM has joined the AMA and our club. She will from time to time be bringing the students out to fly their rockets. This is a great project and I thank her and the school for joining the club to help support us.



Meeting Adjourned 2000



Treasurer's Report as of 02/05/15

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$596.40

Includes dues and interest

Expenses since last Report - \$584.64

9-Jan	Staples - Printing Supplies	\$(17.42)
12-Jan	Meeting Award	\$(15.00)
2-Feb	Mike Loebel - Starting Tables	\$(330.44)
3-Feb	99-Cent - Awards for Contest	\$(39.24)
3-Feb	Staples - Contest Supplies	\$(51.54)
5-Feb	Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
5-Feb	Meeting Award	\$(15.00)
5-Feb	Aarow - Restroom thru 1/31/15	\$(70.00)

Checking Account Balance - \$ 11,279.61

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 21,942.55

Financial Assets Total is \$ 33,222.46

Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 06/06/14 - \$5,677.50

As of 01/08/15:

Current Membership Total - 78 Members

New Members for 2014/2015 - 16 Members

Members not Renewed for 2014/2015 - 18 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

February 12, 2015



Hey guys!

We sure did have a great time at the Pattern contest! Lots of our friends came out and it sure seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves. These events are always a great time!

During the event we had one airplane get really far out and the pilot got disoriented. It went down really far out on the east side. A few people went out to recover it and we learned a few lessons. If a model goes down try very hard to get a good line on the direction it went down. Pick something far out as a background item to set a line. Get someone at the field to pick up that line. The people who go out should take their phones with them. Those back at the field may be able to help direct them to the spot.

The model that went down was recovered but it did take a while to get to it. Don't venture out there unless you have the right clothing and shoes on and are physically ready for it. It can be quite difficult walking in this part of the desert. It's really easy to get a foot stuck and twist or break an ankle. Also, be on the lookout for snakes and other critters. They are out there! And take water with you. It may take a lot longer than you think to find that errant model.

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

By Robert Fish

West Coast Regional Director

Classic Pattern Association

The 3rd Annual Winter Classic Pattern contest was held at the Antelope Valley Tailwinds airfield at Lancaster, Ca. on Sunday, February 8th, 2015. This was a one day event. The morning greeted us with calm skies, and soon the air was filled with classic pattern airplanes on practice runs.

CD Tony Frackowiak called the pilot's meeting at 8:30, and we were "wheels up" soon thereafter. About mid morning, we were "blessed" with a stiff breeze quartering from the SSW. While this caused no casualties, it made for some challenging moments. We had several great battles in a couple of classes, and our first ever Expert entry. I hope to see more Expert fliers, as this pattern is full of "meat and potatoes" pattern maneuvers. We ran one line, this gave us a relaxed pace to the contest. Preston Knepper BBQ'd a delicious batch of burgers for the hungry contestants, while Mike and Jean Greear tabulated the scores. Many thanks to them, and to Vic Anderson for pitching in with judging. Additionally, much gratitude toward the many contestants who jumped into the judge's chair promptly when asked. This all makes a contest run smoothly and enjoyably for everyone involved.

We are developing a very successful template for classic pattern here on the West Coast. The Pre-Novice and Novice classes are an unbeatable way for new comers to get their feet wet in RC precision aerobatics. We hope that other clubs take notice of our success and move forward and implement it in their areas. It is a great venue to promote participation and involvement for members that would otherwise shy away from the expense and commitment required to start off in other aerobatics events. One can literally fly pre-novice with a foam T-28, and we see those in abundance at most airfields. It should also be noted that for the first time, we had more entrants for our Sunday classic contest than the prior day's AMA/FAI event.

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* Membership Meeting *

March 5, 2015
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

* Board of Directors Meeting *

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