



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



What a busy couple of months. But here we are with summer just around the corner. I hope everybody has been able to get out and enjoy some of the good weather that has been had here in the Antelope Valley.

Muroc Model Masters has been finally gearing up with flying on certain weekends at Muroc Dry Lake Bed. There will be an open house in the near future and we are invited to participate. Please check the website for details.

On the field, you may have noticed some interesting looking obstacles being erected. There is a small but growing group of members who are now participating in Quad-Rotor Racing. The rules are simple, FPV through the course, the fastest wins. This is something that

has been taking off recently with the advent of low cost electronics and very robust airframes. I am planning on giving it a try.

At our May meeting, we will be having a swap-shop starting around 6:00PM. Please bring anything you might want to sell, or bring some cash to add something to your collection.

Now for some business, it is that time again; the membership renewal period has started. There is a new address for snail mail. Attached to the newsletter is the new renewal form. Please remit payment via mail, monthly meeting or any club officer or BOD member.

Until next time, keep those wings level. See everybody at the meeting/.swap-meet!!



Pete Carbin in his "Go Fast" stance while Bruce Tebo RADAR's Pete's Airplane



RC Pilot Annaliese Abramson making sure everybody is safe

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
May 2015 7 6:00PM 7 7:00PM	AVTI Swap-Meet WJF Terminal AVTI General Meeting WJF Terminal
June 2015 4 7:00PM	AVTI Monthly Meeting WJF Terminal
July 2015 2 7:00PM 11 8:00AM	AVTI Monthly Meeting WJF Terminal AVTI Summer Heat Classic Pattern Contest



Dpug Killebrew makes an appearance

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!

Sorry to have missed getting articles out last month. Seems like the time just flew by.

With the help of Tim Williams, Mack Moffat, Mike Loebel and Pete Carbin, along with others, the facilities at the field have been greatly improved. We have the new starting tables, new tables in the pits, tables installed on the container and power outlets on the container. There has also been a lot of work done to create the FPV Quad Racing Course. A lot of members are interested in trying the racing and we have also had interest from others currently outside the club.

We have also had a generous loan by Mack Moffat of a 5K Honda generator. With the new wiring and it's greater capacity we have greatly improved the use of electricity at the field. If you're coming out to fly and would like to use the generator just bring gas. Ask one of the officers and they can open the container and get the generator going.

The cracks to the taxiway and runway have been repaired. Mike Readman and his crew have done a great job and made flying even nicer. If you need that kind of work done around your home please keep him in mind.

We had kind of an impromptu Night Fly on April 4th. The weather forecast looked great so we got out the word as much as we could. Turned out the forecast was correct and several members had a great time getting in some flying. I had a blast flying my T-28 FPV at 10:30 at night! The full moon gave my camera enough light that I could see to shoot touch-and-go's. Great fun!

We have changed our mailing address! We have moved to a different Post Office so our address is now,

AVTI
PO Box 1003
Rosamond, CA 93560

Which brings up the next topic! It is that time of year to renew your membership. The current membership expires on May 31, 2015. To stay active in the club you need renew before that date. And After the July meeting if you have not yet renewed there is a \$10 Late Penalty.

The next meeting on May 7th we will be having a Swap Meet before the meeting. So gather up all that great stuff you're not using and make some money! Or bring a full wallet to do some buying.

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

Tony Frackowiak
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Vice-President's Message

Hey all,

Mike and I have competed in a couple of contests this month. The first was held in the Orange County at the Irvin Lake area. It was the first time a contest has been held at this field and it was well attended. We had several AVTI members compete and they had several members taking care of the cooking and anything else that needed to be done.

We spent the last weekend camping at the Bear Mountain flying site in Arvin. There were 40 pilots competing and several from our club placed within the top 3 in just about each class. Mike and I took Friday off so we headed up there Thursday after work so we could get in some practice before contest.

There were several pilots who had the same idea so there was quite a wait time to fly. Saturday morning found Mike and I in a predicament. When we tried to open the bedroom door, the knob would not turn enough to release. We were stuck. We sat looking out the window waiting for someone to walk by to free us. After a few minutes Tony walked by and came to our rescue. After getting Jerry to move his van so he could get the back ramp down, Tony had to get a screw driver and remove the knob. That was a first. The weather was great and found us each evening barbecuing, night flying and enjoying an outdoor movie on a big screen with surround sound (Mike likes to rough it).

The month of May will find us attending 3 contest, with the first in Apache Junction, AZ, two weeks later in Riverside and two weeks after that in Victorville.

On another note, I had the opportunity to attend a NASA Educators workshop at the Palmdale facility 703. It is the 25th anniversary of the Hubble Telescope and we were treated to an awesome presentation of the Hubble and the SOPHIA aircraft. The presenters for this event ranged anywhere from scientists who worked on both the Hubble and the infrared telescope on the SOPHIA, to the pilot. We spent over an hour touring the SOPHIA, and the support labs.

Hope to see you at the field.

Jean

General Meeting Minutes

05 March 2015

Compiled by Derek Abramson

- 1903 Meeting called to order by Tony Frackowiak
- Treasurers Report was read by Tony Frackowiak, voted and passed.

Old Business

- Tim Willia,s, Pete Carbin and Mike Loebel finished the new tops for the starting tables. Good Job!
- Two Pattern Contests were held on February 7th and 8th. There were fourteen participants. AVTI members achieved 1st place in all the classes. The Classic Pattern contest was held on Sunday with a higher attendance. Thank you Mike and Jean Greear for handling the scoring. Thanks to Preston for cooking! AVTI came out with \$524.63.

- The Repairs to the runway have been completed> Mike Readman and his crew did a great job!

New Business

- The South side of the container has been converted to a race-course for FPV Quad-Racing. Check-Out some racing!!
- With all of the racing, Tim, Pete and Mike also added tables and charging stations to the container.
- Taylor Dunn from the Lancaster Jet-Hawks gave us a call concerning some activities that we can help-out with. This includes a static display, a possible flight demo at the field and maybe a first pitch.

Meeting adjourned at 1930

General Meeting Minutes

02 April 2015

Compiled by Derek Abramson

- Meeting called to order 1900 7 members present
- No Minutes or Treasurers report.

No New Business

Old Business

- Runway Repairs completed
- Pattern Contest in Orange County

Standings:

Sportsman:

1st Don Fox

Intermediate:

2nd Jamie Schoolcraft

Advanced:

3rd Mike Greear

FAI:

1st Tony Frackowiak

Meeting adjourned at 1910

Doug with his Pylon Aircraft (Left) and Tim's Quad at take-off (below)



Treasurer's Report as of 03/05/15

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$762.53

Includes contest income, dues and interest

Expenses since last Report - \$2,683.02

219	12-Feb	AMA Charter	\$(90.00)
220	17-Feb	Tim Williams - Starting Tables	\$(188.90)
221	17-Feb	Pete Carbin - Starting Tables	\$(4.89)
222	4-Mar	Pete Carbin - Insulation Foam	\$(4.23)
223	4-Mar	Mike Readman - Runway Repair	
224	5-Mar	Meeting Award	\$(15.00)
225	5-Mar	Meeting Award	\$(10.00)
226	5-Mar	Aarow - Restroom thru 2/28/15	\$(70.00)

Checking Account Balance - \$ 9,358.42

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 21,943.55

Financial Assets Total is \$ 31,301.97

Total dues collected for 2014/2015, as of 06/06/14 - \$5,852.50

As of 03/05/15:

Current Membership Total - 81 Members

New Members for 2014/2015 - 19 Members

Members not Renewed for 2014/2015 - 18 Members

Looking ahead, the current membership period expires on May 31, 2015. So please send in your renewal as soon as possible. You can get me at the field or mail them to my home address.

AVTI

co Tony Frackowiak

1032 Hastings Ave.

Rosamond, CA 93560

Barkley's Safety Tip

April 23, 2015



Hey guys!

The field sure looks great with all the new work being done. Let's try to keep it nice! Please clean up the starting tables after you use them. Wipe of any fuel or oil residue left behind. The new tops for the two tables in the pits are also looking great! Please don't try to sit on the edges as you may cause some damage.

The tables and the power outlets on the container are also a very nice addition. But again, please do not sit on them! They are not built to take a persons weight.

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

THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TAILWINDS PRESENTS:
THE 3rd ANNUAL
SUMMER HEAT CLASSIC
PATTERN CONTEST

SATURDAY, JULY 11th, 2015 (SUNDAY, JULY 12 alternate weatherday) 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

Come out and enjoy pattern flying the way it should be- FUN! All CPA classes will be offered. Awards through third place.

Entry fee: Pre-Novice- \$20.00 All other Classes- \$25.00

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

E-mail: akmotov@pacbell.net

Links: www.classicpatternassociation.com <http://www.avti.org/>





**MEMBERSHIP FORM
2015 - 2016**

Check Appropriate Blanks:

___ **Junior Membership** - \$50 (Under 18)

___ **Open Membership** - \$100 (18-64)

___ **Family Membership** - \$100 (includes Spouse and/or all children under 18 years in the same household. Please list first names and ages of all included)

___ **Senior Membership** - \$75 (65 and Over)

After January 1, 2016, all memberships will be ½ of the above amounts.

Name _____ **Age** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP Code** _____

AMA# _____ **Phone Number** _____

E-Mail Address _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Each individual must have a current AMA Membership to qualify. Please submit a separate form for each qualifying Member. Submit all Forms with your dues payment.

Indicate how you would like to receive the AVTI Monthly Newsletter:

(Downloading from the website significantly reduces the expenses of the club)

Download from AVTI Web Site ___ Regular Mail (black & white version) ___

By signing below, you understand and agree to comply with all AMA Safety Codes and the AVTI Field Regulations and Bylaws.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Please mail your dues and form to:

AV Tailwinds, Inc

P.O. Box 1003

Rosamond, CA 93560

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AMA Charter #114

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* Membership Meeting *

May 7, 2015
6:00 PM Swap-Meet
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

* Board of Directors Meeting *

TBD Please See Website

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Lancaster, CA 93535

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and up to the date information

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REMINDER

A current AMA membership is a requirement for membership in A.V.T.I. Please make sure your AMA membership is current.



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Some Photos from the LA County Airshow

