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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



Hi AVTI, it has been a little while. I have been busy with NASA and school so my time has been limited.

On August 5th, Roger Counts organized a demonstration for Footprints which is attached to a local church, Lancaster United Methodist. Paul Stenberg and Dick Skoglund supported the event. Thank you Roger for organizing this. This has been a standard thing for several years.

On the Quad side, the race course is in full swing now. Doug Killebrew donated the

Banners, Tim and Pete did all the hoops and poles. IT has turned out to be an interesting course. I am hoping to get into it here shortly. It looks like fun.

Other things of note, the renewal period has past. If you have not renewed, there is a ten dollar late fee. There are a lot of people that have not renewed with the club, please, if you know someone; hit them up.

Currently, the shut down date is June 2016. That is subject to move. Lets keep our fingers crossed.



Tim Williams Multi-Copter Collection (Left) Summer Heat Photos (Below)



AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
September		
3	7:00 PM	General Meeting WJF
26-27	8:00 AM	Pattern Meet AVTI
October		
1	7:00 PM	General Meeting WJF
November		
5	7:00 PM	General Meeting WJF



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!

It's been a while since I got my articles out, and it's really been my fault that the newsletters have been missing. I promise to do better!

We are almost done with summer, and it's been a great one! This year we have had a lot of improvements made to the field and the start of the FPV racing we have been doing. We appointed a new Field Officer, Mack Moffat. He was doing a great job but then we lost him for a while when he went to Florida for a new job. But I'm happy to say he is back!

The FPV racing I mentioned has been great fun! Tim Williams, Pete Carbin, Bob Campbell, Glen Goodlet and Bruce Tebo have helped out a lot in building the course we currently have. Also, thanks to Doug Killebrew and Antelope Valley Ford for the flags we use at our pylons. It's been fun learning all the new technology and what it takes to race. I haven't been to an organized race yet, but Tim and Pete have been to a couple. There is one coming up in September I plan on attending.

One of the neat things about these models is how tough they are to break! Many of the crashes just break a prop, and they are pretty cheap. I was flying at the park by my house the other day. It has several metal soccer goals I use as gates to fly through. I was going pretty fast and I hit the top of the goal. We could hear the "Clang" of metal-to-metal contact. I was sure my Vortex quad had to be badly broken. But when I got to the model all that was wrong were three of the props! There was a mark of white paint on one of the motors where it had hit the goal. I put new props on it and flew it right away.

A few weeks ago we held the Kid's Day that Roger Counts has been holding the last few years. Roger arranges for a number of children from his Church to come out and see what Model Aircraft are all about. We had great weather this year and kept the kids entertained for a couple of hours. Many thanks to Dick Skoglund and Paul Stenberg who came out and flew their models. We do appreciate it! We are already looking forward to next year.

Next on the schedule is the Pattern Contest that the Greear's run each year. The dates are September 26th and 27th. So all of Team Tailwinds, get out and practice!

Hope to see you at the field!

Tony Frackowiak

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General Meeting Minutes

05June2015

Compiled by Derek Abramson

- Meeting called to order 1900
- Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and voted.

Old Business

- I want to apologize for the lack of newsletters. It has been mostly my fault for not getting in my articles. I promise to do better!
- We have pretty much completed a series of field improvements. I think it looks great and there are several new features. For those that want to charge at the field and use the generator, please bring some gasoline and ask an officer. They can open up the container and get it running.

Editors Note

- I have talked to WM and right now there is no change to their schedule. So we still have the June 2016 deadline on the field.

New Business

- Jim McClain is doing poorly. He broke his hip and is recovering from that and his other problems have him on oxygen 100% of the time. Doug received a call from his family and they think time is short. Please keep your best wishes for him
- Yesterday we held the Annual Kid's Show that Roger Counts organizes. We had perfect weather and gave the kids a good show. Thanks to Dick Skoglund and Paul Stenberg for coming out and flying their models. I know it is appreciated.

I would like to apologize for not getting the Newsletters out in a timely fashion lately. This coincides with my lack of being at the field to at least enjoy the company of other modelers. For October, I will be getting a Newsletter out **BEFORE** the end of September so the folks that are receiving the hard copy can get something to read in time before the meeting.

—Derek Abramson



Treasurer's Report as of 08/06/15

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$4,126.91

Includes Dues and Interest

Expenses since last Report - \$1,488.76

17-Jun	Post Office Box	\$(16.00)
22-Jun	Transfer to Savings	\$(1,000.00)
14-Jul	Mack - Paint	\$(15.24)
20-Jul	Minuteman Press - Team Tailwinds Stickers	\$(100.28)
20-Jul	Mack - Ladder + Improvements	\$(236.34)
20-Jul	Tim - Starting Table	\$(120.90)

Checking Account Balance - \$ 10,259.78

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$ 23,437.88

Financial Assets Total is \$ 33,697.66

Total dues collected for 2015/2016, as of 08/06/15 - \$4,005.00

As of 05/07/15:

Current Membership Total - 50

New Members for 2014/2015 - 4

Members not Renewed for 2015/2016 - 37

I am processing a few more so these numbers may change a bit.

The current membership period expired 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 our new address. It is,

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Barkley's Safety Tip

April 23, 2015



Hey guys!

The summer is almost over, but it is still getting pretty hot out there! Please make sure to drink plenty of fluids when you are out flying. If you have been flying for a while and start to get a headache, remember, that is the first sign of getting dehydrated. So bring lots to drink! I know I can empty the water bowl pretty quickly!

Also, try to stay out of the sun! It is tough when you are flying but try to get in to the shade as much as possible. A nice wide-brimmed hat can do a lot to keep your face out of the sun. Try to wear light colored clothes as that can help keep you cooler. I know that we have been getting to the field earlier to try to get out of the high temps in the afternoon.

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

2015 "SUMMER HEAT" Classic Pattern Contest

By Robert Fish

The 2015 Summer Heat Classic Pattern Contest was held at the Antelope Valley Tailwinds field, located in Lancaster, Ca. on Saturday, July 11th, 2015.

Up at the crack of dawn, I put my EU1-A together. The wheels left the runway just as the sun began to peek over the eastern horizon. I knew that this would be my only quiet moment. Soon, vehicles began to arrive. Aircraft sprouted wings, as old friends say "Hi" once again. This thing was on!



The goal for the day was a fun contest with a relaxed pace. We had a total of 14 entrants. We ran one line with a goal of four rounds to be flown.

CD Robert Fish called pilot's meeting at 9:00, stretching it out just a bit to allow the last of the trim flights to conclude. The first round started right at 9:15 with the Pre-Novice class up first. This year we had 6 entries in Pre-Novice, indicating continued growth with four new pilots entered. This was the first classic pattern experience for pilots Jim Leuken, Bruce and Travis Tefteau, and Jean Greear. Pre-Novice also featured our two Lady pilots, Marta Horvath and Jean Greear.

Novice class saw the return of Chris Mahoney, who went on to a solid win in Novice class. Mike Whitacre was close behind in second, and first year Novice pilot Jonathan Rinde rounded out the field.

In Advanced, we had the privilege of a real “classic”, Jim Oddino flying with us. Jim was a real pioneer in R/C and pattern, and many will recognize him as the writer of the “Radio Spectrum” column in R/C Modeler magazine for many years. Jim still competes in pattern, and was looking for something low key and fun. He found it in Classic! Paul Rinde and Donald Fox battled it out for second and third spots.

Masters class was once again battled out by Tony Frackowiak and Robert Fish. Lots of full throttle YS powered action saw Tony take the winning spot with his Phoenix 7.

As the third round was wrapping up, it was decided to call it at three, as we were beginning to see some big thermals sweep through the area, and the afternoon wind was making itself known. Here is how it all shook out:

Pre -Novice

1. Jean Greear
2. Jim Lueken
3. Bruce Tefteau
4. Marta Horvath
5. Jim Whitacre
6. Travis Tefteau

Novice

1. Chris Mahoney
2. Mike Whitacre
3. Jonathan Rinde

Advanced

1. Jim Oddino
2. Paul Rinde
3. Donald Fox

Masters

1. Tony Frackowiak
2. Robert Fish



At the end of the day, it was apparent that the goals had been met, and everyone had a very enjoyable time. The contest went smoothly with a relaxed pace. I want to thank everyone for jumping into the judge's chair; I had to call on a couple of folks more than once due to our large Pre-Novice pool. Thank you!



Special thanks go out to Jennifer Fish, the do-it-all lady, who did most of the scoring, handled lunch, and handed out the awards that she hand-made. Thanks again to Vic Anderson for sticking it out in the judging chair.

The day ended much as it had begun, but in reverse order. Airplanes shed their wings and disappeared into the cars that they came from. Groups of pilots sitting around in "bull sessions" reliving the day's events, and talking about the next one.....

Mission accomplished.

Gear up!!!



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* Membership Meeting *

October 1, 2015
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

* Board of Directors Meeting *

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