



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



Hi AVTI, what a whirlwind couple of months it has been. We had an Airshow in March and some great flying weather in April, between the windy days of course. Again, I have too many irons in the fire to keep up with updates. I am finishing up with school in June, so it will be more free time to work on projects.

I did have the opportunity to attend an Indoor Fun Fly put together by the Tehachapi Crosswinds. Mason Hutchison organized the event to coincide with the EAA Fly In.

This turned out to make an interesting evening. Typical attendees are NASA, Scaled Composites and TSC. For twenty bucks, flying until midnight, pizza, drinks and a couple of models for the build n fly and for fun.

Also, the NASA team participated with the Scaled Composites pylon racing that occurs twice a month at the Mojave Airport. This round had Burt Rutan visiting. It was certainly a lot of fun to hang with the guys.

I hope to see you guys at the meeting!!



Very beautiful and original Spitfire



Me sitting in my friend's CAF Hollywood Zero (T-28).

| AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS | |
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| May 5 | General Meeting WJF |
| June 2 7:00 PM | General Meeting WJF |
| July 7 7:00 PM 9 8:00 AM | General Meeting WJF Summer Heat Classic Pattern |



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

May 2, 2016

Hello AVTI members!

It's that time of year again! Time to send in your club renewals. You can either mail them or give them to any officer at the field. We are confirmed to have the field for this full membership period, so I hope everyone will renew. We may continue to receive extensions from Waste Management and the search for a new location is still ongoing.

I haven't been to the field as much lately. I've been busy with pattern, having attended two contests so far this year. Plus the winds have been really up the last few weeks, so I have been going to Bear Mountain some to get in the practice for pattern. Looks like good weather for the next few days so I'll be back at the field flying.

I'm sorry to report that our good friend to the club Jim McClain has passed. I always enjoyed Jim when he was at the field and I will surely miss him.

As I said, I was at two pattern contest this year. The first was in Orange County at their beautiful field. It was held on April 2nd and 3rd. We had a pretty good turnout of Team Tailwinds with Matt Griffitt placing 3rd in Intermediate. Jean Greear was 5th. Mike Greear won the Advanced class. Way to go Mike! I won the Masters class.

On April 15th, 16th and 17th The Bear Mountain Flyers held a pretty big contest. There were several fliers from around the country attending for a total of 35 pilots. Not quite as many Team Tailwinds pilots were

there but we still did pretty well. Matt Griffitt placed 5th in Intermediate. Masters was by far the largest class of the field with 19 and some very good pilots. I won the class and Robert Fish placed 8th.

On May 14th and 15th I am helping out the Riverside Radio Control Club again this year and will be CD'ing their pattern event. I hope we can get a good turnout from Team Tailwinds!

I have been asked a few times if the club will be doing anything concerning the latest FAA regulations. I have checked with the AMA and FAA registration is not required by them for membership or insurance coverage. Their position is that the club doesn't check your driver's license so no need to check for the FAA. So we feel that it is up to the individual to do what they feel they need to do.

Hope to see you at the field!

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General Meeting Minutes

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No Meeting Minutes Recorded for April Meeting

Barkley's Safety Tip

May 2, 2016



Hey guys!

Please keep a lookout for snakes! Last year around this time a few Mojave Green's were spotted at the field, and I sure don't want to run in to one of those! If you see one, please stay away! Pete Carbin is pretty good at handling and removing them from the field. So if he is around, let him know! Those things scare me!

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

ANTELOPE VALLEY TAILWINDS

BLOW

November 1969

Officers 69/70

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| President | Dale Ottomeir |
| V. Pres. | Jim Newman |
| Treasurer | Walt Sefic |
| Secretary | Ed Friend |
| Editor | Dan Harrison |



Meetings for December 1969
Wed., Dec. 10 and Dec. 24 - 7:30 P.M.

Meeting of November 12, 1969. Opened 7:30 Closed 8:45
Treasurer's Report: \$79.14 (New drum of fuel)
Attendance: Nine members.

Old Business: Discussion of coming contest to be held November 23, 1969.

New Business: None

A Reminder: Like the roses need a smeller,
Like the nightshirt needs a tail;
Like the old maid needs a feller,
Like the hammer needs a nail.

Like suspenders need a button,
Like oysters need a stew;
Everyone needs to pay his dues,
So, "Why the heck don't you?"

THEY'RE DUE DECEMBER 10 YOU KNOW!

No meeting November 26.

HAVE A NICE THANKSGIVING!

EDITOR'S CORNER:

After a two week delay for weather, we were able to have our contest Sunday, November 23, 1969 and after waiting for a good weather day to come along, that Sunday came up as one of the best days we have seen around these parts.

Seven contestants were on hand and, with thirty-four of us in the club, I think it's sad that so few of our membership come out to fly or even show up to root for those that do compete.

We saw some real sportsmanship when Dale Ottomeir withdrew from the contest to do a wing skin delamination. This kind of thought toward SAFETY is the thing that makes this writer believe the "MULLETS" don't have a chance.

Rather than to go into detail on how the various contestants did their thing, I'll just report the final scores:

1st Event - 2 spins, 2 loops, 2 rolls

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| 1st | Bernie Coleman | 38 secs. |
| 2nd | Dan Harrison | 46½ secs. |
| 3rd | Jim Schneider | 47 secs. |

2nd Event - Spot Landing

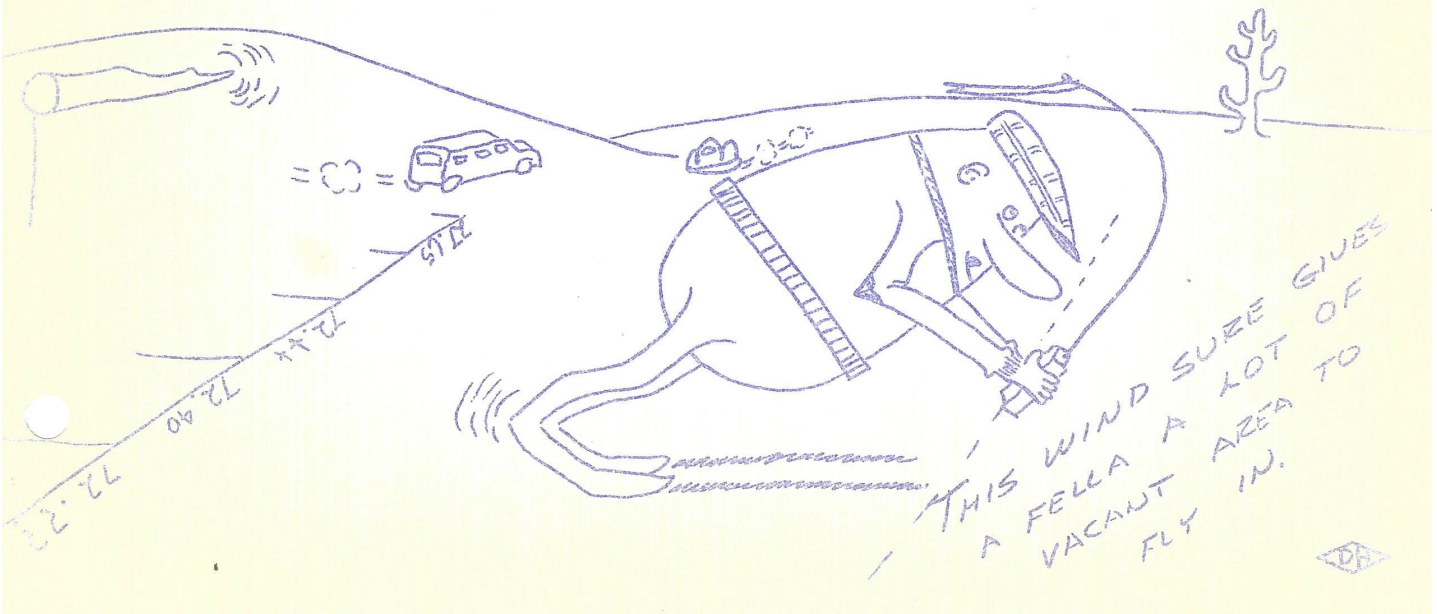
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| 1st | Dan Harrison | 2ft. 6in. |
| 2nd | Bill Russo | 4ft. 3in. |
| 3rd | Jim Schneider | 6ft. 9in. |

3rd Event - Duration

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| 1st | Dick Maguire | 2 min. 42 secs. |
| 2nd | Bill Russo | 2 min. 25 secs. |
| 3rd | Dan Harrison | 2 min. 23½ secs. |

Somehow the moon must have been in it's seventh house and Aquarius aligned with Mars because Dan Harrison got overall winner. (Just luck, Ed).

Thanks to Bernie Coleman, Bob McDonald and Al Grogan for all they did bringing the contest loose ends together.



WRITTEN BY A 10-YEAR OLD BOY

I want to be a pilot when I grow up because it's a fun job and easy to do.

That's why there are so many pilots flying today.

Pilots don't need much school, they just have to learn numbers, so they can read instruments.

I guess they should be able to read road maps so they won't get lost.

Pilots should be brave so they won't be scared if its foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off they should stay calm so they will know what to do.

Pilots have to have eyes to see thru clouds, and can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are closer to them than we are.

The salary the pilots make is another thing I like.

They make more money than they can spend.

This is because most people think plane flying is dangerous except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

There isn't much I don't like except girls like pilots and all the stewardesses want to marry pilots, so they always have to chase them away so they won't bother them.

I hope I don't get airsick because I get carsick, and if I get airsick I couldn't be a pilot, and then I would have to go to work.



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* Membership Meeting *

May 5, 2016
7:00 PM WJF Terminal

* Board of Directors Meeting *

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