



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



So far so good. March has proven a bit busy. I hope many of you were able to attend the Los Angeles County Airshow a couple of weeks ago. It was certainly well attended by the public on both days. Weather stayed a little cooler than normal which kept things comfortable. Despite the very strong winds on Sunday, all of the performers flew. We were certainly kept very busy in the NASA tent with many spectators who fielded great questions. It certainly was a great time.

I had the luck of meeting and speaking with Col. Joe Kittenger.

Just in case you did not know, Kittenger held the free-fall record up until rather recently with a jump from 102,800 feet on August 16, 1960. This was certainly an honor to speak with him. Kittenger shared many stories about his work and what he did. It was definite treat.

On April 14th, be sure to check out the Tehachapi Crosswinds Indoor Fun Fly at the Stu Whitt center on Mojave Airport. The cost is 20 bucks which includes pizza, drinks, a rubber powered airplane and some chuck gliders. I plan on attending. Until then, keep those wings level.



Derek's Mr. Mulligan, Howard DGA-6



Airshow photos from WJF Toweer

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 6 7:00 PM 14	AVTI General Meeting WJF Terminal Mojave Indoor Fun Fly
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May 4 7:00 PM	General Meeting WJF
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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.



General Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

Compiled by Derek Abramson

The Meeting was called to order by Tony Frackowiak. There were 11 members present.

Treasurer's Report was read and voted

Old Business:

- Great Christmas Party at Vince's. Full room.

New Business

- Generator is being installed in the Conex
- No updates if WM will delay the field closing by another year
- Renew your AMA Membership
- The Kern Valley Desert Search and Rescue presented their autonomous search aircraft.

Meeting was adjourned by a Majority vote at 8:00 PM.



Manny Duarte introduced Dennis Okeefe and Steve Cronk at the March Member Meeting. Both Steve and Dennis are members of the Kern County Desert Search and Rescue.

The team uses COTS (Commercial Off The Shelf) components for flight controls. The aircraft are fully autonomous using open source software. This includes a Ground Station which provides real time feedback to the flight crew. This information includes position, altitude, airspeed and groundspeed. All of the information is telemetered using 900MHz. Additionally, video is transmitted down using a 5.8GHz video link.

Currently, Steve is the only RC pilot for the SAR team. If you are interested in becoming an sUAS pilot, you will need to get certified by the FAA under part 107.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve at dunham.cronk@me.com, or you can shoot me an email at abramson.derek@gmail.com.



Treasurer's Report as of 1/5/17

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$272.81

Expenses since last Report - \$1,108.10

Vince's Reservation	\$(50.00)
Xmas Party Gifts - My payback	\$(444.17)
Meeting Awards	\$(25.00)
Mack - Generator	\$(488.93)
Aarow - Restroom thru 11/31/16	\$(100.00)

Checking Account Balance - \$7,262.71

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$28,913.33

Financial Assets Total is \$36,176.04

Total dues collected for 2016/2017, as of 1/5/17 - \$4,335.00

Membership Total for 2016/2017 - 58

Members not Renewed for 2016/2017 - 19

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Thanks!

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* Membership Meeting *

February 2, 2016
6:00 PM KWJF

* Board of Directors Meeting *

TBD Please See Website

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Annaliese Abramson behind the controls of an
NASA F-15