



TAILWINDS TAILS

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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



At least it is not hot yet, I hope between the winds and the heat, everybody has been able to hit the flying field for some fun.

On this long awaited issue of our great Newsletter, we have a contest report from Robert Fish, a nice write up by the Greear's travels to the South East, which included a stop at Triple Tree. Enjoy the photos that were provided by Robert and the Greears.

Waste Management has extended our field lease until 2020. This is great news as now we have another couple of years at our current location.

Unfortunately, the field has been vandalized again. Please keep an eye on things during the off hours. There is a new gate code. Please contact any of the BOD members for the new code.

Until then, keep those wings level!.



AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
July 7 7:00 PM	AVTI General Meeting WJF Terminal
August 2 7:00PM	General Meeting WJF WJF Terminal
September 6 7:00 PM	General Meeting WJF WJF Terminal



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

July 1, 2018

Hello AVTI members!

It's been a while since my last newsletter article. Sorry, I will try to do better in getting these out!

I have been busy the last few months practicing and going to pattern contests. I had won enough events in the Masters class to be qualified for the end of the year District Champs so I thought I would fly in the F3A class in a few contests. That got the old competitive juices flowing and I've been working at it harder then I had intended. Then I went to two contests in northern California so I had some weekends occupied with the travel and the event. It has been fun as I have won the two F3A events I entered but it has been a little more involvement then I had planned on doing. It has been a challenge but so far I have been enjoying it.

With all the wind we have been getting I haven't been out to the field as much as I normally do. But this Saturday and Sunday it was nice in the mornings and I was able to do some flying. Getting out to the field it was obvious we have some more members getting into FPV flying. This is a facet of the hobby that I have thoroughly enjoyed for the last few years and I'm glad some others are trying it. It really is a lot of fun and there are a lot of ways to enjoy it. Fixed wing models, sailplanes and quads all have their merits and can all be enjoyed once you have some of the basic FPV equipment. I love flying my modified Apprentice and just shooting touch and go's. It reminds of the full size flying I used to do. The race quads are also a blast flying through the course we have south of the container. I will probably never enter an actual race but flying fast and low through the course is still exhilarating. A few of us have started doing some fixed

wing FPV racing with the foam flying wings. This is also extremely fun and these models have been proving to be even tougher then the quads. If you are at all interested in getting in to FPV flying just come on out and take a look. The others and I flying FPV will be happy to answer any questions you might have. We can also put you on the headset so you can get a little taste of what it is all about.

We're going to hold a Vintage R/C meet on November 10th. This is basically a Fly-In using older design models. The Vintage Radio Control Society is the organizer for these types of events and we will be following their guidelines. To qualify a model must have been designed, kitted or published at least 35 years ago. So a lot of models we fly today can qualify. For more info you can check out the VRCS website at:

<http://www.vintagercsociety.org>.

Check it out!

Hope to see you at the field!

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2018 Classic Pattern Get-Together

By Robert Fish
West Coast Regional Director
Classic Pattern Association

Some people say that the best things in life are free. That may well be true in some cases, but I can say for sure that there are some wonderful things that do not cost much. One such thing was the 2018 Classic Pattern Get-Together, which was held on June 9th, 2018 at the Riverside Radio Control Club field in Perris, CA. What makes the CPGT different is that it is not a contest, but rather a “fly-in”. The idea was hatched eight years ago by a group of So. Cal guys, and has become a staple item in the classic pattern community here on the west coast. The weather was great. We had 21 entries, and everyone had an absolute blast.



This year saw the incorporation of the VRCS in a big way. There is a lot of cross over between the two groups. It turned out to be a good match. We had a nice mix of aircraft, with lots of flying, and best of all, no casualties! Cal Orr was there, letting pilots get some stick time (switch time?) flying his Reed Emulator. The Emulator allows you to experience several modes of control from the past. Tony Frackowiak brought his Esquire, featuring 2 flight modes, one for Class 1 and the other for Class 2. Some people were surprised that you could loop and roll with only rudder and throttle! It was enjoyable to see Vintage and Classic Pattern aircraft in the sky at the same time.

The Pilot's Choice award went to Tom McNicolas for his Immaculate Tiger Tail. OS .55 AX powered, it flies as great as it looks. Congrats Tom for a job well done. Tom received a plaque and a Sig Kobra kit as a prize. There were many very nice aircraft to choose from, it was kind of hard to narrow it down to one.

I want to thank the Riverside Radio Control Club for allowing us to take over their facility again, for the sixth year in a row. I also want to thank each and every one that came out and made the day possible. It has, and continues to be a privilege to CD an event which has brought me in contact with so many awesome people. Looking forward to next year already!

Gear up!



Hi all, I hope you are finding ways to stay cool. Mike and I just returned from a month long trip across the US. We started our trip with a stay in Phoenix for a few days visiting with friends and looking at property. Our next stop was at our daughter's place in Spartanburg, SC. While we were there we drove around looking for places to fly, but we found several places with locked gates. Back there if it's in the high 80's they don't fly.

One of the fields we found was built on a landfill and there are dangerous amounts of methane gas, and is closed for good. The runway had several dips in it making it difficult to get any speed needed to take off and the taxi ways looked like the banked turns on a NASCAR track. (see pic's) While driving around we paid a visit to the Triple Tree Aerodrome facility in Woodruff, SC and as luck would have it the gate was open. As we were driving thru I saw out of the corner my eye a sign saying something about Private Property. Oops... We drove down the long, tree lined



drive way in awe of the 7,000 foot grass runway, several gazebos, and out buildings. When we got out at the general store to take pictures, a gentleman came out from the back area, introduced himself and began telling us about the place. He told us the gate is normally closed but he was waiting on someone else when we drove in. He asked us if we wanted to drive down to the river and see the rest of the place, which we did. The newest thing they put up was an actual WWII control tower (see pic) that they had restored and is out on the far side of the runway. It was awesome to see. I wish I would have had my glider with me, I would have put up a flight! We did find a flying sight called the Campobello Flyers RC Club and was able to put up a couple of flights before a thunder storm rolled in. Mike had to break the canopy latch on the Kaos in order to get the battery out before the rain came down in buckets.



Our next stop was Oxford, NC to his sister and dad's place. There were no flying sites nearby but I did get brave enough to do some night flying in a 3 acre pasture lined with very tall trees. My first couple of flights I kept it higher than the trees, but by my last 2 flights I felt more comfortable and flew lower and was able to do a couple of circles within the tree line for my landings. Yes, it was a bit nerve racking and there was no damage to the Pawnee. While we were there we saw the project his dad has been working on. It's designed after a paper airplane he has been making and flying for as long as I can remember. Since there are no hobby stores close by that carried model building materials, he used his table saw and planer to create building material out of kiln dried 2x4s from Lowes. The overall dimensions are about 5ft by 3ft. (see pic) He started off by building a covered structure

and was hoping to be able to fly it, but with it weighing more than he thought it would, he then used the structure to build his skeleton around. Long story short, we ended up bringing it back with us and with the help of others, we are going to make a lighter version and get it flying.

After leaving Oxford, we headed to the Ashboro area to attend a family reunion on my mom's side. We stayed with family while we were there, yes we found a hobby store that carried canopy latches. Mike tried to install the new latch, but of course he didn't have everything he needed. Bummer... So off to the beach we went for a few days.

Next, we headed to Kingsport, TN for a family reunion on Mike's dad's side. We got there a couple of days early and found the Odom-Fennell Flying Field, Tri-City Model Airport, home of the JCRC club. Their field was also build on a land fill. The runway was recently rebuilt, and is already starting to develop waves down the runway. We were able to put up a few flights before the members were ready to leave. Mike taped the canopy on and was able to get in some flights. My Pawnee performed flawlessly. Lol We then started our trek home with one more stop over at my brother's in Bullhead City where it was 120 degrees when we arrived Thursday night, and a cool 90 when we left at 7:30 Friday morning.



All in all it was a great trip, but we were glad to get home. Now if the wind would stop long enough to get in some flying before we head to Oregon.



General Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018

Compiled by Derek Abramson

- The Meeting was called to order by Tony Frackowiak
 - There were nine members present
- Minutes were read by Derek Abramson
- Treasurer's report was read by Tony and voted

Old Business

- A vintage RC fly-in is scheduled for 10 November. Rules are published at <http://www.vintagercsociety.org>

New Business

- Voting for the Secretary and President commenced:
 - President: Tony Frackowiak
 - 8 votes, 1 abstain
 - Secretary: Derek Abramson
 - 8 votes, 1 abstain
- The field was again vandalized please contact Tony or any board member for the new gate code.
- Robert Fish is holding a Classic Pattern Meet on Saturday, 9 June 2018 at the Riverside RC Club
- The field was again extended by WM to 30 June 2020. Than you to WM for their support Mack Moffat has volunteered to edit the Newsletter. Over the next couple of months, we will Meeting was adjourned by a Majority vote at 8:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report

06.07.18

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$2953.32

Expenses since last Report - \$176.43

Mack - Field \$(16.43)

Arrowstar Restroom \$(160.00)

Checking Account Balance - \$11,678.98

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$29,779.53

Financial Assets Total is \$41,458.51

Total dues collected for 2018/2019, as of 5/3/18 - \$3,185.00

Membership Total for 2017/2018 - 45

New Members - 7

Members not Renewed for 2017/2018 - 26

Please note if you have not yet renewed, your membership expired on May 31, 2018. To be an Active AVTI member, which includes flying field privileges and voting rights you must renew your membership. There is also a Late Penalty of \$10 added if you do not renew by the July Meeting. You can renew here at the meeting, at the field with any club officer, or mail them to,

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Thanks!

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* Membership Meeting *

July 5, 2018
7:00 PM KWJF

* Board of Directors Meeting *

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