



TAILWINDS TAILS

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AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEP 2010 2 (7:30pm)	Monthly Meeting at Fox Airfield Lobby
OCT 2010 7 (7:30pm)	Monthly Meeting at Fox Airfield Lobby
NOV 2010 4 (7:30pm)	Monthly Meeting at Fox Airfield Lobby
DEC 2010 2 (7:30pm)	Monthly Meeting at Fox Airfield Lobby

NATS CHAMPION!



Tony F holding the plaque he won in Muncie and declaring him the Masters Pattern Champion

MODEL OF THE MONTH



Tony F describes his ParkZone Wildcat

Check out other clubs' events by visiting the following websites:

www.deserthawksrc.com; www.cvrcoaring.com
www.vccomets.com; www.sbrcm.org.

Remember to check the bulletin board at the field for an up-to-date calendar of events.

Member's contributions are welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I wish to thank Jean Greear for her continually outstanding support of the club through her detailed preparation of club meeting minutes. Thank you Jean!

Antelope Valley Tailwinds Inc.

AMA Charter #114

P.O. Box 302, Lancaster, CA 93584

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* Membership Meeting *

July 1, 2010

Thursday

7:30 p.m.

Fox Airfield Lobby
4555 West Avenue G
Lancaster, CA 93534

Visitors and guests are welcome.

* Board of Directors Meeting *

Jun 19, 2010

Saturday

11:00am

At the AVTI Airpark

A.V.T.I. Airpark
47500 Challenger Way (10th Street East)
between Avenues F and G
Lancaster, CA 93535

FIELD STATISTICS

Latitude: N 34° 44' 44"

Longitude W 118° 6' 32"

Elevation: 2326'

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roger_counts@roadrunner.com

A Message from the Vice-President



Hello Everyone;

We are all happy to have Roger back safe from his trip after we all missed having a newsletter last month. Thanks again to Roger for taking on that task. I was also gone at the end of July for a once in a lifetime fishing trip

that I won through Ford. We flew into Alaska and fished for 3 days where I caught some King Salmon and Halibut fish anywhere between 20 and 30lbs each. Catch me out at the field and I will be happy to share my fish story.

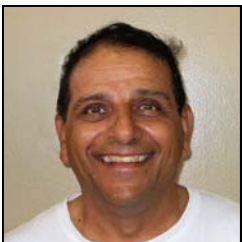
Back here at the field it was business as usual as the T-28 race encountered some wind issues and will have to be rescheduled for another date. Perhaps we will have better luck in the coming months as we make the shift into fall.

I have noticed a shortage of models of the month at the meetings lately and we would like to encourage everyone to plan ahead and see what your working on, getting ready to fly, or just recently required. I hope to see you all at the field in coming months as time allows and the wind plays nice.

Fly Safe!

Douglas Killebrew

Treasurer's Report



Checking Account Balance is \$6,180.48. AVTI Flying Field Facility Reserve Fund in Savings Account is \$12,064.25. Financial Assets Total \$18,244.73. Current 2010/11 Membership Total is 67 (9 new members).

Thanks to the membership for your prompt renewal. The total dues collected as of August 3, 2010 was \$4170.00. The amount is 22% less than last year but we have a total of 3 more members.

Club dues have been reduced for 2010-2011 year. The dues are; Open is \$75, Senior is \$50, and Junior is \$25.

Joe Dagata

Secretary's Report

(Minutes for August, 2010)



Meeting called to order by Club president Tony Frackowiak at 7:30 pm. Members present: 17 and one guest.

The treasury report given by Joe Dagata. Checking account \$6289.48; Field fund \$12064.25.

In accordance with the club bylaws, \$1060 will be transferred to the field fund from the checking account.

The report was accepted. The club has 69 current members with 9 new members this year.

The T28 races scheduled in July were blown out.

A work day is scheduled for Saturday Aug 14th at 8:00 am for general field clean-up and weed removal. Please bring rakes, shovels and weed wacker if you have one.

The Lancaster United Methodist Church as part of their Summer day camp, is having an Aerospace week Aug 31st to Sept 3rd. Roger Counts asked for any volunteers and is planning a day trip to the club flying field. All members are encourage to come out to display and fly as many different types of air-planes as possible. The exact date has not been set but is planned for Wednesday Sept 1st.

Doug Killebrew shared information of an all electric fun fly at Whitter Narrows field Aug 13/14/15. More information is on the AMA web page under events calender.

Tony Frackowiak is the 2010 Masters Pattern Champion. Tony talked about the event and the mid-air he had with another model during the event. The other model was an ONAS, the same as Tony's. There were only two ONAS models at the event and they hit. The damage was minimal and Tony was able to complete the flight and both models landed safely. Tony borrowed the wheel pant from the other model that was involved in the mid air to replace his that was damaged. That is true sportsmanship. Jerry Budd placed 6th in the Masters Pattern. There are more pictures and information on the AMA web page under the NATS tab.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Raymond Liles. The attendance drawing was won by Bob Sumoski.

Tony Frackowiak won the model of the month with a

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Park Zone Wildcat.

Don Chaffee brought in his Fat Albert/Noah's Ark airplane. It was made from fabric and has animals in each window. Don said it was thinking of using the animal waste to generate methane gas and make it a gas powered airplane. It is guaranteed to be crash prove. The model was made by a friend and given to Don for his 73rd birthday.

Don also brought in a model made from PVC drain pipe. This was left from the eight foot piece used to build his other PVC plane.

This one has a J3 cub wing and OS 46 engine.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Don Chaffee



Don C shows his 'Fat Albert/Noah's Ark



Don C describes his 'PVC drain pipe' airplane

Minutes of the July 2010 Meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by vice president Doug K. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

No treasurers report was given. 15 members present.

Newsletter:

If you have anything you would like to be in the newsletter mail it or e-mail it to Roger Counts by the 10th of each month.

Old Business:

Can someone "please" get the wind to stop blowing? Ok, with that said...

It was brought up that there needs to be a work party to re-covered the tables. It was discussed that maybe having them covered with sheet metal for better protection against fuel and weather.

Some of the members got together and knocked down the weeds that were taking over. Thank you very much.

Doug talked about some of his ideas he has used for hosting events and raising money at other fields. Maybe we can give them a try.

We now have access to indoor flying at the fair grounds.

New Business:

T-28 race will be held Saturday at 9 am. Any Park Zone stock, with no more than 30 batteries will be allowed to race.

August 7th is the fun fly / swap meet / BBQ at the field.

It was also mentioned that direction for the club needs to come from the board of directors.

Also brought up was that the club needs to develop special interests groups in scale, pattern, racing, etc. so members could learn more about a specific area. Working, competing, racing, helping one another could be very beneficial to all involved.

Raffle Drawings:

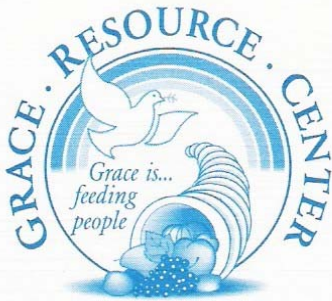
Attendance : Paul B..

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Jean Greear

~~~~ *Special Thanks* ~~~~

Our Thanks to the following businesses that made generous donations to A.V.T.I.  
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**600 East Avenue F**  
**Lancaster, CA 93535**



### **REMINDER**

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



### What's the weather at the field?

Don't forget you can view  
the weather at the field  
through the A.V.T.I. web-  
site ([www.avti.org](http://www.avti.org)) or at  
[www.wunderground.com/  
US/CA/Lancaster.html](http://www.wunderground.com/US/CA/Lancaster.html)



Visitor John A assembles and discusses his foam electric



**PHOTOS  
FROM  
THE  
SWAP  
MEET  
ON  
AUGUST  
7TH**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Well, it was a busy July for me. I prepared for and then competed in the U.S. Nationals in Masters pattern. It was a very long grueling trip but I'm happy to say I was again able to win the class. I had a mid-air in the last round of the preliminaries, but fortunately the damage was minor. I was able to repair the model and win 2 of the three rounds of the Finals, despite a deadstick in the first round. Like I say, it was a lot of work!

I was unable to attend the T-28 race, but I understand it was blown out. Seems to happen all too often here in the Valley.

The Swap Meet went reasonably well. Not a whole lot transferred hands but it was fun to meet everyone. We weren't able to hold the barbecue, but maybe next time.

We are tentatively scheduling a Cub Scout Rocket launch at the helicopter area on August 28<sup>th</sup>. It should have no real impact on normal activities at the runway. This isn't 100% sure yet, so it may not happen. But if this one doesn't I hope we can do others in the future.

We are going to have a work part this Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, to finish cleaning up the weeds on the field. Thanks to Don Chaffee for scraping the parking lot and what areas he could get to. We just need to clean up the infield and we should be good. If you have a weed trimmer please bring it out.

There will be no Board meeting this month.

Hope to see you at the field!

*Tony Frackowiak*

*Editor's note: My apologies to Tony for not getting his comments into the newsletter prior to its initial publication.*