

# The Comets Tale



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*Editorial contributions are always welcome.*

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:30 PM**

**At the Oak View Community Center**

**Upcoming  
Events:**



**April 22; Fun Fly & BBQ**

**May 20; Electric Fly & Glow-power**

**June 17; Quaker Fun Fly & Ballon Drop**

**President's Message:**

On the Saturday following our monthly meeting (April 22), we will be hosting our first event of 2017. We are doing a fun fly, swap meet, hot dog and hamburger lunch (\$10). We have also added an auction of flying gear and planes donated by long time member Andy Brennan. It should be a fun filled day with the opportunity to add some additional gear to your flying and building inventory. So drag out that old gear you never use, fill your pockets with money and bring along your favorite plane for the fun fly.

On the weekend of 8 April, a number of flyers from the San Diego area visited our field and had a great weekend of flying, although the weather on Saturday was a bit rough. Steve Gebler from San Diego coordinated the event and is also a member of the Comets. As a way of saying thanks, Steve and the guys hosted a hamburger and hot dog lunch, and made a very generous contribution of \$200 to our treasury. Steve and the San Diego Gang have made similar visits over the past few years, and we always enjoy their company and good spirits. Below is a photo of the Gang.

I hate to sound like a broken record but we still have problems with not securing the field. On either Sunday or Monday the 26th or 27th of February, whoever was last flying at the field left the impound board open, the wind sock and pole up, and all the gates open, unlocked. All of this was discovered when the field was opened early in the morning on Tuesday the 28th. We were very fortunate that everything was left in place and nothing was ripped off. Please don't assume the other guy is going to close everything up. If there is another flyer using the field when you leave and you have not seen them before, make sure they are a club member and will secure the field when they leave. If they are not a member, inform them that you must secure the field and they must move their car outside of the locked gate. The Board sincerely appreciates your diligence and support on this important matter.

Safe flying,, George Boston, President



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## Meeting Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by President George Boston at 7:30 pm.

Guests and new members:

Dan Cordell introduced himself. He said he is an old member and is a current member and is getting reinterested in the hobby. Welcome back Dan.

Dan McCarin and son Brian introduced themselves and stated that they were going to join the club tonight. Welcome Dan and Brian.

February meeting minutes:

Minutes for February were approved by the members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer T.J. Moran. We had some small misc. expenses and had a good amount of income due to mostly membership dues being paid. T.J. stated that the membership stands at 78 paid members and if the McCarins join tonight it will stand at 80.

## **Safety:**

Safety Officer George Lanquist was not present:

No problems were noted by the members except that the geese are now present and roaming around so be careful.

Pres. G. Boston stated that he visited the Park Rep. and they said that drones are becoming a possible problem. (not from our club but from park guests) The Park is probably going to adopt a policy regarding drones & will probably ask for the Comets input. (such as AMA & FAA Registration)

Park Liason:

Park maintenance has graded the parking lot & filled holes in the entrance – we thank them as it is much needed. It was reported that John Duggin dug a drainage ditch. (Thanks John)

## **Old Business:**

Dave Fishman gave a description of the auction we had at the February meeting. He said it went very well and the club netted about \$500. The contributors to the auction were:

Vince Massa

Alastair Brennen

Dan Harding

## **New Business:**

T.J. gave a synopsis of a group from San Diego who are coming to our field to fly as guests & they will put on a BBQ as a thank you. They will be here Thursday thru Sunday and at the field on April 8th.

The April 22nd will be a fun fly instead of a float fly. There will be a BBQ and Pres. George will ask for volunteers.

Bo Hammer presented an award plaque to T.J. Moran for “back to back” glow plug blow-outs.

## **Raffle:**

No raffle this meeting as D & M Nash were under the weather and not present.

Announcement by Ron Scott:

Float Fly at Castaic Lake on April 9th and September 20ish at the “lower lake”

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Lynn Breedlove

Secretary





Photos by: Steve Gebler

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