

The Comets Tale



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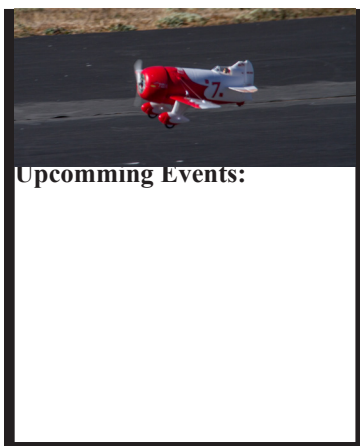
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Next Meeting:

Thursday, **January 16, 2020 7:00 PM**

At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

President's Message:

Happy 2020 everybody. Hard to accept that we have already gone through our second decade since the turn of the century. How fast those years go by. 2019 was a flash for me. But looking back it was a good year for the Comets. Virtually all of our scheduled events at the field were well attended. We improved our attendance at the business meetings by switching to an every other month schedule, dropping the raffle and replacing it with pizza and sandwiches. We devoted many hours working hard to improve our flying site. Thanks to our elected officers, and all of the volunteers who contributed their time and energy to making our club the viable and healthy

organization it is! Also, a big thanks to Dave Berthiaume for putting together and publishing the Tale, and Don Sorensen for maintaining and publishing our Web Site. Our membership has remained about the same as past years and our treasury is in excellent shape.

We had our last scheduled event for 2019 in November. It was a fun fly and well attended with all of the flight tables full and everybody having a great time. Lunch, thanks to Mike and Steve Steinmetz, was outstanding as always and we didn't have any major mishaps or crashes. The weather cooperated and it was great to be out at the field enjoying each others company before the end of the year. Attached to this month Tale are pictures of the day, and as you can see there are many smiling faces.

We had our Christmas Party on December the 19th. The food was outstanding with all attending eager to share the holiday spirit. Many members won great gifts with their names being drawn through the annual raffle. We also did a special raffle for all the guests attending the party competing for a \$50 cash prize, contributed by the Club. Christmas is a very busy time of year for many of us with family commitments, preparing for the holiday and competing work priorities. It's unfortunate that we all can't be together for our party, but I certainly understand why this not a realistic goal. For those that attended thanks for your participation, and outstanding food. For those that couldn't attend, you missed out on a GREAT time.

Our next meeting is set for the 16th of January at 7pm. We will be discussing our 2020 event schedule and initiatives underway at the field. There will be pizza and Sub Way sandwiches for all with coffee and soft drinks, or bottled water. Don't forget that at each of our business meetings we will have a table dedicated to setting out flying and building stuff, FREE FOR THE TAKING, that is no longer needed by the membership. I hope to see you there.

On a final note I need to ask for your help with keeping the meeting room clean of food or other debris that fall on the floor. The room use fees do not cover special janitorial services to clean up with mopping the floor after our meetings. If there is a mess, we have to clean it up or jeopardize our access to the facilities.

Safe flying,
George Boston, President

Meeting minutes - November 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by President George. There were 23 members present.

The previous meeting's minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved after a review of the figures.

The club was reminded to pay their dues for 2020.

George L's boat was transferred to the club. The boat trailer will be done separately and will be done next.

Safety Officer had no news, which is good news. The club did discuss the order of operations should an accident occur and that is call 911 first followed by the front gate.

The Park Liaison added, if there is a personal incident (unruly park guest, etc.) call the Park Rangers for them to deal with the situation.

The front gate/Ranger contact number is 805-649-2233 Ext. 6

The additional storage shed was approved by the Lake management. The club needs to prep the site first and plan to do this "after January 1". Once the site is prepped the shed can be delivered in 2-3 days.

The committee for drones was to address concerns of the activity of people wanting to fly drones at the Comet's field and the Lake. This has become a non-issue as no people, other than club members, have come to fly drones. The lake policy is to have drone pilots fly under the Comets' supervision.

As a reminder, club members that fly rotor craft must sign a waiver.

Magazine holders were added to the fence for giveaways to the public/guests

New benches have been installed under the canopy. Thanks to Greg N, George B and Dave F for procuring and installation.

Oil Museum display in Santa Paula will end this month. Alastair reported that there was lots of interest on Nov. 1, "First Sunday". The simulator was used continuously by kids and adults during the time he was there.

Fun fly / Swap Meet / BBQ will be November 23

Club Staff: VP Bernie and Safety Officer Dennis will stay on; their terms were up this year.

Christmas party will be December 19 at 7 pm. There will be no business, no model of the month, yet there will be a no-fee raffle and potluck. Members must be present to win the raffle prizes.

The meeting attendees enjoyed the first, "bring your stuff to giveaway" event (?). A lot of club members brought planes, parts, tools, etc., that they did not want anymore. The club plans to continue this each month.

Model of the Month:

Alastair brought a Firecracker. The club racer designed by Club member Bob Root. Powered by an O.S. 25, the plane weighs just a bit over four pounds. Paint scheme is based on a character from the movie "Planes".

**Respectfully,
Alastair**

Model of the Month:



**Club Giveaway (Free
Stuff)**



Christmas Party:

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TJ became the clean-up guy after the party.



TJ, Greg, Jack and Bo aka "The Racers" On a beautiful day at the field January 7, 2020.

Photos from November 2019 "Fun Fly"













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