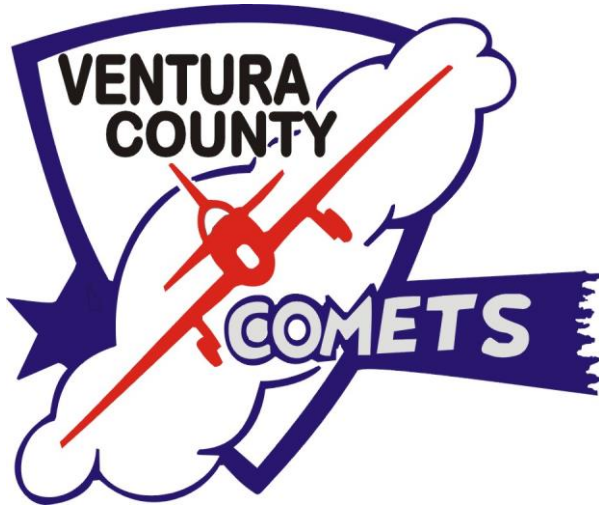


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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, January 19, 2023, 7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting
at the Oak View Community Center**



Upcoming Events:
TBD

President's Message:

The Rain is finally here. It is a double edge sword. We need the rain bad but... we like to fly. I'll personally take the rain. As of this morning 1-9-23, I think Lake Casitas has come up 5-6 feet. That's great. But it's raining like heck right now, as I write this letter.

The Christmas party turned out well due to TJ having locked that Thursday night on the meeting room. Special thanks to Dave S. for his performance at the Party. Next year we have two dates for the Christmas party to be at the Lake. If the first date is rained out we can defer to the alternate date. It will be in the Event calendar Ron Scott is putting together. That will be out in February.

Just a quick note on membership, dues are due. So far we only have 38 members up to date. Please send TJ a check so he can get you the new card for this year. The lock combination changes the 1st of March.

We have a lot of events coming up this year. We will have a Fun Fly / Warbird / Glider day / EDF Jet day alternating every month starting February. Every event will include a barbeque and swap meet so get those planes and supporting equipment out of your hangars that are collecting dust. We will have competitions (to be discussed) and raffles at each month's event. Also Santa Barbara club will be hosting several Float Fly' events with all this rain at Lake Cachuma. Hope to see a lot of support from all of you at all the events. Thanks in advance.

Dave Strassman was elected into the Vice President spot for our Club (Comets Club). Thanks Dave. He will be running the January meeting (Jan. 19th) with all the usual Pizza, Sandwiches and cookies. Food is at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

Meeting Minutes:

The gathering started with the usual pizza and sandwiches at 7:00.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by President Mike. We had a couple guests from one of the other local R/C clubs, The Camarillo Flying Circus. New members Roger and Dan , from the Camarillo Flying Circus as well were introduced.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer reported was that "money is good" and summarized this on the accounting board. We are wrapping up the year with 83 members.

We will plan an inspection of the runway in March 2023. This will be the 2-year mark of the new runway paving and the time the paving company suggested we review and consider re-sealing.

Safety Officer Report: Do the "Trust" certificate (<https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>). Ensure you have the FAA number on the outside of your aircraft.

Park Liaison: All's well. One member asked if we could camp at the flying field. George will ask the Lake staff.

New Business

Sam, one of the guests from the Camarillo Flying Circus spoke about the troubles their club is facing; noise issues with the neighbors and brought up how he would like to get the local clubs together to advocate for the model aviation hobby. Currently their club has a Facebook page and Sam suggested putting together a show and tell at the Commemorative Air Force in Camarillo.

The Christmas party is set for Dec 10th. BBQ lunch at the field. It will be the same as what we did last year. The event also includes fun-fly and swap meet. \$10 for lunch, which is half of the expected cost (The club pays the other half). You need to RSVP. Prez. Mike will send reminder emails. The Christmas party will include giveaway. Mike will tend to this as well.

The club needs a VP. Ron Golding took over for Bernie Hammer the last few months, yet we need to a permanent officer (and Ron has declined). Expect an email from Mike looking for VP candidates.

Model of the Month

TJ repaired a 20 year-old Nan Models Spider. The aircraft (nanamodels.com) are made in Bulgaria. This model has a 100 1/8" (~2.5M) wingspan, uses a 4-cell pack and draws about 60A. Build from carbon fiber and Kevlar, ready to fly it weighs 4lb 10oz.



The meeting adjourned at 8:15

Christmas/Holiday Swap Meet and Dinner Photos

