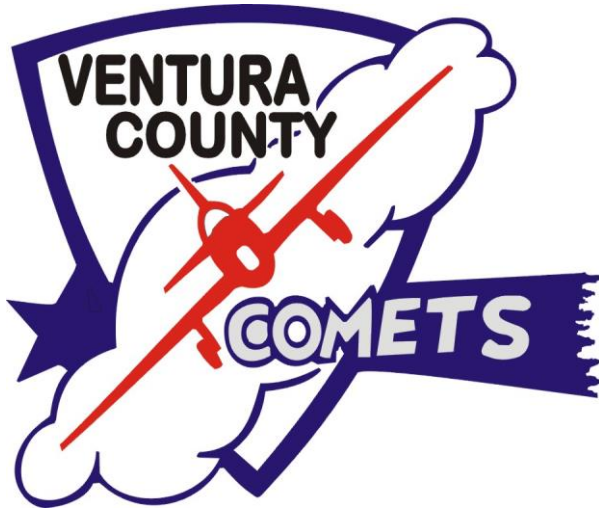


The Comet's Tale



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 18, 2024,

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

Well, this is the time of year to build those kit planes you got for Christmas, or have stashed in your garage, and you have a couple months to prepare your float planes for our upcoming Float Fly in April. We have flying events every month, except August, so there are opportunities for all types of planes to compete in our fun fly events.

I look forward to getting to know all of our club members, and encourage you to bring a friend or family member to one of our weekend fun fly and BBQ events. I would like to hear your ideas on how we can grow our club with new members, young and old.

Our first club meeting is Thursday, Jan. 18th at the Oak View Community center. Food at 7:00, meeting at 7:30, so please attend. We will review our 2024 calendar of events and start planning for the April float fly.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year,

Jeff Hall

Meeting Minutes:

The November meeting was called to order at 7:30; after the usual dinner of pizza and sandwiches. There were 16 members in attendance.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report. We made a few bucks from the float fly. The member count is 83. Funds are in good standing.

Float fly Summary: The preregister idea for the float fly worked well. We had 47 pilots for the weekend. We still have club T-shirts available. They are \$25 each.

Safety officer reminds us that the FAA cards expire in Dec/Jan. You need to re-up, they are good for 3 years.

Our FRIA, that was approved a few weeks ago is good for 4 years.

New business:

Christmas party is Dec. 10th. Cost per guest is \$10, catered by Marshall's BBQ. We plan to do it at noon at the flying field. We plan to have prizes at the lunch. President Mike will get these

2024 event calendar is being worked on. The club plans to have one event each month. Including 2 float flys (April and October) is we can work this out.

We voted in (agreed-to) Jeff Hall to become the new club President, effective Jan 2024

The field was mowed - Thanks to TJ Jeff, John D, Greg and Bob R.

We need to consider sealing the runway.

Upcoming event is the EDF fly (Nov. 18)

Meeting adjourned at 8:03

T.J.'s Tips

When assembling a balsa wood model, sometimes we end up with an undesirable gap between 2 pieces. Household baking soda and thin CA can make an excellent filler for this issue. The left container is a repurposed squeeze bottle used to dispense the baking soda. Fill the gap with baking soda, wipe off the excess with your finger or whatever is appropriate, and drip thin CA on the joint. The baking soda seems to set off the CA quite quickly, so make sure the parts are where you want them before dripping on the CA. The CA will make a hard point versus the surrounding balsa wood - - so be careful sanding the joint.



Christmas lunch and fun fly.

Photos Courtesy of Ken Hanson:









Upcoming Events

Jan. 20, Jet Fly (EDFs only, no turbines), other non-EDF planes welcome, & BBQ at the **Comets**

Feb 24, Warbird Day, with swap meet and BBQ

Comets Events Calendar 2024

January

18th -Comets Club Meeting 7:00 PM Pizza & Subs at Oak View Community Center

20th - Fun Fly and EDF Jet day (no Turbines) and BBQ, at Lake Casitas

February

24th - Warbird Day, Swap meet and BBQ, at Lake Casitas

March

21st - Comets Club Meeting 7:00 PM Pizza & Subs at Oak View Community Center

23rd - Glider fly Event, 2 contests, BBQ at Lake Casitas

April

19th-21st - Lake Casitas Float Fly

May

16th - Comets Club Meeting 7:00 PM Pizza & Subs at Oak View Community Center

18th - Quaker day, Balloon drop, BBQ and Swap Meet

June

22nd - Warbird Day, BBQ

July

18th - Comets Club Meeting 7:00 PM Pizza & Subs at Oak View Community Center

27th - Glider fly Event, 2 contests, BBQ

September

6th-8th - Lake Casitas Float Fly

19th - Comets Club Meeting 7:00 PM Pizza & Subs at Oak View Community Center

October

12th - Fun fly and EDF Jet Day (no Turbines) BBQ, and Swap meet

November

16th - Quaker day, Balloon drop and Limbo. BBQ

21st - Comets Club Meeting 7:00 PM Pizza & Subs at Oak View Community Center

December

14th - Christmas Party at Lake Casitas

Club dues are due... you know what to do.

Club Facebook Page: [Comets RC Club and Airfield at Lake Casitas](#)

