

The Comets Tale



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, **July 19, 2018 7:30 PM**

At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

July 21, 2018: War Bird Fun Fly, BBQ and Swap Meet

President's Message:

Happy belated 4th of July everybody. I hope you had a fun and safe holiday. It was a warm day here in Ojai with temps in the low 90's. Up until the 6th we have had foggy/overcast mornings, great for flying. Just a little wind in the afternoon, but great mornings. Then beginning on the 7th the temps shot up big time with highs in the 105+ range.

Our next event is scheduled for the 21st of July. It's our annual War Bird Fun Fly, BBQ and Swap Meet. Mike and Steve Steinmetz will be cooking up some great tasting hamburgers, and hot dogs with all the fixings. Hopefully the temps will cool down and it won't be too hot for the fun fly. We will get going around 8:30 and hopefully we will have a good number of flyers. If you don't have a war bird to fly, no problem, bring what you have and join in on the fun. Also, don't forget about the swap meet. Drag out all of that stuff that has been gathering dust and doesn't get much use, put a price on it and bring it out to the field.

Last month we conducted the Quaker Fun Fly and Balloon Drop. This was the second consecutive year that unfortunately we had poor turnout with only a couple of flyers competing in the Balloon Drop. Also, there were only three Quakers at the field. I will put this event on the agenda for discussion at the July meeting suggesting that we drop this event from the schedule. We don't have that many members flying Quakers anymore and even fewer flying planes with bomb bays for dropping water balloons. Perhaps we can come up with an alternative event that would generate more interest and participation. I want to note that the photos in this month's Tale were taken by Ron Scott at the Balloon Drop.

I want to extend an apology to all the members who attended last month's meeting on behalf of Tracy Dott, our guest speaker who failed to show up. She sent an email to me the evening of the meeting with a sincere apology saying that she had an unexpected conflict that kept her from attending. As I am sure you all know there are a number of major wildfires burning in Northern Cal and I have noticed that there are no fire fighting helicopters positioned at the National Forest Fire Station across from our field on Hwy 150. I will bet that she has been reassigned to one of those fires, along with the firefighting aircraft. I sent a response to her email, extending another invitation to attend any of our future meetings when her schedule permits. I have yet to hear back from her.

I hope you are getting in some flying time at the field, and I look forward to seeing you at the monthly meeting on July the 19th.

Safe flying, George Boston, President

MINUTES of the May, 2018 MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Club President, George Boston at: 6:58 PM

New Members & Guests:

Four guests were introduced to the attending membership. All were family of club members. 27 members were in attendance.

May, 2018 Meeting minutes:

The May meeting minutes were approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: (T.J. Moran)

T.J. presented the treasurer's report, income and expenses. Most significant was that the treasury remains in good shape.

Club membership stands at 85.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership present.

Safety Officer Report: (Dennis Finegold)

George Boston related an incident where a Quaker crashed close to the taxiway. George reminded everyone flying to be careful and aware of your aircraft especially when close to the runway and taxiways.

Park Liaison Report: (George Boston)

One additional guest was Joe Evans who is the senior Ranger for Lake Casitas. Mr. Evans related how good the relationship between the Lake Staff and the Comets has become. He stated how happy he was about this relationship and that the Comets were at the Lake. Reviewed the form for flying electrics at the field.

Old Business:

George Boston reported that the “electric fun fly was poorly attended.

New Business:

The new AMA rules for 2018 are now posted on the shed at the field. FAA rules (regarding RC Acft.) are now back in effect. There has been a need for a new shed as the current one has no more room. A request was presented to the lake to install a new shed and it was approved.

The June meeting is the semi-annual food fest and Boccali`s Pizza and drinks were provided by the club. Somehow it all disappeared. Good stuff.

Model of the Month:

No “Model of the Month”

Raffle:

Also June is the mid-year raffle where the members don`t have to buy tickets. The tickets are the ones that members put their name on when they attend a meeting. The member whose ticket is drawn has to be present to win and the raffle prizes are extra good.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:10 PM







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