

The Comets Tale



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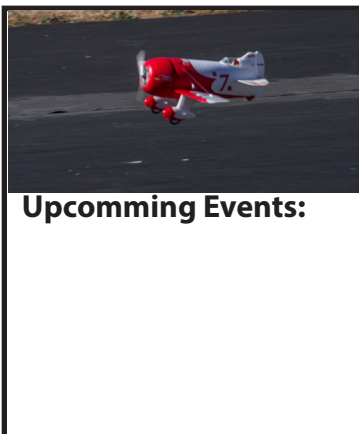
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Next Meeting:
Thursday, **July 15, 2021**
At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

Presidents Message:

I just returned from a two-month vacation chasing trout, fly fishing in the Eastern Sierra. Oh, how wonderful to be retired. I sincerely feel sorrow for all you mortals who still have to check in to get that weekly paycheck. Hang in there, you too will ultimately get to Nirvana. I just got back out to the field today (7/8) and everything looks great. I flew my Quaker to clear out the cobwebs, and it was like riding a bike, you never forget, thank goodness

I sincerely hope all of you and your family members have come through this pandemic crisis healthy and prosperous. My immediate family made it through, but both my son, and son-in-law lost their jobs, but have since got back to work.

It's been a huge burden with childcare, stay at home school/distance learning, and just dealing with everyday life. What's most important is nobody in our family got the bug, and we are all healthy. I hope the same can be said for you and your family? For the Club, the good news is we can resume our business meetings, and gatherings out at the field. The county health officer has lifted the restrictions on social gatherings/meetings and we now can finally resume our bi-monthly business meetings at the Oak View Recreation Center. It's been a full one and one-half years since our last meeting, held Jan 2020.

The Club continues to prosper, and much has been accomplished in the past 16 months. Beyond general/on-going maintenance out at the field, we stood up a new storage shed with TJ doing an outstanding job coordinating the installation of the new shed, reorganizing all the stuff in both sheds and constructing a work bench with a good cadre of donated tools. We acquired through a very generous donation a virtually new riding tractor. The lake maintenance crew graded the parking lot and filled in all the potholes in the access road, although it already is looking pretty poor again. We acquired a large number of fire extinguishers and recharged the ones we had. We executed a 14-month project with removing the geotextile fabric covering the runway, raised a little over \$30,000, and repaved all the old asphalt with a new cap 1.5" thick, including new paint striping. If you haven't seen the field since the repaving project, you will be amazed with its appearance. We now have a first-class flying site, probably the best in Ventura County.

During the paving project our interface with the lake staff was excellent with their proactive support and involvement. Our original plan called for the rental if a paint striping machine. When they reviewed the plan, they volunteered the use of their striping machine they use for maintenance within the park. Their generosity saved us approximately \$300 in rental fees. We are so fortunate to have their continued support and sincere interest in our projects.

Our next business meeting is set for Thursday 15 July. As we have in the past, we will begin at 7PM with pizza, Sub Way sandwiched and cold drinks. We plane to start the business meeting shortly thereafter and will try to wrap it all up between 8:30 - 9PM. We need to go over requirements established by the FAA and the AMA for all recreational pilots to complete mandated testing. I am going to recommend that we schedule a fun fly during the month of August, with hosting a hamburger and hotdog lunch. We also need to cover general business issues and have an open forum of topics members want to address. So, I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. I look forward to us getting together once again and sharing what has happened in our lives over the past 16 months. See ya on the 15th. Safe flying,

George Boston, President

Tresurers Report: Will be given at the meeting.



**Photo's from the
past: Float Fly 2014**





**Lake McSwain Float Fly
September 23, 2016**

**Comets Fun Fly and BBQ
April 22, 2017**



Editors Note: I wish I could be at the July meeting but have committed to this trip in 2020. I hope to be there in August for the Fun Fly & BBQ.. I look forward to reconnecting to all my friends in the club as this 16 months has been difficult in so far as real communications on a personal level. I hope everyone stays well.