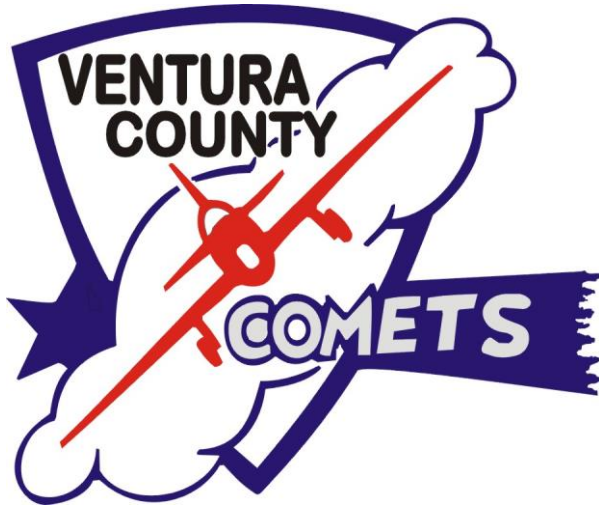


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Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

The June gloom is gone and it has been beautiful at the lake. I returned from my 3rd RV trip in 2 months, so I'm back. Weather, such as tornados, quick moving massive thunder storms, and tennis ball sized hail made us shorten my trip; did not enjoy that back East weather. By contrast, a bad day in California is clouds. Well enough of me.

Thursday night the 13th is our next meeting at the rec center in Oak View. At this month's meeting we will start the planning for our September 22-24 float fly. I am looking for ideas or if you want to be involved in the planning, please come to the meeting. We will need a lot of volunteers for manning the flight line and selling tickets and shirts to set up and tear down. The September meeting falls on the night before we have the member fly day on the lake (Friday Sept. 22nd). So we need to talk about that

also. It is going to be a two-fold event. Fund raising for the club, and wonderful flying off our almost full lake for people from all over California. I can't wait.

July 22nd is our War Bird Day at the lake; this coming Saturday. There will be a BBQ and Swap meet also. I will send an email to remind everyone next week of the event. Dust off those birds and bring them to the field. The Balloon drop event went off well last month, as did the glider fun fly day in May. Thanks to all my helping officers and BBQ men.

Last but not least I am looking for people to help mow, weed whack and blow at the field next week. Call, text or email me if you are interested in helping. I think we are doing it July 17 in the morning.

The next meeting is this Thursday; pizza and sandwiches at 7:00, meeting at 7:30, see ya there.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting started at 7:33 ...after pizza and sandwiches

Secretary Alastair lead the meeting as both President-Mike and VP-Dave were out traveling, and Ron Golding filled in as Meeting Minutes Scribe.

Meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's report was approved

Safety officer reminded us to continue to use restraints and suggested that your name/address/phone number is on/in your plane. Safety Officer-Greg had recently lost a plane and a fisherman found it and contacted Greg to meet him and pick up the plane.

Park Liaison reported that the entry road to the field will be reviewed by the lake staff in June.

Old Business

The combo to the field has changed; if you are locked out you need to pay the dues.

The Warbird fun fly was considered a success, fun and food had by all that showed up.

New Business

Float Fly has been sanctioned (authorized) with the AMA. There will be a notification is in the AMA magazine I the calendar of events. We plan to have a BBQ, raffle and swap meet at the event. The plan is to have it at campground G and the expectation is to have camping (RVs) at the flying site. Details are still being worked on.

There is a glider fly this weekend (May 20) which will include a BBQ and swap meet. The fan-favorite Balloon drop event will be in June.

Field maintenance took place May 15. Seven members pitched in to help and the word from the others is the place looks great.

Comet member, Dave F's wife, Clarissa, is writing an article for "California 101 Travelers Guide" and plans to interview a few Comets' members regarding the flying club.

We had a fair amount of giveaway stuff at the meeting. Some stuff found a new home.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Thanks to Ron G for the meeting minutes.

TJ's Tips

Snaking a servo lead through a finished wing can sometimes seem like an impossible task. A hardware store purchase of about 3 or 4 feet of ball link chain can be very useful. Attach a piece of light cord to one end, and feed the other end through the wing. I usually start with the wing standing vertically with the servo cutout up. Shake the wing mildly, and the end of the chain will find the path (holes) through the wing, and eventually come out at the root. Tie the servo lead connector to the cord end, adding a little masking tape to keep the connector from hanging up as it snakes through the wing.

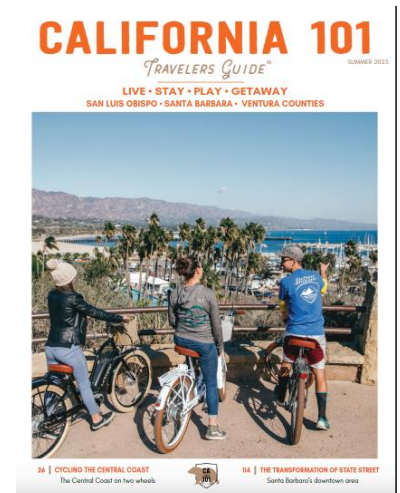


Comets in Print

The magazine article mentioned in the minutes was recently published. California 101 Travelers Guide. The link below should open to the article, within the magazine.

https://issuu.com/ca101guide/docs/ca101tg_su23_slo-sb-vta_issuu1/58

If you want a hard copy, look around town, they are available, I found mine at Jim and Rob's.

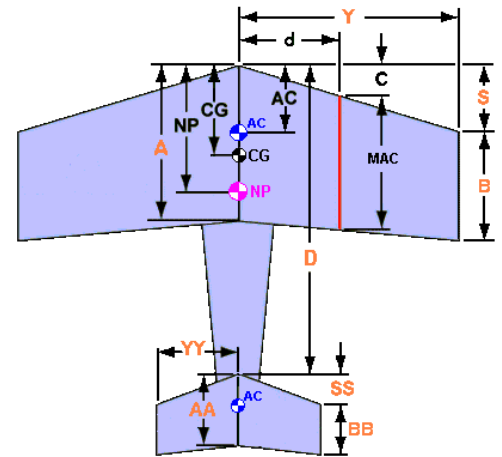


Miscellaneous

You folks ever inherit a plane, or find one at a swap meet or fab something up and wonder where the CG is? There are some CG calculators on line. You take a few measurements and the math is done for you. I have used these a few times and the plane flew OK. This one gives you stall speed in MPH and KPH:

https://rcplanes.online/cg_calc.htm

Search for “rc airplane cg calculator” on line for others. I found one for a canard too.



Upcoming Events

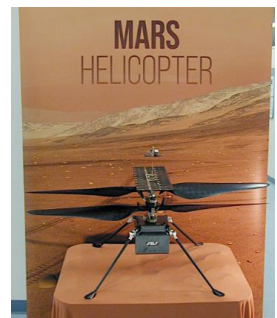
Warbird day, July 22-24

Indoor flying with Mars Copter (Simi Indoor Flyers), July 22nd from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Main Gymnasium, Rancho Santa Susana Recreation Center, Simi Valley

Mars Copter demos starting at 8:00pm

Matt, one of the designers and project manager for the Mars Copter “Ingenuity” will fly the “Earth version” of the copter



Float Fly at Lake Casitas, September 22-24

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

