

The Comets Tale



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Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, **May 16, 2019 7:00 PM**

At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

**May 18, 2019 Glider Fun-Fly
Lake Casitas**

**June 22, 2019 Quaker Fun
Fly & Baloon Drop Lake
Casitas**

President's Message:

Hello all. We had one of the best attended April fun flies of all time last month. Every table was full of planes and other equipment. It has been many years since we have hosted an event where all the flight tables were occupied. And the weather did not cooperate as I was led to believe it would listening to the weather reports earlier in the week. In fact the weather was excellent on Friday, and was lousy on Saturday. At one point we had to stop flying for an hour or so because of the drizzle that was coming down. But we all made the best of it and I think everybody had a good time.

There were a good number of fliers that brought planes and other stuff for the swap meet and I know of at least two guys that walked away with additions to their flying inventory. And as always, Mike and Steve Steinmetz did an outstanding job preparing lunch. The hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings were delicious, and there weren't many leftovers. Once again, Mike and Steve deserve a big thank you from all of us. Also, thanks to all of you who came out to support your club and join in

on the fun. We have included some pictures of the fun fly in this months Tale.

This month on the 18th we will be hosting our first annual Glider Fun Fly. In the past on the third Saturday of May we have hosted an electric and small glow powered fun fly which fell off in attendance and hasn't generated much interest in the past few years. So as an alternative it was suggested that we instead host a glider fun fly. As with all of our events, it's all for fun, and there are NO restrictions to flying anything you may want to bring. Gas, glow, electric, fixed wing and rotor models are welcome. Just make sure you have a lot of fun and enjoy yourself. Ron Golding is coordinating the event and can answer any questions you may have.

On the 1st of April the combination number for all of our locks was changed, as we do every year at this time. Only members that have paid their 2019 dues have been given the new number. So if somebody asks you for the combination number make sure that they are a valid member before providing it. When in doubt, contact TJ. He has the official roster of our membership.

Our May business meeting is set for the 16th. Remember the start time is 7pm to provide sufficient time to eat dinner before beginning the meeting. Pizza and SubWay sandwiches will be served for dinner along with soft drinks, water and coffee. If you plan to attend please send me a confirmation email so I have a head count of how many folks will be attending and how much food to buy.

As a final topic I want to take a moment and express my appreciation to TJ, Greg Nowland, John Dugan and Bob Root for all their hard work doing ground maintenance at the field. They have spent multiple days and many hours cutting and trimming weeds, and blowing debris off the runway and taxiways. When compared to all the other facilities at the park, the model airplane field looks the best. Thanks guys for all your hard work.

See ya on the 16th. Safe flying,

George Boston, President

March 2019 Meeting Minutes

President George called the meeting came to order at 7:30. There were 21 members and guests present. One guest joined us (Dan). He says he has been checking out the field.

The previous meeting's minutes were approved.

The Treasure stated that 56 members paid to date (membership is at 62 if you include the lifetime members). Some of the expenses for the period were AMA club renewal, insurance for the meeting hall, web site/domain name fees, and food expenses. The Treasurer's report was approved.

There was nothing to report from the Safety Officer. And Park Liaison had nothing to report except that there was "Strong communication" between the Lake management and the club (this is a good thing).

Old business:

The addition of another storage shed: George B. and TJ are to review the shed deal. George will submit a memo to Lake Management.

Not much progress has been made on the ad hoc committee that is to develop a policy for flying drones.

We were reminded that the AMA and FAA require the membership to display the FAA number on the outside of any flying model. We must comply as there is a concern that an incident involving an aircraft without the FAA number may void the club's insurance.

New business:

April fun fly BBQ and swap meeting is scheduled for April 20. This is Easter weekend (The Saturday before Easter Sunday). Flyers were given to local hobby shops. George will lead this event. The BBQ brothers will cook and the lunch is free.

Prez. George mentioned that he will not be here for May or June. Both months have an event and need a leader. We found a couple people to manage.

May 18 – Glider Fun Fly, Ron Golding will manage this yet has asked for a helper so we still need a volunteer.

June 22 – Quaker Fun Fly and Balloon Drop, Mike Taylor will manage this event.

The Santa Barbara float fly was brought up. This was April 5-7 at Lake Cachuma. A quick show of hands at the meeting showed a few Comets planned on going.

Dave F. brought up making a float in the Ojai 4th of July parade. He will lead this. He asks for a tow vehicle for the trailer with the models.

Model of the Month: Prez. George brought a Yak 54. It is a Seagull ARF. It has a YS .91AC (George says equal to a 1.10-1.20). He was impressed with the hardware and ease of assembly and says the plane is easy to fly.

We finished the meeting at 8:16 and then spent a few minutes auctioning off Jim Skeet's things.

**Respectfully,
Alastair**







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