

The Comets' Tale

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Newsletter of the*



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Editorial contributions are welcome.

**Next Meeting: 7:30 PM,
Thursday, 17 November, at the
Oak View Community Center**



**Coming
Up!**

**Fri-Sun, 18, 19, 20
November**

COMETS ONLY
Float Fly at Lake Casitas

15 Dec. 2011
Comets
Christmas Party

First Sunday of each
Month
Open House at Santa
Paula Airport

A Note From the Editor:

Sorry this is going to be a short newsletter, folks. I'm just back in town from a family emergency and didn't get time to collect all the info we usually have. Next month will be better!

jerry



Here are a couple of photos that TJ Moran sent me of Comet Tom Wolf's newest Mosquito. Here's what TJ had to say:

To all; attached are the latest photos of Tom Wolf's Mosquito. He brought it to the SBRCM meeting on 3 November. It is magnificent: photos do not do it justice. The smaller Mosquito is the original one he built 20 years ago, and has been successfully campaigning at various scale meets over the years. I think his latest, larger model will be a sure contest winner.

I believe it is his intent to bring it to the Ventura Comets meeting on 17 November. If you are "on the fence" about coming to the Comets November meeting, these pictures should move you to attend and see Tom's work.



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2011 MEETING

In for the (still) vacationing President George, VP Marilyn called the meeting to order few minutes after 7 PM. We started the meeting at an earlier time and an earlier week due to the Float Fly and auction.

We had a visitor from Turlock stop by the meeting as well as a couple members we haven't seen in a while. All told 23 members were present.

We heard from Treasurer TJ Moran who told us that we are still in the black. There was some coin paid out for the Float Fly food and raffle prizes. TJ went on to remind us that the fees for the Float Fly pilots went up a couple bucks; this included the famous tri-tip lunch.

There was no **Old Business**.

New business:

The club is already planning the next year's Float Fly. Pencil in the dates of April 21-22 and October 20-21.

The club is looking for new Board members. Open positions will be President, Vice President and Field Marshal. If any of these positions sound interesting to you let a board member or Dale Nash, know.

And a call out to the members to store tables. These are the ones we use at the Float Fly. We are looking at reorganizing our storage shed at the field, with hopes of getting them in there. However if this doesn't work out and you have a spare corner of garage, shed or dining room, let someone know.

The Float Fly started the next day, so there was some last minute discussion and decisions on equipment and personnel responsibilities. This included what the Lake Park Rangers were doing to help, too.

These topics were reviewed quickly, we wrapped up and the meeting was over at 7:35.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we had Jim Wingo bring his R/C stuff in to auction off. The evening concluded with some great equipment going to a new home.



Respectfully
Submitted,

*Alastair
Brennan*

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE FUN FLOAT FLY

If you're planning on flying any or all of the three days in the Comets Only Fun Float Fly, (Friday thru Sunday, 18, 19 and 20 November) you need to know that you **MUST** be there by 9 AM at the very latest... 8:30 AM is better. There will be a Park Ranger there from 8 AM to 9 AM **ONLY**, to inspect models for quagga mussels before they will be allowed in the water.

*If you arrive late and miss this inspection **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FLY.***
Simple as that.

Here are a few photos from the October Float Fly



