

The Comets Tale



November 2017

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Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 16, 2017 7:30 PM

At the Oak View Community Center



President's Message:

It's a bit late, but happy Halloween. October was a great month out at the field. Some days were a little hot, but the morning weather has been great. On the 21st we held our October Fun Fly, Swap Meet and BBQ. Once again Mike and Steve Steinmetz did the cooking and the lunch was great. We didn't have a big turnout for the swap meet, but Ron Scott kept it going with a number of planes and other gear. We had around 20 pilots, and no major mishaps that I am aware of. It was a good time and I think everybody enjoyed themselves. Dave Berthiaume has included some photos of the event.

At last month meeting I asked Dale Nash, or current VP to chair a nominating committee seeking nominations for 2018 elected officers. We are seeking nominations for Vice President and Safety Officer. Myself as president, TJ as treasurer, and Lynn Breedlove as secretary have another year to go in our present positions. Dale is calling it quits as VP. He and Marilyn have served in alternating cycles as our VP's since 2002. The primary duties of the VP are to stand in for the president when he/she are absent, and to run the meeting raffles. I am not planning any marathon motor trips for the next year, so there

should not be many times the VP will have to stand in for me, and Dale has managing the raffle down to a science. The safety officer position is as simple as keeping an eye on the field, and the pilots to ensure we are following good safety practices. We will be voting for these positions at the November meeting. The new officers will assume their respective office in December.

The health and strength of any voluntary organization are the members who step up to help out and take responsibility for running the organization. We almost never have problems getting volunteers to work out at the field, but unfortunately the same cannot be said when it comes to seeking nominations for our elected officers. All of our elected officers spend only a couple of hours each month taking care of their office duties. TJ has the greatest burden, and we are very fortunate that he has been our treasurer for at least the past 6-7 years. I encourage you step forward and give your name to Dale as a nominee for VP or Safety Officer.

Take care, and safe flying.

George Boston, President

MINUTES of the October 2017 MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Club President, George Boston, at: 7:28 pm

New Members & Guests:

No new members were reported and no guests were in attendance.

Treasurer`s Report: (T.J. Moran)

Expenses vs. income was about even. Treasury remains in good shape.

Treasury report was approved by the members present.

Meeting Minutes:

The October Meeting Minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

Safety Officer`s Report: (George Lanquist)

George Lanquist was not present.

Ron Golding brought up flying down the runway has been occurring. The rule is that unless taking off or landing flying should be beyond the runway. The flying rules will be published in the Comets Tale.

Park Liaison Report: (John Dugan)

Nothing to report.

Reminders:

Stay safe out there and be aware of campers crossing the runway area.

Old Business:

Reminder that this Saturday, the 21st is a Fun Fly with a BBQ and Swap Meet. Everyone is encouraged to

come and have good time. In addition, there will be a Fun Fly on November 18th, but no BBQ.

New Business:

It was brought up by pres. George Boston that we will have two club officer positions open for election.

The two club officer positions are Vice President and Safety Officer.

Dale and Marilyn Nash have filled the V.P. position since 2002. Dale Nash stated that they will not be running for V.P. They have travel plans and won't be around about half the year. Thanks to the Nashes for their great service.

George Lanquist position as Safety Officer will be available. George has done a great job. Thank you George.

Also Dale will be heading up the nomination committee again. If anyone has aspirations of being a club officer – contact Dale.

Model of the Month:

Bob Root presented his yellow Firecracker Racer. It looks like its doing about 80 just sitting there. Bob designed the model and has kitted it. Several members have purchase them.

Originally the model was designed for a .25 glow engine but by adjusting the CG he has installed a 40 size engine. Bob stated that the model seems to fly well with it and its, of course, faster.

Bob designed the model to race around pylons similar to the, "Quiki 500, type racing. If you've been to the field in the last couple of months you probably have seen one or more of them practicing on a mock course. They're pretty darn fast. Good job Bob.

Raffle:

We had a raffle this month and good prizes were won by a few lucky people.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn Breedlove – Secretary/aka two boats

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Ventura County Comets is seeking Election Candidates for the following positions:

Vice President and Field Marshal/Safety (Term 1/2018 Thru 12/2019)

Those members (in good standing) that are interested in becoming candidates for the above positions should submit their names to the Club VP (The Nominating Committee) (sealdy@aol.com) prior to Nov. 15, 2017 . Elections of officers by the attending membership will be held at the Nov. 16, 2017 general meeting.



TJ at work with supervisors.

Story telling time.



George Boston photo





George Boston and Bob Root looking for the Firecracker.



George Boston photo



Ron Scott and Lynn Breedlove on the finer points of engine tuning.

George Boston photo



Ron Scott with one of his latest gems.

After a great day of flying the Steinmetz brothers prepared another excellent BBQ. They are the BEST.





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