

The Comets Tale



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Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, **November 15, 2018 7:00 PM**

At the Oak View Community Center



President's Message:

The October Fun Fly, BBQ and Swap Meet was a big success. Thanks to all of you that attended. Once again, a special thanks to Mike and Steve Steinmetz for cooking up delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings. My guess is that we had around 20 fliers and a total of 30+ members attending. I think everybody had a great time, and there were excellent items up for sale at the swap meet. George Lanquist's wife, Carrah, donated George's planes to the club and TJ put them up for silent auction at the swap meet. There were 16 planes, all ready to fly, although virtually all of them had not been flown in many years. They all sold, making for some very happy folks, yours

truly included. 50% of the money collected went to Carrah, and 50% to the club. We are all indebted to Carrah for her generosity. Included in this months Tale are pictures of both the October Fun Fly, and the September float fly at Lake McSwain attended by some of our membership, including Dave Berthiaume our editor.

At the September business meeting we discussed and voted on some very key issues that will affect how we conduct future meetings and their frequency. I know this is redundant to the minutes, but here are the highlights:

1. The majority attending approved changing the monthly meeting schedule to bi-monthly beginning in November. The meeting day will remain the same, the third Thursday of the following months; Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov. The meeting time has also changed to start at 7:00 PM. Please note on your calendar this new schedule. The Club By-Laws will be updated to reflect the new schedule.
2. The Christmas Party will remain unchanged, scheduled for the third Thursday in December, starting at 7:00 PM. There will be no Club business conducted at the Christmas Party. At the Christmas Party we will continue to hold the raffle of gifts purchased by the Club. Members that have attended club business meeting during the year will be eligible for raffle prizes.
3. The Comets Monthly Tale will now be published bi-monthly a few weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.
4. We are no longer going to conduct a raffle during the business meeting. There will be one raffle a year, held during the Christmas Party with prizes purchased by the Club.
5. In addition to coffee and cookies, the club will be providing pizza and/or subway sandwiches and soft drinks at the business meetings. Hopefully this will ease the burden of having to rush through dinner before leaving for the meeting.

Our goal is to increase attendance at the business meetings. The above changes were implemented with this goal in mind. If this goal is not realized, the Board will consider alternative actions recommended by the membership. It's your Club. If you have thoughts/opinions of how to improve our Club, GET INVOLVED. To that end at the November meeting we will be taking nominations for the office of President and Secretary, with follow on voting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the November 15th meeting. Remember the meeting starts at 7PM sharp.

It's hard to believe but summer is all but over. Kids are back in school and there is a feel of autumn in the air. For the past few weeks it has been overcast in the morning out at the field, but the flying has been great. I am writing this message the week prior to Labor Day Weekend. I anticipate that the campgrounds will be full with everyone enjoying the holiday. Hopefully it will be a great weekend for flying.

I published an "all hands" email on Sept the 2nd announcing major (proposed) changes to our monthly meeting schedule and raffles. If you didn't receive the email, please send me an email at gboston25294@roadrunner.com or leave a message on my phone at 805-750-0901, and I will get one out to you immediately. The club will be buying pizza and soft drinks for everybody, and the meeting will start at 7PM. Please set aside the evening and plan to attend the meeting. We need your thoughts and support with how to improve attendance at both our business meetings and at our scheduled events out at the field. Also if you have not already done so, please send me a confirmation email that you will be attending the meeting so we can get a head count of how much pizza to buy.

Thanks and see you at the meeting.

Safe flying, George Boston, President

MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER, 2018 MEETING

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

- 7:33 pm

New Members & Guests:

- One new member was introduced. His name is Julio Alvarez. Welcome to the club Julio. No new guests were present. The current count of club members is 86.

August, 2018 Meeting minutes:

- The August, 2018 meeting minutes were approved by the members.

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

- T.J. presented the treasurer`s report. There were no income and expenses this month. The treasury remains in good shape.
- The Treasurer`s Report was approved by the membership present.

Safety Officer`s Report: (Dennis Fingold)

- No issues were reported.

Park Liaison Report: (George Boston)

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Club President stated that there will not be an alternate float fly.

New Business:

- George Boston announced that on the following dates the field will be closed due to other events taking place – October 3, 13, 26 & November 1st.
- The subject of the frequency of club meetings was addressed and discussed.
- President George Boston conducted a vote. Bi-monthly, votes 7--- Monthly, votes 5. Meetings will be on a Bi-monthly basis from now on unless the club votes a change.
- It was decided that we waive the requirement for a by-law change before we change the frequency of the meetings due to we have fulfilled the requirement in spirit.
- A member brought up the question of going to a bi-monthly meeting schedule if it would

affect our meeting room. T.J. stated that we pay for it by the year and it would have no effect.

- Vote was conducted to change the raffle frequency. Twice a year – 10 votes. Every meeting – 1 vote. Raffles will be held at the June meeting and at the December Christmas Party.
- Election (or volunteering) for new officers will be held during the November meeting. Up for election is the office of President and Secretary. Nominating committee will be George Boston & Ron Golding.
- Marilyn Nash has volunteered to continue to do her magic with the Christmas Party. Thanks Marilyn, you do a great job and we appreciate it.
- Pizza or subway sandwiches will be served at all meetings paid for by the club. Voted on – 11 for and 0 no.
- No meeting in October and the meeting in November will be on the 15th.
- Fun Fly, BBQ and swap meet will be on Saturday, October 20th(auction of George Lanquist RC planes will also take place – the remainder of his rc modeling stuff etc. will take place in January, 2019 – tba.)
- If I have missed anything that was said or discussed at this meeting – see George`s address to the membership in this Comets Tale.

Model of the Month:

- We had two entries: First was Dennis Fingold with a giant stik (arf) Second entry was Bernie Hammer with Lysander built from a kit. Both Dennis and Bernie gave a short talk about their models.
- Bernie`s Lysander won.

Raffle:

- No raffle this month. (see new business for new raffle info)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn (two boats)Breedlove– Secretary







The following photos were taken at the Lake McSwain Float Fly in September 2018. The first two photos from left to right are of a REAL aircraft that did a slow low pass. It was great!





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