

The Comets Tale



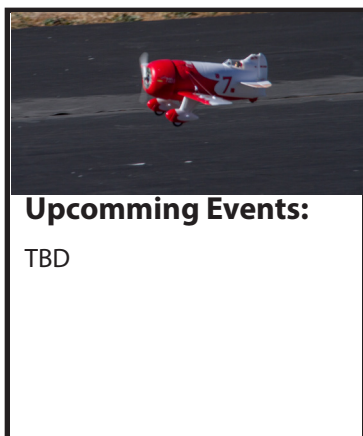
November 2020 R1

Editors Note: I think in my rush to get out of town I had my own mid-air collision of the brain. I missed some important facts, thus R1. Happy flying!

Next Meeting:

Thursday, **TBD**

At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

TBD

Presidents Message:

Hello everyone. As we approach the holidays, it's a sad state that Covid 19 continues to plague the nation and negatively affects all of us. All of our fellow members continue to practice excellent social distancing out at the field and to the best of my knowledge none of our members have come down with the bug. There are many days when we have well over 20 members flying and enjoying the great weather. Please don't hesitate to come out to the field and join in on the good times.

The pictures included in this months Tale reflect some of the recent goings on out at the field. TJ and Bo Hammer were pylon racing, without pylons, when they decided the air was getting too crowded and took each other out. I have been flying for almost 20 years and this is the first "mid-air" I have seen. It was spectacular! Took 5-6 of us a good 45 minutes to find both planes. Ron Golding had a receiver battery failure and his 30cc size Ugly Stick went down. Unfortunately it was a total loss, including the engine.

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Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Dennis Finglod had a engine failure immediately after takeoff and lost his Cessna Sky Lane. There is a picture of it on the table. I crashed my Yak54 on approach while landing. It was to two bagger and went in the dumpster. Also, there were many foamy electrics that went down in the lake bed off the end of the runway. On a positive note Bob Root flew his large scale Fire Cracker for the first time at our field. It's a beautiful plane and looks great in the sky. I am sure Bob will compete with it in the scale masters competition, once Covid gets behind us. Oh, and there is a great pic of Glenn Dorfman showing off his new Sig Kadet Senior.

The county health officer mandate of prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people is still in effect. So the November Comets business meeting is cancelled. Here is my update of business issues affecting the club:

New Members: Kale Desbrow, a past member rejoined. Welcome back Kale. Hope to see you out at the field soon.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: The September meeting was cancelled

Treasurers Report: The November Treasurers Report is attached to this months Tale. Of the \$6700 of income, \$6600 is donations to the runway fund.

Safety Report: Nothing specific to report. A lot of crashes over the past two months. Please be safe when flying and operating your model.

Park Liaison Report: Nothing to report

Old Business:

Tough Shed Project

The project is complete and we have started moving equipment and miscellaneous items that were stored at different locations (member's homes) into the shed. TJ and his crew of volunteers, especially Greg Nowl- and did an outstanding job bringing this project to completion! Pictures are attached.

FAA NRPM on Remote ID of UAS

The FAA has sent the final rule to the Office of Management and Budget for their approval. Their goal is to publish the rule by the end of this calendar year. Stand by....

Repair/Repaving the Runway

GREAT progress with the fund raising effort. There have been no new contributions in the past few weeks, but we have about \$15,000 in donations. This coupled with the \$10,000 we already committed from the treasury, brings us to a total of about \$25,000. Our goal is \$30,000.

We have submitted an application to the AMA for a Flying Site Improvement Grant. It could provide additional funds, but we are competing with other AMA clubs who are applying for a similar grant. There is a limited pot of grant money allocated by the AMA, and we won't know until next April how successful our application is. Hopefully the AMA will approve a grant for our runway repaving project, perhaps as much as \$3,000. Thanks to all of you who have donated to this effort, and let's keep up the momentum!

Election of New Officers

My call for volunteers to offer their name as a candidate for club president went unanswered. As I stated in the September Tale, if there were no candidates, I would serve another term as your president. TJ will continue to serve as Treasurer. Berny Hammer and Dennis Fingold will be serving their second year of a two year term as Vice President and Safety Officer, respectively.

New Business:

It's that time of year to renew your AMA membership, and pay your club dues for 2021. Also, if you have not already done so, you need to renew your FAA Small UAS Certificate of Registration. It expires December 12th.

Please remain vigilant with social distancing and protecting yourself, friends and love ones from contracting the virus. Your continued support to the club by renewing your membership, and volunteering to help out with projects out at the field, is sincerely appreciated by the Board, and your fellow members. I am wishing all of you happy holidays, and don't eat too much turkey. Thanks again, and safe flying.

George Boston, President

Treasurer's Report:

VENTURA COUNTY COMETS			
PERIOD 18 SEPT 2020 TO 15 NOV 2020			
CLUB ACCOUNT	THIS PERIOD		
CHECKING -	\$20,754.60	EXPENSES	\$165.02
CHECKS -	\$250.00	INCOME	\$6,700.00
CASH	\$-0-		
TOTAL	\$21,004.60	MEMBERSHIP	2020 .85(80)
2019-78	2017-93	2018-86	
2013-78	2014-86	2015-83	2016-92







Oops!! This maybe too much for even Gorilla Glue.



THE NEW TOUGH SHED

A Huge thank you to all those who hepled!!

Lake McSwain September 2020. A rain storm on Thursday evening made for a perfect couple of days of flying by removing all the smoke from local fires in the area.



The attendance this year was smaller than in the past, however everyone in attendance had a great time. I hope to see more of the regulars from our club there in 2021.







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