

The Comets Tale



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Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, **November 18, 2021**

At the Oak View Community Center



Upcoming Events:

Presidents Message:

This will be my last message as your president. Mike Taylor will assume his duties as our new president the first of January 2022. I want to take a few minutes and extend my thanks to the following folks: First to the Board Members (TJ, Berny, Alastair, and Dennis Fingold) for their support and assistance over the past 5 years. TJ as our treasurer has been my right hand throughout my tenure and I can't say enough thanks for all he has done. We have accomplished a lot during this period of time. Two notable projects were installing our new storage shed and getting the runway paved. Each of these projects took well over a year to complete. A special thanks to John Dugan, Bob Root,

Greg Nowland and TJ for spending many hours riding on lawn tractors and swinging weed whackers to keep the field from being overgrown in weeds. Thanks to Dave Berthiaume for getting the Comets Tale out before each business meeting and Don Sorensen for keeping the Comets web site up to date. There were times when we had as many as 20+ volunteers helping out on special projects. There are too many members to mention by name, but thanks to each and every one of you.

I am really looking forward to our Christmas Party set for 11 Dec. We have contracted with Marshall's BBQ to cater the lunch, serving tri-tip, chicken, sausages, salads and all the sides. We will start the day with a fun fly around 9 am highlighted with water balloon drops and a limbo run. We will stop all flying and begin setting up for the party around 11 am. Lunch will be served at noon followed by the Christmas Gift raffle. All members and their family are invited. The club will cover the cost of the party, less \$10 per attendee. I sincerely hope you and your family will be able to attend. It should be a lot of fun, with great friends, and great memories. If you haven't sent me a confirming email of who will be attending from your family please do so as soon as possible (gboston25294@roadrunner.com). Your name and the number of family members have to be on the confirmation list to attend. We have to have an accurate head count for the caterer, and to cover the expenses.

We will be hosting a Food Share Can Drive at the party. Attendees are encouraged to bring cans/food items to the party that will be collected by David Strassman who will deliver them to Food Share. Here is a list of what you might consider donating:

Canned protein (tuna, chicken, salmon)

Cereal (non-sugar types)

Beans (dry and canned)

Rice (in 1lb-2lb bags or mixes)

Peanut butter

Back in February I got a phone call one evening from a gentlemen who identified himself as a close friend and flying buddy of Bob Root. He shared with me a number of stories about himself and Bob competing in AMA sanctioned F1 racing events across the US and in Mexico, back in the 70's. He went on to tell me that I would not be much of a club president if I didn't nominate Bob for induction into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame. I was not familiar with the Hall of Fame and did some research on the AMA web site regarding this program. After reading the nominating procedures and criterion that the candidate must meet, I felt that there was no better candidate than Bob. I submitted Bob's name for induction into the Hall of Fame in March, and received a letter from the AMA just recently confirming his induction in 2022. Bob will be receiving from AMA headquarters a plaque, a Hall of Fame patch, lifetime membership in the AMA, with an induction letter into the Hall of Fame. His name and accomplishments will be added to the Hall of Fame exhibit in the National Model Aviation Museum and added to the perpetual plaque held at the AMA headquarters, located in Muncie Indiana. Needless to say this is a very prestigious honor. It's not every AMA Club that can boast that one of there members is in the Hall of Fame. With Bob's permission we will be posting his nomination package on the Comets web sit

Ron Scott put together a YouTube video of the float fly at Lake Mc Swane held this past September. It's fun to watch and an event we all should put on our calendar for next year. It's been so long long since we hosted a float fly, I have forgot when we last had one. Pray for rain! Here is the link to the video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE2NlaKQhSQ>

Back in October the Camarillo Flying Circus hosted a special guided tour of the Camarillo Commemorative Air Force Museum. I signed up and took my family (wife, daughter, son-in-law and grandkids). It was a great tour and I encourage those of you who have not visited the museum recently to take a Saturday and go see some wonderful planes and displays of WWII air warfare. Attached are a few pictures of our tour.

Our next meeting is set for 18 Nov at the Oak View Rec Center. We will be serving pizza and Sub Way sandwiches beginning at 7 pm, and will start the business meeting at 7:30. Topics for discussion will be the upcoming Christmas Party, and to begin giving thought to a calendar of flying events for CY22. Don't forget to bring that newly completed plane for possible selection as model of the month. Also, gather all that stuff you don't use anymore for donation to the give away table. On a final note it's that time of year to renew your AMA membership and pay your Club dues. Our only source of revenue are the funds collected through membership fees. So help TJ out and pay your dues. I look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday the 18th. Safe flying.

George Boston, President

September 2021 Comets' Meeting Minutes:

President George called the meeting to order @7:31. There were 17 members present; no new members or guests.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report is in good shape. We have 87 members

Thanks to Greg N and TJ for working on the shed and organizing the tools/supplies

A safety issue was brought up: Use a restraint on your airplane. The restraint will keep the plane in place while you gather your thoughts, transmitter, etc. Or jumping forward if the throttle is mistakenly bumped. **Use a restraint.**

Park Liaison: 1) As of writing, the club has not received a schedule for road closure (i.e. cross country races). 2) If the port-a-potties need to be cleaned, we must call the lake to do so.

Old Business:

Dave F. spoke again on having T-shirts made. www.VCCOMETS.threadless.com. The ability to order and styles of apparel are listed on the web site. Note that this is independent of the club. No funds go to the club.

Officer election results. Mike Taylor will be the new president for 2022 and 2023 years. Greg Nowland. will be the new Safety Officer effective Jan 1, 2022 George B will continue as Park Liaison.

Club Web Site: Needs the old calendar of events removed. George B will submit the request.

New Business:

Christmas party. George B will take the lead and at the time of writing is looking for ideas. Since the meeting a catered BBQ is shaping up.

A giveaway of planes and equipment was donated by an ex Camarillo Flying Circus club member.

A tour is (was) planned for Camarillo Commemorative Air Museum Oct. 9. The Camarillo Flying Circus hosted this tour which starts at the EAA hanger.

A club Facebook page was discussed.

Next meeting 11/18

The meeting adjourned 8:28

**Camarillo Commemorative
Air Museum Photos:**









Lake McSwain September
2021 Float Fly Photographs
from Ron Scott:







