

The Comets Tale



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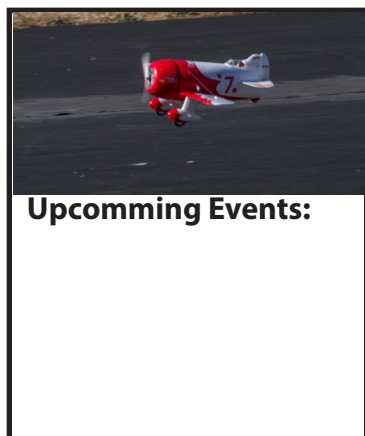
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Editorial contributions are always welcome.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, September 15, 2022
At the Oak View Community Center



Upcomming Events:

Presidents Message:

Another Quick 2 month fly past. We have a meeting coming up Thursday September 15th. There will be Pizza and Sub Sandwiches for all before the meeting. We were all kind of bummed out to be beat out by rain for our fun fly. But if we get a little rain it would be nice. Bring yourself and any ideas you have for fund-raising and a way to bring in some new members. We talked about a few ways last meeting.

Not much to report on at the field or incidents. The Field will be closed the following dates. Sept 17th, Oct. 5th, and Oct. 15th. Mark your calendars for field closer on those dates please.

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Minutes from Last Meeting:

After a quick dinner of pizza and sandwiches. President Mike called the meeting to order at 7:29. There were 20 members present. No new members or guests.

Treasurer's report: Showed 83 members; 3 new members added in the last month. The treasurer reported that funds are in good shape.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Safety Officer: Greg N. was called away during the meeting, yet passed this month's summary to Dave S. before leaving. Dave S. reminded us to restrain all aircraft while preparing to fly. Also, call out intentions, before during and after the flight. For example, yell out "taking off" or "coming to the runway" as you taxi out, "landing" when on approach and "clear of the runway" when the aircraft has left the runway.

Park Liaison: No news to report.

New business:

As a group we voted in Ron Golding as Vice President to replace Bernie Hammer who can no longer attend the meetings.

Downed aircraft – It goes without saying to be careful when searching for down craft. Take water, take a cell phone. There was discussion again about a club drone to search for aircraft, but this was not approved. Instead we plan to publish a list of club members with drones that are will to help locate aircraft.

A discussion was held about adding contests to the club roster. Such as a day of glider flying with the challenge who can keep their glider in the air the longest and who can land closest to the center of the marked circles on the runway. And another day have a contest for powered planes to such as spot landing and timed flight.

Club member Bob Root has previously been inducted onto the AMA Hall of Fame. Bob went to AMA headquarters recently to formally receive the award and spent a few minutes telling us about the experience. The takeaway was whether you get inducted or no, go visit AMA headquarters.

Model of the Month was a Bearcat built from a Top Flight kit that Mike Steinmetz built/finished. This kit was started some time ago by the original owner, then passed to someone else who added a couple more pieces and then Mike go hold of it and finished it. A couple stats, O.S. 91 4 stroke engine, air retracts weights about 8 pounds. The covering/graphics are Mike's take on a racing Bearcat. The first flight did not end the way Mike intended and had to be recovered from the "Valley of Death". However, Mike will do the necessary repairs and expect to fly it again soon. Note that the photo is after the first flight (can you spot the repair needed?).

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Model of the Month:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDD5fjFL8bE&t=108s>

**Santa Marina Giant Scale
Fly-In Link from Ron
Scott**

**Wings over Camarillo Air
Show 2022**













