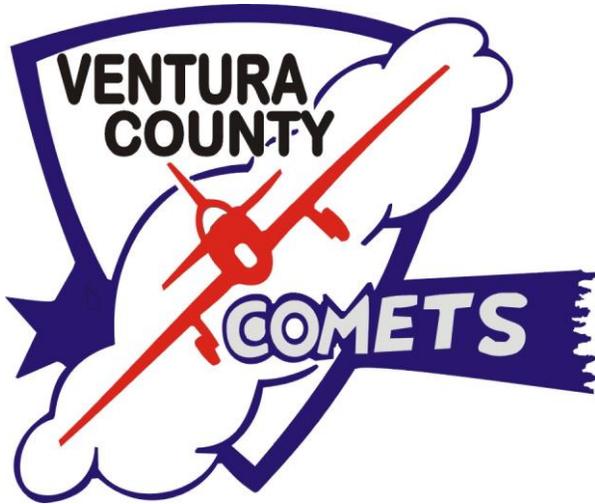


# The Comet's Tale



## September 2023

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## Next Meeting:

### Thursday, September 21, 2023,

### Early start, Meeting starts at 5:00, no dinner

### At the Oak View Community Center

#### **Prez Sez:**

September Float Fly It is almost here. Our first Float Fly at our lake in over 10 Years. Everyone is very excited. We worked on the site last Saturday to prepare it for this weekend. A lot of hard work has made this happen on short notice. Thanks to all that have helped so far.

Besides float flying there will be:

Raffle: Several e-Flite airplanes, \$50 & \$25 gift certificates (Master Cards)

Tickets \$5 for 1, \$20 for 5

Tri Tip Lunch: \$15

Thursday 21st. We will set up parking areas and mark (partition) RV areas for Campsite G. Putting trash cans, and set up awnings for registration, raffle prizes, airplane inspection and shade for volunteers.

Friday, final prep for the arrival of pilots', campers and flying Friday. Anyone that can help please inquire. 805-701-6536 **Bring your waterproof boots and big hats.**

Friday the 22nd. Airplane inspection at noon. Then flying till dawn. We need volunteers for putting airplanes in and retrieving them from the lake.

Saturday the 23rd. Flying from dawn to dusk. Sausage burritos in the morning (for a small donation) Tri Tip lunches. Need Volunteers for putting airplanes in and retrieving them to and from the lake.

Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Flying from dawn to ~1 to 2pm. Raffle at noon. Then the *dreaded* break down. We will look for volunteers for packing up and returning equipment to the Comets' Field.

Comet Field will be closed Friday 22nd to Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> to flying because of 72MHz interference with the Float Fly site. We don't want any crashed planes.

**Pre-register and save \$10 on your registration @**

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLHYW0HKQJYDH/checkout/NQ5NKCW7XMUJSPH53GA4WDWG>

We are going to hold our **Comets meeting at 5:00 Thursday the 21st** at our usual location in Oak View. Again...meeting starts at 5:00pm (not 7:00). **We won't be serving dinner at this meeting.** We will be addressing last minute issues of the Float fly so please attend this meeting.

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

We had dinner and then the meeting was brought to order by President Mike at 7:38. There were 16 attendees, no guests.

Treasurer's report was that funds are in good standing. An invitation to audit the book was expressed

The newsletter minutes were approved. It was noted that some people did not receive the newsletter (via email). The Secretary will review.

Safety Officer mentioned to watch for spinning props... yours and others. Also ensure you routinely using restraints. And ensure your name/address/phone number/FAA and AMA numbers are on each plane.

Park Liaison mentioned that he is speaking with the Lake management to grade the entry road and parking lot for the flying field.

#### **New business**

The Camarillo airshow is Aug 19 and 20

Warbirds day at the field is July 22. There will be a raffle and BBQ and a skills event or two to participate in.

Float fly is scheduled September 23-24 George B is leading the administrative duties for this event. George spoke at length about the tasks that needed to be done ahead of time, additional insurance,

temporary FRIA (FAA-Recognized Identification Areas), scheduling the ranger for plane inspection. George continued and brought up the staff that is needed to run the event, “The staff” being the club membership to run the registration area, launch/recover airplanes, pilot the recovery boat, manage raffle area. And then, after-event teardown/cleanup.

We had three airplanes for model of the month. Bernie brought a Minuette from Old School Model Works

Greg brought a Quickie 500 from Old School Model Works. Still needs a bit of finishing.

Alastair brought a Twin Firecracker – a fantasy plane Bernie dreamed up and did most of the building on. Powered by Thunder Tiger Pro 40s, weight just under 11 pounds.



Meeting adjourned at 9:10

## TJ's Tips

When a glow or gas engine airplane requires repair or recovering around the engine mounting area, many times the wood beneath is fuel/oil soaked. This will cause the iron-on covering adhesives and any repair glues used to not stick to the “soaked” wood. K2r spot lifter can be used to absorb the fuel/oil from the wood. Spray it on and let it sit overnight. Brush it off the next day, and the fuel/oil will come off with the powder. Several overnight applications may be required for severe soaking. In a pinch, if you cannot find K2r in a retail store (I found it in the Ace Hardware store in Meiners Oaks,) you can mix up a brush-able paste using cornstarch and alcohol. Same procedure, apply it and let sit overnight.



### Upcoming Field Closures

The back of the park, including our flying site will be closed on the following dates:

September 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

September 29<sup>th</sup>, until Noon, Friday

October 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

October 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

October 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday

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### Upcoming Events

October 6/8 Float Fly at **Lake Cachuma Santa Barbara**

October 21 Quaker Day and BBQ at the **Comets**

Nov 18 Jet Fly (EDFs only, no turbines), other non-EDF planes welcome, BBQ & swap meet at the **Comets**

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