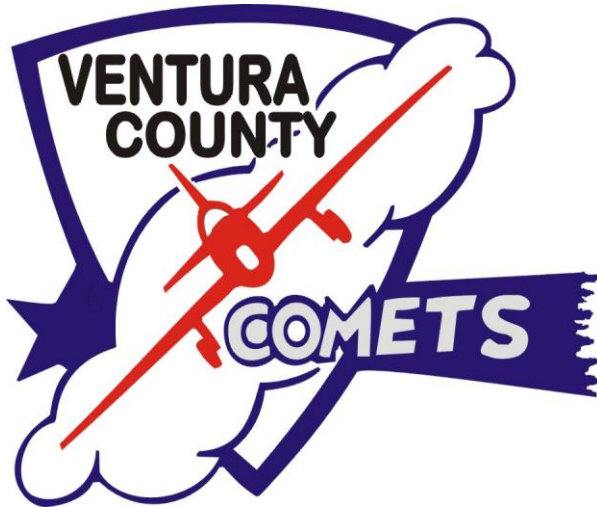


# The Comet's Tale



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## Next Meeting:

### Thursday, March 16, 2024,

### 7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

## At the Oak View Community Center

### **Prez Sez:**

What a great float fly, wasn't it? We held a safe, accident-free float fly and made some money towards the sealing of our runway. TJ will give you the details this Thursday evening at our club meeting. Thanks again to everyone who helped make it a success.

We are already planning our next float fly in September, to be held at our field now that the lake is at 100%, another topic for discussion at our meeting on Thursday.

Also, we have a Quaker Day, Balloon Drop and BBQ coming up Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>, so start practicing to win some prize money. I thought a raffle for a season pass to the lake might get sell some tickets, let's talk about it the meeting, this Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The field will be closed Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, for Smith Paving to reseal the runway and taxiways.**

Well, I hope my not too subtle reminders about our next meeting sink in.

Jeff Hall

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### **Meeting Minutes:**

President Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:30 following a dinner of pizza and sandwiches.

There were no guests of new members.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report. Funds are in good standing. We have 69 paid members, plus 8 lifetime members. Some of the previous expenses were web hosting, and food for the fun fly.

The lawn was mowed, if you want to help next time, call T.J.

Safety Officer Report: A reminder to clear the area around the airplane before you start the motor; stuff can get sucked into the propeller.

Drones and helicopters: Complete Safety From. Fly by BBQ, agreed to not fly when fixed wing aircraft are in the air, or clear the regular flying area (agree with the other pilots) before flying from the paved runway.

Drones must fly with a spotter and fly line-of-sight.

Park Liaison: Discussed the resealing of the runway then need to stripe (paint)

Float Fly: This April event will be held in the same area as last time

Old Business: Handicap parking. The last table, closest to highway 150, is reserved for our handicapped pilots.

Model of the Month: 1/5 scale Waco biplane (get photo). Built by Bob Root from a Dave Platt designed kit. Powered by an ASP.91 2-cycle. Covered with Solartex and weighs just under 9 pounds.

The meeting ended with the decision to cancel the glider event (date)

Meeting adjourned at 8:31



## T.J.'s Tips – Motor Collet

For those of you flying electric motors with collets and props, here's a useful tip to keep from losing the collet and prop off the front of the motor. Get an ordinary stick of blackboard chalk and rub it in the clean motor shaft. Install the collet and prop, and torque it as usual. The bit of chalk will improve the friction (bite) between the shaft and the collet. This technique is nice because the collet will be much easier to remove from the shaft, versus using something like a thread locker (Loctite).



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## Other Notes

A link sent in by member; a quick article from Yahoo News on our lake:

[Never thought it would ever be full again](#)

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## Picts of April's 2024 Float Fly

Photos by George Boston



Planes Ready to Fly



Touch and Go



Recovery Boat



The Raffle Prizes



The BBQ Cooks



Pilot Check-in and Plane Inspection

Ron Scott made a highlight movie of the event: [My Movie Comets Float Fly Lake Casitas 4 20 24](#)

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**Upcoming Events**

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Quaker Day and Balloon drop

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Warbird Day

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Glider fun-fly

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