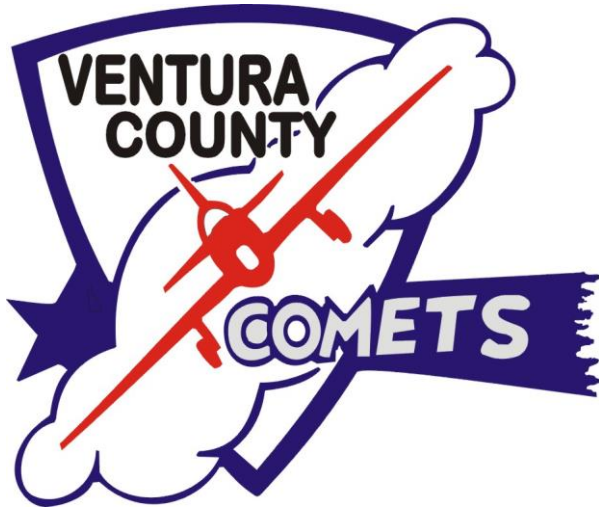


The Comet's Tale



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 18, 2024,
7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

We had a great turnout for our Warbirds fun-fly last month, but unfortunately, half the crowd left by the time an awesome lunch of tri-tip, sausage and salad was served by Mike and Steve Steinmetz. Please remember we have a free lunch at all of our fun-fly events. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome.

Coming up next on Saturday, July 27, will be a glider contest and a balloon drop contest with cash prizes for each event. We can discuss the rules and prizes for the events at our next meeting on July 18, at the Oak View Community center.

I want to thank all of the members who helped moving the tables and restriping the runway and taxiway after Smith Paving recoated the surface. The field looks awesome!

We have a proposal to discuss at our upcoming meeting that would upgrade our parking area by improving the drainage from the hill behind our field and compact a road base aggregate or ground up asphalt to our parking area.

Come to the meeting to find out the details and bring any RC planes or parts to donate that we can use to raise club donations.

Your Prez,
Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 after dinner of pizza and sandwiches.

There were 15 members present, no new guests or members were present

Minutes of the last meeting was approved

Treasurers' report: Finds are in good standing. The club made ~\$1200 from the April Float Fly. Notable planned expense is the resealing of the runway (\$6100).

The club has 91 members.

We discussed having a future status meeting at the flying field. Perhaps doing a breakfast meeting; hoping to get more members involved in the membership meeting. Also the Club President plans to send reminder emails the week of or a day or so before the meeting as a reminder.

Safety Officer: 1) Call out the take offs and landings. 2) Power up at the stripes (for takeoff)

Park Liaison: Runway reseal/slurry scheduled for July 20, then the runway will need striping. George and Greg plan to do the job.

Old Business – None

New Float Fly is planned for the same area, Campground G. We need to repaint/re-sticker the area-marking floats as currently they are faded and difficult to read.

Need to work on the flying field entry road and parking lot – The club needs a committee.

The next event is the Quaker Day Fun Fly and balloon drop. Cash prizes are expected, plus a BBQ and raffle for a park pass.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

T.J.'s Tips – Cowl Screws

Most models today have a molded cowl affixed to the airframe with a number of screws. The airframe has holes generally in wood (either balsa or ply.) With a number of removals and reinstalls, and normal airframe vibration, these holes in the wood can become enlarged and/or stripped, no longer retaining the screw. An easy fix is to drill out the hole in the airframe with a #30 (1/8 inch) drill and insert a length (approximately 1/2 inch) of the inner yellow plastic nyrod. Flood it with a little thin CA and cut off flush with the surface. I use #2 washer-headed servo screws in the nyrod to retain the cowl. The nyrod acts like a “nylock nut” to keep the screw from backing out. If the piece of nyrod ever becomes worn out, just drill it out and insert a new piece. This also works nicely on a new build.



A couple biplane pictures from the June Warbird day, thanks to Ken Hanson



FLYING OF SINGLE AND MULTI ROTOR POWERED MODELS

These field safety rules must be followed when flying single and multi-rotor powered models:

1. Flying of single and multi-rotor models that weigh 250 grams (.55 lbs.) or less are permitted to fly in the dirt area at the west end of the field. Do not enter the flight path of the paved runway.
2. Single and multi-rotor powered models weighing more than 250 grams cannot be flown while fixed wing models are flying.

3. Secure approval from a club officer to fly your model. The club officer will secure the flight line of fixed wing models and inform you of when you can fly. If a club officer is not present, request from the flyers of fixed wing models a 15-minute time when you can fly your single and multi-rotor powered model. No fixed wing models will be allowed to fly during your 15-minute window.
4. Place your model in the center of the runway. Position yourself in one of the pilot stations and begin your flight.
5. Lift-off and landing must take place on the runway.
6. When flying FPV, an observer must be present, and all flights must occur within line of sight.
7. All models must be secured during engine run up at the pit tables.
8. As a VC Comets club member, before flying single and multi-rotor powered models you must complete, with approval, the Request for Permit to Fly Model Aircraft form. As a VC Comets club member, this form is only required to be filled out one time. Please see a club officer.
9. As a guest (non-VC Comets club member), you must complete, with approval, the Request for Permit to Fly Model Aircraft form before each period you intend to fly single and multi-rotor powered models. Please see a club officer.
10. There is no flying allowed over the pit area; the parking areas; or campground "O." All flying of single and multi-rotor models that weigh 250 grams (.55 lbs.) or more, should take place in the area from the orange pilot's safety fence towards the lake.

Upcoming Events

July 27 – Glider fun-fly

September 6-8 Float Fly

Comet's Facebook Page: [Comets RC Club and Airfield at Lake Casitas](#)

