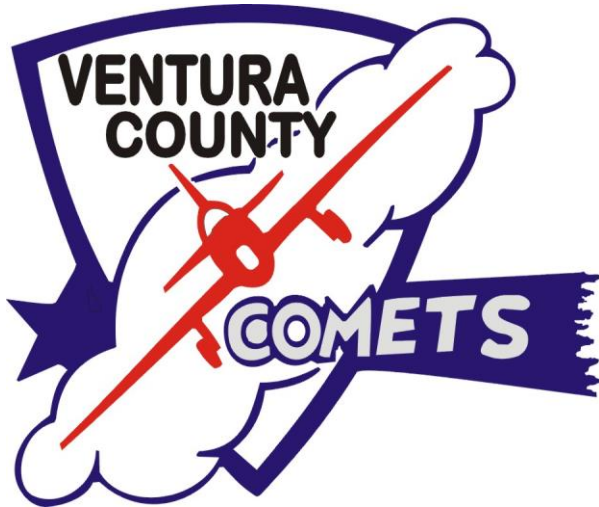


# The Comet's Tale



## November 2024

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## Next Meeting:

## Thursday, November 21, 2024,

## 7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

## At the Oak View Community Center

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### **Prez Sez:**

I want to thank all of our members who came out to support our silent auction of TJ's collection of RC planes and parts. We raised over \$4,000 for Kathy Moran and presented her with the money at TJ's memorial service at Lake Casitas. It was a beautiful and memorable event.

The TJ Moran Memorial Field sign is finished and will be mounted by the time you read this newsletter.

Dues - Time to pay your club dues and renew your AMA membership for 2025. You can pay at our meeting or on-line at vccomets.com. If you have not logged in yet, here is a reminder of your username and password.

Username = Last name + first initial (Example HALLJ)

Password = VcCOmets (0 is a zero)

Christmas Party & Silent Auction – I have a head count of 25 people for our Christmas Party and have added another 15 to account for those who haven't replied to my RSVP request. We have locked in Q-Time BBQ to cater the event on Dec. 14 at the Oak View Community Center. We will discuss holding another silent auction of TJ's RC collection, or a swap meet before dinner.

Bill Rauch has a float fly proposal he would like to share with us at this meeting.

Come to the meeting, speak your mind and enjoy some gourmet pizzas and subs from Ojai Pizza.

Your Prez,  
Jeff

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### **Meeting Minutes:**

President Jeff started the meeting at 7:31pm after a dinner of pizza and sandwiches. There were 22 members and 3 guests. The three guests were TJ's wife Kathy, daughter Lindsey and a family friend Melissa.

As a group we talked about our fallen friend, the amount of work he did for the club, from administrative work, such as club Treasurer to paperwork-pusher for the AMA and FAA. We had 9 members give a eulogy/praise of the work TJ did for them and the club. Linsey (TJ's daughter) also read a tribute to her dad.

President Jeff, suggested we dedicate the club to him and the membership (present at this meeting) agreed. We plan to have a fairly large plaque/sign made to state this.

There will be a memorial for TJ at Lake Casitas October 26 from 12-4 at the Coyote Ramp, hosted by Kathy.

### **Business portion of the meeting:**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

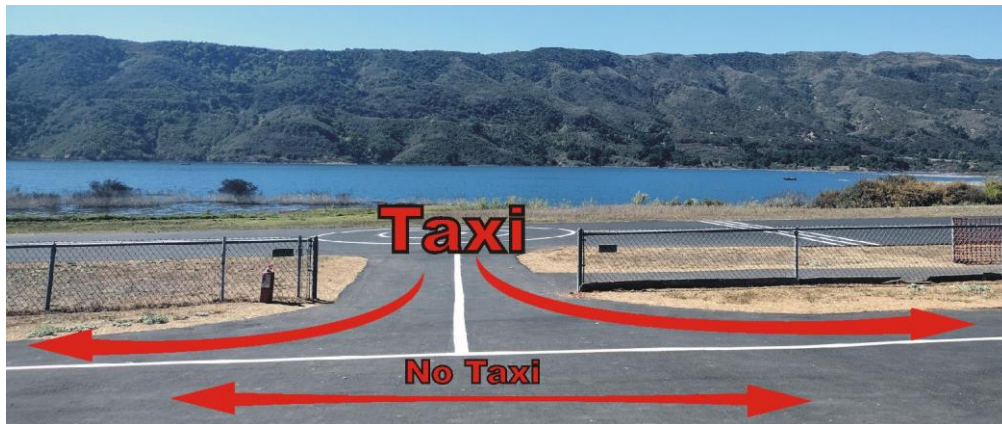
Treasure's report: There was not one this month due to TJ's passing. John Green was nominated and accepted to take over the duties of Treasurer. A concern is that the club currently cannot access the club's fund (bank account).

Going forward Treasurer John G and President Jeff will approach the back to remedy this. In addition the membership agreed that the club resident should have signing authority on the account going forward.

An audit committee, made up of Ron G, Dave S and John G, will review past transactions and make a report within 30 days after we gain access to the funds. We expect to have this done before the January 2025 meeting.

Safety Report: Reviewed the recent unusual crash – The Pilot in Command recognized it was pilot error; improper throttle management.

In addition planes need to taxi within the lines – Taxi between the white stripe and the pilot fence.



Lastly, watch for spinning propellers. It goes without saying that you will get cut/harmed if contact is made.

Park Liaison: Ongoing discussions with the Lake management regarding the entry road and parking lot. There is a meeting planned with the contractor and the Lake Sep. 25.

### **Old Business**

The kayak passed quarantine. The kayak can now be used to retrieve down planes from the lake. There are lifejackets available. However, the membership agreed that you need a spotter when you use the kayak. And this is a 1-seat kayak (don't get any ideas...).

### **New Business**

The next even, EDF fun fly will move to Oct.19 and be help in concert with a silent auction of some of TJ's planes and equipment.

We need a scribe to type up the By-laws so revisions are easier. Alastair volunteered to do this.

Plan to present new By-laws at the December 2024 meeting. Expect to vote in the changes.

Christmas party: President Jeff is working on a budget, based on caters he has found. Membership is expected to pay for a portion of their meal and the club will cover the balance. The party is planned for December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Oak View Community Center.

**Model of the Month:** Dennis brought a Laker which started as a kit from Balsa USA. Powered by a NGH 9cc gas engine and covered in Ultracoat.



The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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### **Helpful Hints – From Ron Scott**

Because of cut fingers and hands – both for me and other friends over the years I have seen well over 20-30 cut and bloody events including myself going to the Emergency ward for clean-up or stitches. Here is what I do to prevent that from happening. Simply paint the ends of the Prop white or whatever color so that when it is spinning, you can see it better.

Be sure to rebalance the prop after painting.



*If you have a helpful-hint send it in*

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### **Upcoming Events**

December 14: Comets Christmas party 4pm-8pm at the Oak view Community Center

Swap meet 5-6pm

Dinner at 6pm

Raffle at 7pm

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

