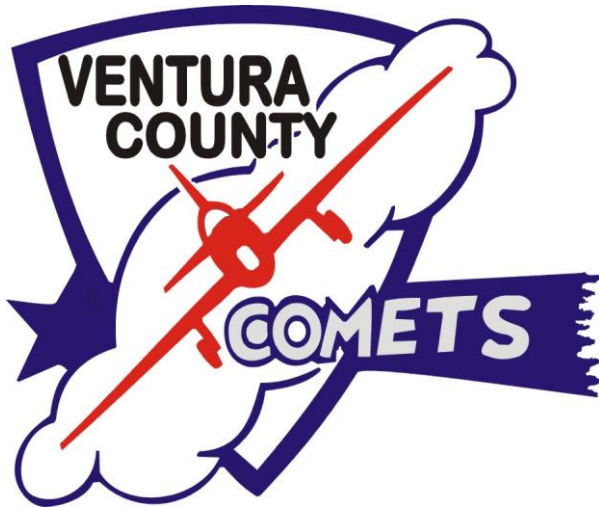


The Comet's Tale



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

It's the rainy season in Southern California, so get back to work on those models that you started last year and never finished. In our last newsletter, Alastair shared what he's working on and encouraged the rest of us to share their works in progress.

So, I started building an Old School Model Works "Ghost" trainer, complete with balloon drop bay. I started last year and got sidetracked by float flies and glider events, but now I am back on the job. I have the wing structure complete and have ordered more glue to build the fuselage.

Power to fly will be supplied by Innov8ative Design's Bad Ass 65-amp motor, 80-amp ESC, and a 12x7 prop that combined should deliver around 900 watts, or 150 watts/lb.



March is also the time of year to renew AMA club charters, which I did a few weeks ago. I also updated the online AMA roster for our club with all our current 95 members. We still have 13 members from last year that have not paid their 2025 club dues.

Reid Van Leeuwen, one of our junior members, suggested we try an event building foam board planes, then use them for combat at the field. He has the plans and specs for the build; let's talk about it at the meeting. I like the idea.

Please attend and speak your mind on Thursday, March 29. Food at 7:00, meeting 7:30

Your Prez,
Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

Pizza and sandwiches @ 7:00 then...

President Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:30

13 members present. No new members or guests

George B is getting T.J Moran in the "Final Flights" section of the Model Aviation magazine (It's in the March issue, page 102).

A reminder to get the shed open position fire extinguisher and put up the wind sock when the first folks arrive.

Field maintenance: Suggest spraying weeds around the runway.

The meeting minutes within the newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's report: Club funds are in good shape and were approved. The club has 105 members. We have 5 junior members.

A reminder to pay your dues and display the FAA number on your plane. Check the club's website to ensure your info is up to date. The web site will show missing items.

Need to consider sealing the cracks in the runway.

A thanks to the President (Jeff) for organizing the Christmas party was given.

Safety Officer: A reminder to call out take offs and landings.

There was some talk of parking again – Parking on the BBQ side of the lot. Consider if you really need to be there.

Park Liaison: The parking lot had trenches added which should help drainage. The Lake staff did a great job.

The roof of the pits may need recovering.

New Business

The revised bylaws were approved

Events April Float fly – George B to CD

October float Fly – Jeff to CD

Expect to add a training Day on June 21. Plan to get the word out for guests to come out and fly planes with help..

Meeting adjourned at 8:36.

Some Photos from EDF Day in February

We had a great turnout. We finished of the sales of TJ's stuff and had a great BBQ





When Hobbies Collide?

I “collect” Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars, and by “collect” I buy cool ones when I see them (Mopar or No Car!!!) and follow a couple groups on Facebook to see what the latest thing is. Hot wheels and Matchbox will sometimes put an Easter Egg in the molding. This turned up on the interwebs the other day and had to get one and see for myself.

The DHL van is delivering an RC airplane!



And Lastly:

When at a swap meet and you hear...

Phrase	=	Meaning
New in box (NIB)	=	I'm pretty sure it is all there
Professionally built	=	My cousin charged me a case Natty Light
Vintage	=	Rusty
Hard to find	=	They all crashed
It goes over 100mph	=	...in a full throttle dive
Rare	=	Nobody liked them when they were new
Only flown once	=	It didn't go well
No time to fly it	=	I hate this miserable POS
Mint	=	I'm too scared to fly it
Mild hanger rash	=	I pulled it from the club trash can
Needs a little work	=	With a sledgehammer
I know what I've got (IKNWIG)	=	I checked a 1986 Tower Hobbies catalog
Classic	=	Nobody uses this crap anymore
It flew great last time	=	Back when glow fuel cost \$10/gallon
BNF	=	Includes an Airtronics 72MHz receiver
Must go	=	I'm planning a bonfire
Multi-color covering	=	My buddy gave me his Monokote scraps
It flies on rails	=	I often confuse airplanes with trains
It will do 3D maneuvers	=	I've looped it... once

Upcoming Events

Glider day: March 22

Float Fly: April 25-27

The image contains two event flyers. The left flyer is for 'LAKE CASITAS FUN FLOAT FLY!' held from April 25-27, 2025 (Fri, Sat, & Sun). It features a background of people at a lake with model aircraft. Text includes 'Join the FUN!' and a list of activities: Camping, Swap Meet, BBQ Raffle, and Tri-Tip Lunch. A red box contains the rule: 'NO HELICOPTERS, GAS TURBINES, OR FLIGHT TRAINING AT EVENT!' and another box states 'ALL MODELS MUST BE INSPECTED FOR MUSELS BEFORE FLYING'. Logos for Ventura County Comets and AMA Sanctioned Event are present. A large '\$25' price tag is shown with 'Online or @ Event' below it. The right flyer is for 'Bear Mountain IMAC 2025' held from May 24th-25th at Bear Mountain Flyers (8100 Sycamore Cyn. Rd. Arvin, CA. 93023, AMA:4563). It features a background of model aircraft on a grassy field. Text includes 'RVS Welcome Lunch Saturday Freestyle & Night 3D Raffle' and 'Open Practice Fri.'. Logos for IMAC, Thunder Power, Force Aviation, and J/PROPO are shown. The organizer is listed as 'CD: LUKE ACKERMAN' with contact info: (805)223-9737 and dluke.vip@gmail.com.

Preliminary Event Flyer

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

