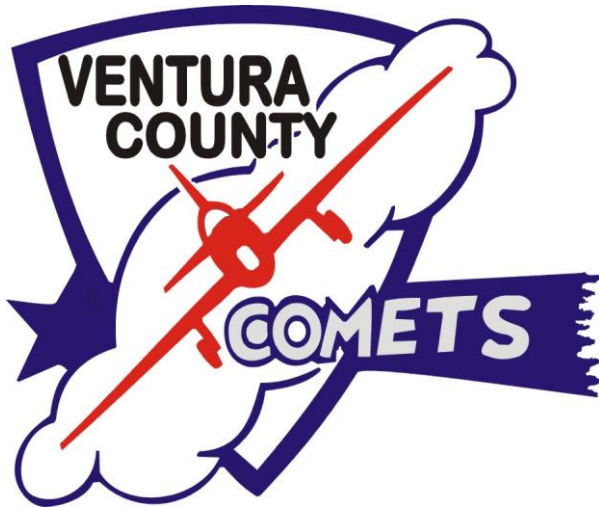


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Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 18, 2025

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

Our Learn to Fly events this summer have been a success. We signed up eighteen trainees in June and five more in September. We distributed flyers at the Ventura County Fair and posted flyers at the Lake Casitas Store and Tackle shop. Most new trainees came with their families, from the campsites around our field. We should discuss having a Learn to Fly day once a month.

We have six popup shades, three are brand new, that we should use to provide shade over the tables in the sun. Please ask one of the officers to unlock the big shed so you can get them out and then put them back. The shades are not just for float fly events, but for anytime you want shade.

This September meeting is the time for me to appoint three club members to form a nomination committee to present candidates for the officer's positions at the November membership meeting. If you are interested in being on the committee, please let me know before the meeting and be present at the meeting on Thursday, September 18.

Our next big event is the Float Fly from October 10-12. We have been reminding members to pre-register online and make camping reservations for campground Griebe by calling the Lake Casitas office at (805) 649-1122. Tell them you are with the VC Comets attending the Float Fly, the campground is blocked out online just for us.

Our membership continues to grow with new members joining and old members renewing. Please welcome Guido Gollner, Terry Lovato, Kevin Mardirssian and Gary Reed to the club. Membership renewal period starts October 1st, please make sure your AMA is current when you renew your club membership.

Pizza, Subs and Cookies at our meeting Thursday.

Thanks,

Your Prez,
Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

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

There were 17 members and two guests in attendance.

As we kicked off the meeting, one of the members brought up the monthly tour of the Camarillo, EAA and Commemorative Air Force (CAF). This happens the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: We had a few abnormal club expenses in the last couple months. These were the replacement pop-up shelters/canopies, parts for equipment maintenance. We have 107 members. The report is that the club financially is in good standing and the report was approved.

If you haven't done so (new members) or need to renew with the FAA the instructions are on the VC Comets web site.

Safety Officer: Continue the habit of calling out the take-offs and landings. If you see something odd, talk to Greg (the Safety Officer).

Plan to mow Monday July 21 @ 2pm (editor: The team did a great job)

Park Liaison: No new news

New Business

Float fly – Campers, if you want to camp, you can reserve Campground G, this is the site at the entry to the event. Call the Lake to reserve.

George B will schedule ranger inspections Fri-Sun each morning.

Learn to fly Program – We had a good turnout, yet as a club we recognized that we need to be better at crowd control. There was talk of approving additional Safety Officers for events like this. Or adding additional fencing. And to only have trainees on the “hot” side of the fence(s).

We received the club trainer from the AMA. Greg N will set up the plane.

Thunder Power, through a club member donated two batteries for the club trainer.

We have scheduled another Learn to Fly event in July, with plans to send out email reminders. And ask that Instructor pilots attend to help.

There is a new Buy/Sell/Trade area on the Comets web page. Check it out or post stuff.

There was a quick reminder of the Warbird event in August and the Flying Skills contest in September.

Model of the Month

Dave S brought a partially completed Mosquito. This is a Seagulls model ARF. Power will be two, .62 and has retractable gear.



Bob R brought an in process 1/5 scale Starduster Too. 59" wing span powered by a ASP .91.



Update: How it looks this week

Doug O brought a Klingberg wing 100, 100" wing span. Currently at the stage to sheet the wing.



Meeting adjourned at 8:16

Warbird Day, August 2025



Upcoming Events

October 10-12: Comets Fall Float Fly

November 22: Quaker day balloon drop, w/ BBQ and raffle

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

