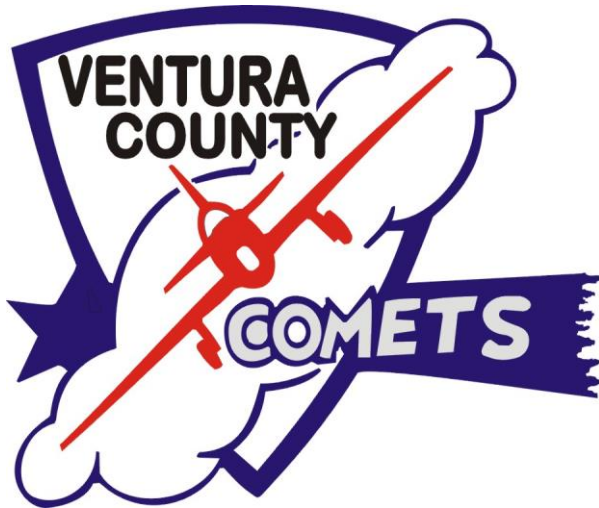


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Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 2026

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

I know everyone is disappointed we cancelled the April Float Fly, but George Boston has a plan to appeal to the Water Board to exempt our floats from quarantine. Come to the meeting to hear the details from George.

I applied for and was awarded another Club Training Day Starter Kit from AMA which should arrive in 3-4 weeks from Horizon Hobby. The kit is free flight airplanes that we can take to a local school, with a large field, and give the kids some hands-on experience flying planes.

We have a Huckfest, a fun fly focused on extreme aviation, event coming up from July 31-August 2 at our field. A three-day festival of RC aerobatics, 3D flying and low-level maneuvers; you will not want to miss. Event sponsors will be there with raffle prizes, plus a BBQ and night flying on Saturday. **Note that the flying field will be closed to open/regular flying during these days/times.**

Come to the meeting for some different pizzas and gourmet sandwiches. Food at 7, meeting starts at 7:30 this Thursday, May 21st.

Hope to see you there.

Your Prez,
Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

After dinner the meeting started at 7:25; a couple minutes ahead of schedule. We had 18 members in attendance and two guests at the meeting.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

The big shed open April 11 to retrieve your float plane bits. Dave S to send out how-to-pay info for the Float Fly (ed: we know how this ended...)

Treasurer's report: 94 members 1 temporary member. Club funds are in good standing. Report is approved.

Safety report: Minors (folks less than ~13 years old should be accompanied by a guardian in the pits and the pilot-box area.

Park Liaison: Good cooperation with the club and Lake Management regarding the float fly event. Lake was very helpful with the procedure. Thanks to George B for working with the Lake.

New Business

3D Fun Fly weekend. Matt Stringer summarized the potential event. We agreed to it, that it be sanctioned event. And that it needs to be about 3 months away to properly advertise and prepare. The group discuss dates between late July and late August and we decided it will be the last weekend in July (check this)

Model of the month

Bob R brought a 1/5 scale Starduster too. Powered by a .91 2 stroke, weighs 11.75lb.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48



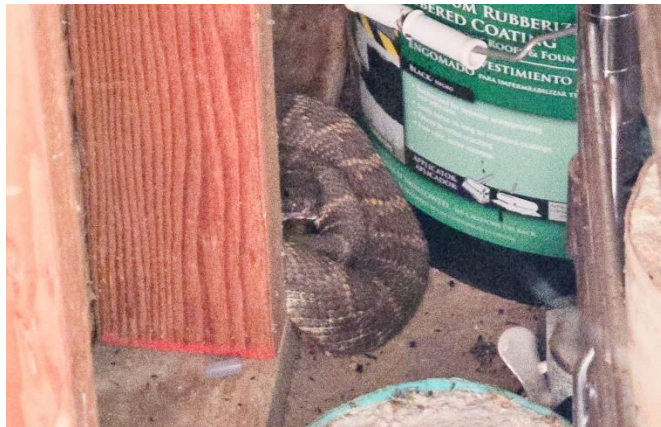
Snakes... why did it have to be snakes!

The Thursday flyers found a rattlesnake in the small shed on April 9. Be careful out there!

There have been recent rattlesnakes sightings around our flying field. Rattlesnakes have been seen in the small shed, along the fence behind our pilot table and in the long grass west of the port-a-potties. Call the front gate at [805-649-2233](tel:805-649-2233) and a ranger will come to safely take the snake away.

Key Safety and Policies for Snake Encounters:

- **Keep Your Distance:** If you encounter a rattlesnake on a trail, give it space and allow it to move away on its own.
- **Report Sightings:** Contact Casitas staff if a snake is in a high-traffic, barbecue, or bathroom area.
- **Safety Precautions:** Keep dogs leashed at all times, wear closed-toed shoes, and stick to designated trails.
- **Do Not Kill:** Rattlesnakes are vital to the ecosystem and protected from unnecessary killing.



Upcoming Events at the Comet's Field

June 20: Fun fly, with balloon drop contest and BBQ

July 31 to Aug 2: Huckfest



Aug 15: Warbird Fun Fly, Swap meet and BBQ

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LAKE CASITAS HUCKFEST

3D FUNFLY - AIRSHOW - CAMPOUT

JULY

JULY 31ST - AUG 2ND 2026

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REGISTRATION

\$50 Pilot Registration
\$25 Event Tee Shirts

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EVENT INFO

Camping - Reserve w/ Lake Casitas
FREE Lunch Fri / Sat for Pilots
Raffle Saturday Evening!
Saturday BBQ Dinner @ the Field
3 Days of 3D by the Lake!
Night Flying / Limbo Contest (E - Only)
Noon Time Demos on Saturday

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