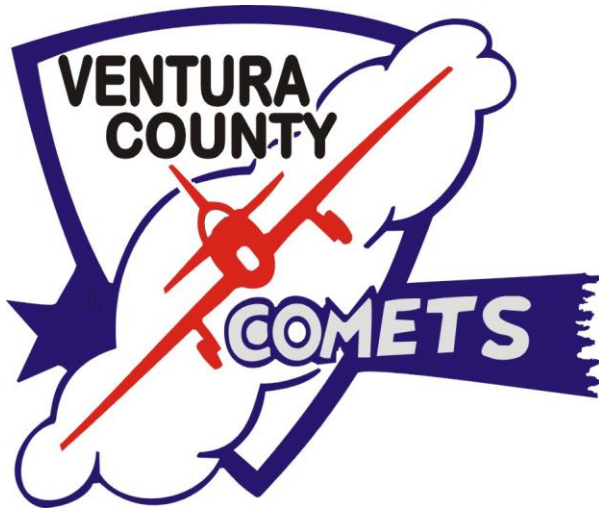


The Comet's Tale



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Next Meeting:

Saturday, July 18, 2026

11:00 meeting, 12:00 lunch

At the Comets' field

Prez Sez:

I'm on the road to Oshkosh, camping for two nights at Yuba (Lake) State Park in central Utah, then on to Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. I will miss our next meeting on **Saturday, July 18th at the Comet's, TJ Memorial Field.**

Dave will lead the discussion and vote on what we want to do about future float fly events at Lake Casitas, based on the quarantine restrictions that have been placed on us. My vote is to join the SB RC club at Lake Cachuma with no quarantine restrictions. Lake Cachuma Recreational Area also allows RC boats in their lake.

The club was awarded free flight kits by the AMA, but due to supply chain issues, the kits will be delivered later this summer. I still have to find a suitable field to fly the free flight planes, possibly a local high school with a big field.

If you like meeting at our field, make a motion at the July meeting to move our next meeting from Thursday night, September 17, to Saturday morning, September 19 at the field. This would coincide with our Junior members Fun-Fly on the same day. All juniors and a friend will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a plane.

Your Prez,
"Truckin like the Do-Da Man"

Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

After dinner the meeting was called to order at 7:32. We just had 11 members, no new members or guests.

The meeting minutes from the previous meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report (Note: John G was out): The float fly money was refunded to those that prepaid for the event.

Income received was from club dues and club donations. We made the paymet to the fence company for installing the new fence. We have 99 current members The report was approved.

A "Thanks" went out to President Jeff for organizing site inspection, quoting and fence installation.

Float Fly Review: George B will present to the Lake recreation committee in June/July

Lear to Fly Program: Jeff H got the club another award from the AMA. A batch of free flight planes and he has plans to organize (with help) a group of young adults to a field (i.e. school) where the planes can be flown.

Junior fun fly was moved to September, we need to promote this, for example with the local Boys and Girls clubs, consider transporting families to the Field to avoid additional fees.. Jeff H will work on the promotion of the event.

Safety: All good, no news is good news, "people (have been) behaving themselves".

Park Liaison: Be careful of your surroundings, remember the "Snakes" section of the May newsletter?

New business

Huckfest 2026: Open to large scale flying only – Not small regular/open flying. \$50 to fly at the event, includes a BBQ.

Alastair is working on additional metal safety signs for the flying field

It was suggested to meet at the flying field for the July meeting. The meeting would include a BBQ lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

1st Annual Lake Casitas Huckfest Update

- Matt Stringer

Luke and I are super excited to get our 1st Annual Lake Casitas Huckfest off the ground here in a few weeks! First off thanks to the club for voting in favor of this event and allowing us to use the field for a few days. There have been many people who follow me on my socials that have wanted a chance to come fly at our field for some time now and this is a great opportunity to show off what it has to offer.

As far as pre-registration last I looked, around 14 of the pilots attending have pre-registered along with event shirt purchases. I expect a majority of the pilots to show up and pay in person at the event, that's just how it goes. That being said, we are having pilots from far and wide attend. Our friends Yaron and his son Omer will be traveling to the US for this event swinging by on their summer trip for RC Events. Tim Hanstine, owner of Extreme Flight RC will be in attendance with his family, and lots of our IMAC / Freestyle competition pilots and friends around from the Southwest region with possibly a few surprises from other fellow Team Extreme members from back east. There will be plenty of world class pilots out in force, so be sure to come on out for a day and enjoy the show. We are expecting around 30 or so pilots to show up for our first year.

Huckfests are essentially FunFlys for 3D Flying primarily focused giant scale models and large park-flyer 3D planes, the term Huckfest was adopted in the late 2000s with the old Flying Circus and then later 3DHobbyShop Huckfest Tours around the states. They have been gaining popularity again in recent years as people really liked the large get togethers and having a good time.

We will be setting things up on Thursday July 30th if anyone wants to come out and help us set up banners and flags. And we could use help with pilot registration Friday morning. Other than that I think we have mostly everything covered.

We are going to be having an amazing pilots raffle Saturday evening (Aug 1st), all pilots receive 1 raffle ticket in their pilot package, but you can purchase more raffle tickets onsite. You must be present to win. We have a lot of awesome prizes being donated for the raffle, so don't miss that. Anyone can enter into the raffle; you don't have to be registered to fly for that.

Saturday night we will have a foamie limbo contest and electrics only night fly (strictly over the runway area). Also Saturday around noon we will have some slots for dedicated noontime demos where we will close down the flight line for our "airshow" portion of the event for spectators.

Event is July 31st through August 2nd, \$50 pilot entry fee (gets you 3 days of flying with a raffle ticket and lunch for Friday and Saturday). \$25 for an event shirt. Spectators are free, so if you are just there to watch come on and hang out, bring your friends. Each day the event runs from 8:30am to around 6:00pm with the exception of Saturday – Saturday the flight line re-opens at 8:00pm for the Electric Nightfly portion.

There will be a BBQ Saturday night at the field with its own ticket fee.

Hope to see everyone there. Luke and I hope this turns out to be a great annual event that people mark on their calendars every year.

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July 31 to Aug 2: Huckfest



Aug 15: Warbird Fun Fly, Swap meet and BBQ

Sep. 19: Junior Members Fun Fly and BBQ

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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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