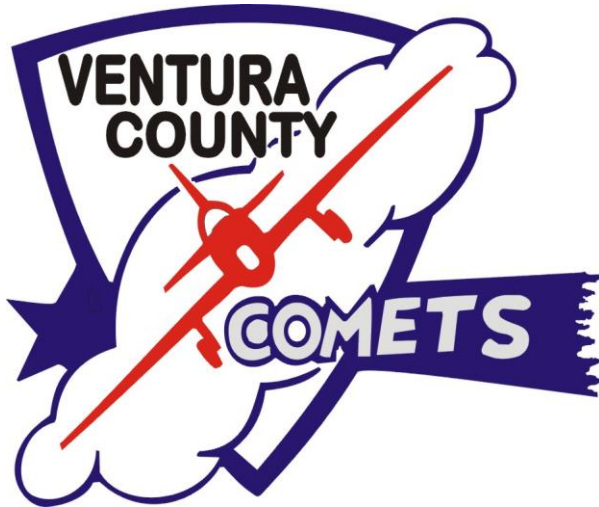


The Comet's Tale



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 16, 2025

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

Happy New Year to all you Comets! I hope your holidays were filled with fun and family. I had a chance to fly at the field with my grandson from Mew Mexico and even got to enjoy my first kayak ride on the lake to retrieve his small airplane. Now it's time to get back to club business.

MEMBERSHIP – Thanks to all of you who renewed their club and AMA memberships last month. We currently have 74 active members, with 31 inactive members that still need to renew. Inactive members will see this screen after login to our website to renew.

RENEW AMA & FAA – Renew your AMA membership and FAA registration (3-year term) before renewing your Comets membership. Here is a link to the FAA site to register or renew your FAA number.

[FAA Drone Zone](#)

This number must be displayed on all your aircraft while flying and is required when renewing your Comets membership.

VOTE ON BY-LAWS – Please be prepared to vote on our Club By-Laws that were revised last year. The changes to the By-Laws are:

- Junior Member fees reduced from \$10 to \$0
- Added President will appoint Membership/Web Administrator
- Added Membership/Website Administrator role and duties
- Changed Christmas Party from, to be held on “3rd Thursday in December” to “the month of December.”

The entire VC Comets Club By-Laws can be found on our website, under the Menu, Our Club, heading. A PDF version will be included in the January newsletter, and I will print a few copies for the January meeting.

EVENTS FOR 2025 CALENDAR – We need to discuss what events we want to have at our field for this year.

- Float Flys
- Fun Flys
- Competitions
- BBQ’s
- Swap Meets

Please attend and speak your mind on Thursday, January 16. Dinner at 7:00, meeting at 7:30

Thanks,
Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

We had dinner then...

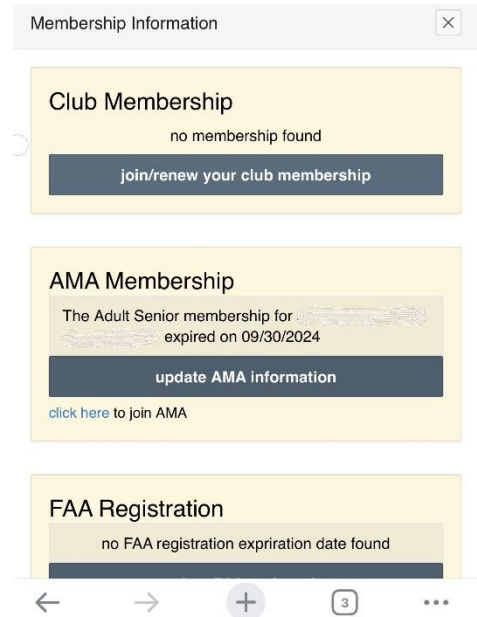
President Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:27. 19 members were present.

The Christmas dinner was discussed, currently about 30 members and guests were signed up.

Jeff suggested that a special edition December newsletter be sent out to remind everyone of the Dinner, auction and swap meet.

The newsletter was approved.

Treasurer’s report: We have 100 members and funds are in good shape. The report was approved.



George B plans to get a TJ's name in the "In memory" section of the AMA magazine.

Safety Officer: Watch for spinning props. When setting up a plane it is a good idea to remove the prop.

Park Liaison: Regarding the fixing of the parking lot, at the time of writing, the Lake management has not gotten back to George. A couple members had looked into renting the equipment needed and doing the work ourselves. Equipment rental is estimated at \$2000.

Old Business

The club's bank account has been accessed

New business

Updated the fees for a junior member: Was \$10 now \$0 (zero).

Christmas party in December

One of the members presented the idea of increasing the number of float flies. This was turned down due to the amount of work it is to set up the event.

Officers: The VP and Secretary positions were up for renewal. Both the VP and Secretary agreed to continue their duties for another year.

What has been coined "TJ's Hobby Shop" opens Nov. 28. There are boxes of parts/fasteners/etc. on the shelves in the small shed. If you are missing a little do-dad, look for it in the shed. There is a tip jar in there so if you feel inclined, put a "shekel" (or so) for the part. Thanks to Dave S. who took this project on, cleaned up the shed and organized the parts bins.

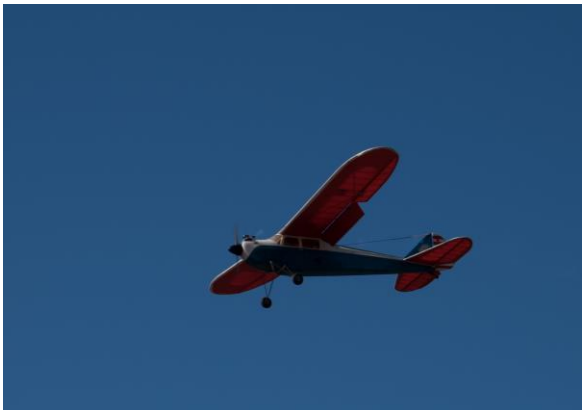
Model of the Month

Bob Root brought a Civi Boy. Scratch built from 1940 MAN (Model Aircraft News) plans. 74" span weighs in at 4 lb 5oz. Fun fact the CG is at the trailing edge of the wing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59



Some Photos From November Balloon Drop Day



Watcha Working On?

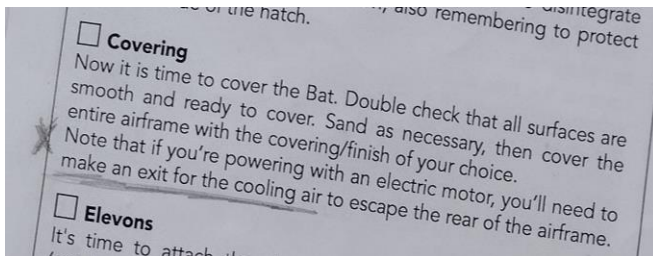
Alastair is working on an Old School Model Works “Bat”; a flying wing with ~3-foot span.

This is the first OSMW model I have built. Their plans and instructions are pretty well thought out. It’s a kit that I’ve described as “Just shake the parts out of the box and they fall together”.

Except for the “make an exit...”. No details on where or how big. And I may have botched it. They said “an exit”, that’s singular right, one exit? I made two exits, that’s more than one. I cut up some thin-walled plastic pipe and painted them Hemi orange; I had that color lying around and fresh-out of Allis Chalmers Orange.



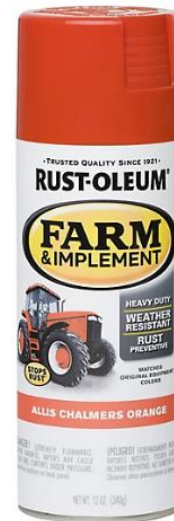
Going to be electric powered. Covered in Orocover. Supposed to weigh less than 2 pounds



Instructions



Bottom of wing



Color I didn't have

...your turn, *whatcha working on*, send me pics and summary, jet_a@yahoo.com

You may have missed:



Airwolf (model) was at the flying field the other day.

A good looking machine and good-sized model with retractable gear. With the wheels up it looked great in the air. Belongs to one of our new members

Upcoming Event b

Comets: TBD – Discussion/planning at the January meeting

Bear Mountain IMAC
2025

May 24th-25th
Bear Mountain Flyers
8100 Sycamore Cyn. Rd. Arvin, CA. 93023
AMA:4563

RVS Welcome
Lunch Saturday
Freestyle & Night 3D
Raffle
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