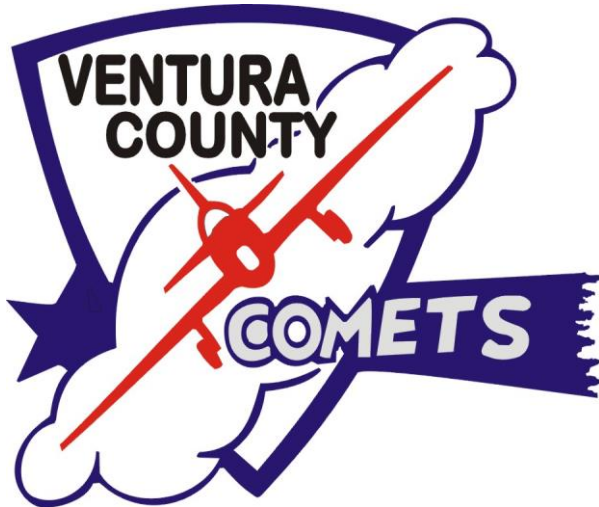


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Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 15, 2026

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

Well, this is the time of year to build those planes you got for Christmas, or have stashed in your garage. And get that float plane ready for our upcoming Float Fly in April. We have flying events every month, except August, so there are opportunities for all types of planes to compete in our fun fly events.

I look forward to getting to know all of our club members, and encourage you to bring a friend or family member to one of our weekend fun fly and BBQ events. I would like to hear your ideas on how we can grow our club with new members, young and old.

Our first club meeting is Thursday, Jan. 18th at the Oak View Community center. Food at 7:00, meeting at 7:30, so please attend. We will review our 2024 calendar of events and start planning for the April float fly.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Jeff Hall

Meeting Minutes:

We had dinner at 7 and then...

Prez Jeff brought the meeting to order @ 7:31. There were 21 people which included 2 guests.

Meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's report: The October Float Fly was a financial success. Membership is at 112.

Safety Report: Drones and FPV pilots should have a spotter.

Park Liaison: Guest pilots must have an AMA to fly at the field. Have guests read the rules and if they are disagreeable, regarding the AMA requirement, call the front gate for help.

Thanks to those that helped with field maintenance. We do plan to move some supplies between the sheds.

New Business

Officer elections: No elections were held. A motion was approved to keep the officers as-is for another year.

Christmas dinner: Email to be sent to RSVP for the event. Pay at the door or online.

Audit: A couple members planned to stay after this meeting to review the details of the Treasurer's report.

A member plans to donate his collection of planes to the club.

Models of the Month:

Langdon brought a PA18 that had crashed. He discussed the repair that Chris S helped him with.

Don brought a combat plane

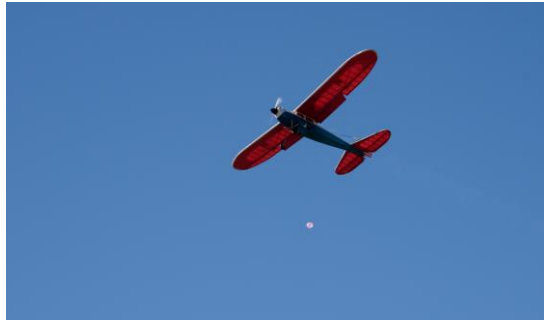


Quaker Day and balloon drop competition is moved to Dec. 6 due to the potential bad weather

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

Quaker Day and Balloon Drop and Swap Meet – November 22nd







...Oh and there was a BBQ lunch



Lastly...

Dale Byers, a long time club member, has donated his planes and building materials to our club and the Santa Barbara club to disperse among our members to keep these planes flying. Dale recently moved into an assisted living facility in Goleta and will no longer be flying with us.

We owe a big thanks to Steve and Mike Steinmetz for driving their van to Dale's house to bring about 30% of Dales planes back to our club site. We will make more trips this month to help clear out his hobby shop so his family can put his house up for sale.

I will bring a few planes to our meeting this coming Thursday, Jan. 15th. Dave Strassman will also be bringing building supplies he found at Dales workshop on Saturday. All these planes and equipment are available for a donation to the club, per Dale's request.

Come out to the field on Saturday, Jan. 17 to pick up a plane, coverings or parts.

Here are some pictures of the planes before we stored them in our shed.



Upcoming Events

TBD

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

