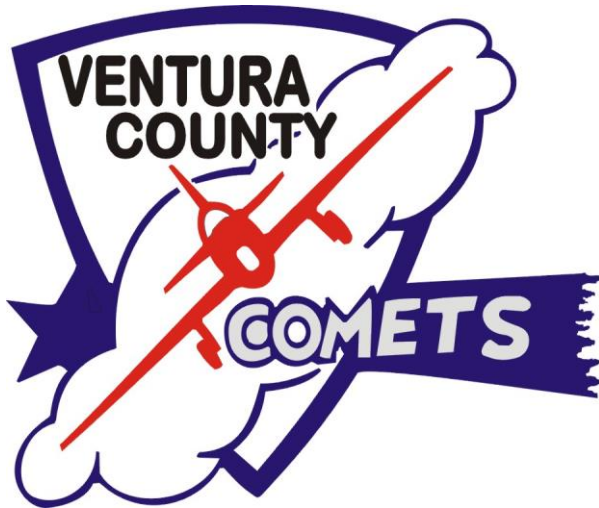


The Comet's Tale



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Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 19, 2026

7:00 dinner, 7:30 Meeting

At the Oak View Community Center

Prez Sez:

I'll keep it short and to the point.

Normal business items to review.

- March Newsletter and January Meeting Minutes
- Finances for January and February
- Membership growth
- Field Safety

New business to discuss:

- Float Fly Quarantine Period and Plane Pickup
- Float Fly volunteers to Inspect, Launch and Retrieve Planes
- 2026 Budget and Quarantine Financial Impact
- Add 3D Fun Fly Weekend Event to our Calendar
- Open Forum

Pizza, Subs and Cookies at our meeting this Thursday.

Thanks,
Your Prez

Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:28. 20 members present.

The January meeting minutes were approved

The audit from December was approved by Ron G and George B. The audit reviewed the club expenses.

Thanks to Mike and Steve and Jeff for picking up Dale's planes and equipment

Treasurer's report told that the club's finances are in good standing and the report was approved. At time of writing we still needed to file 2025 takes – Action for Treasurer John

A reminder that your annual dues are due. 2025 finished with 112 members plus 22 "temporary" members. Temporary members are folks that signed up for the AMA Learn to Fly, program

Currently 66 members have paid their dues

Safety Report: Dogs...Per the Lake rules, "Dogs and other pets are welcome but must be on a leash no longer than 6' in length and under control at all times. They are not allowed within 50' of the lake or stream." Keep these rules in mind if you bring your dog.

Put the chairs away when you go home – Help clean up at the end of the flying day

Park Liaison: Reported that the Lake staff is working to fix the drainage. The Lake team is waiting for the land to firm up (from all the rain) before continuing.

New Business:

Comets 2026 event schedule - We have planned an event for every other month. The next one is an EDF (jet) fun fly on Feb 21. Following that will be the Float Fly April 17-19, George B will be the CD.

Future events:

June 20 will be a balloon drop contest w/BBQ

August 15: Warbird fun fly w/ BBQ

October 16-18 Float fly

December 12 Christmas dinner

Jeff to work on the annual budget

Club members plan to work on a berm to deflect water away from the parking area

Plan to add a permanent fence between picnic area and pits

Need to work on a schedule to repair the existing shade roof

Review shelving in the small shed

Meeting adjourned at 8:22

April Float Fly Preparations

About 23 pilots have turned in planes and floats for the April float fly. The big shed looks something like this.



If you are not participating, stop by the area to help, to chat, or to have lunch. I'm sure the BBQ brothers will have something great for us.

**Important: Pick up your float planes and/or floats, Sunday April 12 or after.
The big shed will open sometime April 11.**

Upcoming Events

Float Fly, April 17-19

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