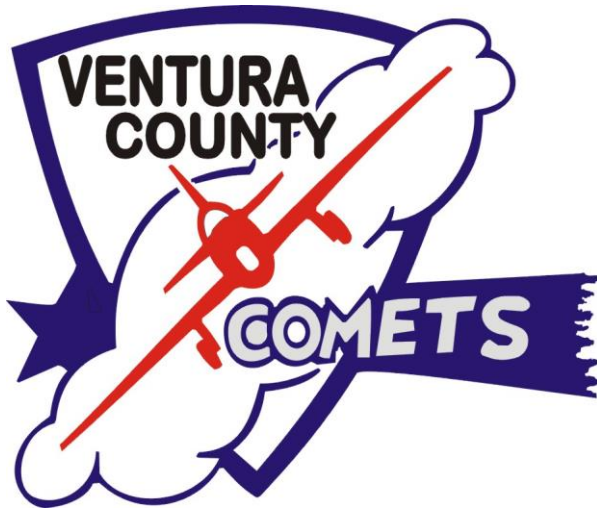


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Next Meeting:

Saturday, September 19, 2026

11:00 meeting, 12:00 lunch

At the Comets' field

Prez Sez:

I missed our Huckfest and last club meeting in July because I was on the road to Oshkosh, WI to see EAA's Air Venture 2026. It lived up to its billing as the largest airshow in the world with planes flying in from all over the world. We camped, along with thousands of other aircraft enthusiasts, in the fields around the airfield, waking up to the sound of an F-22 flying over the campsite. Here is a photo from our camp during an evening airshow.



Coming up this Saturday, September 19, is our Junior Fun Fly where we are encouraging our ten junior members to bring a friend who would like to learn to fly and a enter a raffle drawing to win an ETF (Everything You Need to Fly) plane or PC simulator package. Please come out and support our growing junior membership.

I want to thank all our members who volunteered to make the Huckfest a huge success, especially Matt Stringer, who donated the shirts and Luke Ackerman for helping get the vendors to donate their merchandise. We are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Huckfest at Lake Casitas.

Your Prez,
Jeff

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 11am by Vice President Dave S as our president was traveling. There was 23 people present and 1 new member.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – This was for two months, May 1 through June 30. We have 102 members. Treasurer-Jon said we were "Healthy as a club" The report was approved.
As a club we approved and paid for the new fence by the BBQ area.

Safety: We discussed taxing in the pits, Starting IC (internal combustion) planes on the table, using restraints and dedicating a table for starting planes.

Park Liason: George B discussed the latest water board meeting regarding float flys and plans to go back with the Kayak/Rowing group.

Float Flys: Going forward we plan to join the Santa Barbara club and fly at Lake Cachuma.

We plan to reroof the canopy. We need to review the work, materials needed and schedule.

Huckfest fun-fly: Matt S gave the group a summary of the events. Currently expect about 30 pilots. There is a raffle, BBQ and event T-shirts. Matt feels this will increase the visibility of the club and hints at a potential IMAC competition at the Comets' field for 2027.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm and the group had a club-sponsored BBQ lunch.

Safety

Did y'all know/remember the club has a couple ammo boxes to borrow to transport damaged batteries home to dispose of? These cans are in the shed. If you wad up a plane and the battery is brutally damaged, put the battery in the can and safely drive it home.



1st Annual Lake Casitas Huckfest Summary (Event: July 3 to August 2, 2026)

- Matt Stringer

Photos by George B. and Matt S.

Well, that's a wrap on our 1st Annual Lake Casitas Huckfest! Once again thanks to the club, the Steinmetz brothers and all of those who volunteered. Also thanks to our event sponsors for making this Huckfest a success. The participants (and club members) were pretty hyped up after the event and said they are looking forward to the next one. I'd say it exceeded my expectations considering fuel was at some ridiculous prices this summer. For us to get 32 pilots to show up from all over California, different states, and even a couple of international friends I think was a pretty solid first outing. As always with these events they grow via word of mouth year by year.

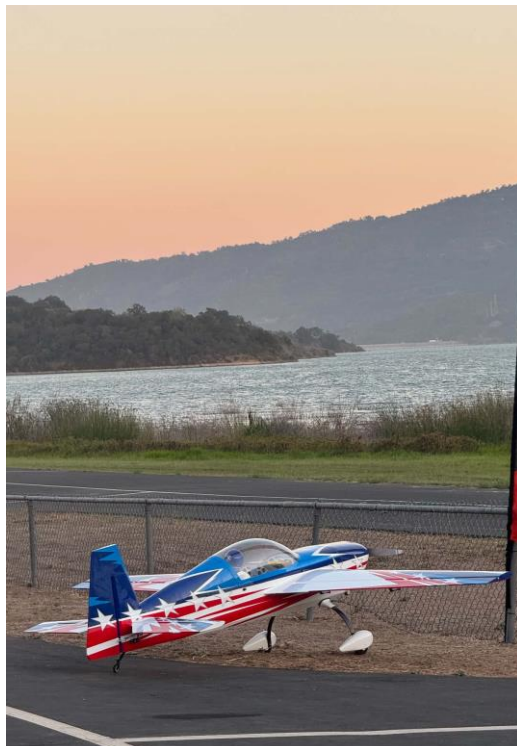
For our international visitors were some of our friends from Israel, there were out here on summer vacation to see Oshkosh and some other sightseeing. Pilots Omer Koriat and Tal Perets put on a good show with their formation flights.

Tim Hanstine (owner of Extreme Flight RC) along with Santiago Perez came all the way from Georgia and Florida to attend and support our event as well.

Luke and I are looking forward to the next one and we are going to be looking at some ideas to make things run a little bit smoother, but all in all I was pretty happy with how our event and my event T-shirts turned out.

Till next time, see you guys in the sky.







Videos (YouTube):

[3D RC Action at Lake Casitas HuckFest 2026 - Skybound RC - Juan Sanchez](#)
[Come along for a ride on the 104" Extra 260!! - Extreme Flight](#)

Picts from the Warbird Fun Fly, Swap meet and BBQ, Aug 15, 2026





Upcoming Events at the Comet's Field

Sep. 19: Junior Members Fun Fly and BBQ

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