

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

# THE FLY PAPER

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I always believed a newsletter is a good way to keep the members of an organization informed. Not being real computer savvy I wanted to resurrect "The Fly Paper" in the format that the club used to print. However I will put it together but its up to you to print it out.

For the 1st months resurrection of the Fly Paper I will have an overview of 2017 and try to bring the members up to date on what has been happening. I will keep the same format of the newsletter as previously published but make a few changes along the way.

Feel free to send me any interesting R/C related stories, helpful hints, upcoming events, or maybe the results of a club flying event that interests you .

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*Bruce G*

## Events Calendar:

### Club Meeting

Next meeting is **Thursday, January 25th, 2018 8:00 p.m.**

### Monroe First Aid Squad Building

47 Monmouth Rd.,  
Monroe Township, NJ

### Air Benders

Check the website for more details and additional events

### 2018 TCRC Board Members:



Voted in at the December meeting was a new TCRC Board. (Pictured from left to right) is Larry Kosinar, Trustee. Bill Morrocco is now the new TCRC President. Jim Fitzpatrick is the Treasurer and Eric Fagan is the Secretary. And Tony C. is the Sergeant at Arms. Missing from the picture is the Vice President, Emery Mersich. Congratulations to the new group. And thanks for volunteering.

**AMA EXPO EAST**  
Secaucus, NJ  
February 23 thru 25, 2018



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## Some of the 2017 Outdoor Flying Events this past year:

Pilots were busy this year:

**In March** There was a “Wings & Airplane” Racing event. There was a great turnout of pilots and the competition was fierce. Pilots had to fly through and around gates using FPV and also a “line of site” airplane racing event.

**April** there was a “Spring Thaw” fun fly.

**May** the group held a “Club Class Pattern Fun Fly”. There were 15 pilots that took part and the whole idea was to fly specific maneuvers in a sequence. It is an introduction into a pattern type of competition. This picture of the group and a short story made it into a nationally published pattern magazine.



**June** had its second Heli Fest organized by Kevin Tishner and Steve Yun. Participation was great with about 30 contestants coming from as far away as Miami Florida. There were several Factory pilots and Team pilots that put on some great demonstrations. These guys got some great sponsorship prizes from Lynx, Rotorcraft, Oxy and others. Steve and Kevin are putting together another Heli Fest for 2018.



**August** Most of August the field was shut down, but Mike D. put together a “visiting flyers program” where-by other R/C Clubs welcomed our members to fly at their fields because of Presidential TFR’s. Our members visited and flew at Burlington County R/C Club, Hudson County R/C club in Haverstraw, NY and the Ocean County Modelers Club in Jackson.

### **October 7th** , TCRC Picnic and Pattern Club Class Fun Fly II

Starting the day at 10:00 the group of 14 took to the skies to show how much they improved since the last pattern event in May. After flying 2 rounds the TCRC picnic was under way. Members pitched in to cook, bring cold drinks, man the grills and have a great day of flying and camaraderie.



**October 21** Clunker Day this year

Tony C’s Clunker.

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## Some New Members that Joined during 2017 Welcome !

David Barr  
Aditya Udeshi  
Saurabh Udeshi  
Robert Haffner  
Eric Fagan  
Rich McDonald  
Sebastian Velasco  
Shaun Wright  
Cole Jones  
Frank Cuomo  
Ilya Grilikhes  
Robert McClellan  
Devin McClellan  
Mike Longo  
William Anthony Jr.  
Armand Grazini  
Ken Kitchen  
John Kelley  
Ron Walker

**SAFETY FIRST**  
Before advancing the throttle for takeoff, have you completed a flight control check? ...Ailerons connected and moving in proper direction, elevator and rudder moving in proper direction...

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was poorly attended, but the guys that took part had a great time.

Tony C. built a double wing plane, *pictured on page 2*, that did get airborne for a little bit.

Mike D. had a few mismatched contraptions, that all flew pretty good.

John D. had a few planes that he dug out of the attic. Pictured above is a old Morane Saulnier that was built from Nick Zirol plans about 30 years ago. John installed an electric motor for Clunker Day and the plane flew great.



Novembers, The "Summers Over Fun Fly" had quite a few members taking part.

Pictured below Larry K as he puts together his mobile hanger of aircraft and get ready to fly.



Pictured on the left is a fantastic looking jet model owned by Dennis M. He said that the model has been flown at Floyd Bennett field in Brooklyn. Dennis said it needs a longer runway than is at TCRC field.

## IN MEMORY:

With the passing of Mr. Charlie Bisette this past year the Club made a donation to the AMA and bought a Brick at AMA headquarters in honor of Charlie. Picture below is the Brick .



Mr Ed Pochinski also passed away this past year.



Above is a GyroCopter that Frank J. (pictured **intently** flying below) , hopes to get air worthy soon



## A few pictures of Model of the Month



Peter D's Great Planes Super Sportster MkII. The plane is constructed of balsa and ply with a 55.5" wingspan. It is powered by an OS Max 46AX motor swinging a 10x6 3 blade prop. The radio used for this plane is a JR using 5 servos. The plane is covered in red, white, blue and orange Monokote. Pete took home the \$25 prize for the best model of the month.

Anatoliy Yakirevich's scratch built The plane is constructed of balsa and has a wingspan of 18". The plane weighs 4.5oz's and is powered by a 2 cell battery...motor size unknown. The radio used is a Futaba using 3 channels. The plane is covered in white and red Ultracote. Anatoliy took home a \$25 prize for Model of the Month.



Bill Lesko showed off his new glider. Bill went into some of the good points and bad points of the aircraft.



Dave Barr brought in his Cub that he recently finished up. It was a kit project that was started many years back.



Pictured on the left is Gerry Roedels refurbished model that he picked up at a recent auction. With some great building techniques the model was repainted and ready for a maiden flight.



*Ritual or Not ? Prior to Gerry's maiden flight these three guys were spotted walking in circles around the new plane chanting something or other. If you heard what they were mumbling let me know!!  
Ritual or Not, the plane had a successful maiden flight.*



Tony C. get ready to fire up his 4 cycle Ugly Stick. The plane was a combination of a fuselage from one manufacturer and the wing from another manufacturer. A little modification to the wing mounting and the plane flies great. It sure sound awesome in the air.

As Tony is at the field a lot, he has taught and qualified the most number of new pilots this year. Nice Job Tony!

## Nanook 2017-2018

The weather on both days was high in the 20's with winds 15-30 mph. Dec 31st was a cloudy over -cast day, and Jan 1st was a sunny day with a few clouds in the sky. Winds were slightly better blowing about 15-20 mph. The 1 inch layer of snow on the runway was powdery.

The following fliers participated in the 2017-2018 TCRC Nanook flight: Bruce Grankowski, Larry Kosinar, Perry Makris, Muzamil Abbasi, Hans Hernandez, Alex Szemere, Peter Duskiewicz, Bill Morrocco, Mike Di-Gennaro, Bill Lesko, Eric Fagen, Ilya Grilikhes, Tony Caracciolo, Steve Spataro, Steve Yun, Anthony Coffaro, and Rich Rodriguez.

December 31st, the last day of the year had two crashes and the honor of last crash for 2017 goes to Hans Hernandez with the 3-D printed Spitfire. The other collision went to Bruce Grankowski trying to trim branches in a tree. With his electric U Can Do 46.

January 1st 2018 passed without any crashes or hard landings.

The following planes were flown by the participants:

Bruce G: F4f Wildcat, U Can Do 46 on skis, and an Escapade.

Larry K: S-2 Carbon Cub on skis and a Wild hog

Mazamil, A: Heli, Edge and Profile Extra

Perry M: FPV Quad

Hans H: Corsair, 3-D printed Spitfire and a twin Cargp plane

Alex S: Mentor

Peter D: 40 sized Sportster and a powered glider, The glow would not start as the fuel was too cold.

Bill Lesko: Easystar motorized glider

Mike D: Two Helis, DJI FPV Quad and Wild Hog

Eric Fagan: Mini copter and a Timber

Ilya G; Video flying quad

Tony C: Heli flown in Staten Island both days

Steve S: Heli flown in Staten Island both days

Anthony Coffaro, Cessna 210 and nitro high wing trainer with brake

Rich Rodriguez: FPV Quad and FPV wing

Bill Morrocco flew his quad

### Items of Note Day 1;

Peter D could not get his nitro powered Sportster running due to cold temps

Eric F forgot his wing bolts and could not fly at the field

Hans H made a spectacular inverted crash creating a big cloud of snow with his printed Spitfire

Bruce G came to an unexpected stop about 60 feet up in the air with his old trusty U Can Do on skis

### Item of Note Day 2

Mike D was receiving numerous alarms with his quad and had to place it and batteries in car and heat them up.

Near the end of the day hot pizza was served to all present.

01/01/18 was a great start for the TCRC group,

Larry K.

Academy Model of Aeronautics  
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## The Fly Paper

C/o Bruce Grankowski



Larry's Carbon Cub with skis

Muze getting ready to fly his Edge



Dr. Alex flew his Mentor.



Hans successfully flew his Corsair

