

### **Reminders:**

- **Membership Dues** Renewals have been e-mailed out. If you want your membership card mailed back to you, include a Self Address Stamped Envelope.
- Be sure your AMA and FAA is current.

### Field / Club Update:

We are waiting for the N B. Rec Dept to issue a new permit to the club for this year. We are aware that there will probably be a fee this year as the Rec Dept informed us of that last year. We are limited to 10 members at the field at any one time. And please wear your masks. The Police will be checking for compliance.

The AMA has sent out our Charter applications for the club. We have mailed checks and the completed forms back to the AMA.

Next Meeting is January 28th, 2021 It will be a Zoom Virtual meeting. Details will follow.

The Club website is Up and running The new address is www.tricountyrc.com

It is a work in progress and will take a little more time but so far it looks great !

Night Flying has nothing scheduled until March, Hopefully the weather will improve.

THIS THURSDAYS TCRC MEETING WILL BE DONE ON *ZOOM*. YOU WILL BE E-MAILED THE LINK LATER THIS WEEK.

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# NANOOK FLY 2020 -2021

Although the weather was wet on the first day, we did have a few participants. Actual pilots at Pulda Farms on December 31st were, Bruce G, Frank J. and Hans H. Each got in a few flights, in between the rain drops. Alex S, Mike D, Kevin J, and Sam L. and Bill H. sent in videos of their qualifying Dec 31, flights.

On January 1st, at Pulda Farms, the weather was a little bit better, but the temp was still hovering around 37 degrees. Making an appearance for the second day of the flying event, was Bruce G, Frank J, Hans H, Sam L. Mike D. Videos were sent in by Kevin J, Alex S. Bill Higgins.

Let it be noted that Hans H had the **last crash of 2020**, just a minor mishap, and Sam L had the **first crash of the 2021** with his Heli. Prizes will be awarded to all those that took part in the Nanook 2021 event



Cartoon is courtesy of Mrs. Kosinar.

MKK 1/02/2019



Mike D took part in the Nanook event



Sam L had the first mishap of 2021

Hans H is at Pulda for both days





Here is a beautiful photo of the field after the first snowfall of December 2020. The picture was submitted by Mike O.

# Who won the picture contest for December?

The correct answer for December was that Tony C was pictured in the newsletter 3 times. **Mike D** was the first one to text me with the correct answer and wins a Dunkin Donut Gift card. Thanks to all who joined in.

**Plane found after a few years.** Larry K thinks it was his but there is not much left to it. However I looked for any tell tale name or identification, and there was a label attached inside the fuselage on the left side, but has since came off. It may be advantageous to write your name inside the plane with a pen and put it in a few spots.







(Left) Frank J. after his first flight on Dec 31, 2020

*Below left*, Bruce gets ready for his first flight with his "Old Faithful", Wildcat. He has 200 flights on this foamy.

*Below,* Bill H sent in his videos for both days.





## And the Trophy is awarded to !!!



# Share your mishaps !

Dec 2020 Hans Hennandez as he was the last one to get the dumbass award for the year.

Sam Lairson was the first one to have a mishap for 2021 as he bent up his heli on Jan 1, 2021 at Pulda.

Remember, you can't make a mistake if you don't fly.

But January is not over yet.



Two pilots are were at the field on Jan 1 to be some of the first to fly in the New Year.

## CG Center of Gravity

Just a quick rule of thumb.

BG

I happened to be at Pulda recently and saw one of the members with a homebuilt fixed -wing plane he had put together. He is a qualified pilot and flies pretty good. But this day, as we were talking about the homebuilt fuselage of the plane, that he had made from an old discarded carbon hockey stick we were eager to see it fly. Well he hand launched the aircraft and it went into about a 20 foot loop and hit the ground with

> only minor damage.

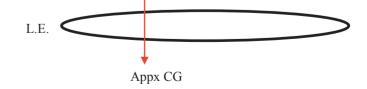


I picked up the plane and checked for the **balance point** of the plane. With this aircraft being a homemade plane us-

ing pieces of a few planes I put my fingers under the wing to check for the balance point. This plane was very tail heavy. That to me is what cause the plane to do one loop and crash.

Bottom line and one of the first things to check is the CG, (center of Gravity). If you don't know the CG because it's a home-built, a good place to start is to put your fingers about 1/3 back from the wings leading edge. Balance the plane on your fingertips. It should not be tail heavy, if anything, a slightly nose heavy plane is a little better. Adjust the battery in the fuse if you can to get it a little nose heavy.

There are many other ways, to check the CG but this is just a quick, down and dirty procedure that usually works pretty good for a test flight. Especially when it's an aircraft that you just threw together, or one for the Franken-fly.



## FOR SALE

Phone, text or e-mail Alex if you are interested in any of the items. 732-816-1810, tcrcy2k@aol.com



FMS Olympus, Brand New in unopened box. \$325.00

Blade Nano QX RTF Complete \$75.00



5 Second Fix

\$10.00



Academy Model of Aeronautics Charter # 434



## **Club Guidelines**

Be sure you have your information on the aircraft including AMA number and FAA Identification number. To register your aircraft/drone go to www.faa.gov. The charge for this registration is \$5.00 for 3 years.

Support your club....



Tri-County R C Club hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. And are available at all the meetings or text Bruce G at 732-586-9779 and he can bring them to the field.

Reminder: Club Meetings are always the last Thursday of the month. Except November and December, those will be announced. The next meeting will be on January 28th 2021. Virtual meeting.



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