

TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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March Meeting information:

- It was noted that one of the field canopies will be replaced in its entirety and the second canopy will have a new cover installed on the existing framework. Once these come in, help will be needed to set them up.
- The club plans on having a minimum of 4 flying event this coming season. If you have any suggestions let one of the board members know your ideas.
- All flying machine must have the pilots FAA registration number marked on the aircraft. There is masking tape and a marker located at the field as a temporary means for each pilot to comply.
- Flight Training has resumed on Tuesday afternoons/evenings on a regular basis as the warm weather has hopefully arrived. The club has trainer planes and radios. Any member wishing to learn to fly can just show up without an appointment. But it will be better to contact Alex Szemere at 732-816-1810 or e-mail TCRCY2K@aol.com.
- Our Haberdasher, Frank Jones has put together an order for club hats. They are in and will be available at the meetings.
- There was an auction held at the end of the meeting with 100% of proceeds going to help a past member Tim McMillen who is having health issues. Tim had contacted Gerry, as he wanted to sell his equipment and made sure it would be put to good use by fellow modelers. Dr. Alex took charge of the auction and did a great job in raising a nice amount of money that will be given to Mr. McMillen. A majority of the items were



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Club Meeting

Next meeting is **Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:00 p.m.**

Monroe First Aid Squad Building

47 Monmouth Rd.,
Monroe Township, NJ

Some suggestions for this years flying events include:

"2019 Summers Over , Halloween Fun Fly" and Annual Picnic

"Theme day", Last Saturday of each Month

"Night Flying", Maybe once per month on the 2nd Saturday night.

Most events will **not** close down the field to regular flying.

More details and additional events will be posted in the upcoming newsletters.

The Mercer County Radio Control Society is going to have an **electric fixed wing** fun fly on Saturday, May 18th. TCRC is invited to come and enjoy. Their field is in Assumpink Park off route 571. Their website , MCRCS.com, has directions.

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TCRCC Welcomes New Members

At the March meeting the club voted in two new members. So if you see them at the field, say hello.

Pictured on the left is **Brant Wright**, his son Shaun joined the club last year, under the guidance of his grandfather **Frank Jones**.

Also becoming a member is **Doug Jones**, his son also joined the club last year and Doug is the son of Frank Jones.

That will give the club three generations of the Jones family that enjoy the hobby.



Frank Jones and his son, Doug, give the Apprentice a pre-flight check before another flight.



FAA Numbers on Aircraft:

In case you haven't been informed, the FAA has issued an "interim final ruling" concerning the placement of registration numbers on all Unmanned Aircraft. Starting 2/25/2019 the FAA Reg numbers must be placed somewhere on the outside of the aircraft.

The logic behind this is that an aircraft's hatches may be booby trapped. So if you see a black Suburban at the field, make sure your numbers are in the right place. <https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=93045>

It was mentioned at the March meeting that there will be masking tape and a marker at the field so pilots can abide by the FAA ruling.



A new storage shed was constructed and brought to the field this week. Thanks to Tony, Armand and Bruce for volunteering for this project and getting it done. In the background it is noted that there are new solar panels mounted on the quad area poles.

Mr. K taxis his new Freewing **Avanti** back to the pits after a very successful maiden flight.

The Avanti is an 80mm electric sport jet that comes with all the servos, retractable landing gear, 100 amp ESC, navigation lights and many other features. It is a great looking jet and it is said to be a fantastic way to get into the "jet" area of flying. It has a 48.7 inch wing span and has a 9 blade fan.



*If you see this guy wandering around the field, just say hello and avoid getting too close. He claims to be the **Chief of Aerial Shenanigans**.*

Come on out for night flying, which is held the second Saturday night of each month. You might see him there.

Night Flying

The night flying events are off to a good start this past month. It was reported that there was a nice turnout of members to fly and watch the activities.

Steve Yun, put on the best display by flying his 700 size heli with some very impressive lighting features. The next Night flying event will take place on April 13th.



Show and Tell

There were two models on display at the meeting this month.

Eric talked about his new plane a Top-Flite ARF AT-6 that he purchased at the AMA East Expo show. It is ready-to-fly. Eric said his maiden flight on the plane was quite tricky on landing but managed to get it down in one piece. It's powered by a Magnum Blue .91 engine.



The second plane was an E-flite Extra 300 shown by Bruce G.

The foam aircraft is a PNP model that has a wingspan of about 51 inches and weights in at about 4 1/2 lbs. Its powered by an 4250 kv motor with a 60amp ESC. Recommended batter is a 4S 3200 battery, but this plane was maiden on a 4000 mah battery and got about 8 minutes of flight time. Very little trim was required on the first

flight and is a good aerobatic performer.





A blast from the past. Tony Eck found this picture in his archives. The year is sometime in the 70's at Thompson Park in Jamesburg. Picture left to right is Tony, Ray Comes and Harold Penny. He said "That is the first giant scale model I built from Nick Zioli's first giant scale model plans. It did fly good, and was powered by a quadra gas engine. I can't recall what I did with it. Crash?? Or Sell it"

Photo by Tony Eck

SAFETY FIRST

Have you
Selected
The correct model
On your
transmitter

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quad related gear and it will all be used by our members. Our best wishes go out to Mr. McMillen



Going once, going twice!!!



Tony's Armada of flying aces.



Can you name the NJ native builder of this airplane?

- The road to Pulda Farms is starting to dry out. Please use common sense when the field is muddy. Frank Jones made some improvements to the drainage in the muddy areas, and this is a big help. *Thanks Frank.*

Come on out and fly something!!!!

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