

TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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May Meeting information:

- The club plans on having a minimum of 4 flying events this coming season. If you have any suggestions let one of the board members know your ideas.
- All aircraft 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 arrived. The club has trainer planes and radios. Any member wishing to learn to fly can just show up without an appointment but it would be better to contact Alex Szemere at 732-816-1813 or e-mail TCRCY2K@aol.com.
- Club hats are now available at the meetings. The cost of each hat is \$15.00. Frank Jones did a fantastic job of putting the order together, so support your club and get a TCRC hat.
- 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. Here is the link for the FAA. <https://www.faa.gov/news/updates/?newsId=93045>

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Club Meeting

Next meeting is **Thursday, May 30, 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", 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.

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Words from our President: *the following text is from a message that was sent to all members before the meeting but in case you did not read it, it's worth repeating.*

Hello fellow members. It looks like Spring is here and with it, the flying season. Just a few items to mention concerning the field: Tony C., Frank J., and Armand G. have put in a lot of effort and time into making the field look good! Old pipes and junk have been carted away, the grass has been cut, drainage has been improved at that muddy turn into the parking area. A new storage box has been added.

The Park Ranger (Pete) told us he will notify the Parks Dept about the ruts in the road and the lack of garbage pickup. We haven't bothered the town about this since the road will probably smooth out on its own and the garbage pickups usually resume in the late spring. The less we bother the town the better off we are.

Rich McDonald has installed an amazing solar powered battery charging setup by the quad field. A round of applause for Rich's efforts!!!! And by the way, Rich has some surplus storage cases, FREE... but must be picked up in Secaucus.



The mamma fox who takes care of excess geese and small rodents has a new litter of 4-7 kits. Her den is at the left when looking at the runway, at 10 o'clock, about halfway out.



Updated information:

- New recyclable cans have been replaced by the town.
- Canopy tents have been put up and secured in place.
- The club will be looking into buying a new lawn tractor to replace the one that is having drivetrain issues.

Upcoming Contests and Things to Attend:



- The International Drone Racing League is now accepting contestants for drone races hosted by Drone Expo East. The event will be held in Atlantic City, NJ on June 27-30, 2019. For additional information go to www.IDRLC.com
- The NSRCA will be having their first Pattern event this May, on Saturday the 18th in Jackson, NJ. The one day event will have some of the best pattern flyers from this area. The OCMRC will sponsor the event. Any Pattern pilot can register and take part in the event. They will even have the **Club Class** that we have been practicing at the TCRC field for the past two years. So go take part in their event.



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If you like **full scale air shows** John Donnelly talked about a June 1st and 2nd Greenwood Lake Air Show held in West Milford, NJ

For more information go to www.greenwoodlakeairshow.com. *More info within the coupons on page 4.*

Night Flying for April

The night flying events, under the direction of Mike D., are off to a great start this past April. There was a nice turnout of members to fly and watch the activities for both fixed wing and quads.

Pictured below is the quad area set-up including all the whistles and bells.

Rich McDonald designed and set up some highly visible LED lighted gates for this nighttime challenge. *BG*



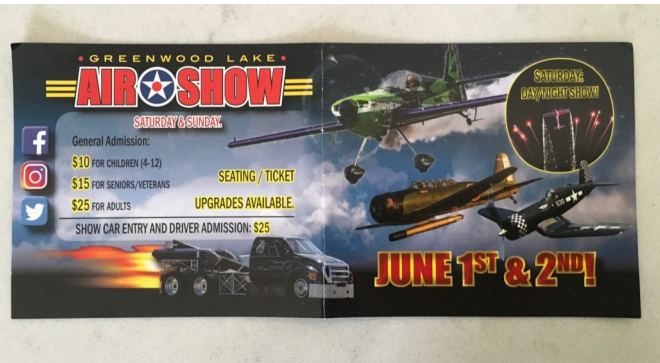
Kevin T. checks over his night flyer before he hand launches. The aircraft is a foam design manufactured by RA Cores. It's a BLu Fo XL. their website site is www.racores.com *Its very impressive looking in the air.*



Frank Jones taxis his night flying craft back to the pit area.



Quad enthusiasts (pictured left to right) Rich Rodriguez, Joe Aiello, help Shaun Wright, Frank Jones and Cole Jones (back to the camera) get ready to set up a new quad for night flying.



Also reported by John Donnelly:

The Reading Regional Airport in Reading PA is having its 29th annual WWII weekend event. June 7th thru the 9th is the dates to remember.

There are static displays, re-enactments, flying displays, rides in WWII aircraft and much more. Vendors will have guns, machine guns, cannons and anti-aircraft artillery that you can shoot, for a fee of course. You will be firing blanks, but it still feels and sounds like the real stuff.

For more information, their website site is www.maam.org.



FOR SALE:

John Eskow has a Top Flite 60 size Mustang with a new OS61 fx engine. The Plane is built motor is installed covered with military olive drab scale graphics nicely done. The graphics are the "Old Crowe design. It has two servos in the wings, has tank installed.

John would like to sell the plane for \$250. Give him a call at 908-489-7694, or e-mail him at Johnflys2@comcast.net if you're interested or want more information.

Price of the motor alone is worth the \$250?



This is not a picture of the actual plane, only a representation.

If you have any r/c items you want to sell or are looking to purchase, let me know and I will be happy to post them in the newsletter.

E-mail your information, with a picture, if possible to bgrankowski@optonline.net

Delinquent Membership Dues:

**Don't forget
to renew your
2019 TCRC membership dues**

If you need a renewal form, e-mail me at bgrankowski@optonline.net

Show and Tell

Bruce G. brought his newest 62inch Pattern plane to the meeting.

The model is designed and built by AJ Aircraft. Its powered by a 5S 5200 mAh battery, with an 85 amp ESC and the elec motor is a Great Planes 1.20 Rim fire. Bruce gets about 6-7 minutes per flight and uses Futaba servos for all the control surfaces. The ARF aircraft is constructed of balsa wood and covered in Monokote.



Photo by John D

He has about 15 flights on it so far, and is still getting it trimmed so he can enter a few pattern competitions this year.

This plane is a inexpensive way to get into competition pattern flying!

SAFETY FIRST

Are your control surface hinges secure ?

It's a good idea to check them after each flight...



Question: Can you name the NJ native builder of this airplane?

Answer: **Dick Sarpolus** was the designer and builder of this airplane called the Prime Cut + 20.

John Donnelly was the first TCRC member to correctly identify this aircraft and **Mike DiGennaro** is the owner of this plane as the picture was taken at Pulda Farms last month..

So, Who is **Dick Sarpolus**? Mr Sarpolus is a NJ native that grew up in this area. He belonged to the Union Model Airplane Club, Linden Model club flying control line models, helped to organize the East Coast Soaring Society, and the Monmouth MAC flying clubs.

In the late 60's got involved in R/C and began, competing in all aspects of model flying and had about 200 trophies by the end of the 70's. He was writing and designing planes for model magazines. He spoke at numerous TCRC meetings throughout the years showing and talking about his designs. Sarpolus had more than a dozen R/C designs commercially kitted and has published appx. 500 articles on various aeromodeling topics. And in 1985 was inducted into the Model Aviation Hall of Fame.

Look up his autobiography online. You will be impressed.

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