

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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The next scheduled TCRC meeting will be on  
**Thursday MARCH 31st** at 8:00 PM.  
At the Monroe First- Aid building.

Deadline for 2022 Membership dues is March 31st.  
Please have your AMA and FAA documentation up to date and  
show proof as such.

Minutes of the February meeting have been e-mailed to all members. This is so you are kept up on the meeting and eliminates my having to read the minutes aloud. E-mailing of the minutes will be a step in the use of more up-to-date technology, especially for dinosaurs like me.

Mike D is trying to put together a Spring Fun fly possibly in May. More details to follow.

Irwin K, mentioned that the Mercer Club will host a warbird event on May 21st.

WestChester Radio Aeromodlers ( WRAM) will be having a Fun Fly Jamboree on July 16-17 at 745 Route 311, Patterson NY 12563. For more information contact Dan Carozza at 914-380-2302, [aeroplaneart@aol.com](mailto:aeroplaneart@aol.com)

Hi All

*I'm always looking for articles or events that pertain to our hobby.*

- Maybe just some of your building tips, or tools that you like to use to make your building easier.*
- Or Something that you would like to share with the membership.*

*Thanks for any suggestions you want to share.*

*Bruce G.*

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47 Monmouth Rd.  
Monroe Township,  
NJ 08831**

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Fellow Tri-County RC Club Member,

It is once again that time of year to collect dues from the members of the Tri-county RC Club. After careful review by the Board Members on the expenditures for this past year, the new projects planned for this year and new expenses such as the township fee permit for the field, it has become necessary to increase the adult membership fees from \$50 to \$75 per year.

In an effort to encourage new members including juniors, the Board Members have elected to eliminate the initiation fee and maintain the junior rate at \$25 per year.

All new members will be prorated based on the month they join.

Please submit your payment either in cash or by check. Checks should be made payable to "Tri-county RC Club". Checks can be mailed to Jack Baum at the following address or submitted at the monthly club meeting.

15 Desmet Avenue  
Milltown, NJ 08850

Payments by cash should only be made at the monthly club meeting.

All payments should be made by March 31, 2022.

Please be sure to include on the form your AMA number, expiration date, FAA number and expiration date. Please do not submit a check unless your AMA and FAA are up to date. As a reminder, no member of the club can fly at the field without a valid AMA and FAA card available for validation at the field.

For those members renewing their AMA and FAA cards this year, please forward me the electronic copy of your AMA and FAA receipts that should include your name, AMA or FAA number and the new expiration date. My email address is [jhbaum007@aol.com](mailto:jhbaum007@aol.com) . Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 732-991-6240.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the field in the very near future.  
Happy flying!

TCRC Treasurer  
Jack Baum

## Model of the Month

By a close voting margin at the meeting, Jeff A. was the winner of Model of the Month with his Vanquish MKII Pattern plane. Its an ARF kit with a 48 inch wingspan. Jeff has not flown the model yet, but I'm sure this will be a great flying aircraft.

Mike D brought in his two SAB Goblin helicopters. One is a 700 size the other was a 580 size. (the size is the blades in mm)

Anatoliy Y. showed off his partially built Sig Smith Mini Plane that he is converting to electric power.



### FYI- Guidelines:

If **one** member shows off their new creation it is considered a "Show and Tell".

If **two or more** aircraft are shown and discussed at a meeting, then the membership votes on who's is the best and then it becomes "Model of the Month" and a prize may be awarded.



### **TRAINING :**

Pilots who may need a refresher, and new members with limited or no experience are welcome to request stick time.

Feel free to call or text Alex S. at [732-816-1810](tel:732-816-1810) to arrange dual flying time.... As long as it is 50 degrees or more, winds are less than 15 mph and not wet out there, we can squeeze in some flights.

*Just a reminder. Put your name, address, AMA number and FAA Number and phone number on your aircraft so in the event you have a fly-it might help to get your aircraft returned to you.*

## Monthly interview with a TCRC member Get to know your fellow R/C pilots.

By Bruce G. This month's pilot is Brady French



**Brady French** is single and lives in East Brunswick. He has been a member twice, once when he started in model aviation, but dropped out with a couple of other members and started their own club. That lasted over ten years, then he rejoined TCRC a few years ago when finding a suitable field became more and more difficult.

**Bruce G:** How did you become involved with model aviation?

**Brady F** I've always been interested in history, especially WW2. As a kid I enjoyed building plastic models. When my uncle wanted to try RC planes, I decided to join in. My first plane was a Lil'Tri Squire. And now, I've been flying RC for nearly 40 years.

**BG:** Who or what has influenced you the most?

**BF:** My biggest influence was a gentlemen named Bill Lehman. He was my instructor when I started and the President of our club. Sadly, Bill left this world a few years ago.

**BG:** What other hobbies do you have?

**BF:** I enjoy general aviation and have my private pilot's license with a single engine land rating. Most recently I have flown out of Princeton airport. Some of the aircraft that I have taken into the air include a Cessna 150, 172 and a Piper Warrior. I've had my license since 1997.

**BG:** What attracted you to model aircraft in the first place.

**BF:** I always was fascinated by propeller driven aircraft, so RC seemed like a good idea.

**BG :** How has model aviation impacted your life and/or career?

**BF** The biggest impact has been flying every Sunday morning, when we had our small club, called the Hadley Field Flyers. We were all-weather flyers, nothing stopped our fun.



Pictured is one of Brady's latest planes, It's an Extra 300 purchased from Tower Hobbies that he just assembled, but had it for over a year.

**BG:** What is/was your occupation?

**BF:** I currently work for Amazon as a Transportation Associate in Robbinsville, NJ

**BG:** What disciplines of modeling do you currently participate in?

**BF** I have mostly flown sport planes, Tried Quickie 500 racing couple of times at Lakehurst in the past. Built a Taube once to take to Rhinebeck, but crashed it when the receiver battery died in mid flight.

**BG** I know you have a busy work schedule. When do you get the most of your flying time in.

**BF.** "Yes work keeps me busy, but I usually get to the field after work, which is later in the day, mostly during the week."

## Dumbass / Crash of the Month

**Frank Kopitskie** was at the February meeting and was kind enough to share his crash story from January, where he flew his heli too close to the ceiling and got pulled in the ceiling structure at his work. He had to get a 30 foot ladder to retrieve the heli. The boss was a little annoyed at the situation, to say the least.

*Thanks for the story. BG*

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There were a few other stories about damaged aircraft mentioned at the meeting, but not everyone was there, or brave enough to share their story. Many of us know by now, damages take place just transporting the aircraft in and out of our shop hangars, and too the field, or just doing stupid things.



## “ Most Toys”

We will continue this contest for 2022 so submit your pictures of your aircraft. Heli's, Quads, fixed winged aircraft are all allowed, but they must be **your** own. No borrowing.

There were No Entries for March ?????  
....Come on guys.

Submit your pictures of your aircraft hangar.  
Deadline for April Newsletter is April 22nd

Send your pictures to the Newsletter Editor listed on page one.

**Dennis M.** was featured in February's "Most Toys" article. He followed up with a few new pictures and a little history.

The Jet (pictured below) is a HSD Super Viper that Dennis bought a few years ago with everything except the power plant. He proceeded to get his turbine waiver and now has about 15 solo flights on the aircraft.



*A little back history:*

After seeing the HSD 105mm jets and realizing they came in both EDF and Turbine versions, he purchased one and knew the EDF would be stepping stone to getting a turbine.

One bit of advise, that Dennis has to offer is "stop flying a bunch of different models and just stick with one or two models and keep flying them to a point where you become good with it and you will find yourself no longer crashing planes".

(Pictured below) The same plane with a new paint scheme.



Dennis says that flying the Freewing Avanti-S was a big help in getting him to achieving his turbine goal, and still flies it.

*Thanks for sharing. BG*

Its that time of year again, for me at least, as I am a fair weather flyer.

The weather this past Wednesday was perfect. Sunny, very little wind and about 65 degrees. When I got to the field Gerry was just arriving too with his (Go-To) Timber.

We unloaded our planes and proceeded to shake off the cobwebs and get into the air. For me, this was the first time out to the field since the Nanook Fun Fly. I got in three good flights with my *Acuity* pattern plane. (pictured below) Yes, there will be a pattern fun fly or maybe two this year.

Ahhh the warm weather! We started out with sweatshirts and eventually were able to put them in the car.

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Mike K, soon arrived as well Jack B, Shelly, and Armand. Everyone brought their aircraft and had some great flights.

So its time for all pilots to get off the couch, and get out the field for some good fly-

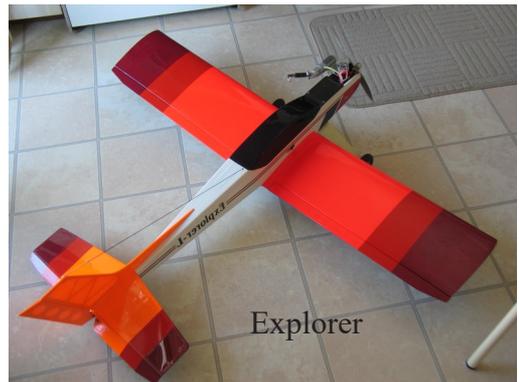
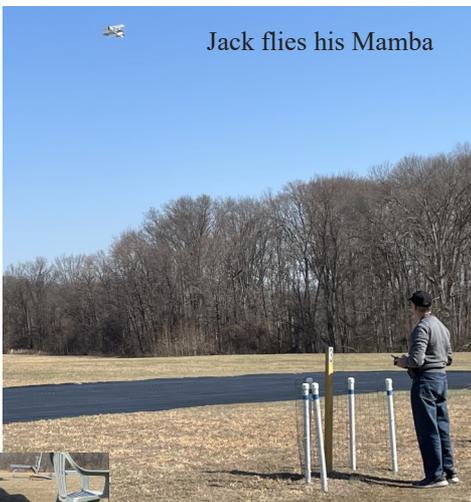
ing.

Don't forget to look over your aircraft. Check the linkages, hinges, mounting screws, batteries. Two minutes of a pre-flight inspection might save your aircraft. Don't forget to have your name and number on the aircraft in case of a fly away.

This is the start of a great 2022 flying season. There are a few fun-flies scheduled for this season.

I hope to see you at the field.

BG



# FOR SALE:

Mike Korb has a few Glo powered planes for sale. All planes include engine and servos. Asking for best offer on each. Contact Mike @ [michaeljk048@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljk048@gmail.com)

# FOR SALE

## TCRC Haberdashery



Support your club....  
Club Hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. E-mail Bruce at [bgrankowski@optonline.net](mailto:bgrankowski@optonline.net) to get yours.

Limited Edition  
TCRC Tee Shirts.  
There are just a few left. \$10.00 each.  
Blue with Yellow Logo

4 – small  
5 –medium



If you have any items for sale, email or text a picture of your item and a description of what you have to sell to the newsletter editor at:

[bgrankowski@optonline.net](mailto:bgrankowski@optonline.net)

or

text to 732-586-9779

Alex S has two items for sale.

1. E Flite Apprentice \$350.
2. Night Timber \$375.

Both are Bind and fly (BNF) and New in the Box (NIB)

Contact Alexander Szemere

732-816-1810 of [drszemere@aol.com](mailto:drszemere@aol.com)



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