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- Mike D. has announced a **“Spring Thaw” Fun fly / Mike Longo Memorial** on **Saturday May 14th** with a rain date of Sunday May 15. There will be the *exciting* Streamer cut event as well as a few others. So come on out and have fun. Chef Gerry will be cooking up his famous Dirty Water Dogs. 
- 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
- Another popular TCRC event that is not yet scheduled is the **Club Class Pattern Fun fly**. We can discuss this at the April meeting. I have tentative dates of Saturday May 28th, or Saturday June 25th. With Rain Dates on the Sundays.
- Minutes of the last months 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 is a step in the use of more up -to -date technology, especially for dinosaurs like me.
- An old member of TCRC Club, Bob Scales has passed away. There will be an RC Estate Sale on Saturday May 7, 2022 at his house, from 2 to 4 PM. Located at 3 Fordham Road, Kendall Park, NJ 08827
There are several kits, finished electric and glow planes, , glow-engines, batteries, field equipment, etc. Alex S. will be assisting Mr. Scales son-in-law Mark Tinder to sell the items.

**Next Meeting
scheduled for
8:00 PM
Thursday April 28th
2022
Monroe First Aid
Building
47 Monmouth Rd.
Monroe Township,
NJ 08831**

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Model of the Month

There were two members who were proud to show off their latest aircraft at the meeting. Larry K brought his Ryan STA plane that he had just recently finished. And Jack B. brought his own design foam board creation EDF jet.



Jack's plane is a combination of F-35 and DC10 with a wingspan 30", and a length 42". The propulsion system is a Freewing 64 mm ,12 blade EDF, using a 4S battery, a 60 amp speed controller, front wheel from Marlin, Lights from Mamba 60. Weight w/o battery 2.25 lbs.



Larry's aircraft is a good looking Ryan STA, an ARF kit from Great Planes that he has not yet flown. It has very colorful lines of red, white and black, with a black and white checkerboard pattern on the bottom of the wing. The single cockpit and low wing design was custom-crafted for higher altitude aerobatic flying.

The members voted for the one they liked the best and Jack won a \$10 gift card for his own designed craft.

Both Larry and Jack did a great job of sharing their aircraft information.

Show and Tell /Model of the Month Guidelines:

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

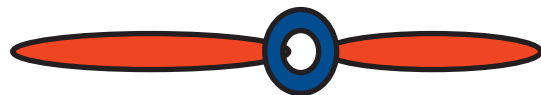
If **two or more** aircraft are shown and discussed at a meeting, then the members vote on who's is the best and then it becomes "**Model of the Month**" and a prize may be awarded.

Bring your plane, heli, quad, or what ever you fly, to the next meeting and share it with the group.

TRAINING :

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

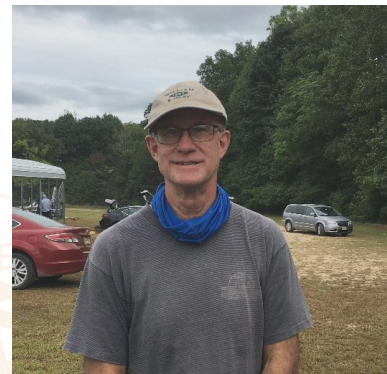
Feel free to call or text Alex S. at [732-816-1810](tel:732-816-1810) to arrange dual flying time.... As long as it is 50 degrees or more, winds are less than 15 mph and not wet out there, we can squeeze in some flights.



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

By Bruce G. This month's r/c enthusiast is Rich McDonald

Rich lives in Little Ferry NJ with his wife. He is Operations Manager of a theatre production company (PRG.com) located near his home. If you go to a live theatrical play in New York City, chances are the lighting, video, sound were made by Rich's production crew. He has been an active member of TCRC since 2017. Rich along with his team of quad guys, have been responsible for all the quad night flying events at the field, and setting up the lighted quad courses.



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

Rich: My wife bought me a small helicopter a few years ago, and that got me started. Then I moved into quads. Then I got a DJI quad with FPV setup, then into the racing quads.

BG: Who or what has influenced you the most?

Rich: Clay Bonney*, John Dixon* and George Scovotti* as well as Rich Rodrigues and many others in the quad community have taught me a lot. The new friends I have made thru the quad and flying family are really special.

**TCRC members and pictured below.*



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

Rich: Once my wife bought me the quad, I learned how to fly it. I was hooked.

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

Rich: Going to the field and flying relieves the stress from work. It's a great way to relax.

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

Rich. I don't get much free time to fly during the week but I do try to get to the field on the weekends when the weather allows.

BG: What other hobbies do you have?

Rich: I play a little golf, but maybe only one game a year. I'm not very good but I try to get out once in a while.

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

Rich: I am active in FPV quad racing.

Note: Rich is the Club's go-to-guy, for other quad guys. He helps others who are having trouble with their set ups. Although all the quad guys usually help out others.

Pictured below is Rich, just starting out as a stage hand rolling up cables for Aerosmith. Back around 1982.



Dumbass / Crash of the Month

There are a few Nominations for April meeting Trophy Picture.

Hopefully at the April meeting a few pilots will come forward to share their stories with the group. If we listen to the tales, we can learn by the mistakes.

1. I heard of one EDF jet that was lost over the trees to the right of the runway. (Mr. K).
2. A story of rough landing and a fire. (Sam L)
3. I was a witness to the aircraft (*pictured below*) that can be easily fixed because it was a clean



break. Story was that it was pilot error.

4. Straight ahead of the flight line I see a plane in

the trees, that has been there for a few weeks. I have not heard who that one belongs to. Maybe we will hear at the meeting.

Come on guys: **Fess up!!!** Share your stories. It may be worth a prize at the end of the year.

“Most Toys.”

There were no pictures submitted for “most toys” this month. Submit your pictures for next month.

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-away it might help to get your aircraft returned to you.

Safety Building Tip:

Here is just a quick reminder of what can happen **quickly** with the Lipo batteries that we use to power our R/C toys.

This incident took place because of a motor mount bolt that was a little too long and extended into the battery compartment.

The incident took place, when the pilot (Sam L.) came in for a landing with his new Flite Test Foam Board 540 Edge. The aircraft does not have landing gear and just lands on its belly. This landing was a little rough and abrupt, so the battery slid forward and hit one of the motor mount bolts. Before Sam to get to the plane, it was up in flames.



Use this as a safety reminder of what can happen with the batteries. When building or repairing your next model, be mindful of these types of safety issues.



It was a gorgeous day for flying on Friday, April 8th. A light breeze with a gust from time to time. I counted at least 14 pilots and numerous aircraft including a few heli's at the field. It was one of the nicest days **so far** to get out of the house and buzz around the sky.



There is a great comradery with all the pilots sharing their stories and helping each other out. This is what makes this hobby so much fun.

Mr K, Sam L., Armand, Tony C, Gerry, Mike K, Mike D, Jim F. Bill P, Bruce, Jack B, Alex S, Shelly and a few others were there.

Dust off your aircraft, charge them up and get out and fly.

Jim F. brought out his Stearman that he crashed a few months ago and did a great job of fabricating a 3-D printed engine and windshield frames.



Jack B. had a maiden flight on his new CerMark pattern plane that he converted from nitro to electric power. It flew very nice with very little trim correction needed.



This is what can happen if you don't use enough rubber bands to attach your wing to the fuselage.

All kidding aside.

All the passengers and crew walked away from this LearJet 45 crash at Morristown Municipal airport on April 2, 2022.

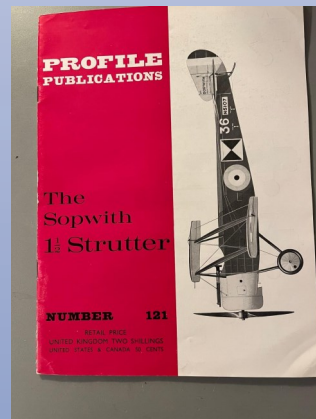
Photo courtesy of John D.

Just Some Pictures...!

Here are just a few pictures from of one members, Tony Eck, who now resides in Virginia and sometimes visits our field when he makes the trip to visit his daughter who lives near Pulda Farms.

The pictures are from his latest build, a 1 1/2 Sopwith Strutter. Tony says it weights in at 31 lbs. and is waiting for a calm day to fly it. Notice the detail on the rigging and the machine gun.

Eck is a remarkably fast builder.



All pictures courtesy of Tony Eck

Tony gets ready to cut the wing in half..... *Just joking*

FOR SALE

TCRC Haberdashery



Support your club....
Club Hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. E-mail Bruce at 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

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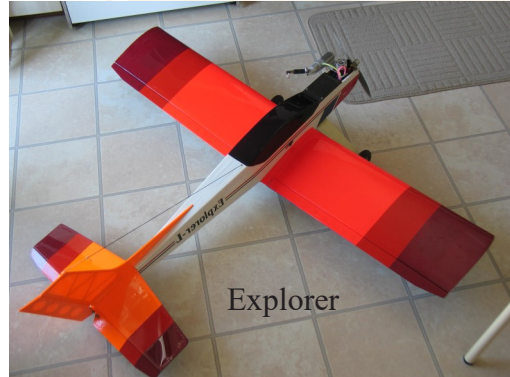
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or

text to 732-586-9779

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



Explorer



Simitar



Academy Model of Aeronautics
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