

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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## Upcoming Events

Rich McDonald, has been thinking of having another **Night-Fly** event for awhile, but a busy work schedule for him has pushed it off. Rich has scheduled one for **Saturday July 30th** with a rain date of August 6th.

All aircraft pilots are welcome to join in, fixed wing, heli guys, and especially the quad crew.

McDonald always comes up with a fantastic lighted and challenging



course for the FPV guys. So come on out, get active and have a fun and challenging time.

A **club picnic** for September is in the plans. Details will follow.



**Next Meeting  
scheduled for  
7:00 PM  
Thursday  
July 28th**

**at Pulda Field  
Weather permitting.  
You will notified by email  
of the location**



Photo by John D.

TCRC Board Member Changes  
See page 4 for details.

- Minutes of the June 30th meeting have been e-mailed to all members.

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## 6th Annual Pattern Fun Fly

The “Club Class Pattern Fun Fly” is now in the books for 2022. It was held on June 25th, with the weather being perfect, beautiful blue sky, with very little breeze.

There were eleven fixed-wing pilots that took to the skies one by one, with Mike D. also flying his helicopter thru the 10 maneuver sequence.

Each pilot took their turn flying their aircraft with the help of “caller” that told them the scheduled maneuvers to fly. Two club members at a time mostly John D, and Alex S. or Mike D. were judging each maneuver with the goal to fly as straight, smooth and level as possible. “It’s a challenge to fly a sequence more than just flying around with no flight plan” said one of the pilots. It tests the pilots skills and helps to become a better pilot.

The ten maneuvers started out with a **take-off**, into a **straight flight out** then into a **procedure turn**, then into a **straight flight back**. Hopefully by now the competitor is finally starting to calm down a little. Yes its can be intimidating to fly in front of others. But remember it’s a **Fun Fly**. The goal is to fly as smooth, and stay on track and a consistent altitude.

Once the pilot got thru the first four skills, he sets up to do a **Stall Turn**. Each of the maneuvers, at this point should be centered in front of the pilot and judges. There was an orange pole set up about 300 feet in the field to be used as a reference. When the

stall turn is completed, the pilot once again sets the plane up to perform an **Immelmann Turn**. After that he flies a **45 degree upline**, followed by a **inverted flight** on the downwind leg. The pilot then does two **inside loops** which many pilots had problems with, and then sets up for the **Landing**.

There were two rounds flown with a half time intermission consisting of hot dogs, cold refreshments, and chips. In between rounds just for fun a few guys flew their planes.

The second round of competition started after everyone had their fill of Gerry’s cooking. Almost all the pilots flew a second round, and Jeff A and Mike D helped to total the score sheets.

Scoring the highest was Bruce, with Jeff second and Mike D just a half a point behind. Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed themselves.

“I hope to do this again in the fall” said Bruce, and everyone was in agreement.

Thanks to all that participated and all the guys that helped out and made it happen. Thanks to Tony C for cutting the field, just prior to the event.

*Bruce G*



(L to R) Mike D, Bruce, Patrick, Nick & Eric Ng, Jack B, Gerry (in the chefs Hat), Larry N, Mike K, Jeff, John D. Not pictured: Tony C.

Photo by Steve S.



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

By Bruce G. This month's r/c enthusiast is Ulysses "Bill" Patterson

This month's interview is with Bill Patterson. Bill resides in Helmetta and has been an active TCRC member since 2009. He previously worked for Union Carbide years ago and is retired from Oxford Super Conducting Technologies.

Patterson is an Army veteran who was stationed in Fort Stewart, Georgia and held the title of finance officer. (*Tony C was stationed there too, but they did not know one another then.*)



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

**Bill:** I attended the WRAM show about 26 years ago, and was hooked. Control line flying was what got me interested as a youngster. I lived very close to the Westchester County Center where the show was held.

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

**Bill.** My father was my biggest influence, as he gave me my first control line model kit when I was about 12 years old. It was one of the Cox .049 c/l models that included, fuel, battery, handle, dacron lines and everything needed to fly my plane.

The WRAM show was a big influence too as it was close by and always had the newest hobby items.



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

**Bill:** It was the fact that my father gave me my first c/l kit and that was enough to get me flying, and with the WRAM show being located so close to my house, I would go to the show as often as I could.

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

**Bill:** The hobby has been a relaxing outlet for me. It gets my mind off of other things.

**BG** I know you have a busy schedule as most of us retired guys do, so when do you do most of your flying?

**Bill:** I am at the field mostly on weekdays, in the morning hours.

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

**Bill:** I just enjoy flying sport type fixed wing aircraft.

**BG:** Do you belong to any other clubs?

**Bill:** No, Just Tri County R/C Club.

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

**Bill:** I enjoy building wooden ship models and "N" scale model trains.

*Pictured below is one of Bill's beautifully detailed wooden ship of a Paddle Wheeler. Great detailing.*



**BG:** Bill volunteers to help seniors with filling out their tax forms for a few months a year.

And Mr. Patterson has been very helpful in advising me, when I was the club treasurer, with IRS issues a few years back.

Thanks Bill.

# Crash of the Month

At the outdoor June meeting a two guys were willing to share their stories of their mishaps.

Brian J. spoke about the crash of his A-10 . The story was that he stalled it and could not recover quick enough. It was destroyed.

Rick G. (new member) damaged his Ugly Stick 3 times . After a quick vote it was decided that Brian deserves the trophy for this month.



## Welcome to Three New members

- **Rick Gurlacz** from Lake Hopatcong
- **Tim Thomas** from Carteret
- **William, Greg, Peters** from Hillsborough

## BOARD CHANGES:

**Eric Fagan** resigned from his position as President of the club as he has been extremely busy with his work load. He served on the board as Secretary, VP and Pres. for the past few years.

**Shelly Buhmitra** was appointed to fill the position until the 2023 elections take place.

**Emery Merisch** has stepped down from his position as the clubs Vice President. Emery has been very active with a busy work and family schedule. He has held many of the board positions over the years too. Emery will still be the webmaster for the clubs database and website.

**Alex Szemere** was appointed to fill the V.P. position until the end of the year.

We thank both Eric and Emery for their hard work and dedication over the past few years and hope to see them

Bring you new aircraft to the meeting and share it with you're the members. Just tell us about the model. For example; manufacturer, power system, wingspan, radio system, battery size. etc, etc There may be a prize for your model.



Bill Lesko showed off his great looking plane last year at an indoor meeting.

## 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.



**OUCH !!!**

**Safety is important.** Don't get complacent or may wind up with a few stitches. The electric motors don't stop like the nitro motors do. If possible set one of your transmitter switches to act as a motor Kill Switch



# 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



The Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce has announced that on Wednesday, August 24th, starting at 11 AM, the Atlantic City Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds will kick off.

There are practice sessions on the day before. Check their website for details.

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## 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** to arrange dual flying time.

**Jack Baum** is also a training instructor for the club. He has the clubs Apprentice , pictured below, and has a Spektrum buddy box system to assist those that need help.

Jack's contact information can be found on the bottom of page 1.

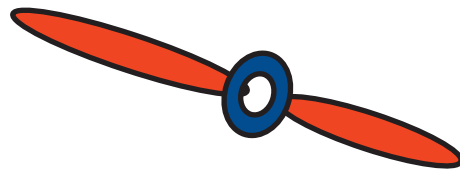
Alex S. is giving Paul Petroski (*on the right*) a demo training flight using the clubs Buddy Box system.

Paul did a nice job flying the Apprentice.

Paul's son was also given a training flight as the sun was going down.



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



## The Fly Paper

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