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Upcoming Events

Correction: Mike D is having a "Summers Over Fun Fly" on **Saturday October 8th** with a rain date of Sunday Oct. 9th. Fun Fly will start at 10:00 AM The date was reported incorrect at the July meeting.

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



Bruce G (with the help of others) is planning on another Club Class Pattern Fun fly in October, no date has been decided on.

"There was good participation at the last pattern fun fly, so we'll have a second one. Start practicing your straight and level flights."



**Next Meeting
scheduled for
7:00 PM**

**Thursday
August 25th
at Pulda Field
Weather permitting.**

*You will notified by email
of the location if things
change.*



Photo by John D.

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

**ALL FUTURE MEETINGS
WILL BE STARTING AT 7:00 PM**

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JULY 30th Night Flying pictures

On the last Saturday of July, Rich Mc Donald scheduled the first “Night Fly” event, for the year. Thanks to both Rich and John D. I got some great photos of the participants and the lighted runway and quad zone. . Rich set up lights using a variety of standalone solar powered lights and some of the battery operated lights for the quad gates.



On the left, Rich is setting the lights for the fixed -wing runway.

An aerial picture shows the runway and quad area. taken by Rich's quad.



Flying quads were Rich Mc and Ross M. with a few spectators

Taking part with fixed wing aircraft was Frank J, John D, Steve S and the Ng team of Eric, Patrick and Nick and Jim F.



Left, pictured is the lit up quad field.

Right. Steve S took part in his first Night Fly and had a lot of fun.

Below, John D get s his Radian ready to fly.



Frank J gets ready for another flight.



All photos are courtesy of John D. and Rich Mc,

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

By Bruce G.

This months r/c enthusiast is Gerry Roedel

This months interview is with Gerry Roedel. Gerry was club president a few years back and is an active flyer that resides with his wife in Metuchen. Growing up in Hasbrook Heights he and his brother would just fly C/L planes in their back yard. When the family moved “down the shore” the brothers would fly at the local baseball fields. Gerry dropped out of the hobby when he got married and raised a family, but is now back in the hobby. Roedel has been an active club member since 2010,



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

Gerry: It was a progression that started with my brother and I building plastic model airplanes. Then Cox came out with the .049 plastic C/L models. My older cousin started building balsa wood planes and I would be the test flyer. As R/C became more affordable, we got into radio control stuff. We knew everything about airplanes that we mostly learned by ourselves and loved the hobby.

BG: Who or what has influenced you the most?

Gerry. My father, he would take us up for airplane rides at a local airport, although he did not like to fly. We got to ride in a Stearman, a Cub, a helicopter and various other aircraft. When ever there was an opportunity for an airplane ride, my father would take us.

We found an old model airplane hanging in the rafters in the attic that was my dads, but he never really pursued the model hobby. He was the “bankroll” that allowed us youngsters to buy model kits and progress in the hobby. Back in the 50’s growing up I would watch “Captain Midnight” and “Sky King” TV shows, this peaked my interest in airplanes.

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

Gerry: We just were attracted to building plastic model kits, then on to C/L planes. That is the normal progression for most of the club members.

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

Gerry: It really didn’t have any effect on my career, as I was a mailman, but it gave me an enjoyable hobby that helped relieve everyday stress.

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

Gerry: I come out to the field as often as I can, especially on the weekdays.



Pictured above is Sky King in his Cessna 310 Songbird. Do you remember this TV show?

BG: Do you belong to any other clubs?

Gerry: No, Just Tri County R/C Club.

BG: What other hobbies do you have?

Gerry: Growing up I had model rockets, model boats, model cars and trains. I also played bass guitar in local bands, and a few years back our group called the *Lone Trail Drifters* made a CD called “*No Good Reason*”. We did that just for posterity.



Pictured on the right is Gerry getting his Bixler aircraft ready for a flight. It’s a popular plane with any members.

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

Gerry: Just R/C model airplanes.

BG: *In Closing*

His music CD sounds great, Gerry has a good voice and plays a mean bass. The club counts on Gerry to cook the Hot Dogs that we have at many fun fly’s.

Gerry shared with me that back in 1981 he was in a Gibraltar Transmission commercials.

Thanks for the interview. BG

Just Pictures



A new Video Security sign and camera was installed at the field.



Three Great Looking Models.....Compete for Model of the Month (MOM)



Patrick Ng (white tee shirt) brought his Italian Macchi Warbird to the meeting. Dad, Eric gave a full history on the real plane and explained that the model is powered by a supercharged YS FZ63 engine with a pressurized fuel tank . The wingspan is almost 60 inches. He installed mechanical retracts in the aircraft. As of the meeting date, it had not been flown yet.

I did catch up with the Ng team a few days later at the field and got to see the plane flying beautifully. It sounds great in the air and is very stable. Both Eric and his son Patrick had nice flights.

Patrick Ng was voted the MOM winner !!!!



Frank Paterek brought his latest ARF model and gave the group some good history on the actual plane. Frank's plane is a Great Planes Tri Fokker ARF kit that is electric powered, using a 30 C 11 volt battery.

It has about a 29.5 inch wingspan. The model has not yet been flown, but hopefully will be maiden soon.

Gerry brought his kit-built Monterey sailplane. The model was designed and sold by Astro Flight Models back in the early 70's. Gerry added an electric motor to the sailplane and covered it with Monokote and Koverite. It has a 100" wingspan and has yet to be



flown. He installed a thermal audio device that increases in pitch as the plane gains altitude, and decrease pitch as the plane descends.

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.

Crash of the Month

Welcome to Three New members

- Tim Thomas from Carteret
- Raymond Paterek
- Frank Paterek



President Shelly welcomes one of the newest TCRC members **Tim Thomas**. Tim lives in Carteret and is a full scale helicopter pilot.

Photo by John D.



Another new member is Frank Paterek. His Dad Ray Paterek also joined however I didn't get his picture yet.

Welcome guys !

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

1. Anatoliy (who wanted to remain anonymous) crashed his recently built Smith Mini Biplane that was caused by him trying to trim his plane during flight.
2. Eric Ng. had trouble with a small pattern plane pulling out of a flat spin, that caused him to have a crash.

After the votes were taken, Anatoliy was awarded the trophy.

Thanks to both guys for sharing their stories and we can all learn from them.



And the Crash of the Month winner is Anatoliy

Mike D described the cause of his crash of his Twin Otter a few months back. As it turned out, the plane had been inactive for the last two years, The clunks in the fuel tank got stuck in the front of the tanks because the plane was hung nose down. So when Mike gave up elevator, one engine ran out of fuel, then the second one causing the plane to have a catastrophic demise. The crash may have been prevented if the lane was not stored in a nose down position, and if the clunks had not been stuck to the fuel tanks in a bad position.



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
4 -medium



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.

FYI : Your information will never be given to anyone except club members.

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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.



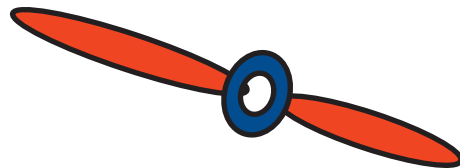
Feel free to call or text **Alex S.** at **732-816-1810** to arrange dual flying time.

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.



Tony C is giving prospective member Allen Miles his first Buddy Box training flight. Allen did well as well as his daughter and son that had a training flight.



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