

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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**Canceled;** The Pattern Fun fly that was scheduled to take place in November is canceled for this year. It will be rescheduled in 2023. So keep improving on your flying skills.



- Club Elections will be coming up at the December meeting. If you would like to run for office let any board know.
- It was brought up at the Sept meeting that there is some interest in having a post-Holiday party. If you would like to head the committee, or help out, let Shelly know. The party would be held in the First Aid building, with hot food and beverages. Family members would be invited.
- There will **not** be a November meeting, but there will be one in mid December. The date will follow.
- There may be the annual Nanook fun fly. This is where you fly on the last day of December, and then the first day of the New Year. You must fly on both days
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**ALL MEETINGS  
STARTING AT 7:00 PM**

**Next Meeting  
scheduled for  
7:00 PM  
Thursday  
October 27th at the  
Monroe First Aid  
Building.**



- Minutes of the September meeting have been e-mailed to all members.

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# Saturday October 8th *Picnic, Air Show, and Night flying* proved to be a well attended, autumn type of event for the Club.

The air in the morning for setting up for the picnic and air show event was a cool and brisk, but as the sun came over the trees it warmed up nicely. Cars were parked tight along the yellow cement parking blocks all the way to the FPV tent, then along the tree line from the FPV tent to beyond the bend in the road. There were at least 65 people that attended the event with plenty of flying going on. I counted at least 25 aircraft which included Heli's and fixed wing.

With the help of Instructors Tony C. and Alex quite a few adults and children were able to get a few training flights with the club trainer and a buddy box system.

The days menu consisted of Hamburgers (we ran out of them), Hot dogs, Macaroni, potato salad,

and coleslaw. Several people brought homemade custard pies, cookies, cold and hot beverages. Two hot coffee jugs were donated by "Bagel Fresh Deli Deli and Grill" on Route 130.

The Streamer Cut event had to be aborted because of mechanical issues with the tow planes.

But the Limbo event, I am told was a lot of fun.

This year's picnic was a great success. Thanks to everyone's help and hard work



Tony was extremely helpful with the buddy box and trainer and these two kids did a great job of flying around. →

Nora and Marlene had a fun time at the picnic. Nora got an introductory training flight from Alex S.

*Bottom left:* Dennis M. brought along a few of his grandchildren.



Jack takes his turn at the grill with a line of hungry people.

Tony with member Les R.





An early morning look at the flight line. There were over 25 planes and helis taking part in flight demonstrations and flight training.



Brian gets ready to maiden his latest aircraft. It didn't go to well.

Gerry gets ready to serve up his TCRC specialty.



TCRC guest, Mark gets a few training flights from Alex.



Eric Ng and his boys had to use a little ingenuity to bring all their planes to the picnic. Nice job.

# Night Flying



For those that stayed once the sun set, Rich McDonald had another great lighted quad course. Clay, George and Rich flew their quads through the gates at a fast pace using their FPV goggles. Always exciting to watch.

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

By Bruce G.

This month's r/c enthusiast is Jeff Arouh

Jeff joined the club in February of 2020 and has been a very active member since. He resides in Kendall Park with his wife. He recently retired from his active participation in the Kendall Park Volunteer First Aid Squad. He enjoys building airplane kits and Jeff still has the first r/c plane he built. It's a Midwest Aerostar 40 that he learned to fly with the help of the hobby shop owner. Then came a family, and 25 years later he's back in the hobby. Jeff is a Product manager for a chemical company.



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

**Jeff:** When I was about 12 or so, I, along with a couple of the neighborhood friends built some balsa c/l planes powered by the famous Cox .049 engines. At that time you could purchase all that stuff at "Metuchen Center", a hobby and



sports store located next to the Metuchen train station. This was within bike riding distance for me.

We built mostly small profile kits, that sometimes would require tissue paper and dope to cover the wings. Our field gear consisted a plastic c/l handle, Dacron string lines, glow battery, primer bottle, fuel, spare glow head, wrench and fuel.

If I recall the first flight didn't go so well, but after some repairs we were back out getting dizzy again.

**BG:** What disciplines of modeling do you currently participate in? FPV, Drones, Heli's?

**Jeff:** Mostly fixed wing aircraft Line of sight. Maybe someday we'll have heli training.

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

**Jeff:** Probably my dad, he was a technician in the Air Force. As a kid, he would always let me help him with projects around the house which led to the appeal of building my own control line planes.

At my first job, I meet a tool and die maker who got me into woodworking and the enjoyment of crafting things with relative precision. I usually tried to follow his advice on buying the best equipment I could afford. "Cry Once" he would say.

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

**Jeff:** In addition to what I've already mentioned, I always wanted to become a pilot. While in college, the Navy called me to join. I asked if I could be a pilot, and their response .."you're a chemical engineer, we want you on a nuclear sub." So since that did not go exactly as I wanted, it was impetus to try R/C fling as the build of the Midwest Aerostar.

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

**Jeff:** No. Just TCRC.

**BG:** When do you do most of your flying?

**Jeff:** Generally on the weekends, as I still have a few more years before retirement.

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

**Jeff:** I enjoy woodworking. I built all my kitchen cabinets. I also enjoy playing the trumpet. Geocaching is another hobby I enjoy, see [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). My wife and I enjoy magnet fishing. Its retrieving metal objects from waterways. The coolest thing we ever retrieved was a WWI artillery shell.



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

**Jeff:** For me, going to the field is really a good way to relax and forget about the worries of the career. When I'm flying, my mind is absorbed in the "There and Now" and provides a time for me to relax. It is also fun to share the experience with like minded individuals.

**BG.** Next month's interview will be the club's oldest student pilot.

## 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.



**Model of the Month (MOM) No one brought in any models for the 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 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



Patrick shared a picture and story behind the two planes that made contact with the ground. One of the accidents was caused by using too big of a battery. Patrick said that one is easily repairable and the other is not.

*Remember! If you don't get off the couch and fly, you won't be a nominee for Crash of the Month.*

# FOR SALE

## TCRC Haberdashery



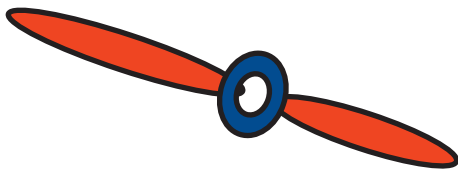
Support your club.... Club Hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. E-mail Bruce at [bgrankowski@optonline.net](mailto:bgrankowski@optonline.net) to get yours.

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

4 - small  
4 - medium



*Just a reminder. Put your 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.*



Pictures from the picnic were courtesy of Rich M, John D, Shelly, and others.



Academy Model of Aeronautics  
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Miss Nora gets in a little flight training.



Tony C is helping Jeff's friend Mike (center) get in some flight training. Mike did very well.

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

## The Fly Paper

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