## TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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## No Meeting for November.

## Happy thanksgiving to you and your family



- Club Elections will take place at the December 8th meeting. If you would like to run for office let any board member or Joe Plotnick (732-979-9116) your intent.
- 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 Pres. 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 a **December 8th meeting.**
- 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.
- Minutes of the October meeting were e-mailed out on November 10th.

## 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.

**Tony C.** is also a Training instructor. Tony is usually at the field and willing to help new pilots too.

Next Meeting
is scheduled for
Thursday
December 8th
7:00 PM
at the Monroe First
Aid Building.

### **OFFICERS:**

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> ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM



New member. Rhyan got in some flight training with Alex. He also got to maiden his HK foamv. "It was a bear to fly but we lucked out with a smooth landing. It was a very interesting and fun 3 hours at the field" said instructor Alex S. Look at the concentration on their fac-

(*Pictured above*). A few months back Steve S is completing a pre-flight on his aircraft. (*Pictured below*) Steve shared this picture of his damaged fixed wing aircraft with a reminder that this happened when he was flying <u>inverted</u> over the trees.



## Crash of the Month

Although he was not at the meeting, his fellow aviators nominated Mike Korb to receive the trophy for Crash of the Month. After the votes were taken, Mr Korb was the winner!!!!!

Mike later told me the plane was a Foxy Lady, that was about 25 years old. He recently converted it from glow to electric. The aircraft met its demise while Korb was doing an outside loop and the wings folded.

Mikes advice is that "you should not do new stunts with old planes".



Pictured below is a great lineup of aircraft that came to fly at the TCRC family picnic.



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

By Bruce G.

This months r/c enthusiast is Les Rudolph

This months TCRC member is Les Rudolph. He will be 95 on November 20th. Mr. Rudolph has been married to his wife Beverly for 71 years. He served in WWII from 1945 to 1946 in the Signal Core, stationed in the Philippines and in the Merchant Marines. After his service he was an electrical contractor and stated his own business in 1952 and worked until he was 85 years old.

As a young boy, Mr. Rudolph grew up in the Avenal/Linden area and currently live in Monroe, NJ.

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

**Les:** When I was about 10 or 12 airplanes were a big thing then. I started out and enjoyed the rubber - powered balsa planes.

Growing up and living near Linden and Newark airports, I would often ride my bicycle to the airports, and just watch the planes take off and land.

When I was about 16 years old, I got a job a Newark airport and it was fantastic to be there.

I also attended the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics and worked on P51's and P47's.



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

**Les:** I just fly fixed wing aircraft with the help of my instructor Tony C.

No interest in Helis or multi rotor craft at this time. I fly the Apprentice with a buddy box system.

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

Les: Charles Lindbergh was a popular aviator back in the day, and he may have played a part in my wanting to fly model planes.

I enjoyed building the balsa kits and my wife and 3 children pushed me to join the club so I could start to enjoy the planes that I built.

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

Les: Aviation was becoming more and more popular at the time. It was just an interesting part of life back then. Model airplane kits were also becoming popular.

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

Les: No. Just Tri County Club which I joined at the urging of my family back in 2015. I wish I had started flying sooner.

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

Les: Generally I try to get out to the field at least once a week, but that is sometimes difficult.



Les and Beverly attended the 2022 picnic.

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

**Les.** I enjoy building plane kits and I am currently building a Coast Guard Cutter for



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

**Les.** Model aviation didn't really impact my career as an electrical contractor, but as life goes, I enjoy the building aspect of model aviation.

BG. Thanks to Frank J and Tony C. for letting me know that we had such a great veteran and pilot in the club. Don't Forget to wish Les a Happy Birthday when you see him.

## 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.



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

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### 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.

Look! Up in the Sky! It's a Bird,! It's a Plane! No its just three amigos, flying the club trainer using the buddy box. Photo was from the family picnic.



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

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