

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

## THE FLY PAPER

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Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy Holidays  
to All



**Next General Meeting  
may be Thursday  
January 26th,  
7:00 PM  
at the Monroe First  
Aid Building.**

### Some Upcoming events !!!

- It was discussed at the December meeting that there is some interest in having a **post-Holiday party**. If you would like to be on the committee, or help out, let Pres. Shelly know. The party might be held on a Saturday, (TBD) in the Monroe First Aid Building, with hot food and beverages. Family members would be invited. More information to follow.
- Larry K has once again agreed to lead the annual **Nanook Fun Fly challenge**. This is where you fly on December 31st, and then on New Years Day. You must fly on both days and send pictures to Larry, or show up at the field and fly. If the weather is not nice, and if you can safely indoors that too is acceptable. But you must fly both days.
- Mike D. reported that "Snow Ski Flying" may be in the future. If there is snow on the ground, and the weather is nice, and you feel that you can make it to the field, (as it won't be plowed) then come on out, with some skies or floats on your aircraft and have some fun. E-mail will be sent out to alert you if you want to join in on the fun. Du-Bro makes a nice set of skies for your aircraft.



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**ALL MEETINGS  
START AT 7:00 PM**

As it turns out, the legend of the Red Baron may have been exaggerated slightly.



Photo submitted by John Donnelly



Photo taken by Bruce G. This plane is about 7 ft long and is located in someone's back yard in Sayreville. By the looks of the overgrowth and peeling paint, it's been there for awhile.

## Crash of the Month

To end the year, there were three pilots that were willing to share their stories. **Gerry** spoke of his glider mishap, where the wing folded and the plane crashed from 127 feet, straight down. **Mike D** talked about his crash of a plane that he recently purchased at an r/c auction and the servo horns broke causing a crash. (pictured below) and **Brian J** spoke about the demise of his B-25 that met its fate on final approach.

The membership voted, and Gerry was the guy selected to get the trophy.....

Although not present, Jeff A also had a crash on a maiden flight of a plane that he recently purchased at an auction.

Thanks to all who shared their stories.

On a side note: Brian J, Mike D. and Jeff all crashed their planes on maiden flights, and all 3 purchased these planes at a local auction. What have we learned? Don't buy planes from the auctions. ( no auction name mentioned)



Photo by Mike D

### *Just an added note:*

I looked back over the past 11 months of newsletters to see who was the "most honest" and who appeared as "Crash of the Month" trophy honoree the most times.

The winner was Patrick Ng. I presented him with a \$15 WaWa gift card. I believe he was the only guy to crash three aircraft within two months, and in fact 2 planes in one day.

*But remember, if you don't come out and fly, and just sit on your couch, you won't become a better pilot and will have no chance at next years gift card.*

Thanks for letting us in on your stories.

BG



## Tri -County R/C Club 2023 Board Members.



Photo by Tony C

Once and the ballots were cast, and the votes were counted, the new board members emerged. Serving for another term is **Jack Baum**, as Treasurer, **Shelly Bhumitra** as President, **Bruce Grankowski** as Secretary, **Alex Szemere** as Vice President and **Mike DiGenaro** as Trustee.

## REMINDERS:

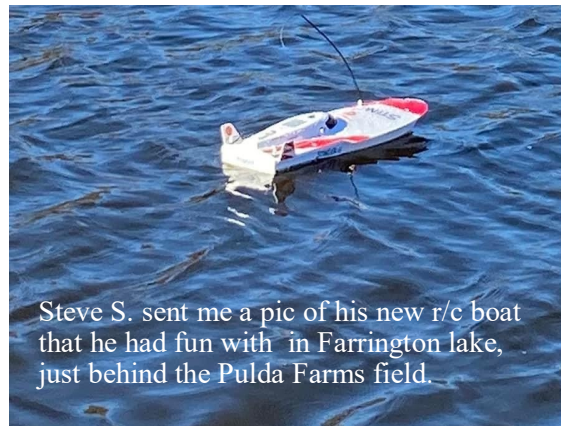
2023 membership dues invoices will be e-mailed out soon. And your new club membership cards will be completed.

You can pay at the meetings or mail your payment to Jack B. Be sure your AMA and FAA information is up to date.

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) If you want your card and a receipt mailed back to you. If not they will be available at the meetings or the field.

Please pay you dues promptly. No later than March 31, 2023

It is recommended to have your membership card with you at the field, as I am told the police may ask to see it.



Steve S. sent me a pic of his new r/c boat that he had fun with in Farrington lake, just behind the Pulda Farms field.

*Did you always want to learn how to fly a R/C helicopter, but were afraid to try? Then this is your chance.*

**Chief of Aerial Shenanigans** as he may be referred to, Mike D. has taken the time to set up a "buddy box", dual transmitter system for helicopter training. Contact Mike if you would like to learn how to get into this discipline of flying. His contact info is listed on page 1.



*Don't let the crazy hat and silly grin fool you. He's harmless and a Great pilot / instructor.*



## Tech Talk

At the meeting Armand G. had a great presentation on “How to Program Servo’s and Make Them Work Better for you”.

His opening few statements gave a brief explanation of how the servo, receiver and transmitter talk to one another. Once this was understood, he got into the technical part.

Only programmable digital servos have this capability. Using a Hittec HFP-30 Programmer, and a battery he was able to explain and demonstrate to the group, how to adjust the servos as needed so that they work together as they should and to meet your needs. Armand stressed that this may be important in planes that have more than one servo per channel. Many pilots may never need to get into this type of critical adjustment, but it is interesting to see what can be done.

One of his examples was a plane with separate servos for each aileron, each flap, or even

two servos per aileron, or split elevators as in the case of some 3D aircraft. I heard someone mention a Dauntless too.

There were some good questions by the guys, and Graziani explained things very well. Some other benefits of programming are to reverse the servo direction, slow it down or speed up the motion. Maybe program a fail safe mode into the servos, or even have a Soft start set up.

As Armand said, this is not used in planes that use one servo per channel, and you don’t need to go out and buy this equipment. However it was very interesting to see and understand how and why you may want to do this in a future aircraft.

If you have any questions, get a hold of Armand pick his brain.

Great topic and great information!  
Thanks to Armand.



BG



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

By Bruce G.

This months r/c enthusiast is Mike DiGennaro

This months TCRC member is Mike D. (Aka. *Chief of Aerial Shenanigans*) Mike has been a very active member since he joined the club in 2013 and has held the office of club President and now is the Trustee. He resides in Hazlet, NJ. Mike was private civilian pilot and both he and his dad owned their own Piper Dakota, which they recently sold. He was the owner of the successful FJ & Sons Automotive Repair shop, that he recently retired from. He was also a record holding Sport Shooter and an instructor.



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

**Mike:** A few years back one of my technicians came into the shop with a *shopping mall* type of heli. It intrigued me, So I went out to get one too. And after some fun and a few crashes, I decided to get a real r/c heli. I was hooked.

Shortly thereafter I saw a guy at the old Marlboro airport, sitting in a chair with goggles on. He was flying a FPV airplane long distance. I too learned how to fly long distance with FPV. I would fly across the Raritan bay over to Long Island and back, the beach in Keyport.

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

**Mike :** Steve Yun was a big influence to me. He helped me to become a better r/c helicopter pilot. Steve belonged to TCRC and moved to Virginia recently but I still see him at heli challenges.



Steve Yun, and Mike D.

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

**Mike:** None at the moment



Mike dressed as the **Monopoly Man** a few years back at the Halloween Fun fly. He always has some of the best costumes for the events.

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

**Mike:** I just fly fixed wing aircraft and Heli's. I don't fly FPV, drones, or turbine jets.

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

**Mike:** Yes, I belong to Ocean County Modelers

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

**Mike:** I try to fly as often as weather permits and usually in the daylight.

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

**Mike:** It sometimes has put me in debt. (jokingly) . People I have met within the hobby, especially the heli guys, are a great group of guys, that can honestly call friends.

My comments: *Mike is always willing to help out club members. If you break or need something at the field, his trailer usually has something to get you thru the day. He enjoys organizing club events and is a go-to kind of guy.*  
BG

# FOR SALE

## TCRC Haberdashery



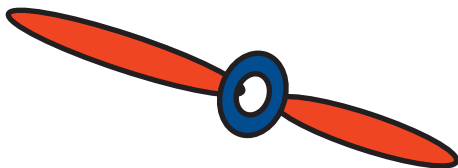
Support your club....  
Club Hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. E-mail Bruce at [bgrankowski@optonline.net](mailto:bgrankowski@optonline.net) to get yours.

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 your aircraft returned to you.*



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

## TRAINING :

Pilots who may need a refresher, or 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 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.

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

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## The Fly Paper

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