

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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### Some Upcoming events !!!

- 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.” An 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 skis for your aircraft.



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

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### NANOOK FUN FLY CHALLENGE ‘22-23

Larry K headed up the annual **Nanook Fun Fly Challenge**. The rules are simple: *Fly on the last day of the year, and then on the first day of the New Year.*

Larry said “the theme was like the day, 2022 went out foggy and gloomy, and 2023 was a beautiful sunshine filled day”.

The first day of the challenge was warm, (about 60 degrees) but foggy, you could barely see the tree line. There were 6 pilots at the field, and two at remote locations.

On the second day, New Years day, participation was better.



Photo by Frank K

Larry K takes his turn at flying.

There were 9 pilots signed in at Pulda for the challenge. The weather was brighter. It was sunny but with 15 mph crosswind hitting you in the face as you attempted to take off.

Not everyone flew at the field. Sam L flew from a local area near his home and Anatoliy flew inside his home, Frank J flew in his backyard and all sent pic-

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



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tures to Larry.

Overall 13 Pilots that took part in the latest Nanook challenge included the ringleader, Larry K, Frank K, Shelly B, Jack B., Brian J. Rich Mc., Ricky C, Bruce G. Jeff A. Sam L. Armand , Frank J. Anatoliy Y. Not everyone flew both days, so some pilots only get partial credit. I don't have any reports of crashes, only one report of a failure to successfully take off.

Thanks to Larry K for running a fun event.

BG



Photo by Wanda J. Frank J flies in his backyard.



Many Photos by Frank K.



# ATOMS RC'ERS

## 11th Annual SWAP MEET

### RETURNS!!

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

Hillsborough Municipal Complex  
379 South Branch Road  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

**FREE PARKING!**

**DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC 9:00 AM**

**ADMISSION \$6/PERSON**  
KIDS UNDER 12 FREE

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO HELP SUPPORT THE  
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK (CAN) FOOD BANK**

**ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

L.C.S. PERFORMANCE & RA Cores  
THE GLUE GUYS!

**RAIN OR SHINE**

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

But, I am sure many pilots got some new aircraft for Christmas. So bring them to the meeting and show off your new toys.  
You may win a prize for your efforts.

**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.

 Model Airplane News ✓  
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It's with great sadness that we recently learned of the passing of long time columnist and RC engine guru Clarence Lee. Mr Lee will be missed by his family, friends, colleagues and by the community as a whole. RIP brother.




**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.

Horace G. Hagen passed away suddenly on December 14, 2022. He was made an honorary member of TCRC during the Di-Gennaro administration in 2014. Horace earned his engineering degree and worked for AT&T Bell Labs and related companies for 41 years before retiring in 2001. He greatly enjoyed sharing his knowledge and expertise with others and was a guest speaker at a few of our meetings. Mr. Hagen was 83 years old and was a leading authority on r/c helicopters. Copy and paste the link below to see the full 18 page AMA biography of Mr. Hagen. *You will be quite impressed.*



<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/HagenHoraceG.pdf>

John Donnelly writes. *“He first met Horace in the early 70’s when he came to Thompson Park to demonstrate the Dieter Schuter helicopter. It had full controls, was touchy, always needed adjustment, and no gyros. He had an articulated stand that was used as a training device. The copter was strapped on and you could attempt to “fly” it with about 2’ of vertical lift, and bank angles that would not allow the rotors to touch. It was like balancing a boll bearing on the tip of a needle”.*

*Horace came to our field for a couple of competitions but we didn’t see much of him until Pulda got a runway. He and a group of Monmouth members joined the club until they put down a runway like ours.*

*He will be missed by many.*

John D.

## REMINDERS:

2023 membership dues invoices have been e-mailed out soon. New club membership cards are 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.



*Pictured above is Horace (right) with Dieter Schuter, who is considered the Father of R/C helicopters.*

*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.





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

By Bruce G.

This month's r/c enthusiast is Jack Baum

January's TCRC member is also the Club Treasurer. Most everyone in the club knows who Jack is. He resides in Milltown with his wife Marion and have been married for 44 years. They have two grown children.

Jack grew up in Bergenfield, NJ and is a retired electrical engineer working for Merck Pharmaceuticals and IPS Engineering firm.



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

**Jack:** When I was around 10 years old my father bought a control line balsawood airplane kit that we built and powered with the .049 Cox engine. Over time we (Jack's brother Michael, also a club member) built many kits usually powered by the same powerplants.

I remember having a few Cox plastic ready-to-fly planes too. Recently came across two of my original .049 engines.

And one of our biggest mistakes we made when building one of the c/l kits was that we forgot to put in a little right rudder into one of the balsa airplane kits, so as you can imagine, that didn't end well. We lived a few blocks from a local baseball field where we could fly our latest aircraft.



Jack's latest build project is a Ryan STA

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

**Jack:** I would have to say that my father influenced me the most with model aircrafts. He gave us many opportunities to try different things and new learning experiences.

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

**Jack:** I belong to the Millstone R/c flyers, formally Augies Fellowship Field.

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

**Jack:** I just enjoy flying fixed-wing aircraft and challenge myself by flying 3D maneuvers.

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

**Jack:** I also enjoy Golf and have had coin and stamp collections.



Pictured is Jack with his Aeromaster that he started building 40 years ago, and brought it to one of the meetings for Show and Tell, back in 2020.

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

**Jack:** Modeling has given me the opportunity to meet new people and share stories as well as help younger people get into the hobby.

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

**Jack:** I try to go flying as often as I can, usually when the weather is 55 and above.

**My comments:** Jack is one of the club's instructors and likes to help out everyone when he can. He is a very active member and is always willing to share his stories about his mishaps, so that others may learn by his mistakes. BG

# FOR SALE

## TCRC Haberdashery



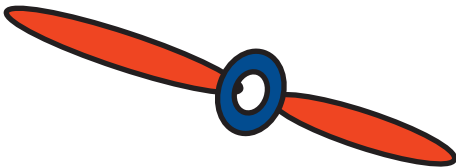
Support your club....  
Club Hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. E-mail Bruce at bgrankowski@optonline.net to get yours.

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 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.*



Frank Kopitskie has a few things for sale as he wants to downsize. The club members will have first dibs on his items. **contact him at: malibu81@optonline.net**

- Two Spektrum DX6 transmitters with voice updatable with 7.4 hard cell battery upgrades and case. Currently retailing over \$720 asking \$600 Master has 60 ish flights, Slave has no time. Both are fully functioning. Almost NIB
- Royal P51D Kit NIB, Was asking \$500, or Best Offer
- E Flite L4 Grasshopper \$100
- Horizon Hobby Limited Trio Heli 180 CFX by Blade \$220 Never Flown



- Pilot Tiger Moth Kit, accepting offers.



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

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## The Fly Paper

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