

TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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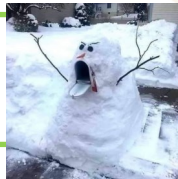
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Some Upcoming events !!!

- Time is running out for any “Snow Ski Flying”. “If there is snow on the ground, and the weather is nice, and you feel that you can navigate 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.” Du-Bro makes a nice set of skis for your aircraft.



- **Spring Thaw Fun Fly** is scheduled for Saturday May 27th, with a rain date of Sunday May 28th.



- Mercer County R/C Club is having a Fun fly on Saturday May 20th. As per Irwin K. All are invited.
- A Teck Talk is scheduled for the March meeting.
- A late season Fun fly, called the *Summers Over fun fly* is scheduled for October 7th, with a rain date of October 8th.

DUES REMINDERS:

2023 membership dues invoices have been electronically sent out. 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. Please pay you dues no later than March 31, 2023 **A \$25 late fee will be assessed if your dues is late.** It is recommended to carry your membership card with you at the field, as I am told the police may ask to see it.

**Next General Meeting
will be Thursday
March 30th ,
7:00 PM
at the Monroe First
Aid Building.**

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



Model of the Month (MOM) There were four great models shown at the February meeting.

1. Armand talked about his yellow AT-6 that was painted in Navy colors giving it a SNJ-5 designation. The kit dates back about 25 years and construction of the fuselage is fiberglass, with balsa wings, and some foam core sections. It uses a 3.7 Zenoah engine with electronic ignition. The aircraft weights about 33 lbs, features Robart pneumatic retracts. Armand uses ten servos to fly the 101 inch wingspan plane. He did fly it back in November but is waiting for nicer weather to fly it again.
2. Brian J talked about his HobbyKing Edge 540 that he converted from nitro to electric power. He uses a 4 S battery with a 60 amp ESC. He named it the "Taxi Flyer" because of the yellow and black color scheme.
3. Nick Ng discussed his Fokker Tri-plane that he just recently completed. He will use a 3 cell battery to power the aircraft. It is an ARF .
4. Shelly's aircraft is pictured on page 4. It is a foam plane sold by HSDJETS, model S600. There are red, green and yellow lights that illuminate the wing and fuselage. It comes complete with 6 channel radio.

The battery that came with it would not take a charge, so Brian J helped Shelly modify a 3 cell radio to fit the aircraft. Shelly reported that the plane flew very nice, just prior to the meeting.

After everyone showed off

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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.

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

By Bruce G.

This month's TCRC enthusiast is Shelly Bhumitra

Shelly was born in Singapore, but is of Indian heritage. He came to the U.S. in 1970 at age 18. He landed at JFK with 8 bucks in his pocket, on a wing and a prayer. He now resides in Princeton with his wife of 50 years. They have one grown daughter and three grandchildren.

Back in 1945 his father was the first and youngest Station Manager for Air India in Singapore. He set up the first air-route between India and Singapore. Shelly grew up near airports. The sound of the planes landing and taking off would lull him to sleep.

When he first came to the United States, they settled in Queens NY where he attended Queens College. Bhumitra worked in the Restaurant business of 25 years owning and operating 10 Bars and Restaurants in NYC. Now his primary interest is Software Sales in Visitors Management.



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

Shelly : With my family living so close to airports all the time, the airplanes became a fascination to me.

My wife bought me my first control line airplane. It was powered by a Cox .049. however once I crashed that I went to a local hobby shop and the owner helped steer me in the right direction and had me talk to someone at a local club field in Wantagh, Long Island who instructed me on what trainer plane to get and how to learn to fly. This was a step in the right direction.

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

Shelly: Just radio control fixed wing aircraft is what I presently like to fly. I have flown c/l but have not been around it for a long time.

BG: Do you belong to any other clubs?

Shelly: I belong to the Somerset R/C club and the Millstone R/C Flyers.

BG: Who or what has influenced you the most?

Shelly: I guess that I would have to say my wife, because she bought me my first airplane. Which by the way, I knew nothing about and started it in the kitchen. The scream of the .049 engine and my daughter screaming prompted me to never to do that again, and take my new hobby outside.



BG: What other hobbies do you have?

Shelly: I like traveling as well as reading, especially books on WWII. Watching western movies is also something I enjoy.

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

Shelly: Building airplanes was a way for me to relax after a hectic day at work. I would get immersed in the project and it was like therapy for me. Being in the restaurant business, I would hang my airplanes in the restaurants which was always a good conversation starter.

BG When do you do most of your r/c flying?

Shelly: I do most of my flying on week-day mornings as the weather permits.

My Comments: BG

You never know what aircraft Shelly is going to bring to the field. It may be something he recently bought from an auction, or just a plane that interested him. He usually will have another club member (Armand or Brian J) maiden the aircraft just to be on the safe side. Shelly is a big promoter of Tri-County R/C club and wants to see it grow.

Crash of the Month for February !!!

Sam L. was mentioned for having bad luck with two aircraft, but he was not at the meeting to share his stories. *Maybe next month.*

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their aircraft, it was time to pick the winner. With a show of hands, Armand's plane was the winner. He was given a \$10 gift card for his winning entry.

Thanks to all those pilots that took part.
BG



Label your Aircraft.

The AMA is reminding us to label each of your aircraft. At a minimum your AMA and FAA registration should be visible on the outside of your aircraft.

I prefer to include my name, address, AMA number and FAA registration number and phone number on your aircraft. The last few times that I saw club members planes come down from the trees, after a few months, there was no identifying information to know whose aircraft it was. It may help you to get your aircraft back in the event of a flyaway. **BG**

This building project picture was sent to me by Jeff A. It is a work in progress of a *Gold Edition Top Flite P47 Thunderbolt*. This kit has been handed down from Tony C, to me, then from me to Jeff, where Jeff is continuing to complete the project. Note the large cutout behind the motor firewall that will allow for a battery compartment. This is a modification as Jeff is converting the plane from nitro to electric power.



We hope to see this at a future Model of the Month event and see it at the field.

Nice Job Jeff!

BG

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 assist those that need help.

Tony C. is also a Training instructor. Tony is usually at the field and always willing to help new pilots and give them their first training flight.



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Scale R/C Aircraft Building Techniques Seminar

Saturday, April 1, 2023



Featured guest speakers

**Roy Vaillancourt
and Gerry Garing**



Join the Mid-Hudson R/C Society in welcoming both Roy and Gerry to present the sixth edition of this Scale Building Seminar as they share some latest projects, Roy's Sopwith Dolphin and Gerry's Piper Vagabond and his 50% Smith Miniplane.

Topics for Discussion:

10:00 – 12:00 Research

- Scale documentation package
- Sample documentation packages of Vagabond and Dolphin
- 50% Smith Miniplane steel fuselage construction

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch break

1:00-3:00 Construction items

- Scale control linkages and assemblies
- Scale hinges
- Simple Jigs & Fixtures



Vagabond in process



50% Smith Miniplane fuselage.

Gerry will present some interesting aspects of documentation for the scale contest guys. And he'll also discuss his Vagabond as well as the challenges of the fuselage fabrication of his 50% Smith Miniplane. Roy will present some construction items on scale control linkages and hinges as well as anything that comes up in open discussion. The Dolphin is Roy's latest design developed for the scale WWII enthusiast and is presented again in case some of you missed it the last time due to the "snowstorm."

The Open Discussion session is completely intended for audience participation discussing any of your scale modeling questions. Topics may range from initial drawings through building techniques and fabrication to finishing and detailing your project.

Seminar coordinator:
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Location:

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Visit the Mid-Hudson R/C Society website (www.mhrccs.com) for directions and updates

FRIA APPLICATION PROCESS IS STARTED.



According to Ilona Maine, Clubs Director from the AMA. The Clubs team is gearing up for club charter renewal and continuing to work on FRIA.

Our club has filed the application for FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). Jack completed the application and sent it to the AMA.

The FAA has not yet started processing any applications, and we don't have an official time frame for when they will start nor will the AMA be able to provide you with any updates until the FAA has completed the applications. Please remember that the Remote ID requirement will not go into effect until Sept of 2023.

The Clubs Charter and insurance paperwork has been renewed for the 2023 year.

***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 Mike DiGennaro, 732-207-9631 mdigen-narol@gmail.com



FOR SALE

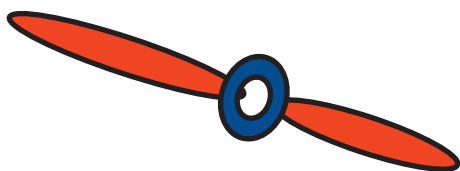
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Support your club....
Club Hats are available. They are \$15.00 each. E-mail Bruce at bgrankowski@optonline.net to get yours.

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

4 - small
4 -medium



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

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I was contacted by Mike Brown (732-225-8788) a friend of Stan Jacobsen who was a previous member of the club.

Here are a few pictures of planes and equipment he has for sale. The items look to be two r/c airplanes, one Control line plane, a field box, starter, Transmitter, and some other items. Give Mr. Brown a call if you are interested in any of the items. Or email Mike at Grammasattiq@aol.com



The Fly Paper

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