

Events

December 31, 2023 had a GREAT turnout of pilots for the first day of the Nanook Fly. The weather was overcast with very little wind and about 45 degree temperature. Mike D and Larry put together a nice event complete with hot coffee and Hot chocolate, donuts and cookies.

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Mike D says "Get Ready !"

Get some skies on your plane so you are ready when it snows.



If you haven't tried this *its different*. Du-Bro has snow skies for 20 to 60 size planes.

Snow Fun Flys are a last minute idea whenever it snows, so don't be left out. Be ready to get in some extra flying when snow is on the ground.

**First TCRC Meeting
will be Thursday**

January 25th

7:00 PM

**Monroe First Aid
Building.**

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**JAN. MEETING
Will START promptly
AT 7:00 PM**

Congratulations to the 2024 TCRC Board of TCRC Club



(Pictured left to right) Larry K will be Secretary, Jack B Treasurer, Shelly will be the club president, Mike D. Trustee, and Brian J. as Vice President.

They told me “it was a hard fought election, with the outcome as they predicted.”

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There were a few portable heaters that helped to warm up some feet and hands as needed.

The second day, of flying, New Years day proved to be very nice for the Nanook challenge as well. The sun even broke thru the clouds for a brief time and there was very little wind.

There were 17 club members that flew and a few guests got in a few training flights. Overall, it was FUN.

Thanks to Larry and Mike D for putting the Nanook event together and it was a successful event because of the great club participation.

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Nanook Participants included: Mike D, Frank J, Larry K, Jeff Arouh. .Bill Lesko Tony Palmer. Ricky Crique, Brian Jiminez. Bruce G. Ken Lucas, Rich McDonald., Eric Ng, Patrick Ng. Shelly Buhmitra. Sam Larrison. John Reyes and Brady French.

LuLu, (Brian’s girlfriend) took part too and successfully had some buddy box flights with her *Mini Apprentice*.



TCRC's newest members:

Chuck Ferraiola joined the club at the December meeting. He has been flying for quite a few years and resides in Colts Neck, NJ. Chuck is sponsored by Tony C.

David Longo joined the club and is very interested in learning to fly. He has been involved in R/C cars and would like to learn to fly R/C planes. He has been out to the field a few times and is progressing nicely.

John Donnelly sent me this interesting link. Its about "Dissecting a LiPo Battery". Its pretty interesting. Cut and paste the link into your web browser and watch the video.

https://youtu.be/XFR2M_bnFWY?si=hpeFyAqmP71gXr1E



TRAINING :

Pilots who may want a refresher, or **new members** with limited or no experience are welcome to request stick training time.

- Feel free to call or text **Alex S.** at [732-816-1810](tel:732-816-1810) to arrange dual flying time. Call to schedule a time slot.
- **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. He is always smiling and cracking jokes. Tony is usually at the field and always willing to help new pilots and give them their first training flight.
- **Mike D.** is offering Heli training for those interested. Contact Mike if this discipline of flight interests you.



After a few training sessions the trainee is expected to become a member and have his own plane and equipment.

Show and Tell Model *Bring in your latest aircraft for the January meeting. There were no entries at the December meeting.*

Model of the Month / Show & Tell 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.

Some Reminders:

- * 2024 Membership Dues invoices have been sent out. Those members that have joined within the past year, your dues will be pro-rated.
- * New membership cards have been printed up and will be handed out or mailed to you. Keep them with you when at the field because the police or park rangers may ask to see it as a way of added security for our club.
- * Be sure your AMA and FAA is up to date. If your AMA has expired you will not be allowed to fly without a valid AMA renewal.
- * Please do not leave any debris from a crashed plane in the garbage cans. Take it with you!
- * The AMA has some goodies to give away.... They have a **Scholarship program** that our young members can take advantage of, and they also have **Grants available for field improvements**.

Mishaps (CRASH) for the Month of December 2023 and January 2024

While I participated in the Nanook Fun fly, I witnessed that on the last day of December, long time member, Brady French lost control of his airplane and put it into the trees, with minimal damage. He was able to fix the craft and successfully fly on New Years day. *See the picture*

I was told that after I left the field that Jeff Arouh crashed his helicopter later that day. It sounds like Jeff was the **LAST** mishap for 2023.....

An unconfirmed rumor is that there was a first crash for 2024, but I have no details.

We can vote at the meeting for who gets the **Crash of the month trophy** as there may be a few more *tales of whoa* before the January 25th meeting.



Some pictures of the pilots of the Nanook 23-24 fun fly



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

By Bruce G. This month's r/c enthusiast is **Tony Palmer**

Tony and his wife Selena, married for 40 years, reside in East Brunswick, NJ. He was born in the England and came to the U.S. when he was about 22 years old. When talking to Tony you will notice that he still has a strong British accent.

Mr. Palmer worked as a computer IT specialist for 50 years at a major American main-frame computer company. He retired from that company years ago and then went to a smaller local company as a network engineer for 11 years. He has been retired for about 16 years now. Tony has 2 grandchildren, one in collage and the other in high school.

Palmer has been an active member of TCRC since 2009 and is at the field quite often.



BG: How did you become involved in model aviation?

TP: I was looking for a hobby when I retired and went to a local street fair in Metuchen. In one of the vendors tents the guys there were promoting the R/C hobby. And I thought it would be something I would like and I took a pamphlet and got involved. The club back then flew at the Edison field.

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

TP: I did not get involved in the r/c hobby until after I retired, so it didn't impact my career. However I really enjoy the camaraderie of the hobby and the guys at the club. .

BG: What disciplines of modeling do you participate in? Now or in the past.

TP: I fly mostly fixed wing aircraft that I have built from kits. Most of the 15 aircraft in my hanger are nitro powered with a few that are electric. Converting them to electric can be a challenge. I also have been involved with model boats too. I enjoy building the planes from balsa kits. Never wanted to fly helicopters, drones or control line planes. I just enjoy building and flying fixed wing r/c aircraft.



Pictured above is Tony at a Show and Tell portion of the meeting displaying his plane that he converted from nitro to electric.

On the left is Tony getting ready for his Nanook flight this past weekend.

BG: Who or what has influenced you the most?

TP: Mike Korb (another TCRC member) was a big influence for me. He took me under his wing and taught me many aspects of the hobby as well as taught me how to fly and be safe.

BG: What other hobbies do you have?

TP: I am active with exercising and take Zumba classes a few days a week at the local YMCA. I also have a Triumph, 800 CC Bonneville motorcycle as a second hobby but that has taken a back seat for the past two years.

When you see Mr. P at the field, he will always greet you with a smile and a warm hello. Introduce yourself and say hello. BG

Identify your Aircraft and your accessories.

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.

If you receive return address mailing labels in the mail, it was suggested that they can be used as identifying your stuff.

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Still Building:

Tony Eck, now lives in Virginia, but is a member of the club (off and on) since back when the club was flying in Thompson Park in Jamesburg. Eck is an avid kit builder and this is a picture of his latest aircraft.

It's a B-17 kit manufactured by a Japanese company, *Royal*. It had lazer cut parts. The company is no longer in business but the kits are still around.

The pictured craft has a 77 inch wingspan and will be covered in Oratex, silver and red colors. The original kit recommended four .15 glow engines but Tony converted his build to be powered by four 580 KvA electric motors using two 4 cell 4000 Mah batteries and two ESC's. Estimated weight will be 19-20 lbs. Eck installed Robart electric retracts and the B17 should be done soon.

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Academy Model of Aeronautics
Charter # 434



A few items FOR SALE

TCRC Haberdashery



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

4 – small
4 -medium

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are \$15.00 each. E-mail
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yours. Or give me a call at
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