

TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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Upcoming TCRC Events for 2024 !!!

- There will be a "Spring Thaw Fun fly" sometime in *April*.
- There will be a "Jet Fun fly" in *April or May*
- There will be a **Franken-plane** fun fly in the future, Details to follow as the event gets closer.
- The club will have another Holiday Party possibly in November.
- There will be a **Fun fly** with the **Somerset R/C** club at Pulda Farms scheduled for **June 9th**.
- There will be a **Pattern fun fly**, that the members were in favor of but the date has yet to be determined.
- There will be a Club **Family Picnic** combined with a **Fun Fly** also this year.
- There is some talk about a **Powder Puff** fun fly to allow some of the spouses to take a turn flying your aircraft. The key for this is to *fly with a lot of altitude*.

As with all the events, it takes a few members to put the events together, so volunteer when you can to help make the club events a success.

Some other things in the works:

1. Frank J was able to acquire another ride-on lawn mower to replace the oldest mower. Frank has ordered a few needed parts and will keep us informed of the progress.
2. This year the Head Groundskeeping guy, **Tony** will be taking a back seat to mowing. The club will be looking for volunteers to keep the field looking as good as Tony does. Are you up for the challenge?
3. TCRC may be putting together a small R/C Car track, for club members only. This is just an idea for now, and will not take away from flying.



**TCRC Meeting
will be Thursday
March 28th
at 7:00 PM
Monroe First Aid
Building.
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**MEETING
Will START promptly
AT 7:00 PM**

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 club's 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 D. if this discipline of flight interests you. Mike is also a qualified fixed wing instructor.

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

Some Reminders:

2024 Membership Dues invoices have been emailed out. Those members that have joined within the past year, your dues will be pro-rated.

New membership cards are printed up and will be available when Jack gets back in the area. or mailed to you if you included a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. 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. The club has free clear identification badge holders so members can keep their documents readily available.

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 aircraft 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.**

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 flying machine.

A suggestions, If you receive return address mailing labels in the mail they can be used as identifying your aircraft in case of a flyaway.

BG

Model of the Month

Mr. K. brought in his new Red Star MiG29, EDF jet, sold by Motion R/C and manufactured by Free Wing. Keller has not flown the aircraft yet, but demonstrated

all the features of the 9.5 lb jet. Installed are two twin 80mm, 12 blade fans, powered by two 3658-2150 brushless motors and controlled by 2-100 amp ESC's. Two 6 cell 4000-6000mAh batteries are used for power. The aircraft is

74" long with a wingspan of 50". It has thrust vectoring of the engine outlets. Mr. K is using 11 channels to control the aircraft and it has navigation lights and thrust reversal too.



Larry K was happy to talk about his latest F9F Northrup Grumman **Panther** EDF jet. It's sold by Motion R/C and manufactured by Free Wing. Version II has a few upgrades built in. It's a PNP aircraft with a 64mm, 12 blade fan, hooked to a 2840-2850 kV motor. Power is supplied by a 14.8 v 2200 mAh battery with a 40 amp ESC.

It's over 29 inches long and has a wingspan of over 27 inches. Larry said "with the new upgrades it should fly like a rocket"



*Mr K's aircraft was voted Model of the Month.
Congratulations to him.*

BG

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.

Bring in your latest aircraft for the March meeting.

Crash of the month.

There were two mishaps over the past month. **Brian J** told a very short tale of how he crashed his recently repaired A10. “a tree jumped up and grabbed the plane”

And it was rumored that John R. had a mishap with a EDF jet, but John was not at the meeting to tell his tale.



Teck Talk: Being an avid model builder, next months meeting will have Armand G. giving a talk and demonstration on “how to fiberglass your aircraft” Mr. G is always willing to share his knowledge of building and flying with the members.

This is a great topic and a lost art that many modelers have never tried, but it really makes for a great topic and a way of improving your building skills.



Armand G.



Pic submitted by John D.

Welcome, New Member: Kenneth Jecas

The newest member to join the ranks of a fixed wing pilot is Ken Jecas. Ken resides in Spotswood and has been flying for the past 5 years with the Pine Barrens Modelers and has decided to joint TCRC.

When you see him at the field, introduce yourself and say hello.

TCRC Grass / Field cutting

For the last several years, Tony Caracciolo (Tony C) has cut the grass that allowed the rest of us to fly with a well maintained area around the runway and at the ends. Rich McDonald maintained the quad flying field. The situation has changed and now we need volunteers to assist in cutting the areas that Tony & Rich had been doing (Sections A, B, C, D on the attached sketch)

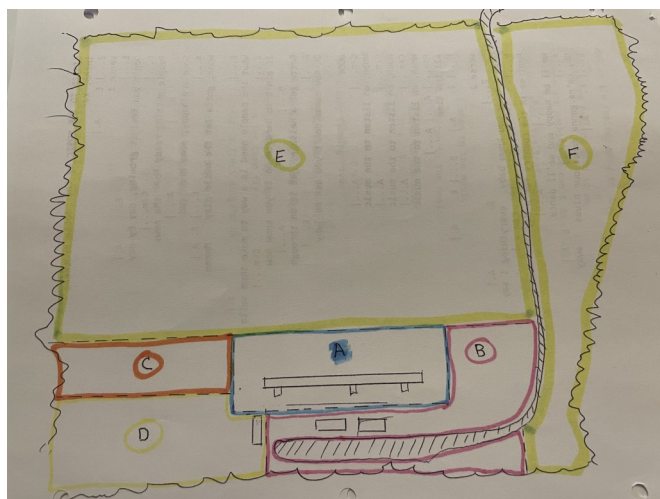
1. We are trying to make two riding mowers available so cutting can be accomplished quicker.
2. Training will be provided if needed
3. Grass cutting can take place any day during the week—including weekends
4. Cutting can start any time during the day---as early as 6am if desired
5. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, NO FLYING PERMITTED WHILE CUTTING SECTION "A", the runway end of SECTION "B & C". No exceptions!!
6. Grass cutting takes priority over flying – Once cutting starts in those sections, flying must stop.

Contact Frank Jones to volunteer to help the club. Once we have a list of volunteers, a schedule can be developed. Either Tony C or I will coordinate. My email address fhjones99@comcast.net

SECTIONS E & F

The rest of the field (Sections E & F) have been kept reasonably low by several club members. These areas are cut every 3 to 4 weeks. This is an 8 to 9 hour operation spanning 2 days usually. They are:

Frank Jones
Bill Patterson
Armand Graziani
Bruce Grankowski
Tony Palmer
Bill Dimsey
Jeff Arouh
Larry Neilson
Mike DiGennaro
Gerry Roedel
(There might be a couple of others also)



FRIA Regulations:

I understand that some of our members are a little confused about the Remote Identification Enforcement.

If you fly at Pulda Farms you don't need to have any remote identification in your aircraft. The Club has been approved for flying at our field without any additional Id. Our club is exempt from this ruling.

However if you fly at some other field, you may be required to have this broadcast module. But **PULDA Farms is EXEMPT.**

Full details are on page 8 of the AMA magazine.

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

This month's r/c enthusiast is **Brian Jimenez**

Besides being the club Vice President for 2024, Brian has been a very active pilot, joining the club in Sept. of 2021. He grew up in New Brunswick and now resides in Somerset with his fiancé, Luisa (aka LuLu). The 35 year old learned to fly by himself with determination and the ever popular *Apprentice*.

Jimenez worked as a distribution manager for the *Home News* years ago, and now works as a corporate field service tech for "*Freemotion*" a large fitness equipment company. His territory includes the entire Northeast from Maine to Virginia and west to Ohio. When not working Brian and Lu are very often at the field flying. He has taught LuLu to fly too and she does quite well.



BG: How did you become involved in model aviation?

BJ: I was drawn to the hobby after watching kids in my neighborhood fly control line airplanes. I decided to "Wing Life" and get involved into the r/c aspect of the hobby. I bought an Apprentice and learned how to navigate the sky on my own, with some downfalls, but finally conquered the basic flying skills.

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

BJ: I have enjoyed r/c cars, truck, planes and EDF jets, but have not yet built or flown a balsa aircraft. All my aircraft have been foam planes, mostly ARF design. I have built some plastic model plane kits, but painting them was my downfall.

BG: Who or what has influenced you the most?

BJ: Tony C has been the most influential guy in my life by helping me improve my flying skills.

BG: What attracted you to model aircraft in the first place, besides the C/L pilots?

BJ: The movies "Memphis Belle" and "Top Gun" were two of my favorites.

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

BJ: Going to the flying field and flying my aircraft is a stress reliever for me and gives me a mental break from the hectic work schedule.



Brian and LuLu had a great time at this past years Club Dinner at Pauline's Restaurant.

BG: What other hobbies do you have?

BJ: When I have the time I enjoy fishing, camping and mountain biking.



TOYS FROM THE PAST:

Before the days of computer chips, printed circuits and Lipo batteries the toys from the past were constructed of metal. Pres. Shelly brought in a **American Airlines model DC7**, made of tin, and powered by 3-C batteries.



It has a blinking light on top, the two inboard engines would start, then the two outboard engines would come to life. The plane would move in a circular pattern around the floor for a minute, then stop. The engines would shut down, the side door of the plane would open and a stewardess, dressed in the uniform of the time, came to the door. There were passengers that could be seen in the windows, but they would disappear from view when the door opened, as though to disembark. Shelly believes it was manufactured by a company in Yongzawa Japan back in the 1950's. It was a present from his father, who worked in the airline industry. The model is in very good condition.

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

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TCRC Haberdashery



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

4 – small
4 –medium
Contact Larry K.

Support your club....

Club Hats are available. They
are \$15.00 each. Contact
Larry K, club secretary if you
would like to purchase one.



50 Years ago this month club member Tony Eck, appeared on the cover of Flying Models magazine. Tony is still a very active builder and has had many of his construction articles published. Eck still

belongs to the club and when visiting NJ he usually can be seen flying at the field. He now resides in Virginia.

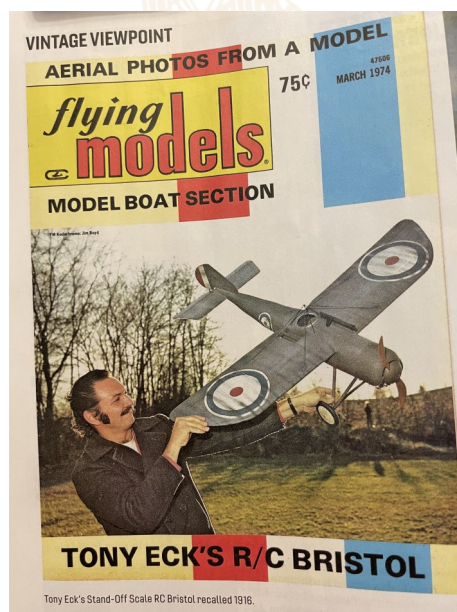


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