

TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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Upcoming TCRC Events for 2024 !!!

- **THIS SATURDAY** There will be a “**Spring Thaw Fun fly**” Scheduled for **this Saturday April 20th**, with a rain day of Sunday.
- There will be a “**Jet Fun fly**” on Saturday May 25
- There will be a **Franken-plane** fun fly in the future, Details to follow as the event gets closer.
- There will be a **Fun fly** with the **Somerset R/C** club at Pulda Farms scheduled for **June 9th**.
- There will be a **War Bird** fun fly August 24th.
- There will be a Club **Family Picnic** combined with a **Fun Fly** also this year.
- September 28th is the scheduled date for the “**Summer Over fun fly**”.

As with all the events, it takes a few members to put the events together, so volunteer to help 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
APRIL 25th
at 7:00 PM
Monroe First Aid
Building.
47 Monmouth Rd.
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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** 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 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 are overdue. Those members that have joined within the past year, your dues will be pro-rated.

New membership cards are printed and are available from Jack. If you want yours mailed to you include 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

Show & Tell

At the March meeting Brian J brought his newest EDF jet to share with the membership. It is an Version 3, Lockheed Martin F16, manufactured by *FreeWing* and marketed by Motion R/C. He went on to explain that the 70mm ducted fan is powered by a 6S 4000 mAh battery and uses an 85 amp ESC. The aircraft has retractable landing gear and a full flying stab and reverse thrust. Brian uses 8 servos to control this jet which is supposed to have 100 mph flying speed. It has not had its maiden flight yet, but knowing Jimenez he is anxious to give it its first flight.



Thanks for sharing your latest aircraft story.
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.

March 16th, was a beautiful day to get out and fly after quite a bit of non-flyable weather up until then. There were quite a few pilots who were anxious to take to the skies. Bruce G. brought his newest craft, a E-flite Night Radian. He plans on trying out some night flying as the sun goes down. Shelly put in a few flights with his Skywalker, and Jeff brought one of his EDF jets. It was a great flying day.



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 join TCRC.

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

Workshop Tools:

Here is a handy pair of sizing guides that will help you to identify those crazy thread sizes. If you're not sure if its metric or SAE threads, this tool easily eliminates the guess work. Manufactured by Micro Fasteners from Easton PA, this guide is a must have in the workshop. The inexpensive fastener guide can be purchased on line from www.microfasteners.com.

Believe me, it will come in handy. BG



Don't forget, If you ever wanted to learn how to fly a heli, Mike D has been training members on "how to learn to fly heli's". Contact Mike D if you are interested.

Teck Gadgets: John D

discussed one of his newest tech gadgets that he recently purchased and how it can be used around the home and for your aircraft.

Donnelly discussed how he uses this inexpensive Boro-scope (about \$70) to see inside the walls before he is going to start a home construction project, or better yet, he can bring it to a swap meet and can look inside any aircraft he might want to purchase to see if there was any previous damage inside.

The unit has two camera angles, one forward and one to the side.

And can take video and still pictures.

The cable is long enough whereby

John has also adapted it so he can check

the he can check his

gutters at home to see if they are clean.



Ricky C brought a few of his copters to the field and put them through their paces.

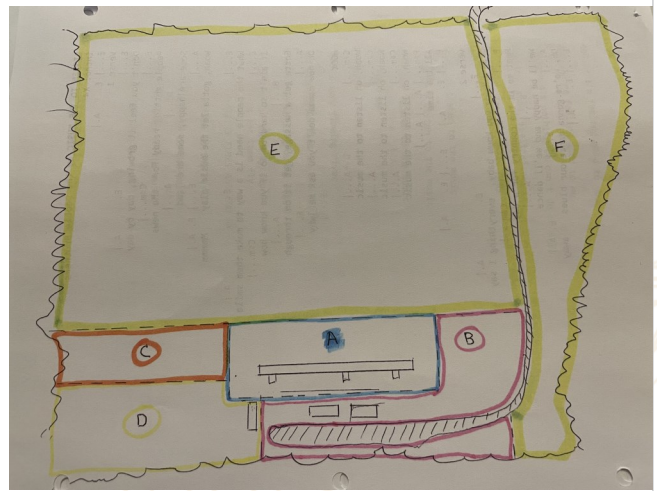
TCRC Grass / Field cutting

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

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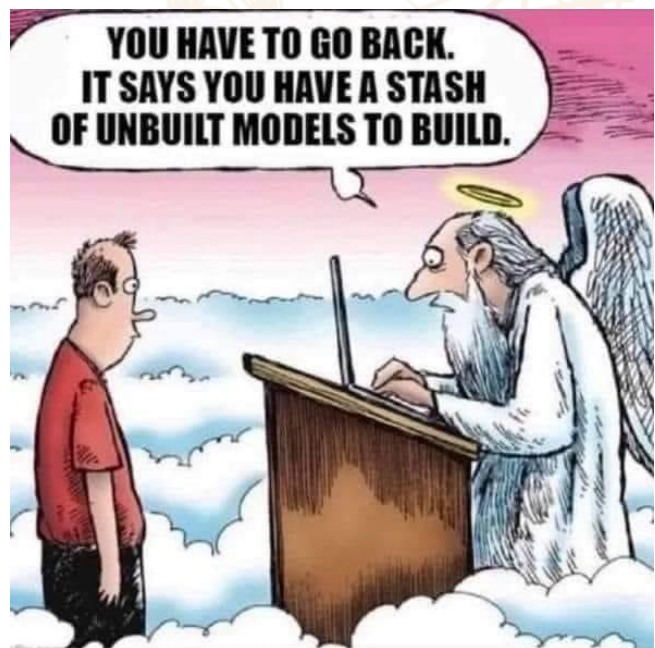
The rest of the field (Sections E & F) have been kept reasonably low by several club members. These areas are cut every 3 to 4 weeks. This is an 8 to 9 hour operation spanning 2 days usually. They are:

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)



This guy is ready for the eclipse. Submitted by John D



Cartoon submitted by John D.

FREE Kits, and other items.

At the March meeting there were a few FREE items for anyone who wanted them, but there were some leftovers.

There is still available a House of Balsa 1/2 A *Chipmunk* kit. And a *Liberty 7* kit, still in their original boxes. Both planes were designed to use 1/2A engines, but I'm sure they can be converted to fly with electric power.



If you are a belt buckle collector, there were 3 available.

Email John D. At johnmarl@optonline.net if you would like any of the items that he brought to the meeting. There is **no charge** for any of the items. He just wants them to go to a good home.



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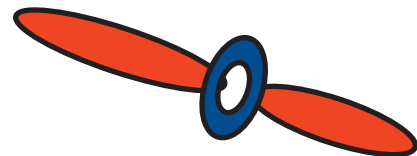


Limited Edition TCRC Tee Shirts. There are just a few left. \$10.00 each. Blue with Yellow Logo

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.



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

The Fly Paper

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