

# TRI COUNTY RC CLUB

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### Upcoming TCRC Events for 2024 !!!

- There will be a “EDF *Jet Fun fly*” scheduled for 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**.
- A **War Bird** fun fly is scheduled for August 24th.
- There will be a Club **Family Picnic** combined with a **Fun Fly** also this year. Exact date to be determined.
- September 28th is the scheduled date for the “**Summer’s 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.

The Mercer County RC Club has invited our members to participate in their upcoming Fun fly this Saturday May 18th. All are welcome to stop by, observe or participate.

**Congratulations** to Tony Caraciolo and Frank Jones for their hard work and dedication at the field. At the April meeting a motion was made and unanimously approved whereby these two deserving gentlemen were given lifetime membership in the Tri-County R/C club.



**TCRC Meeting  
will be Thursday  
May 30th  
at 7:00 PM  
Monroe First Aid  
Building.  
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**MEETINGS  
Will START promptly  
AT 7:00 PM**

# Spring Thaw Fun Fly:

Under the watchful eye from the “Chief of Aerial Shenanigans”, Mike D organized the first fun fly for the year took place on Sunday, April 21st. the rain date. Saturdays weather had forced the event to be pushed to the next day. There was about 20 members, a nice turnout of pilots eager to take their aircraft into the blue sky and have some fun. Once again Chef Gerry did not disap-



Mike D makes you wonder if he's ok or not?????

point and cooked up a batch of his famous Dirty Water Dogs.



Some of TonyC's fleet.



With jet parts strewn around, Brian hams it up for the camera. Photo by John D



Our good friend Steven Baker, brought along his group of fixed wing flyers and heli's

## ***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 buddy box 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 : Those are just a few members that have not yet paid their dues. Contact Jack B.

Membership cards are available from Jack. 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 is supplying clear identification badge holders to members can keep their documents readily available. Pick one up at the meetings.

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 meeting this month, long time member and scratch builder Anatoliy Y. brought in his latest “work in progress”. His latest aircraft is a Russian I -16. He has modified his earlier version of the fighter to include retractable landing gear.

*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.

***Bring in your latest aircraft to the next meeting.***



Photo by John D.

## Crashers of the Month .....

At the last meeting there were 4 brave individuals that told their stories of their mishaps. 1st place was awarded to young Patrick N. He planted **two** planes in the **same** tree, on the **same** day. He said one is fixable and the other is not. Other pilots that were brave enough to share their stories were Brian J, Mike D and Jack B. Thanks for sharing your stories. *More pictures throughout the newsletter.*



Photo by Eric Ng.



Brian, Mike, Patrick and Jack all proudly display their ribbons.

## Welcome, New Member:

**Ken Jecas** is one of our newest members. He flies fixed wing aircraft and is pictured with his latest aircraft a Turbo Timber. Mr. Jecas resides in Spotswood and has been flying for about 5 years. Introduce yourself to him when you see him at the field.



## Meeting Schedule:

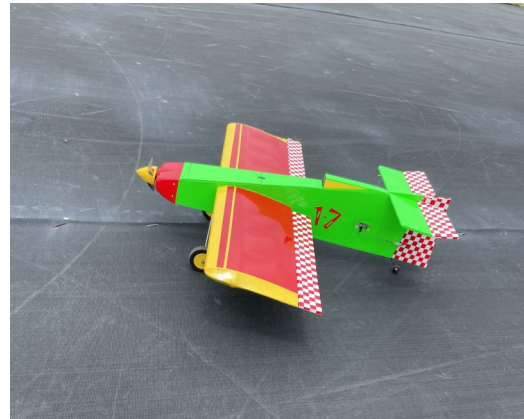
Meetings are usually held on the **LAST** Thursday of each month.

During the warmer months, meetings may be held at the field, weather permitting. An email notification will advise.

There is no scheduled meeting in November or December, however we combine those two meetings and have one usually on the second Thursday of December.



Ken Lukas proudly displays his nitro powered aircraft that he had just had a successful maiden flight with.



Jeff A's "Wiggo" is quite the stable flyer. It's a kit from the Netherlands and its shaped like a wedge and "is a fun plane to fly" says Jeff.



What a crew! Missing from the picture is Bruce, Mike, Shelly, Jack, Larry and Brian as they were sitting at the head table.

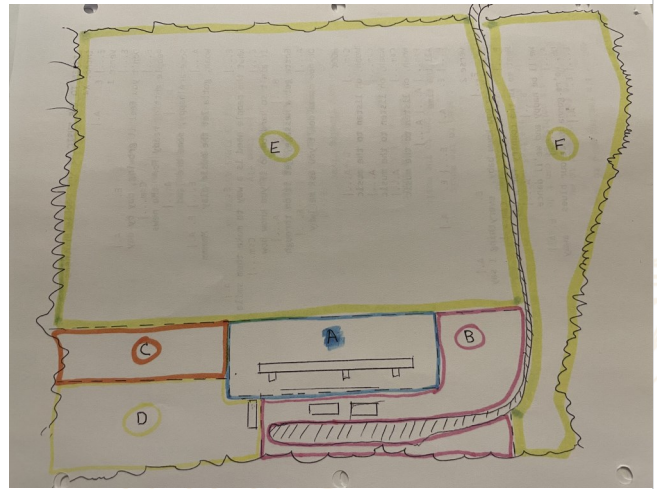
## TCRC Grass / Field cutting

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)



It appears that Shelly landed his EDF jet safely in the tall grass and was able to easily retrieve it.



Jack was given a "Thumbs up trophy" from John D. Jack's story was that his thumbs slipped off the sticks causing him to crash.



Does anyone want to own up to the aircraft that landed in the tree? It looks like minimal damage. Text your answer to 732-586-9779

## TCRC Haberdashery



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

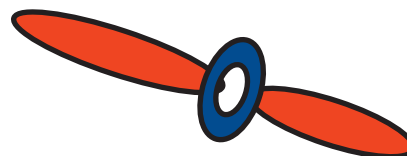
4 – small  
4 –medium  
Contact Larry K.

### Support your club....

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



Jim F. gets ready to taxi out his P51 Mustang.



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

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### The Fly Paper

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