

# RADIO FLYER



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Radio Flyer Tuscarora R/C Flying Club Newsletter

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## Presidents Corner:

- The grass cutting has started on Monday.
- The sign arch work began.
- There is a desperate need for qualified flight instructors

## Upcoming Events:

1. Aerorama August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>
2. Club Meeting June 7<sup>th</sup> at La Dolce Casa
3. Flight & Food -Wings of Williamsport June 12<sup>th</sup>
4. Officers Meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>

## 2021 Club Officers

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Our flying season is defiantly under way. The weather is beautiful, the air is warm, and lots of sunny days. It's time to enjoy each other's company at the field, fly, learn, and help others in

this great hobby. I hope some of the members head out to support the surrounding clubs when they hold their special events. It's great getting out somewhere different for an experience. You never know what you're going to see and/or be able to learn at different fields. It's neat getting to see how each club is setup and what their flying backgrounds are like. Start racking up those flights for this year.

Keep an eye out for an email about getting together to finish the arch. It's had some planning behind it and lots of ideas tossed about. It seems that we have come up with some good solid ideas and now need to get a few materials together and some great



people to finish it up. It will be great to see the club sign hanging high alongside a mission statement. Below that will be a display case and a bulletin board. The back side will have a storage box and the pin box. Any other ideas on how to make that or the field better are always appreciated. We want to continue to make this field an asset to the community and surrounding area.



## New Member(s)

❖ **Dan Sponberg was welcomed to the club.**

## Comments or Suggestions:

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There is discussion in the making of a building at the field. I overheard someone was ready to write a check for a new shed at the last meeting. Does anyone want to buy a bridge?

Since the field use agreement with the state, which was renewed this year, has a provision added in by the state to have a storage structure at the field. This would be great to have a space



where we can hang up all the club achievements from over the years and not to mention a lot of other great uses. It could also house the club training aircraft and batteries. That way several instructors would be able to use it much easier. It would be easy to mount a few hundred watts of solar panels on the roof to keep some deep cycle batteries charged up. These could be used for lighting inside and for allowing people to charge at the field. Think of how nice that will be to walk over to the shed and plug in your charger to a 12-volt supply and charger up some flight packs. Then we can say our aircraft are powered by sunshine. Who knows maybe we could sell some carbon credits that way?

For more details on the last meeting please have a read through of the meeting minutes that are along with this newsletter.

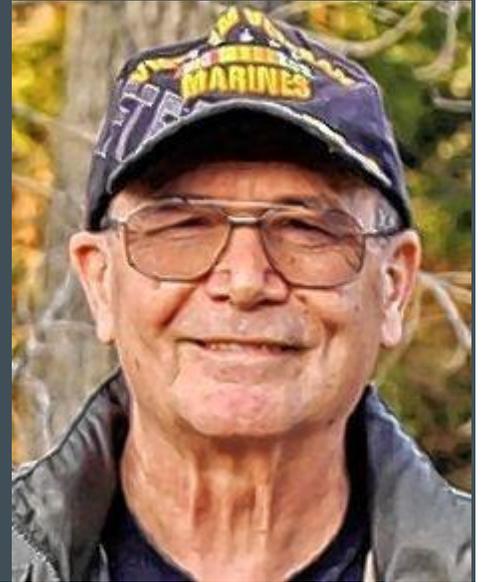
The next regular club meeting will be at La Dolce Casa at 7:00 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. There will be an officers meeting toward the end of May at La Dolce Casa to plan upcoming events and topics.

Hope everyone's projects are all going well, and everyone is doing as well.

See you all later.

Respectfully,  
Kyle Snyder  
Club Secretary

# James Rodick



## James Rodick

James "Jim" Rodick, 71, of Hometown, decorated military veteran, passed away unexpectedly at home on May 3.

Born in Shenandoah, Jim was the son of the late John and Anna (Smulligan) Rodick. He attended Mahanoy City Elementary School until third grade when the family relocated to Cherokee Ranch in Berks County and Jim continued his schooling in the Reading area. He went on to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1967. The Marine Corps immediately recognized his artistic abilities and chose Jim to paint the USMC insignia on the floor of the barracks. Jim was trained in heavy artillery and deployed to Vietnam during the U.S. response to the famous Tet Offensive. It was a major escalation of the conflict and one of the largest military campaigns of the war. Jim manned a Howitzer in the heat of battle and his valor earned him a Purple Heart. Shy and humble, he rarely spoke of the war after as he sought a life of peace and quiet.

Jim lived in Michigan for a short time, working in the Detroit auto industry. He also trained as a pilot. Upon returning to Pennsylvania, he served 23 years as a crane operator at Dana Corporation in Reading, then went on to work for Progressive Converting in Hazleton for nearly a decade more.

In later years, Jim settled in Hometown, assuming the role of caregiver for his aging parents. After their passing, he continued to care for his older brother Jack until his passing in 2017.

With his duties behind him, Jim's final years were spent surrounded by the peace and

quiet he had sought after. He enjoyed fishing with friend and neighbor Dan Christian, and pursued a hobby building and flying remote control aircraft. He was a member of the Tuscarora RC Flying Club and was FAA licensed. He also returned to his love of art and painting and enjoyed visiting museums and cultural events and spending time with his friend Donald Serfass of Hometown.

Preceded in death by parents John and Anna; sister Carol; and brother Jack.

Survived by nieces Cathleen Clouse and Sharon Clouse Frisell of St. Paul, MN; aunt Ruth Smulligan of Tamaqua; and cousins Audrey Leyfert Jones and Brian Leyfert, both of of Bath, Cheryl Leyfert Krystopa of Drums, Thomas Adamitis of Coaldale, Gerald Smulligan of Albrightsville, Karl Smulligan of Tamaqua, Dianne Smulligan Lehatto of Sinking Spring, Gloria Smulligan Forte of Nesquehoning, Donna Smulligan Romano of Schuylkill Haven, James Smulligan of Andreas, Kevin Hess of Clarksville, TN, Stephen Rodick of Girardville, Joseph Rodick of Frackville, William Rodick of Emmaus, Roseann Sisak of Girardville, Kathy Lorah of Frackville, Linda Dinicola of Springfield, and Judy Cesario of Bensalem.

Service: Memorial service 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, Lamar Christ Funeral Home, Hometown. Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Mahanoy City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Tamaqua Area Animal Rescue.

