



TIDEWATER RADIO CONTROL

Chesapeake, Virginia



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August 2022 – TRC Fly Paper

- ✈ **MEMBERSHIP:** Meeting held via Zoom. There were 22 members on August 4th.

REPORTS

- ✈ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mark Schneier reviewed the club's finances. The treasurer's report was approved as read. The club is still under audit which should be completed by the first week in September.

- ✈ **ROAD REPORT:** Road conditions are fine with a few spots that take on and hold water after a heavy rain. We still have a fair amount of RAP at the S-turn that we can use to improve these areas.

✈ FIELD REPORT

Lawn Mowers: All 3 mowers are operational. However, it seems that at least one mower is broken after every mowing cycle. The main issue is broken or damaged belts. Please be aware if you happen to help out with the cutting. If anyone happens to come across a deal on a zero-turn please let Andy or Kenny know.

Ducks Unlimited: No change. We remain on the current lease. As we approach the end of our lease for next year, we will have a better read of what is going on. We could go month to month with Duck's Unlimited. The Lease manager that we had been working with is no longer with the company, but Andy has talked to the new Lease manager and he is aware of what is going on. Lease payment is coming up which will carry us through September 2023.

✈ EVENTS

MAD Patrol: Cancelled. Issues coordinating and scheduling with the museum were contributing factors. If you would like to put on an event please let the executive council know.

Swap Shop: John Baldwin has been trying to find a place to hold an R/C Swap Meet. (November 5th) John had reached out to Chesapeake Public Schools; however, they came back with an excessive \$1600 charge which will not be possible. After talking to Mark, he wonders if the swap meet could happen at the Warbird museum. He wants to talk to them about it. Rather than charge for the tables, they could provide the tables (25-30), and we could charge \$10 a table that would go to the museum and the club would make its money from 50/50 and prize raffles. Frankie recommended that Mitch at the museum be the one we try to reach out to. Question came up as to how much space would we need. Quick calculations indicate 2500-4000 sq. ft. of space for 25 8'x4' tables. If you have any ideas or would like to help, contact John at jb1fly@aol.com

✈ ELECTIONS

A vote was held for "Members at Large". The following were the results to replace the 3 positions:

Mark Ward: 20 votes
Larry Woolard: 20 votes
Rick Hansen: 17 votes



✈ BYLAW UPDATES

A vote was held to approve the new Bylaw changes that have been in the works for the past year or so.

The four documents that were up for voting are an attempt to get us aligned with proper **bylaws** and **supporting documents**. The AMA says our bylaws are inadequate as they stand. The four documents were sent out via email on 7/29. The methods of changing and updating any of the four documents involve passing a motion to change. The new bylaws give the means to remove members that meet the requirements due to their actions. The new bylaws have been updated and modeled after AMA input and guidance. Each of the four documents voted on required a 2/3 majority to pass. The 4 new documents that were voted on and passed are:

Articles of Incorporation
Mission Statement
Bylaws
Working Rules

These documents are now posted to the club website on the **documents** page.

Kenny Sprouse is currently working on the club pilot qualification/instruction program. This document will be presented and voted on at the next club meeting pending completion.

✈ FIELD SAFETY

Discussion at August's meeting regarding field safety, specifically "taxiing"

These discussions were a continuation of last month's suggestion to:

1. Ban or limit taxiing on the flight-line/pit area.
2. Position planes for run-up facing the fence, not facing the parking area.
3. Start planes prior to take-off at the pilot boxes instead of the flight-line/pit area.



Mike Purcell expressed concern about being able to face the runway to watch out for other planes. Roger Young brought up other items of discussion from last week, but the secretary stated though they were brought up, they were not accepted as official club rules. Kenny stated we are just trying to be safe, and that we primarily want to eliminate taxiing planes under power from the pits to the flight boxes. Pert stated that running planes facing away from the fence is to prevent the prop blast from sending debris and engine exhaust towards cars and spectators. Mike and Pert expressed concerns. Pert says we are trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist. Andy addressed Mike's concern about not everyone getting a say on new safety rules. Andy reminded him that the voting on motions is based on those attending the meeting.



✈ MEMBERSHIP DUES

Approximately 50 members have renewed for 2022. Thank you for your payment and continued support of the club. If you still have not received your club badge or have questions please contact Tom Gore at flytrc@outlook.com

CLUB INFORMATION

2022 CLUB OFFICERS

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- The combination to the First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher is **911**.
- The charging station combination now matches the gate combo.
- Gate combination was sent via email. Call someone if unable to access the field.
- Shed accessed via key lock. Contact Mark Ward or Kenny Sprouse for access.

Event Schedule 2022

Feb 3	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Mar 3	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
TBD	Aviation Museum Warbirds Static Display
Apr 7	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Apr X	Field Work Day and Picnic
May 5	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Jun 2	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
	Membership Dues
July 7	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Aug 4	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Sep 8	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Oct 6	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Oct XX	Roger Spoor's Warbirds and Classics Flying Event
Nov 3	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Nov 5	SWAP SHOP (TBA)
Dec 9	Christmas/Holliday Dinner (Friday)

Yellow = Upcoming Events

Red Text = Changes/New Events

CNX = Cancelled

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