



# THE TRC FLYPAPER



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
TIDEWATER RADIO CONTROL, AMA-641

## November/December 2020

- ✦ **MEMBERSHIP:** No meetings held in person over the last several months due to COVID19. Larry has been holding meetings via Zoom. Be sure to check your email for notifications and instructions for joining. Zoom meeting attendance has been very low and we encourage everyone to be a part of the meetings. You can join via phone, tablet, or computer with an internet connection.

### REPORTS

- ✦ **MINUTES** for past meetings were presented in "The Flypaper" (Aug/Sep/Oct). A motion to accept them as presented was made and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Karl reviewed the club's finances. The treasurer's report was approved as read by Karl. Karl will be turning over duties as Treasurer to Mark Schneier by January 2021.

The field rent check that was mailed to the landowner was not cashed because they did not have an updated signed lease. Larry sent the landowner an updated lease which is good for the next 3 years.

- ✦ **FIELD REPORT:** The east side of the field continues to have issues draining water. Please do not drive on the south-eastern part of the field after prolonged periods of rain. Larry will try and talk to the land owner to see if they can help.

The porta-Jon truck has rutted the field "yet again". We may need to get a truckload of topsoil to repair the damage ourselves. The porta-Jon still needs to be relocated to the west side of the shed so this will not happen in the future.

Andy Anderson recently investigated the drainage issues with the ditches around the flying field. The primary issue is that the drainage ditches around the flying field are clogged and not draining towards the city north/south ditch.

Andy opened a ticket with City of Chesapeake about clearing the ditches. They informed him that they do not clear ditches on private property. Andy investigated and determined that they are blocked up preventing them from draining towards the city ditch. Considering the almost impossible chances of contacting the farm manager, this is a problem the club will have to resolve ourselves. The South ditch has four problem areas. The farmers even created their own trenches which carried additional sediment to the drainage ditches and clogging them. This probably can be cleared by a couple of guys with shovels.



The North ditch is worse. This would be the most difficult. This ditch is probably the greatest contributor to our field soggy issue. This ditch has about a dozen problem areas. The clearing of this ditch will take considerably more effort. Both ditches drain to the east.



Larry said that the ditches were cleaned out about five years ago as a favor from a farmer for the hunt club using some kind of ditch cutter. His name is Jay and Larry will call him to see if he is willing to do something for us.

**Gazebo:** The Plexiglas windows need to be installed on the gazebo. Anyone with an electric drill/driver is welcome to help out with the installation. This usually takes at least 2 people. It wouldn't hurt to bring out some drywall screws as well.

**Charging Station:** The main switch to the charging station has been temporarily bypassed. Just turn on the smaller switches to power the inverter and other accessories. The combination is still 1963.

If you want to help with field or road maintenance, let Mark Ward, Mark Schneier or Andy Anderson know. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

✦ **ROAD REPORT:** A few minor areas of concern that are not a problem. No significant issues to report with the road.

✦ **TRC Elections:** Andy Anderson has taken over for Larry Woolard as president and Mark Schneier will be doing a turnover with Karl as treasurer.

Andy wants to take a current and recent roster and call people to get to know individual club members better. Pictures of club members could be put on the website like they used to be on the old platform.

Andy asked what keeps significant others/wives from coming out to the field? Would they come if other wives came? If we had more fun flies would this stimulate more interest/camaraderie in the club? If we invited wives and significant others would they participate in some fashion? For example, Andy's wife won't go to the field simply because there are no other wives there.

Mark will get the PO Box from Larry and will start to monitor for any incoming mail. Mark

wonders if it is necessary to have a PO Box. Karl said it costs about \$50 per year. As a corporation of the state, we have to have an address of record. We receive AMA, city, and state mail into the box. However, lately dues have been paid directly to the Treasurer or Secretary. We are also looking into setting up a PayPal account so members can pay their dues.

✦ **Man of the Year Award:** Larry Woolard was voted as this year's Man of the Year for all his hard work dealing with the landowner and logging company issues. Also putting together the monthly Zoom meetings. Thank you Larry for everything you do for our club! Mark Ward is putting the award together to present to Larry.

Below, Larry working at the scale event registration table.



✦ **EVENTS:** No events scheduled for 2021 as yet. Be sure to check the website and newsletter for more information as it becomes available. General membership meetings are listed on the back page of the newsletter and the TRC website.

- Swap Meet - November 6, 2021 (tentative)
- Christmas Dinner – December 2, 2021



## CLUB INFORMATION

### 2021 CLUB OFFICERS

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### Event Schedule 2021

Dec 28	7pm Council Meeting (Zoom)
Jan 7	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Feb 4	General Meeting (Zoom)
Mar 4	General Meeting (Zoom)
TBD	Warbirds Over the Beach Static Display
TBD	Field Work Day and Picnic
Apr 1	General Meeting
TBD	Rain Date = Field Work Day
May 6	General Meeting
Jun 3	General Meeting - Membership Dues
July 1	General Meeting
Aug 5	General Meeting
Sep 2	General Meeting
TBD	MAD Patrol
TBD	Field Work Day and Picnic
TBD	Roger Spoor's Scale Event
Nov 4	General Meeting
Nov 6	Swap Meet
Dec 2	Christmas Dinner

**Yellow = Upcoming Events**

**Red Text = Changes/New Events**

**CNX = Cancelled**



The combination to the First Aid Kit and Fire Extinguisher is **911**.

The charging station combination is **1963**.

Gate combination was sent via email. Call someone if unable to access the field.

Shed accessed via key lock.  
Contact Mark Ward for access.

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