



TIDEWATER RADIO CONTROL

Chesapeake, Virginia



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✈ **MEMBERSHIP:** No meetings held in person over the last several months due to COVID19. These were the first 2 meetings held by Andy Anderson via Zoom. There were 23 members logged into the Zoom meeting.

Andy made opening comments and addressed meeting etiquette. He has tried to contact every member personally and has talked to 32 members so far. If you have not had a chance to talk to him yet, you may call him. He wants to make sure he hears from all members.

REPORTS

✈ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mark Schneier reviewed the club's finances. The treasurer's report was approved as read. Karl still needs to complete his turnover as treasurer with Mark. Bank accounts have not been switched.

The field rent check that was mailed to the landowner has been cashed.

✈ **ROAD REPORT:** A few minor areas of concern that are not a problem. No significant issues to report with the road. The road was completely dry on 1-23-2021. But there have been periods of long rain so use caution when going to the field.

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

When Andy talked to the land manager about the ditches, he asked us to figure out what needed to be done, and to let him know.

One guy who has helped us before was asked to go look at them. The top of the ditches need to be mowed and some small trees removed then the two ditches can be cleaned to the lead ditch. The tree behind the shed and the root have to go. Mowing cost \$250, ditch cleaning \$500, total \$750 for both ditches.

Prior to that, a general contractor for clearing ditches wanted around \$10K to \$20K.

Andy had earlier reached out to the city. City said they are responsible for the lead ditch. They are not responsible for the feeder ditches. Tom asked about how the ditch spoils will be handled. Andy will check. Andy will see if during the ditch clearing that we can get some of the muck for rut filling. This work is due to start shortly.

Thank you to new member Robert Osborne. He took the initiative to clear the blockage that was keeping the large ditch to the left as you drive in. The effort he put in will help to get that ditch to drain much better. Great job!



Six members (Andy, Jim Ortiz, Frank SR, Mark S, and Larry) showed up to the field on January 14th to help remove a few of the larger trees that are in the way of the ditch clearing.



We still need to obtain a load of fill dirt to make repairs to the ruts on the east side of the field. The porta-Jon has been relocated to the west side of the shed to make it easier for Spivey to service. We have researched the cheapest fill dirt prices and a load will be delivered soon. Andy H. is getting his new dump truck inspected. He should be able to haul some fill and has fairly inexpensive local fill and road rap.



Gazebo: The Plexiglas windows still 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. A new box of screws is located in the small window sill as you walk in to the right.

Charging Station: The main switch to the charging station has been temporarily bypassed. Just flip the smaller switches to power the inverter and other accessories. The combination is still 1963. The wind has appeared to have rotated the solar panel facing more to the east. We will have to rotate it and secure. Larry has given Mark a replacement switch that needs to be installed as well.

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!

✦ **TRC Elections:** Andy Anderson has taken over for Larry Woolard as president and Mark Schneier has taken over for Karl as treasurer.

Larry turned over the mailbox key to Mark Schneier. He also turned over thumb drives and two bags of information which contains many historical club records to Andy.

Andy's vision for the club. Andy presented his 1, 3, 5, and 10 year plans as a vision for the club. The plans are high level "what-ifs", and open for discussion. Andy contacted the Lease Manager. He asked him if there were any plans to the land that doesn't include TRC. He stated there are no plans, and he likes us here. Of course, new owners could feel differently. He is about two hours away and they will meet to discuss the field.

Items in Andy's future vision:

1. Wi-Fi cameras and maybe even a weather station.
2. Larger club house to hold club meetings.
3. Metal canopies along flight line.
4. Electricity for structures via propane fired generator.
5. Expanded field, additional runway, crosswind runway.
6. Supporting all types of flying, perhaps even ground vehicles.

Showed a Google shot and 3-D view of the field where future growth might occur. Expand to the south side of the field. How far is all subjective. Showed potential crosswind runway and better use of area set aside for helicopters. We are currently at about 3.5 acres and looking to increase to 7 to 8 acres. The biggest challenge will be increasing parking. If we can solve, we can have larger events and can host more people, The crosswind runway is at an angle to maximize its length, but it may not be angled the best for crosswind operations. If turned more north/south, the crosswind runway will be shorter. bring in more money, and have more fun.

Andy asked if anyone wanted to pitch in laying out the plans in greater detail such as better drawings and development of the long term plans?

Current Issues:

Bylaws are lacking and need to be updated. Mark S, Russ S, and Tom G. are working on the new bylaws.

How do we get new members?

Andy would like to reduce the first year's membership dues and those returning after a membership gap. Dues in this case would be reduced 50%. This would help the club revenue.

Other possibilities.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other potential groups that we can reach out that might be future members. Scout badges? More females in the club?



Richard Smith exited the EC due to time constraints. Richard offered two planes to the club. Mark S. went and picked up the planes. One is the small 50" E-flite Carbon Z Cub with servos and brushless motor. The second one is a 10cc Hanger 9 stick. Looks like the build started but needs to be finished. No receivers. Karl B. is in the vacated alternate spot that Richard vacated. Rega, Jr. volunteered to get the two planes that R. Smith donated up and running. He doesn't have an engine for the 10cc Stick. Andy has a box of servos that can be used.

Breaking News: Got word from R. Kennedy that Joe Nall's has been cancelled.

Mark S. talked about the Oceana Air Show. They are definitely going to have it but don't know if it will be a virtual airshow as last year. But if people are allowed, then we could have a static display but could not put on a demonstration. Not sure if it would cost us anything or not since we are not selling anything. In the past we presented it as a STEM display which allowed us to setup for free. Pert was actively involved with it in the past.

Andy stated many years ago he was on an AMA sanctioned show team. They no longer do that. Pert says the only ones now are company sponsored and Pert has not seen one in many years. Andy doesn't think an airshow team has been sanctioned since 2010.

✈ **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

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Event Schedule 2021

Dec 28	7pm Council Meeting (Zoom)
Jan 7	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Feb 4	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
Mar 4	7pm General Meeting (Zoom)
TBD	Warbirds Over the Beach Static Display
Late MAR or APR	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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