



TIDEWATER RADIO CONTROL

Chesapeake, Virginia



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- ✈ **MEMBERSHIP:** No meetings held in person over the last several months due to COVID19. Meetings held by Andy Anderson via Zoom. There were 23 members logged into the Zoom meeting on April 1st.

Please welcome new members George Delmoral, Roger Young, Andy Paul, Don Whitney, and Ken Sprouse. Potential members Mark Frerck and Robert Yates.

REPORTS

- ✈ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mark Schneier reviewed the club's finances. The treasurer's report was approved as read. Bank accounts have been switched to ABNB.
- ✈ **ROAD REPORT:** No significant issues to report with the road. However it was noted that there are more and more minor areas popping up. Areas that are low and starting to hold water. Andy suggested that we purchase another load of RAP. We will also continue to drag the road when able.
- ✈ **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. Ditch clearing was accomplished on March 26th. Thanks to Andy Anderson, Ken Sprouse, Dick Reynolds, Dennis Henry, Frank Jr and Frank Sr for helping with this effort.

A load of fill dirt was delivered to the field and most of it was distributed to the damaged areas during the working party. (16 yards)



Gazebo: Thank you to new member Robert Osborne. He took the initiative to finish installing the gazebo windows. Unfortunately we removed the windows again at the Spring Working Party. A wasp spray holder and a brand new can of spray has been mounted to the North side of the gazebo. Please return the spray to its holder when you're done killing wasps/bees. Thank you.

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. During the working party Larry and a few others rotated the solar panel back around to the South and bolted it in place. We should continue to monitor.

Shed: The shed was scheduled to be cleaned, outside and inside, during the working party. We pressure washed the outside but did not manage to clean the inside. This will be done at a later date.

MEETING TOPICS

Jets Over Wildhorse: What are the rules for jets? Two things to determine. Fire department and land owner concerns about this. Andy met with the fire department. Fire department is 4.4 miles away. Seven minutes driving time. The fire department can handle a fire in the cornfield. Andy called the land owner if he had any problems with our lease. He has no problems with how we run things. He called the AMA and read the requirements for jets to fly at any field. Both a chemical fire extinguisher and have available water suppression. Dick C. questioned if Wild Horse was even suited for jets. Andy told him that a test was done in the past, and it was determined that Wild Horse is suitable for jets. Karl asked if prop planes will fly at the same time as jets. We will have to determine what works for the club.

Poll vote was held with three questions. No turbines, turbines only when the crops are down, turbines anytime of the year. With a 50.0% vote it was determined that "anytime" was passed. 43.8% for only when the crops are down, and 6.2% for not at all.

Zoom: Andy discussed members' thoughts on continuing meetings via zoom. Andy put up a zoom poll to vote on continuing on Zoom, do it in person, or both. The results were split between continuing or hybrid meetings. If we meet in person, it would be a Chesapeake Main branch library on Cedar Road next to the Town Hall. This will not happen any time before the State clears it via changes in pandemic restrictions. Russ proposed we move the meetings to the field during the warm months. Depending on the weather, the Friday before, it will be announced if we are having a meeting face-to-face or Zoom. The first Saturday of the month at the field at 10AM.



Remote Cameras: Larry says he has six cameras that can look at the field, and one camera to look at the weather station. Hot spot costs about \$20/month.



Warbird Museum: Mark Ward met with the educational contact for the warbird museum. She (Nicole) wanted to know if we can participate in the summer camp (6/28-7/2) with model displays, buddy box setup, and discussing how planes are built. We would do one day out of the summer camp timeframe. Nothing has been finalized, just trying to find out who would be interested in doing it. Dick C. said he would help. Larry said he can help. Pert can bring out a plane with a buddy box to fly campers around.

✦ **EVENTS:**

- Spring Field Work Day and Fun Fly, April 17th.

The field work day was originally scheduled for April 10th but due to rain we had to move it to the following Saturday, April 17th. The following items were completed:

1. Moved almost 16 yards of fill dirt by hand, repairing damaged and low areas of the field.
2. Mowed and trimmed the field.
3. Removed the vines and weeds from the West end of the runway along the gate.
4. Painted tables and benches.
5. Repaired the solar panel.
6. Pressure washed the shed.
7. Pressure washed mowers.
8. Installed new wheel on 2nd gate.
9. Removed gazebo windows.
10. Installed wasp spray holder on gazebo.
11. Repaired picnic bench.

The following was sent via email from Andy:

Today was a spectacular day at the field. I was in hopes, but like most others, not prepared for the massive turnout. This was mentioned over and over, that this was simply the largest get-together in the history of this club. For those interested in statistics, cars were counted a couple of times, assumed at least one person per car, and in several cases, more than one. It's estimated that there were between 35 and 40 people out working today. We got a lot done.

I asked for leaders prior to the event, but as it always seems to happen, leaders are not assigned, they just show up. I was very pleased that I could turn over a task to a person and walk away. I watched from afar how those individuals led others.

We all put forth a great effort and then broke for lunch. Larry and Brenda Botsford laid out a spread that seemed to keep everyone happy. We didn't return to work after lunch. It was said, "that would be cruel and unusual". Flying, instruction and signing off new members occurred. We were visited by many new members and we gained a few more during the day. We had numerous visitors.

I cannot tell you in words how grateful I am for all of the participation that occurred today. For those that couldn't make it, you had good reasons. I know this, because we talked about it. However, every member should feel honored to be a part of this club, regardless of your attendance. One way that I feel is how someone told me that "there is a different air about us". That summed it up perfectly.

I am looking forward to groups of this nature to show up on future Saturdays, not to work, but to enjoy themselves, flying and being with like-minded people. There will be more work days, but this one will be hard to beat. What I really want to say is "Thank You", everyone.

Andy Anderson

President Tidewater Radio Control



Freshly painted tables.



Repaired areas of the field.



Lunch is served!

Check out more pictures by going to the links page of our website then [click on our Flickr link.](#)



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)
Apr 1	General Meeting (7pm Zoom)
Apr 17	Field Work Day and Picnic
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

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- 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.

