



TIDEWATER RADIO CONTROL

Chesapeake, Virginia



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May/June 2021 – TRC Fly Paper

- ✈ **MEMBERSHIP:** May meeting held in person. The June meeting was held via Zoom due to scheduling conflicts. There were 16 members logged into the Zoom meeting on June 4th.

REPORTS

- ✈ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mark Schneier reviewed the club's finances. The treasurer's report was approved as read. Andy continues to sell donated aircraft from Craig Kampen's estate. The last cash deposit received from Andy was \$1360.00. This extra money will go a long way in helping with field improvements. Thank you Andy!

- ✈ **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. There was a small sink hole in the road near the ditch close to the field. It has been repaired and has returned after the recent heavy rains. Sandbags were also installed to help with the erosion. Just be mindful of this area when traveling down the road.



- ✈ **FIELD REPORT:** Andy lent his battery powered backpack sprayer to the club. We are trying to keep the weeds down around buildings and in the ditches so they don't get out of control as they have done in the past. The weed killer seems to be working.

Once again, thank you to Robert Osborne. He took the initiative to finish removing the piles of debris left over from the field work day. He also towed his mower to the field to help cut grass. Volunteers to do extra work are always welcome. Let a council member know if you would like to help.

Dick Cheliras has also volunteered to do some more painting. He could use extra help. Let us know if you could volunteer, if only for a few hours. Thank you.

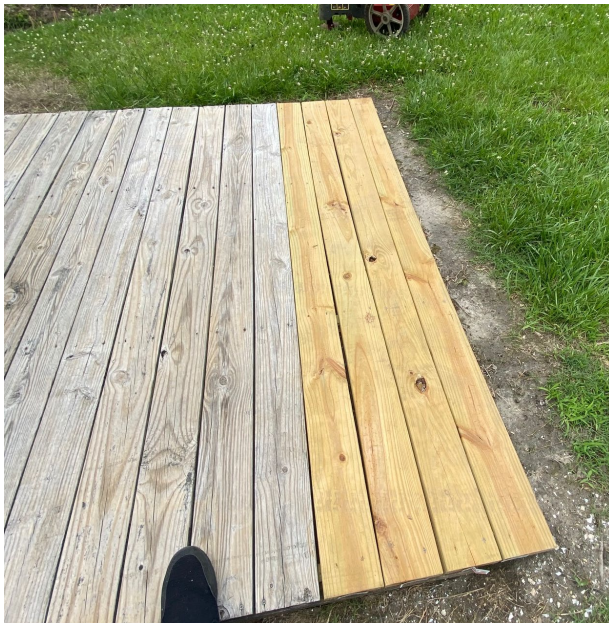
Charging Station: The main switch to the charging station has been temporarily bypassed. Just flip the smaller switches to power the inverter and other accessories. ***The combination has been changed to match the gate combos.***

Gazebo: You will see a new box in the gazebo. It contains the water suppression sprayer for the turbine guys as well as the fire extinguisher and first aid kit. ***The combination is still 911.***

Shed: The shed still needs to be cleaned out. The rotten boards on the shed ramp have been replaced. An oil change, new plug and filters performed on one tractor. The other 2 mowers still need to be done. One John Deer has a broken belt which is on order. Rat poison has been replenished. Be aware of your surroundings - Mark Ward recently saw a black snake next the shed.



Fire Ext/First Aid (Combo = 911)



Shed Ramp

MEETING TOPICS

From the President: Andy expressed appreciation to all of those that showed up at the last working party. Andy discussed lack of structure on his part during meetings, and he did not instill the structure he needs on how we conduct business. The EC will be restructured. The EC will decide what is brought to the General Membership and what needs to be voted on based on the new bylaws. We will discuss, go to a motion to accept, seconded, and then voted on. This will take some of the burden off the General Membership so the business can be conducted by the EC, and the general membership can just discuss and vote. This should streamline the process especially considering the changes Andy wants to make to help grow the club.

Andy brought up the importance of recognizing suicide traits and trying to get help and prevention. Andy is going to have a dedication plaque put up at the field for those that have donated to the club after passing away.

We've taken in donations from Mike Cook. Andy sold his planes for the family with them graciously donating half of the proceeds to the club. Herb Bregman passed away several years ago, and his son contacted Andy to sell some of his collection. Andy stated new members are wonderful, expands the club, and expands the community.

Andy stated he wants the club membership to tell him what they want, what they like, what they don't like. Andy wants input. Would whether have people tell him he's wrong then to go down the path and find out later that he was wrong.

Meeting Notes Continued

Hank stated that he has drawn up plans to expand the clubhouse a couple of years ago. Still has them if needed. Hank brought up about putting down plastic/conveyer belt down the runway.



Andy asked the Secretary to read the motion from the EC meeting.

Motion: TRC will move forward with a plan for significant club and field improvements which shall not be impeded by any concern for the potential future loss of the field.

Andy explained the meaning behind the motion. The concern of losing the field always comes up during discussions, and we want to remove this concern as a road block, or accept that it is. It is not known necessarily the odds of losing the lease, but it's always a possibility.

Alex G. asked what kind of improvements Andy had on his mind. Andy shared a drawing of his future plans. Alex asked about a cross wind runway and Andy said that is part of the future plan. Andy also stated there would be possibly a bigger club house, bigger parking area, rocketry, drones, helicopters, control-line, etc. Lease manager is onboard to double our field size though he would prefer there not be any concrete slabs. Andy: Start drilling down on this plan, how do we create a 1, 3, 5 year plan that we can share with the land manager and say this is our plan this year, next year, etc. This does not mean this is an open checkbook. Big expenditures would still be voted on. Dave Turner asked if these sub activities are going to be other small clubs or are they going to be part of TRC. Andy said AMA covers all of this and these additional activities would be part of TRC. After discussion, the motion was seconded by Roger Young. All were in favor and no against. It was decided to table the discussion of what the reserve funds should be until the next EC meeting and depending on what comes out of the EC meeting, a motion will be brought to the General Meeting for discussion and vote. Andy asked for input for what the club wants. He thought he would have gotten more feedback from the club, but stated maybe some don't have experiences with other clubs and may not know what is or is not better. All of this is pencil to paper discussion and can be changed, but no reason at this time to not shoot for the Moon. If it's simple, people will do it. Things should be easily done and maintained, and they will get used. Andy wants to be better than

Fredericksburg. Alex G. stated that we lack inspiration from club members. He has seen club members' enthusiasm decline in the past couple of decades. Andy's ideas sound fantastic, but if we can't get members enthused to go along with it, it will not matter. Andy agreed with Alex's concern, and realizes how it has become. Andy said he would like to see a Fun-fly that is advertised and have all sorts of people attend such as the fire department, city council, families, etc. Member stated that we should look at current trends in the hobby such as drone races, STEM projects, etc. Andy stated that if someone brings up a good idea, he is not going to hold that person to carrying it through, but at the same time it might not get done if someone doesn't step-up and volunteer. Karl B: What attracted the new members to our club?

Andy says it's about time that he does another round of calls to the club members though it takes about 30 hours to do.

REMINDER: Club dues are due in June. Please see TRC website link for new form.

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.



✈ **EVENTS:** Several TRC members attended the Fredericksburg Warbirds and Classics event.

Warbird Museum: Mark Ward is still planning to participate in the museum summer camp (July 13 & 19) with model displays, buddy box, and discussing how planes are built. It will be from 9 to 3 on the 13th and noon to 3 on the 19th. All volunteers will be appreciated but he really needs people with trainers to come out and fly.



FRIENDLY REMINDER



June 2021 thru May 2022

- \$100 = Adult, 21-64 years old.
- \$70 = Senior, 65 or older.
- \$55 = Additional Family Member and Members 16-20 years old.
- Under 16 = Free.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

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

- 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 for access.

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