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T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Always Fly the Airplane

General Information

General Membership Meeting:
29 April 2008, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar

Board Meeting:
13 May 2008, 7:00 p.m., T-Craft Hangar Office

Ground Classes:
Advanced Weather
Monday May 5th at 7pm in the T-Craft hanger

Back Country with Jim Hudson
Thursday May 22nd at 7pm in the EAA hanger

FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR OCTOBER: \$4.51/gal.

Members who have purchased fuel "out of pocket" can deduct this price per gallon from bill, or the billing director can credit the amount on next statement. Please include copy of receipt either way.

REMEMBER: Club planes should ALWAYS be fueled with our fuel cards unless off site, even if there is no receipt. 93S also has new fuel card, please follow instructions on back of card and pump screen.

Aircraft Maintenance

Monitor 121.5 after landing, and before shutdown, to be sure the ELT in your aircraft hasn't been activated.

Aircraft doors and locks are VERY SENSITIVE. Insert keys and gently turn. Slamming doors and forcing keys to operate seriously harms latches and security devices.

Oil usage is going up. Read "Aircraft Oil Usage" on the T-Craft Website for more information.

Clean up your aircraft: this includes washing windshields and windows, vacuuming carpeting on floors and panels, and removing all personal items (including cargo bay).

375: Annual completed this month.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB? POLICES?

OR GETTING A NEW MEMBER APPLICATION? WE HAVE THE ANSWER! CLICK [HERE](#) TO FIND OUT!

Special Announcements

Please welcome [Chad Kinkela](#) as our new Vice president. He has been selected to fill the remainder of Bill Zerfas' term as Vice President.

New Private Pilot: Congratulations [Don Roberts!](#)



Gordon Hall with 91X at Warm Springs in 2007

We are interested in stories and/or pictures of trips from the membership! Please remit to secretary@t-craft.org or call Jeff Vanhoozer (ph: 861-3972).

Reminders

To maintain eligibility for Avemco Insurance each pilot is responsible to keep your Medical and BFR current.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR FLIGHT IN

[686](#): Passenger door handle broken. Weatherstrip being installed.

[64L](#): New encoder. VFR certified.

[91X](#): Annual to be conducted 4/14/08.

[0YD](#): Annual to be conducted sometime in June 2008.

[93S](#): Avionics work in La Grande, Oregon. Instruments sent in for repair.

USE TACH TIME FOR SQUAWKS PLEASE. This helps the maintenance team tremendously!

The sign-out sheets have not changed. Continue to use HOBBS Time for sign out sheets. This will continue to be the way you are billed.

Please check Schedule Master and Squawk Sheets for new Squawks on the aircraft you are about to fly.

Also, please call the next pilot scheduled to fly if you Squawk the aircraft. **AND DON'T FORGET TO LIST YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER!**

From the Membership Director

by Jeff Beers

ALWAYS FLY THE AIRPLANE

I recently went and heard Sparky Imeson speak on mountain flying and his experiences. One of those

SCHEDULE MASTER IF YOU CAN'T FLY. THE BOARD CAN CHARGE ONE HOUR PER DAY AT THE SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT RATE ACCORDING TO T-CRAFT CLUB [POLICY #15](#).

The EPA is cracking down on pilots dumping "sumped" fuel on the ramp. It is a very steep fine if you are caught. We have purchased devices to filter the fuel back into the aircraft. It is a little cumbersome the first time you use it, but it is necessary. Remove the top (strainer) section of the fuel tester, drain fuel, and place fuel strainer on top of tester. Open top of strainer and carefully replace fuel back into fuel tank.

You can order Apparel from [Bulldog Shirt Shop](#) in Nampa on 12th Ave. They have our logo and will put it on any item in there catalog. Click on their name for the map and phone number.

Please keep your contact information (phone numbers, email addresses, postal address) updated in [Schedule Master](#). To check or update your contact information, login to Schedule Master, click the "User" tab at the top, then click the link that says "Click here to edit your user info" which appears just above the list of users.

Gift Certificates are now available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.

experiences was his crash. He is an excellent speaker with a wealth of knowledge and I really enjoyed his presentation. I walked away feeling inspired and privileged to have heard him speak. I would like to share a couple of lasting impressions I left with.

The first was never get complacent with your flying. When we fly to the same destination a number of times it can be real easy to let down our guard. You have done this same approach so many times you can do it in your sleep. This is when accidents happen, like with Sparky. As pilots we are PIC or pilot in command, the key word is command. When flying that approach, fly like it is your first time at that airport, even Nampa. If you are flying with another pilot, be aware of your surroundings and if you think you are getting into a situation you shouldn't be in speak up. Your instructor used to call this "situational awareness". Just because the plane has auto pilot doesn't mean the pilot should be in auto pilot as well.

The other thing was practice. I have mentioned this before but when we go out and fly we need to keep up on our skills. Make a list of maneuvers you would like to get better at and instead of punching holes in the sky go out and practice. Take along a fellow pilot and practice with him. We can all help each other with our flying.

If you missed Sparky's talk he has a great website with alot of vaulable information. It is www.mountainflying.com

Safe Flying, Jeff Beers

Please let [Jeff Beers](#) know when you earn new wings levels, or pass other milestones like first solo, new ratings, etc.

From the Board

The Board has decided to allow any members wishing to post classified ads in the newsletter for aviation items only.

Please email your ads to [Jeff Vanhoozer](#).

ANY MEMBER CAN REQUEST THE MINUTES FROM ANY MEETING. Any member that would like a copy of any meeting minutes can contact [Jeff Vanhoozer](#) by email. Any member of the board can provide the minutes as well.

THE 2006 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLINE BY REQUEST. Please send request to James Ferdinand at president@t-craft.org