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General Information

General Membership Meeting, Annual Reports and Elections:

27 January 2009, 7:00p.m., EAA/CAP Building

Next Board Meeting: 10 February 2009, 7:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar

All new members approved by the Board of Directors MUST ATTEND the upcoming General Membership Meeting to be formally accepted as Members of T-Craft Aero Club. Failure to do so will result in suspension of scheduling in Schedule Master, or possible termination. Call or e-mail any Board Member if you cannot attend.

Fuel Reimbursement Cost for January 2009: \$3.00/gal.

Members who have purchased fuel "out of pocket" can deduct this price per gallon from their bill, or the Billing Director can credit the amount on their statement. Include a copy of the receipt with T-Craft payment.

[Club planes should ALWAYS be fueled with our fuel cards, unless off site.]

Aircraft Maintenance

NOTICE: Information below may or may not be accurate. Consult Schedule Master and clipboards on hangar wall for the most recent information concerning your aircraft.

Got a squawk? Write the tachometer time on the Squawk Sheet. Use the Hobbs time for all other recordings.

[375](#): VFR transponder checked out.

[686](#): Engine to be built soon (160 hp); current engine now 160 hrs past TBO.

[64L](#): Nothing to report

[91X](#): Nothing to report.

[0YD](#): VFR transponder checked out.

[93S](#): Annual completed. New window and side glass installed. Rosin visors installed. Engine mounts replaced. New glare shield installed.

NOTICE! Properly sign out your aircraft,

Answers concerning our Club, Policies, or even locating a **New Member Application Form** for your friend or family member can be found [HERE](#).

Special Announcements

With the coming January 2009 General Membership Meeting comes an opportunity for all T-Craft Members to participate in the nomination and election of your Board Member Officers and Directors. The offices this year include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership/Safety. You may nominate yourself, or you can nominate any other Member who you feel capable of conducting your Club's business.

Send your photos and stories to secretary@t-craft.org. We'll install them in future T-Craft Newsletters.

Special thanks to **Leon Baker** for the portable fuel tester he donated for 800YD.

From the librarian: thanks to Jim Hudson and other members who have made donations, or loaned items to our library. Let the librarian know when you've donated materials, and your name will be posted here.

Reminders

Delete the remainder of any unused flight time from **Schedule Master** immediately after landing. Somebody may be able to use that time.

Winter operations are in effect: Electrical cords and heaters are now in use. Navigate the hangar with caution,

including the correct designation; for example, local, cross country, maintenance, replacement aircraft search, etc. If an aircraft moves, breathes, or sneezes, it **MUST** be correctly documented for maintenance and billing.

From the Membership Director

by Jeff Beers

Winter Flying Blues

With the weather we have had so far this winter many of us have not had a chance to go flying and may not get that chance until spring. I know as pilots this makes for a long winter. Here is a thought on how to turn those blues into something positive. Take this time and brush up on some of the knowledge we learned in training and use as pilots.

One suggestion is to take an online knowledge test. There are places you can take it for free. See how you do. You might find some areas that could use a little review. Maybe you could do this with a fellow pilot and review the material together. Working with someone else is always a great way to learn.

Another suggestion is start studying for a new rating. If you are thinking about getting your instrument rating there is plenty of work you can do long before you start flying. I actually took my written not long after I started the flying portion of my training. Even if you are not planning on getting an instrument rating you can always read about instrument flying. You never know when you might need these skills and if you are one of the first five members to call me at ph: 761-1219; I will give you one half hour of flight training.

and DO NOT STRAIN FUEL IN HANGAR!

Aircraft components and locks are very sensitive. Slamming doors and forcing keys to operate seriously harms latches and security devices.

Catch your sumped fuel. Not only is it a safety hazard to you and your aircraft, but the EPA can slap a heavy fine on anyone caught tossing fuel out. Sump the fuel into a **CLEAN** catch can, then pour the fuel back into the tank through the strainer/filter (located in your aircraft). **WARNING! DO THIS AWAY FROM SPARKS, OPEN FLAME, and ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.**

There is no waiting list! Winter is a great time to recruit more members. Our aircraft LOVE to fly students and veteran pilots alike. Tell your friends about T-Craft -- "[Putting Wings On Your Dreams!](#)"

Park your vehicles away from the T-Craft hangar, especially if it does not fit between the concrete drain and the building.

Keep the bellies on our ladies clean. Read "Aircraft Oil Usage" on the T-Craft Website for more information.

While you still have time, monitor 121.5 before shutdown - to be sure the ELT in your aircraft hasn't been activated.

Look cool wearing your T-Craft emblazoned cap and shirt that you bought from [Bulldog Shirt Shop](#). Located on 12th Avenue Road South, Nampa, Idaho, they have our logo and will put it on any item in their catalog.

Post Post Flight Check List: a) Clean all glass -- inside and out, including suction cup smudges on interior windows. b) Clean and pick up trash in cockpit and cargo bay. c) Vacuum carpet. d) Clean all leading edges, including wing and main gear spring struts, flaps leading edges, cowl chin, rear empennage leading edges, propeller, spinner, and wheel pants. e) Remove the Aircraft Checklist from your kneepad and return to the

You could do a little hood work in the spring with an instructor, and there are also videos and DVDs you can watch to help improve your skills. We have some in our library at the hanger. If you watch YouTube.com you'll find there are many videos on flying.

Just because we have to sit on the ground doesn't mean we can't continue to grow as pilots.

Fly safe.

Jeff Beers

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

Also:

Continue reviewing "[Cold Weather Operations](#)", either on [AOPA](#), or in the [T-Craft Website](#).

From the Board

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Membership for another safe and exciting year of flying. We are all encouraged by the spirit of cooperation and communication amongst the group. We look forward to another wonderful year of safe flying in 2009!

T-Craft Members are responsible for keeping their 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. AVEMCO will remove your name from their insured list for failing to keep your License and Medical Certificate current, and you WILL be suspended in Schedule Master.

aircraft. f) Write hours in log book, and wipe grin from face. g) Call your friends, and tell them what a wonderful time you had.

Got something aviation **you want to sell**? Post it in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your advertisement to the Secretary, [Jeff Vanhoozer](#)

Ask any Board Member for a copy of any of the Minutes, or you can e-mail the Secretary ([Jeff Vanhoozer](#)), and have a copy sent right to your home.

Still looking for a last minute gift for a pilot friend? *A limited quantity of **T-Craft Gift Certificates*** are still available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.
