

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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## Clarify Your Communications



above: Jeff Vanhoozer and his son Matt attend the 2009 Payette Fly-In and Breakfast with 1891X, 28 March 2009.

Send your photos and stories to [secretary@t-craft.org](mailto:secretary@t-craft.org). We'll install them in future T-Craft Newsletters.

### General Information

**club** (klub) *n.* [ME, clubbe]: 4. a group of people associated for a common purpose or mutual advantage, usually in an organization that meets regularly. *Please join us this coming Tuesday to review proposals designed to attract more members to T-Craft. Your thoughts and suggestions are crucial to the wellbeing of our Club.*

The Board has created a **Membership Drive and Marketing** committee, chaired by Jim Hudson, that has met to develop numerous marketing strategies to help T-Craft reach out to the flying community. Jim will be discussing the work of this committee at the next General Membership meeting.

The **T-Craft Fly-in at Garden Valley, Idaho** is fast approaching (18 July 2009). Last year's event proved to be quite fun, and attracted many new back country pilots. You could get a free ride with a CFI who can check you out for this fun adventure. Cameras will be rolling! Make your plans now to attend.

#### Here are other upcoming regional events:

Ninety-Nines Flying Companion Seminar, Id. Div. Aeronautics, 3483 Rickenbacker, Boise, 4 April 2009.

"Seeing and Being Seen," Vision and the Aviation Environment, 7 April 2007, Avcenter Hangar, Nampa Airport (FAA Safety Team).

Emmett Fly-In, IAA, Emmett Airport, 18 April 2009, 8:00a.m.

Rocky Mtn West Aviation Expo, Expo Idaho, Boise, 30-31 May 2009 (T-Craft attended).

T-Craft Plane Wash, 6 May 2009, 4:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar; snacks and beverages will be served.

A Salute To AVG Flying Tigers, Warhawk Museum, 30-31

### General Information

**General Membership Meeting:**  
31 March 2009, 7:00p.m., EAA/CAP Building, Nampa, Idaho airport.

**Next Board Meeting:** 14 April, 7:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar

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

**Flying Rates Beginning 3/26/09:** 152 @ 47.00/hr, 64L @ 60.00/hr  
686 @ 66.00/hr, and 182s @ 90.00/hr.  
(These costs are subject to immediate change.)

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### Special Announcements

Congratulations to Paul Chase, newly Private Pilot licensed 1:  
March 2009

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### Aircraft Maintenance

**Properly sign out your aircraft**, 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.

**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.

406 mHz ELT purchases on hold until further notice.

**375:** Nothing to report.

**686:** aircraft in for annual, and engine overhaul (replacement); passenger door handle was spinning freely.

**64L:** Nothing to report

**91X:** Worn spots on main tires. Both front seat forward/backward adjustment control springs replaced.

**0YD:** Nothing to report.

May 2009 (T-Craft is invited to attend and set up display).

Caldwell Festival of Flight, Caldwell Airport, 6 June 2009.

Celebrate Father's Day, Warhawk Museum, 20 June 2009 (T-Craft invited to attend and Display).

Salute To North American Aviation (P51d Mustang displays), Warhawk Museum, 11-12 July 2009. (T-Craft invited to attend and Display)

Garden Valley, Idaho Fly-In, T-Craft Aero Club, 18 July 2009 (Campground and tie-downs reserved for T-Craft).

Bomber Days, Warkhawk Museum, 8-9 August 2009 (T-Craft invited to attend and Display).

Thunder Over Nampa, Nampa Airport, 11-12 Sept. 2009.

T-Craft Plane Wash, T-Craft Hangar, 16 September 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Write the Secretary ([jivanho@msn.com](mailto:jivanho@msn.com)) with upcoming events.

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## From the Membership Director

### Clarify your Communications

An important part of situational awareness skills is monitoring radio communications in and around the local airport, so that one can form a mental picture of aircraft positions and intentions in the area.

At Nampa, many position reports are given with reference to some of the local landmarks; such as the Cheese Factory, the Idaho Center, the Gravel Pit, Lake Lowell, the Railroad Tracks, and possibly a few others. I've heard a few cute calls such as "Gravel pit 1 approach" (it was pointed out to me there are 4-5 gravel pits near the Nampa airport). These are great for the pilots who are familiar with these landmarks, but what about others who are not?

There is nothing wrong with using a local landmark, but add some distance and position information for the unfamiliar pilot. You could say; "Nampa traffic, Cessna 375 over the Cheese Factory, 1 mile north east, entering the downwind on a 45 for 11 Nampa".

When giving a position report at the popular "East end of Lake Lowell", add that you are 5 miles South West of Nampa, your altitude and intentions on how you will enter the pattern.

Another area that helps to clarify the situation is upon departing. Instead of just declaring that you're "taking the active on 11", clarify what you are going to do; staying in the pattern for touch & go's, departing to the East, to the North, or right turn out to the South practice area. If you're staying in the pattern, specify for what purpose; touch & go's, stop & go's, simulated emergency, go-around's – be specific each time you make a loop.

Mentally keeping track of traffic departing, approaching, or in the pattern is a important skill, but it depends on clear and accurate radio calls.

**93S:** Wing fuel bladder replaced (\$1050.00); new adapter plate installed for view access; total replacement cost - \$3,300.00.

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

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

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

**Continue reviewing "Cold Weather Operations", either on  
AOPA, or in the T-Craft Website.**

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## From the Board

**We have over twenty Members from whom we have not received  
completed AVEMCO Insurance Questionnaires. If you are on the  
list and do not comply, you may be suspended from Schedule  
Master. Contact Bill Zerfas A.S.A.P.**

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.

Ask any Board Member for a copy of any of the Minutes, or you can e-mail the Secretary ([jivanho@msn.com](mailto:jivanho@msn.com)), and have a copy sent right to your home.

A limited quantity of **T-Craft Gift Certificates** are still available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.

Got something aviation **you want to sell**? Post it in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your advertisement to the Secretary, [jivanho@msn.com](mailto:jivanho@msn.com).

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## Reminders

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

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

Members are encouraged to monitor and care for all hangar and office equipment. If you see something unusual, please contact a Board member A.S.A.P.

If you run into difficulties while operating T-Craft aircraft, who are you going to call? Carry a copy of **Board Member names** and phone numbers just in case.

Bulldog T-Shirt Shop, on 12th Avenue Road South in Nampa, will emblazon the T-Craft Aero Club logo on just about anything.

Using local landmarks is ok, but clarify your location with distance, and directional information to help the unfamiliar pilot.

Keeping your head on a swivel and looking for other aircraft should be your 1<sup>st</sup> priority for situation awareness, but clear radio communications can definitely help. Keep in mind that radios are not required at non-towered airports like Nampa, and sometimes the radio transmission could be wrong or confusing.

Fly Smart, Fly Safe, Have Fun! [Jim Hudson, Director, Membership/Safety](#)

[Please notify [Jim Hudson, Membership/Safety Director](#), when you earn new Wings levels, or pass other milestones, like first solo, new ratings, or purchase your first \$100.00 burger.]

. Our Membership/Safety Director is updating the **T-Craft Approved Instructor list**. If you have suggestions, write or call Jim Hudson at [flynjim@yahoo.com](mailto:flynjim@yahoo.com).

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**Failing to provide an updated Flight Review and Medical Certificate to the Membership/Safety Director can get you suspended in Schedule Master.**