

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Change is good – sometimes. Take for instance the March 31, 2010 deadline for replacing *paper Pilot Certificates*. Then how about changes around the Nampa airport -- once the *new AWOS* system (frequency 118.325, telephone no. 208-318-0040) is approved, our new designator will be MAN. The City of Nampa is hosting **Airport-fest 2010**, scheduled for May 22 – including static displays of aircraft based here, introductory flights, and piloting contests – to help draw more attention to General Aviation. Numerous T-Craft members have resigned over the past two months for various reasons, so the Airport-fest program will give us an opportunity to recruit.

NAMPA AIRPORT FEST 2010

Fact Sheet

When: May 22, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Where: Nampa Municipal Airport-S67 soon to be MAN, between MAF and Avcenter hangars and north end private hangars

Why: To showcase General Aviation and the Nampa Airport to non-flyers in the area as well as current aviators in the region. We need new blood in GA!

What: Static display airplanes, helicopters, gliders, L.S.A.'s, ultra lights, R/C airplanes, aircraft maintenance shops, flight schools, new planes, old planes, paper airplane building, forest fire fighting aircraft and pilots, Non aerobatic flight displays, spot landing contest, pancake breakfast, Gourmet Bar-B-Que by the Blue Sky Café, Charity Airlift (up and around the pattern for 10 cents per pound- i.e. 150lb person pays \$15.00 to the charity)
Pilots participating in the Charity Airlift can get a tax credit for their flight contributions, must have 500 hrs total flight time and comply with 91.146

How Much: FREE admittance to guests, participants, & vendors

Promotion: Video going out to area high schools and middle schools to run during each schools' morning announcements, KTVB live morning weather remote on May 18th, Website listings with AOPA, Idaho Aeronautics, etc.

More Info: website at www.flynampa.us
Mr. Sandy Smith @ 208-938-0355 (home)
208-869-5048 (cell)
smithsidaho@msn.com

Saturday, May 22, 2010
10 am to 3 pm

Absolutely FREE admission and free parking.

See all the great airplanes that call Nampa, Idaho home
Single engine, twin, helicopters, light aircraft, experimental, ultralight and more.

Aircraft Demonstrations
Watch pilots practice take-offs, landings, stalls, spins, and other maneuvers and spot-landing and short-field take-offs, you're seeing it!

Go for a flight around the Airport
Talk with pilots, flight instructors, commercial pilots, instructors, even forest fire pilots.

Fun things for the kids to do-Displays from the Nampa Fire and Police departments and Nampa Public Works departments, EAA, Young Eagles

A chance to experience General Aviation up close at the
Nampa Airport-Fest 2010

Come visit the Nampa Municipal Airport
Inbound 122.7 / awos 118.325 or 208-318-0040 / new identifier MAN (formerly S67)
www.flynampa.us for updates



Current flying rates (all hours "wet" unless otherwise noted): 375 @ \$49.00/hr, 64R @ \$72.00/hr, 686 @ 74.00/hr, 91X and 0YD @ \$102.00/hr, and 93S @ \$105.00/hr.

Flying rates effective March 26: 375 - \$52.00/hr, 64R - \$77.00/hr, 686 - \$79.00/hr, 91X and 0YD - \$109.00/hr, and 93S - \$112.00/hr (all hours "wet").

Please review your receipts and confirm \$.25/gallon is recorded. Report any discrepancies **ASAP** to Dennis Wheeler.

Fuel re-imbursement for March 2010: \$3.57/gal.

Next Board Meeting: 13 April 2010, 7:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar training room.

Next General Membership Meeting: 27 April 2010, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Id.

From the Membership Director

March Training Topic: “Where to Go”

I recently ran across a web page www.onetankflights.com that helped with the question as to where to go on your next flight on a tank of fuel. It provides a range of areas of interest and destinations you can get to and return on a tank of gas. You can plug in the distance from any airport and it will list items of interest and show a google map of their location. It lists items such as on the field points of interest, restaurants, camping, outdoor activities, museums, resorts, golf courses, etc. It does list some areas around Nampa, especially outdoor activities. Unfortunately, many areas require user input and none have been provided in our area. The web page was developed in the mid-west and many locations listed are in that area of the country. It's a good idea, and may grow in time for this area. [photo below right: 93S and friend at Moose Creek – photo courtesy Jim Hudson]

A traditional method of choosing a new destination is to get out a Sectional or WAC chart and draw a radius of 150-200 NM, a distance most of the planes could do on a tank of fuel. Pick out some airports or areas that have something of interest, do some research and go explore. Several of the Idaho airports have courtesy cars (see the link: www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/ - courtesy car) for a list in Idaho. Many airports now have web pages where ground travel options and other information can be found. www.AirNav.com can give you a wealth of information about any airport. Oregon used to have a similar list for courtesy cars, but I could not find it. I believe Baker and Enterprise have courtesy cars.



For Backcountry Pilots, the “Fly Idaho” and Fly Big Sky (Montana) books are invaluable guides.

We encourage members to share their adventures in the monthly newsletters. Another option for sharing adventures could be the Facebook page that has been set up for T-Craft.

Fly-in and other Aviation related events are fun. Aviation Events in Idaho can be found on the State web page, and/or the Idaho Aviation Association web page. Some upcoming events are listed below

April 17th – Emmett: Wings and Wheels Fly-in - Breakfast

May 22nd – Nampa Airport Fest: You will hear much more about this exciting event.

June 5th – Caldwell Celebration of Flight - Air Show:

June 12th – Jerome Annual Fly-In & Community Appreciation Day - Breakfast

<http://www.flyidaho.org> – Idaho Aviation Association

<http://www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/> See Calendar of events

<http://www.aviation.state.or.us/> Oregon State

Now is the time to, do a little research and make some plans and schedule a plane for some new flight adventures.

Fly Safe, Fly Smart and Have Fun,

Jim Hudson

Membership/Safety Director



[Steve Fickes relaxes with 93S at Chamberlain – photo courtesy Jim Hudson]

Training:

The March training meeting was well attended and covered the New Wings Program. For those who missed it, you can learn about the New Wings Program by going to www.faasafety.gov and then clicking on the “Learn more” link in the Wings box. If you need any help, let me know. On the “Featured Courses” box on the same web page, you will find many excellent free courses offered through the FAA, many provided by AOPA and other 3rd party providers.

April Training will be Thursday, April 22nd at 7 PM in the EAA/CAP facility. This will be our annual Backcountry Presentation. This year will be a review of the key backcountry principles, in addition we will hear some advice and stories from some of the clubs more experienced backcountry pilots.

T-Craft approved Backcountry Pilots need to complete an annual ground training refresher course. This seminar will fulfill that requirement.

Membership: We currently have 82 members.

We gained a new member in March; please welcome **A.J. Ellis**. A. J. is a recently minted private pilot trained by Gary Iverson at Precision Flight.

Unfortunately, we lost two members, Chad Kinkela and John Driebergen.



[Brad Mausling a proud new Private Pilot; hanging with his instructor, Bill Zervas. – photo courtesy Bill Zervas]

NEW MEMBER NOTICE

T-Craft Board approved members must be formally accepted into the Club by member vote during a General Membership Meeting. The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 30 March 2010.

Aircraft Maintenance

WARNING: Information provided 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. Sign your name, and include a phone number where you can be contacted. Document Hobbs time for all other recordings.

67375: MX385 radio installed (new). Oil dipstick tube replaced.

13686: GPS software updated.

4464R: Focusing on radios next. Landing light rotated to see if this prolongs life of bulb; packed with silicone for stability.

1891X: Nose strut work to isolate source of vibration; tires balanced, and strut recharged.

800YD: Rebuilt starter and starter adapter.

7593S: Ignition switch work. GPS software updated.

[Member Notice: report **leaks IMMEDIATELY** to Maintenance.]

Upcoming Local and Regional Events

April 22nd: 7:00 PM / EAA: Backcountry Training Seminar

May 13th: 7:00 PM/ Boise Airspace / procedures / Q&A with ATC Controller Andy Marosvari, T-Craft Hangar

May 22: Nampa Airport Festival, Nampa, Idaho

June 17th: 7:00 PM /Density Altitude Review (suggested topic), T-Craft Hangar

July 17th: TBA/Garden Valley Fly-In Breakfast / Flying fun, Garden Valley, Idaho

Reminders

Answers concerning our Club, Policies, or even locating a **New Member Application Form** for your friend or family member can be found on the T-Craft website: www.t-craft.org.

T-Craft Business Cards and Pamphlets are available. Share them with friends and acquaintances in the community who may be looking for piloting opportunities.

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.

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

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 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".

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

Got something aviation **you want to sell**? Post it in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your advertisement to the Secretary, jlvanho@msn.com.