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# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Practicing Landings

#### General Information

**General Membership Meeting:**

30 September 2008, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Building

**Board Meeting:**

8 July 2008, 7:00 p.m., T-Craft Hangar

**Ground Classes:**

Tour d' Boise Tower, t.b.a. July 2008

**Fuel Reimbursement Cost for June 2008:**

**\$4.72/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.]**

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

#### Aircraft Maintenance

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

**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.

[375](#): Nothing to report.

[686](#): Nothing to report.

[64L](#): Nothing to report.

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

[0YD](#): Starter adapter removed and shipped off for repairs. Fuel sensing gauge going bad. Right wing fuel bladder being replaced during annual (scheduled for 6/3 - 6/11)

[93S](#): Gyro should be installed by week of 15 June 2008. Attitude indicator has been malfunctioning and will be investigated.

## Special Announcements

The Garden Valley, Idaho Fly-In is scheduled for 12 July 2008. Contact the Board Member of your choice if you are interested in participating.



Reggie Sellers sent us this photo from the IAC Competition held in June in Portland. Apparently the judges thought OYD was so pretty they let Reggie park with the "big boys" participating in the Aerobatic Competition. Thanks, Reggie!

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

## Reminders

Thanks to all who completed the annual AVEMCO Insurance Questionnaire.

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

Dispose of empty paper towel rolls, and cans of glass cleaner and spray wax. Replenishment stock can be found on the shelves in the northwest corner of our hangar. Leaving your messes for someone else to clean up is **not very nice**.

If you cannot make your scheduled flight, or if you've got a significant amount of time remaining scheduled that you do not plan to use, please delete your flight in Schedule Master. You may

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

## From the Membership Director

by Jeff Beers

### PRACTICING LANDINGS

As an instructor the most frequently asked questions are about safe landings. I appreciate all of those who attended the ground class on landings, I am sure each of you benefited from the discussion. It is a good feeling to know that some of our club members care enough to improve their landings. As we all know "takeoffs are optional, landings are mandatory".

Here are some thoughts about practicing your landings. Go to another airport. First it will take you out of you comfort zone and make you think. Caldwell is great when they are using 30, it is right traffic. If you haven't done that in a while it can be fun. Homedale and Parma are great places to practice short field landings and short field takeoffs. Boise is also a good place to go because they have air traffic control, two runways, left and right traffic and alot of air traffic. Try to make you practice sessions a bit challenging yet fun at the same time.

This has been mentioned a number of times, but as the summer gets here so does higher density altitudes. Expect longer takeoff and landing rolls and over all less aircraft performance.

I hope everyone got a chance to enjoy the air show we just had here at Nampa. Thanks to all those club members that manned the T-Craft booth.

be charged a bunch 'o money -- per T-Craft Club [POLICY #15](#).

**Catch your sumped fuel.** Not only is it a safety hazard to you and your aircraft, but the EPA may be watching you. Sump the fuel into a **CLEAN** catch can, then pour the fuel back into the tank through the strainer/filter (located in your aircraft).

**Help keep oil usage down. Read "Aircraft Oil Usage" on the T-Craft Website for more information.**

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

***You're shaking inside after that incredibly difficult cross wind landing.*** You can still look cool as a cucumber exiting your airplane 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.

**Avoid "bad press": [clean your airplane](#).** Make time in your schedule to wash bugs off all leading edges, and clean the windshield and other glass free of bugs, GPS suction cup smudges, lipstick, and tic-tac-toe games. Make sure the carpets, seats and cargo bay are debris free; make good use of the vacuum cleaner as well.

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.

Safe flying,

[Jeff Beers](#)

**There is no waiting list!** Summer 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!](#)"

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 of Directors has decided** not to make any changes at this time in Schedule Master concerning [Standby Scheduling](#). Members are encouraged to communicate with one another to assure cooperation and courtesy.

Members may have noticed **more time available for bookings in Schedule Master**. The Board has added Policy #6, wherein "...any Member will be limited to 480 hours (20 days, or 28,800 minutes) total time in Schedule Master within any 90 day period, unless otherwise approved by the Board."

.If life is too exciting, you can 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.

**Gift Certificates** are 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, [Jeff Vanhoozer](#)