

## T-Craft Flyer DECEMBER 2003

Dear Members – THERE WILL NOT BE A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DECEMBER. INSTEAD WE WILL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS. The next regular Board meeting will be January 13, 2004, 7 PM at the hangar.

Winter Time and cold temperatures calls for some special attention to the care and operations of the aircraft. Jim Eyre put out some very helpful and important information about winter flying via e-mail recently, if you did not receive a copy please let Jim know and make sure your e-mail address on schedule master is correct.

Heaters for warming the aircraft engines have been made available for each aircraft. Never switch cords between the ceramic (red) and oil pan (orange) heaters, never turn the heater off or change the settings, always unplug the heaters. Remove the foam cowling plugs carefully. Fold the blanket up and lay on the hangar floor. The thermostats on the heaters are preset and will come on when preheat is required.

Winter Flying Program is now in effect until the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. This program allows you to fly the minimum monthly flying requirement for the months December, January and February anytime during the three month period. You can fly it all in any one month or any combination during the three months.

Maintenance – Jim Eyre 336-0867 or leave a message if he is not available right then.

A/C STATUS – as of 12-9-03

375 – okay

686 – 100 hour inspection completed on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. #1 radio to be sent to factory for analysis on repairs required.

64L – okay

91X– waiting for the engine

29Q – new door stop to be installed soon.

0YD –okay

We have a new computer system in the hangar furnished and maintained by James Ferdinand. Do not add anything to the system, do not make any changes in the system and do not mess with the system. If the system does not come up for you leave it along and call James Ferdinand. 467-2658.

The port–a–potty is gone from the hangar. Use the restroom at Flight Quest or at the terminal building.

The Flight Simulator in the hangar will be for anyone's use on a 6 month trial basis. Dennis Averill is setting the machine up. If the usage is great enough the Board will consider allowing the simulator to remain in the hangar but there will then be a charge by the hour to the members that use it paid to Dennis Averill.

Dan Stone won the free hour of flying at the last membership meeting.

Membership Waiting List: If you have someone on the waiting list or plan to add someone to the waiting list make sure Mike Chappell has their name AND a phone number. Make sure you let them know the membership fees are now \$500.00 for Class I and \$800.00 for Class II. If the person decides to drop off the waiting list, let Mike know.

Ground School Refresher Class will be held in January. Instructor will be Phil Vergese on "VOR Orientation". Date and time will be sent before the meeting.

Program for the January meeting will be the annual reports and elections. Dan Stone will chair the committee with Jeff Vanhoozer, Jeff Aebischer and Alan Renshaw assisting. We will be electing a President, Vice President (1 year term) Secretary, Treasure (2 year term) and one Director of facilities (4 year term). The committee will be contacting every member and asking you if you are interested in running for a position.

Mike Chappell will be handing out flying cards at the meeting.

**Please update your e-mail address and street address on Schedule Master on your user page.**

Daryl Linde, Secretary, T-Craft Aero Club