

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*A Superior pilot may be defined as one who stays out of trouble by using his Superior judgment to avoid situations which might require the use of his Superior skill.*

### General Information

#### General Membership Meeting

April 26, 7:00pm in the EAA/CAP Hangar  
John Post, Speaker

#### Board Meeting

May 10, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

#### Ground School Refresher

May 11, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar.  
Jim Hudson teaches: "Flying in the Backcountry".

#### General Membership Meeting

May 31, 7:00pm in the EAA/CAP Hangar

#### T-Craft Garden Valley Fly-in

Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 8AM to noon  
Breakfast will be served. Any pilots wishing to fly to Garden Valley needs to contact [Jody Grigg](mailto:jodygrigg@tcraft.org) by email or call @ 323-8743.

### Special Announcements



You can order T-Craft apparel from [Bulldog Shirt Shop](http://www.bulldogshirtshop.com) in Nampa on 12th Ave. They have our logo and will put it on any item in there catalog. Bulldog Shirt Shop is located at 616 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rd in Nampa. Their phone number is 466-6450.

### Aircraft Maintenance

[375](#): Annual complete. Throttle cable and one of the main gear tires replaced.

[686](#): Replaced starter. IFR re-certification due in May.

[64L](#):

[91X](#): In for Annual April 18, 2005.

[29Q](#): IFR re-certification due in May.

[0YD](#): Replaced both landing/taxi lights. Annual due in May.

### From the Board

The Board has added the following [Policy](http://www.t-craft.org/Reference/ClubPolicy.pdf): #31 (<http://www.t-craft.org/Reference/ClubPolicy.pdf>) T-Craft Aero Club Inc. will reimburse pilots for offsite fuel purchases at the current monthly rate which T-Craft pays for fuel at Nampa. The difference will be the responsibility of the individual pilot.

T-Craft paid a \$6.17 Directory assistance call that was made to Nevada on February 17th. Please be aware that the club has to pay for any charges incurred on our phone line. Long distance calls and Directory assistance are extra expenses the club has to pay from our general fund. Please refrain from these types of calls.

Special thanks to Gary Blecha  
for his generous contributions to T-Craft.

THE ANNUAL REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE  
TO MEMBERS ONLINE BY REQUEST.

Please send request to  
James Ferdinand at [james@t-craft.org](mailto:james@t-craft.org)

## **From the Membership Director**

Leon Baker recently passed his check ride and is  
now a private pilot.

Please let [Phil Verghese](mailto:phil@pfactor.com) know when you earn  
new wings levels, or pass other milestones like  
first solo, new ratings, etc.

## **Hangar Maintainance**

Metal rails on hangar doorway floor of 686 have  
been removed.

USE CAUTION! The hangar door rails have all  
been lubricated. Dennis Wheeler and Steve  
Fickes spent the greater part of a day adjusting  
and lubricating the hangar doors. Special thanks  
goes to Steve Fickes for all his help and  
expertise with the hangar doors. The rails that  
need welded will be taken care of as soon as  
possible.

The Backcountry Flying Policy Needs Your Input.  
In an ongoing effort to upgrade and streamline T-  
Craft policies and procedures the board is now  
reviewing the existing backcountry flying policy.  
Your suggestions on this topic would be welcome.  
Please contact Phil Verghese ([phil@pfactor.com](mailto:phil@pfactor.com),  
322-7709) or Dennis Wheeler  
([dwheelz@msn.com](mailto:dwheelz@msn.com), 344-5399) with your  
suggestions. Final recommendations will be  
reviewed with the general membership before  
being implemented. Thanks for your help, --  
Dennis.

Please keep your 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.

## **From the Members**

Here are some pictures from the [Plane/ Hangar  
wash](#) in April (<http://t-craft.org/scrapbook.htm>). Thanks  
you to the members who attended, the wind made  
it difficult, but the planes appreciate it!

We are still interested in stories and/or pictures of  
trips from the membership! Please remit to  
[james@t-craft.org](mailto:james@t-craft.org) or call James Ferdinand @  
724-3309.

## **Reminders**

Please be very careful to ONLY wash the  
windscreens in an up-and-down motion. Also,  
along with your normal post-flight, make sure the  
keys and fuel card are in the bag and left in the  
box at the hangar.

If you use or find the booster seat cushions in an  
airplane, please return them to the table behind  
375 after your flight. That way they are available  
for the next person that needs them, rather than  
just flying around unused in the back seat of an  
airplane.