

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*Summer is here!*  
*Don't Forget to figure Density Altitude as the weather heats up!*

### General Information

#### Board Meeting

July 12, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

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August 9, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

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September 13, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

#### General Membership Meeting

September 27, 7:00pm in the EAA/CAP Hangar

### Special Announcements

#### FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR JUNE: \$2.899

Members who have purchased fuel can deduct this price per gallon from bill, or the billing director can credit the amount on next statement. Please include copy of receipt either way.

#### USE TACH TIME FOR SQUAWKS PLEASE.

This helps the maintenance team tremendously! I have included an illustration of where you can find the Tach Time.



### Aircraft Maintenance

[375](#): Really turning hours, 138 hours from TBO. Planning on taking her past TBO with a close eye on engine.

[686](#): 100 hour Friday 6/24. Aero Services put a metal patch on right side instrument panel and more attachment behind. This should hold it in place until we can find after market replacement. Need to caution all to be extra careful when pulling out headset plugs from jacks. The following "squawks" should make everyone take notice:

6/19 - "Scratches in windshield. Who used their orbital sander?"

6/19 - "Someone used the green scour pad on the windshield!"

6/21 - "This almost looks intentional - someone is really stupid & maybe should not fly." We expected "pilots" to be intelligent enough to only use the sponge side on aircraft. **PLEASE ONLY USE WINDOW CLEANER ON THE WINDSCREEN.**

[64L](#):

[91X](#): Damage to Left Horizontal Stabilizer repaired. Squawked with vacuum pump inop. Aero Services getting replacement pump and hope to have it in by early afternoon Wednesday 6/22.

[29Q](#): 100 hour Monday 6/27.

[0YD](#):

The sign-out sheets have not changed. Continue to use HOBBS Time for sign out sheets. This will continue to be the way you are billed.



#### **NEW HOURLY RATES:**

**Due to the rising cost of fuel, the rates on all aircraft had to be raised. The new rates starting June 26 are as follows:  
152 \$39.00, 172's \$56.00, 182's \$75.00**

#### **New Private Pilots:**

Leon Baker, Jordan Roe, Scott Paul

#### **First Solo:** Bill Zerfas

You can order T-Craft apparel from [Bulldog Shirt Shop](#) in Nampa on 12th Ave. They have our logo and will put it on any item in their catalog. Click on their name for the map and phone number.

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 Board**

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 ScheduleMaster, 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**

[Click here to view some pictures from the Breakfast in June](#) (<http://t-craft.org/scrapbook.htm>). Thanks you to the members who attended, even though we didn't go to Garden Valley, it was a great time!

Here is a current photo from Naomi Watson of the Homedale Airstrip.



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

## **From the Membership Director**

Please be considerate of other pilots using the Nampa airport and minimize the amount of time you leave an aircraft sitting outside the hangar on the adjacent taxiways. You should be conducting your preflight and post flight tasks inside the hangar, however please do not drain the engine fuel sumps inside the hangar. That one task can wait until you pull out onto the taxiway.

Another way you can be considerate of fellow airport users is at the fuel pumps. It's a lot better to pull up to the east or west side of the pump, rather than parking right on the taxiway south of the pump (which blocks the taxiway). We have the privilege of flying at an airport without a lot of FAA oversight. With that privilege comes some extra responsibility for pilots to do small things like this to keep Nampa a great place to fly from.

Please let [Phil Verghese](#) know when you earn new wings levels, or pass other milestones like first solo, new ratings, etc.

## **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.**