

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy Thanksgiving!

General Information

General Membership Meeting:

November 29, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar

Board Meeting:

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

Board Meeting:

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

General Membership Meeting:

January 31, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar
Elections and Annual Meeting

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB? POLICES? OR GETTING A NEW MEMBER APPLICATION? WE HAVE THE ANSWER! CLICK www.t-craft.org/faq.htm TO FIND OUT!

Special Announcements

FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR NOVEMBER \$3.619

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.

Please "do the math" on your fuel reimbursements. It is very simple: take the number of gallons times the price per gallon listed on each month's newsletter. Write your name on the receipt with the total amount to be reimbursed.

Aircraft Maintenance

375: Oil Change 10-31-05. Cleaned and gapped the lower spark plugs, greased mixture cable.

686: n/a

64L: n/a

91X: Strobe discovered to be on Avionics master switch after a squawk reported strobe not working. Will change as time permits.

29Q: 100hr last week. New Battery, new starter. Discussed nearing TBO (72hrs away) tabled until next board meeting.

0YD: Hopefully Avionics "Gremlin" solved. Replaced Pilot jacks, re-wired from pilot through to intercom control.

From the Members

Scott an Naomi Watson sent in this Picture of a McDonalds in Springfield, AR ...



Please check Schedule Master and Squawk Sheets for new Squawks on the aircraft you are about to fly. Also, please call the next pilot scheduled to fly if you Squawk the aircraft. **AND DON'T FORGET TO LIST YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER!**

Level 1 Wings Earned:

Bill McGlynn

Level 11 Wings Earned:

Joe Bejsovec

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

Reminders

USE TACH TIME FOR SQUAWKS PLEASE.
This helps the maintenance team tremendously!

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.

It is always a good idea to check with FSS before every flight. There could be new TFR's posted in the area you are about to fly, or numerous other items you wouldn't otherwise be aware of.

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.

ANY MEMBER CAN REQUEST THE MINUTES FROM ANY MEETING. Any member that would like a copy of any meeting minutes can contact [James Ferdinand](#) by email. Any member of the board can provide the minutes as well.

We also have the pictures posted on the web site from the [Plane wash](#) in October at www.t-craft.org/Scrapbook/20051028_wash&bbq.htm. Thanks to Jim Eyre for sending them in.

Phil Verghese posted a bunch of pictures, and a video from the San Francisco Fleet Week Airshow at: <http://pfactor.com/tripjournals/2005-san-francisco-airshow-part-2>



We are interested in stories and/or pictures of trips from the membership! Please remit to james@t-craft.org or call James Ferdinand at 724-3309.

**From the
Membership
Director**

Did you really pre-flight?

With all the talk of Temporary Flight Restrictions, and recent last-minute closures at the Nampa airport, I still find some pilots aren't getting an official briefing before flying. These pilots are just asking for problems when they blunder into temporarily restricted airspace, find the airport closed, discover a published radio frequency has changed, or any of the other things they would have discovered if they took a few minutes to get a briefing.

The easiest method is to call 1-800-WX-BRIEF and speak to a preflight briefer. A standard briefing will take less than 5 minutes of your time for a local flight. Alternatively you can get the preflight weather and NOTAM information online

From the Board

The Board has decided to allow any members wishing to post classified ads in the newsletter for aviation items only. Please email your ads to [James Ferdinand](mailto:James.Ferdinand@tcraftaero.com).

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 two providers of DUATS: www.duat.com or www.duats.com. There are many other websites that can tell you current and forecast weather conditions, or even show you TFRs graphically. However the two DUATS providers are the only official sources of this information, and I don't know of any other online source for NOTAM information such as runway closures, rocket launches, parachute jumping activity, etc.

If you are involved in an accident or incident, the FAA will check their records to see if you got a preflight briefing. Unless you called the Flight Service 800 number, or logged into www.duat.com or www.duats.com they will conclude that you did not get a preflight briefing.

Remember that your pre-flight starts even before you get to the airport. Take a few minutes and get an official briefing from the FAA before you take to the air. Oh, and in case you were wondering, calling the number to hear the recorded weather at Caldwell does not constitute a pre-flight briefing.

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