

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### *New Avionics Installed in 686!*

#### **General Information**

##### **General Membership Meeting:**

February 28, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar

##### [Idaho Aviation Festival:](#)

[March 10-11, Boise Centre on the Grove](#)  
<http://itd.idaho.gov/aero/AviationFestival/2006/>

##### **Board Meeting:**

March 14, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

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**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](http://www.t-craft.org/faq.htm) TO FIND OUT!**

#### **FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR FEBRUARY \$3.46**

Members who have purchased fuel "out of pocket" 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.

#### **Aircraft Maintenance**

[375:](#) Back on the flight line with restrictions. Please follow instructions carefully.

[686:](#) New Avionics package ran slightly over budget, but is completed and back on the flight line. Primer leak repaired. Pictures of avionics upgrade process posted at <http://www.t-craft.org/scrapbook.htm>.

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

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

[29Q:](#) 60 hours from TBO. Need to make decision soon on type of cylinders for new engine.

[0YD:](#) Nothing to report.

**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.**

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. **DON'T FORGET TO LIST YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER!**

## Special Announcements

**The EPA is cracking down on pilots dumping "sumped" fuel on the ramp.** It is a very steep fine if you are caught. We have purchased devices to filter the fuel back into the aircraft. It is a little cumbersome the first time you use it, but it is necessary. Remove the top (strainer) section of the fuel tester, drain fuel, and place fuel strainer on top of tester. Open top of strainer and carefully replace fuel back into fuel tank.

**Winter Flying Hours are over as of February 25th at midnight. If you haven't flown your use it or loose it hours, you will owe for the remaining balance of the three winter flying hours.**

## Reminders

**THE 2005 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLINE BY REQUEST.**

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

**REMEMBER:** We are all owners of these aircraft, we all need to take care of these planes! Make sure they are locked, and CLEAN. In the winter months, it takes longer to warm up the oil. Take a few extra minutes to warm up the oil before doing a run-up. It only takes a minute, and it saves possible damage and extra wear on the aircraft.

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.

**There is now a lock on the Key Box for the Airplanes. The combination is the same as the outside lock. Both locks will continue to have the code listed on your monthly bill.**

## From the Membership Director

*by Phil Verghese*

### **New Avionics installed in Cessna 13686**

After working through several unexpected problems, the new Garmin GNS430 is now installed and working in 686. It's also sporting a new left-side instrument panel, an avionics master switch, and a new Garmin GMA340 audio control panel.

Plan on spending some quality time reading the manuals (which you can download for free through Garmin's website). Copies of the manuals are also in the aircraft. Please make sure they don't accidentally slip into your flight bag. Garmin also has an excellent simulator for the GNS430 available for free. Links to all of these are in a previous message I sent to all the members. You can find that message here:

<http://t-craft.org/News/20060107.htm>

For your first flight in 686 with the new panel, I recommend flying with an instructor or another pilot. One person can be watching for traffic and flying the airplane while the other one learns how to use the new gadgets. Be very clear as to which pilot is responsible for the flight controls and scanning for traffic.

Don't get distracted by all the panel changes in 686. Your priorities are unchanged: aviate, navigate and communicate in that order. Don't drop the airplane to fly the GPS.

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

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.

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.

## **From the Board**

The Board has decided to allow any member wishing to post classified ads in the newsletter for aviation items only. Please email your ads to [James Ferdinand](#).

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**

**We are 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 at 724-3309.**