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T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Pilot in Command, we earned the right!

General Information

General Membership Meeting:

27 November 2007, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar

Board Meeting:

11 December 2007, 7:00 p.m., T-Craft Hangar

Ground Schools (T-Craft Hangar): "Emergency Procedures and Safety In the Pattern", 29 November 2007, 7:00 p.m. Also, "Radio Communications Made Easy", 10 January 2008, 7:00 p.m.

FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR November 2007: \$3.74

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.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB? POLICES? OR GETTING A NEW MEMBER APPLICATION? WE HAVE THE ANSWER! CLICK [HERE](#) TO FIND OUT!

Aircraft Maintenance

Aircraft Doors and Locks: BE GENTLE! Do NOT pull doors shut with HANDLES! Open the window, and pull door closed by the window frame. DO NOT SLAM doors if at all possible.

[375](#): Work begins 24 November reupholstering the interior.

[686](#): Nothing to Report

[64L](#): Nothing to Report

[91X](#): Engine being "zero timed"; new 2-blade prop ordered; heavy duty nose gear ordered; aircraft may be ready for Club flying by end of December 2007.

[0YD](#): Wheel pants coming off soon.

[93S](#): Heavy duty nose gear ordered; will be installed during upcoming Annual Inspection (1 Dec. - 7 Dec. 2007).

Special Announcements

Winter Flying is here. Jim Eyre has posted a great article on the web site everyone should read. [Cold Weather Operations](#).

T-Craft Library News: Your donations of videos, books, etc. are warmly welcomed.

REMEMBER: Club planes should ALWAYS be fueled with our fuel cards unless off site. Also, 93S has new fuel card; please follow instructions on back of card and pump screen.

To maintain eligibility for Avemco Insurance, each T-Craft Aero Club pilot is responsible keeping his/her Medical and BFR current.

We are interested in stories and/or pictures of trips from the membership! Please remit to secretary@t-craft.org.

Reminders

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR FLIGHT IN SCHEDULE MASTER IF YOU CAN'T FLY. THE BOARD CAN CHARGE ONE HOUR PER DAY AT THE SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT RATE ACCORDING TO T-CRAFT CLUB [POLICY #15](#).

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.

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

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

Monitor 121.5 after landing, and before shutdown, to be sure the ELT in your aircraft hasn't been activated.

From the Membership Director

by Jeff Beers

Carburetor Heat

I recently read an accident report in the General Aviation News. It was about an aircraft that had an engine failure just after departure. A student pilot was doing touch-and-goes with his instructor in the pattern. The student pilot was turning the carburetor heat on while on downwind and turning it off while on final. By the time the plane touched down and started to takeoff it had acquired carburetor ice. The POH for the aircraft said to leave the carburetor heat on during the entire approach. Carburetor ice can build up fast. Be careful. I always recommend leaving the carburetor heat on during the entire approach. Always check with the POH for the recommended procedures for any aircraft.

Safe flying

Jeff Beers

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.

T-Craft Classified Ads- Headsets for sale; SoftComm ANR with cell phone patch cable, instructions, and ear muffs - \$240.00; kids' AvComm - \$60.00; great additions to your collection; call Jeff at ph:288-1852 (leave message).

Gift Certificates are now available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.

Lost and Found- The box is filling up with stuff. Check it to make sure you've retrieved your property.

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

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 [Jeff Vanhoozer](#).

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

THE 2006 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLINE BY REQUEST. Please send request to James Ferdinand at president@t-craft.org