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T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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General Information

General Membership Meeting:

25 March 2008, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar

Board Meeting:

8 April 2008, 7:00 p.m., TCraft Hangar

FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR March 2008: \$4.29

If you have purchased fuel "out of pocket", you can deduct this price per gallon from your bill, or the billing director can credit this amount on your next statement. Please include a copy of a receipt.

Club planes should ALWAYS be fueled with T-Craft fuel cards unless off site. 93S also has new fuel card, so follow instructions printed on the back of the card and pump screen.

Special Announcements

If you want to learn more about the Club, Club Policies, or how to retrieve a New Member Application, click [HERE](#) for more help!

Aircraft Maintenance

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.

Your aircraft are constructed from light weight materials. Slamming doors and forcing keys to operate can seriously harm latches and security devices.

Check [Schedule Master](#) and [Squawk Sheets](#) for critical information concerning the aircraft you are about to fly. Use the time on the Tachometer for Squawks. If you squawk an airplane, call Jim Eyre and the next pilot scheduled to fly the airplane. Write your Name and Phone number when you squawk an airplane.

[375](#): Oil change 12 March 2008.

[686](#): Annual coming up. Wheel pants will be installed.

[64L](#): Oil change 12 March 2008.

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

The **2008 Annual Report** is now available. Contact any Board Member to get a copy.

James Ferdinand has resigned as President of TCraft. We all wish him well in his pursuits.

Bill Zerfas will serve as President through the remainder of 2008. Members wishing to be considered to fill the vacant Vice President's position must make their interests known prior to the next Board Meeting. Contact any Board Member.

An **Insurance Questionnaire** has been e-mailed to Members that must be signed and returned to the President no later than 15 April 2008. This Questionnaire can also be found in the T-Craft Hangar office. Follow instructions closely. Forms can be mailed to T-Craft, or you can affix your completed form to the Aircraft Sign Out Clipboard. **Members failing to complete this task risk Termination from T-Craft.**

To maintain eligibility for Avemco Insurance each pilot is responsible to keep his/her Medical Certificate and BFR current.

We are interested in stories and/or pictures of trips from the membership! Please remit to secretary@t-craft.org or call Jeff Vanhoozer (ph: 861-3972).



Cessna 13686 is back on line and gorgeous. Thanks, Bill!

Reminders

Winter operations are in effect. Refer to all pertinent operational warnings in your FAR/AIM, as well as Club Policy and Procedures.

0YD: Co-pilot seat rails will be serviced. Cabin heater controls operating correctly.

93S: Nothing to report.

Did you inadvertently activate the ELT in your aircraft? Monitor 121.5 before fully shutting down your aircraft.

From the Membership Director

Good Weather Brings Busy Skies

With the good weather upon us the pattern at Nampa is getting very busy on the weekends. I have seen a line of four or five planes waiting to take off. Be very careful when taking off and enter the pattern to watch for other aircraft. Not every pilot flies the pattern the way you do. The airport is in class G airspace and you do not need a radio to fly in or out of the airport so just because you didn't hear anyone on final make sure you look before departing.

Here is a thought if you feel like doing some pattern work on a busy weekend day. Why not fly over to Homedale. It is about a 10 minute flight and there is usually no one in the pattern there. It is a great place to practice short field landings. I would not do touch and go's there because it is too short but it doesn't take long to back taxi and take off again. I had one of my students ask me "why don't pilots just come over here and practice?" He made this comment on a busy Saturday morning. It is also just a nice flight over there and back.

Other thoughts are Boise. That is always a fun airport to do touch

If you have scheduled an airplane and cannot fly, please cancel your flight in Schedule Master. According to T-Craft Club [POLICY #15](#), the Board of Directors can CHARGE ONE HOUR PER DAY of the scheduled aircraft rate. Also, delete the balance of unused time so other pilots can schedule use of the aircraft immediately behind you.

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.

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.

and go's at. You can also get practice talking to ATC will practicing landings. Also there is Emmett and Parma for other local airports.

Have fun and be safe.

Jeff Beers

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.

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

Carry your T-Craft Board Member names and phone numbers with you when you fly.