

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 11, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

Board Meeting:

August 8, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

Board Meeting:

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

General Membership Meeting:

September 26, 7:00pm in the EAA/CAP Hangar

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

FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR JUNE \$3.96

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.

Special Announcements

The Membership/Safety Director vacancy has been filled. After an interview with three great candidates, Jeff Beers was appointed by the President, Jeff Fulcher. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you all for your interest! Congratulations Jeff Beers!

Aircraft Maintenance

[375](#): Nothing to report.

[686](#): 100 hour complete, changed both mains and left interior brake liner. #2 Radio inop.

[64L](#): 100 hour Complete.

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

[29Q](#): Nothing to report.

[0YD](#): Annual Complete \$2411.78. Repaired muffler shroud. Check list is missing.

During the summer months and especially in high humidity areas, you may experience a problem of static when you insert the headset plugs into the aircraft jacks or into an intercom. This maybe caused by oxidation that has formed on the brass plugs of the headset. Most receptacles have plated contacts and will not corrode. Unplated brass plugs, when clean, give maximum conductivity and are usually preferred by most Avionics manufacturers. However, brass must be frequently cleaned with steel wool or light emery cloth. In cases where the headsets are frequently used, oxidation should not develop due to the frequent insertions and extractions "cleaning" the mating parts.

Thanks to all members for keeping me informed/updated on aircraft squawks. It helps in providing you safe mechanically sound aircraft. Continue to have fun, enjoyable summer flying. Be safe. -Jim Eyre

The remodel in the planning room is going very well, the carpet is going in, cabinets are up, and new tables have been purchased. We are also installing DSL in the hangar, and an additional computer. These changes are greatly improving the use of our facility as a class room, meeting room, and a planning room that will give each member the ability to plan a flight right from the hangar. The videos are available for "borrowing" again, they are in the new cabinets. The videos are a great teaching tool and refreshers, sign out a video or two right away!

The Board of Directors has voted in a change to the new backcountry policy. Level I now requires 150 hours total time. Please review the [new policy](#). Any questions or concerns as well as the backcountry pilot approval process, please direct to the [Membership/Safety Director](#), or any Board member.

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.

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 [CLUB POLICY #15](#).

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.

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!**

From the Members

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

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

From the Board

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.

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 their catalog. Click on their name for the map and phone number

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](#).

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.

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.

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

Please send request to james@t-craft.org