

T-Craft Flyer NOVEMBER 2003

Dear Members – Next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be Tuesday November 25, 2003 at 7 PM at the Nampa airport terminal building. Use the gated entrance north of the building and come to the west side building entrance. The next regular Board meeting will be December 9, 2003, 7 PM at the hangar.

Winter Time and cold temperatures calls for some special attention to the care and operations of the aircraft. Jim Eyre put out some very helpful and important information about winter flying via e-mail recently, if you want it sent to you again, please let Jim know and make sure your e-mail address on schedule master is correct.

Heaters for warming the aircraft engines have been made available for each aircraft. Please note there are two different types of heaters on each aircraft. First the Oil Pan heater simply plugs into the orange extension cord, the plug end is inside the oil dipstick door. The second heater is a ceramic heater that sits on the hangar floor that plugs into the red extension cord. Never switch cords, never turn the heater off or change the settings, always unplug the heater. Remove the foam cowling plugs by pulling out the foam by the foam not the cord and neatly fold the blanket up and lay on the hangar floor. The thermostats on the heaters are preset and will come on when preheat is required.

Winter Flying Program. This program allows you to fly the minimum monthly flying requirement for the months December, January and February anytime during the three month period. You can fly it all in any one month or any combination during the three months. Any questions about how the programs works will be answered during the meeting.

We have a couple of safety items to remind you of. First, please remove the tow bar from the aircraft when you park the aircraft. Second, the general membership voted a couple of years ago not allow any pets inside the hangar or in the aircraft. Some people have allergies to the most common pets not to mention the mess that they can make and especially when they relieve themselves.

Maintenance – Jim Eyre is not getting phone calls on the maintenance issues that require immediate attention, items that ground an aircraft. Call him at 336-0867 or leave a message if he is not available right then.

A/C STATUS – as of 11-11-03

375 – oil changed 10-31-03

686 – replace both main tires

64L – the new engine is here. The engine switch will be done when the engine for 91X is ready. We will take the old 64L engine to Calif. And pick up the one for 91X.

91X– we expect the engine to be ready in a couple of weeks, upon it's return and installation a fresh annual will be completed.

29Q – 100 hour engine inspection found the left exhaust collector cracked and a primer line broken. All has be repaired..

0YD –98 hours passed TBO. Radio repair has been a problem. The shop does not respond well to our needs.

Bruce Altig won the free hour of flying at the last membership meeting.

Ground School Refresher Class was held November 25, 2003 at 7 PM with a great turn out. A reminder will be sent before each meeting.

Program for the meeting will be a video on “Oshkosh”

Mike Chappell will be handing our next quarter's flying cards at the meeting so come to the meeting and pick your up so you can get ungrounded.

Please update your e-mail address and street address on Schedule Master on your user page whenever your address changes, this is a main line of communication within the Club.

Daryl Linde, Secretary, T-Craft Aero Club