

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*The Preflight was hurried, One thing was missed
They'd relied on memory, Instead of the Checklist!*

General Information

General Membership Meeting

March 29, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar
Constitution Amendment,
John Goostrey program: "Part Time Pilots, Full
Time Mountains"

AIRPLANE/HANGAR WASH

APRIL 6, 5:00PM at the T-Craft Hangar.
Jody Grigg will be BBQ his specialty,
Broughts!

Board Meeting

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

April Ground School Refresher

April 20, 7:00pm at the T-Craft Hangar.
Jim Eyre teaches: "Flying within Your Comfort
Zone".

General Membership Meeting

April 26 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar

For info about [Cold Weather Operations](#) visit
our web site under "News" heading.

Special Announcements



Chuck Bishop, a member of T-Craft since 1992, passed away suddenly on March 16, 2005. Chuck was a great asset to our club. He will be missed.

Aircraft Maintenance

[375](#): Stall warning squawked. Cleaned debris from system appears to work now.

[686](#): Annual completed: New rudder pedals on left side, new brake linings, new battery (we had one in cupboard) and intercom switches relocated to eliminate throttle cable rubbing.

[64L](#): Oil changed 3/4/05. Nose tire replaced, shimmy dampener serviced.

[91X](#): Oil changed 3/4/05. Replacement Turn Coordinator on order.

[29Q](#): Annual Completed: New brake linings, DG replaced, sealed primer lines and the AD for vertical fin attachment was complied with (1000 hr requirement) #1 radio is back in.

[0YD](#): Nothing to report

From the Board

The Backcountry Flying Policy Needs Your Input. In an ongoing effort to upgrade and streamline T-Craft policies and procedures the board is now reviewing the existing backcountry flying policy. Your suggestions on this topic would be welcome. Please contact Phil Verghese (phil@pfactor.com, 322-7709) or Dennis Wheeler (dwheelz@msn.com, 344-5399) with your suggestions. Final recommendations will be reviewed with the general membership before being implemented. Thanks for your help, -- Dennis.

Mark this on your calendar,
Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 8:00am to
12:00pm

T-Craft is having a Garden Valley Fly-In!!
Breakfast will be served.

Any pilots wishing to fly to Garden Valley need
to contact [Jody Grigg](mailto:Jody.Grigg@t-craft.org) by email or call @ 323-
8743.

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

Please send request to
James Ferdinand at james@t-craft.org

Reminders

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.

Please let [Phil Vergheze](mailto:Phil.Vergheze@t-craft.org) know when you earn
new wings levels, or pass other milestones like
first solo, new ratings, etc.

If you use or find the booster seat cushions in an
airplane, please return them to the table behind
375 after your flight. That way they are available
for the next person that needs them, rather than
just flying around unused in the back seat of an
airplane.

From the Members

We are still interested in stories and/or pictures of
trips from the membership! Please remit to
james@t-craft.org or call James Ferdinand @
724-3309.

Hangar Maintenance

Watch out for the extension cords on the hangar
floor.

Please be careful with hangar door at OYD, rails
need repair. Working on solution.

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 Membership Director

FAA Wings Program

The FAA started the Wings program as a way to
encourage pilots to go beyond the minimum
requirement for a flight review every 24 months.
For pilots who do not fly very often, the minimum
of 1 hour of ground and 1 hour of flight instruction
every 2 years is sometimes not sufficient. There
are 20 wings levels and you can earn a new level
each year, each level has a distinctive set of
wings that goes with it. Of course the wings get a
lot nicer as you go higher in levels.

To earn a wings level you need to complete an
FAA sanctioned safety seminar (like the one John
Goostrey will present at our March general
membership meeting), or you can even complete
an online program for credit. After doing the
required ground training you also must complete a
total of 3 hours of flight training including: stalls,
slow flight, maneuvers, takeoffs, landings and
instrument flight.

Completing a wings level counts as a flight
review, so you are good for 24 months. However
you can do one wings level every year, and I
highly suggest doing that to keep your aviation
skills and knowledge sharp.

An additional benefit of earning your wings is if
you are ever involved in an FAA action, being an
active participant in the Wings program will work
in your favor. It shows the FAA that you are a
concerned about safety and your own proficiency.
It's not exactly a "get out of jail free card," but it's
something that will work in your favor if you are
ever on the receiving end of an FAA action.