

# 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](mailto:phil@pfactor.com), 322-7709) or Dennis Wheeler ([dwheelz@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Verghe](mailto:Phil.Verghe@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](mailto: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.