

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### *Election time is here! Annual Meeting, January 31st*

#### **General Information**

##### **General Membership Meeting:**

January 31, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar  
Elections and Annual Meeting

##### **Board Meeting:**

February 14, 7:00pm in the T-Craft Hangar

##### **AOPA Pilot Town Meeting:**

February 23, 7:30pm at the Boise Centre on the  
Grove.

##### **General Membership Meeting:**

February 28, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB? POLICES? OR GETTING A NEW MEMBER APPLICATION? WE HAVE THE ANSWER! CLICK <http://www.t-craft.org/faq.htm> TO FIND OUT!**

#### **FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR JANUARY \$3.619**

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.

#### **Aircraft Maintenance**

375: Squawked panel lights, repaired 01/10/06. Engine should be finished mid January. Break in period will follow engine install.

686: Previous squawk transponder reporting 500ft high. Avionics Masters adjusted, now reporting 200 ft high. Repaired brakes & cowling \$650.

64L: Voltage regulator replaced \$180 plus labor.

91X: Nothing to report.

29Q: Nothing to report.

0YD: Oil Sump installed, oil filter adaptor installed, wheel pants removed \$464.

**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. **AND DON'T FORGET TO LIST YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER!**

## Special Announcements

The EPA is cracking down on pilots dumping "sumped" fuel on the ramp. It is a very steep fine if you are caught. We are purchasing devices to filter the fuel back into the aircraft. Gordon Hall will have more info at the General Meeting.

### Earned Wings Level 6:

Jim Hudson

There is quite a bit of information available on the new Garmin GNS 430 we are getting installed in 686 February. Here is a link to an online course [http://www.aopa.org/asf/online\\_courses/gps/](http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/gps/) and there is a simulator, manuals, and more available free from Garmin at this link, <http://www.garmin.com/products/gns430/>

Winter Flying is here, Jim Eyre has posted some very valuable information on [Cold Weather Operations](http://t-craft.org/Reference/ColdWXOps.pdf) (t-craft.org/Reference/ColdWXOps.pdf). This article is a very good refresher, and for the new pilot dealing with winter for the first time.

If you fly 375, please do a mag check just before shutdown, this way if the lower plugs are fowled, Jim Eyre can be contacted BEFORE the next scheduled flight.

**Winter Flying Hours are in effect December, January and February. You may fly all three of your use-it-or-lose-it hours in one month, or any combination of these three months.**

## Reminders

**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.

## From the Membership Director

*by Phil Verghese*

**The Big Game:** Would you think about competing in an important sports event without doing some practicing beforehand? Would you give an important speech without rehearsing it a few times? Of course not. Just like any skill, piloting an aircraft is something you've got to practice on a regular basis. If your piloting skills are a little rusty, the consequences can be much worse than a losing a game or stumbling on your words during a speech.

Don't let yourself get stuck in a rut of just flying a few laps around the pattern to burn off your minimum monthly flying hour. Challenge yourself to practice some things you haven't done for a while such as steep turns, ground reference maneuvers, slow flight, stalls, or performance takeoffs and landings. If it's really been a while since you've practiced those things, call a flight instructor up for a tune up. You may want to use the opportunity to participate in the FAA Wings Program, which was designed in part to encourage pilots to challenge themselves.

Please let [Phil Verghese](#) know when you earn new wings levels, or pass other milestones like first solo, new ratings, etc.

## From the Board

ELECTION TIME IS HERE AGAIN: Offices up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, & Maintenance. The Election Committee Chair is Jeff Vanhoozer. Jeff and his committee will be calling all eligible members for nominations.

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](#).

Please "do the math" on your fuel reimbursements. It is very simple: take the number of gallons times the price per gallon listed on each month's newsletter. Write your name on the receipt with the total amount to be reimbursed.

**There is now a lock on the Key Box for the Airplanes. The combination is the same as the outside lock. Both locks will continue to have the code listed on your monthly bill.**

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.

ANY MEMBER CAN REQUEST THE MINUTES FROM ANY MEETING. Any member that would like a copy of any meeting minutes can contact [James Ferdinand](mailto:James.Ferdinand@t-craft.org) by email. Any member of the board can provide the minutes as well.

THE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLINE BY REQUEST.

Please send request to James Ferdinand at [james@t-craft.org](mailto:james@t-craft.org)

You can order T-Craft 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.

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 Members**

**We are 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 at 724-3309.**