

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Insurance Questionnaire Due by April 1st!

General Information

General Membership Meeting:

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

Board Meeting:

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

Ground School Refresher:

April 19, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar
"Backcountry Flying" by Jim Hudson

General Membership Meeting:

April 25, 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 MARCH \$3.46

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: 13hrs to go until next oil change, doing good so far.

686: Annual completed. Fuel leak around fuel selector. Rubber casket worn. Replaced the DG and did an extensive compass rose swing at Caldwell. A couple minor squawks. As for the Marker Beacon squawk. Western Air came to Nampa and determined that the antenna was bad. Ground test to power cable showed the audio/lights working in low and high sensing thus it had to be the antenna. New one is \$153.36. Western will come to Nampa to check installation and proper working.

64L: Nothing to Report

91X: Squawked as hesitating when power applied. Aero Services checked the carburetor. Intermittent fuel flow when moving throttle in and out (applying power after a stall). Research and discussion with Air West Engines shows that this carb had nothing done to it during prop strike overhaul. The last recorded overhaul of carb was in 1993! Since this is an "old" carb I told Mike to go ahead and replace it. Unit cost is \$900.

29Q: Air West will start building the O-470-R for 50% deposit. Build the bottom end and wait for our call. Finish up in couple weeks. Told them we decided on the new Superior Investment Cast cylinders (\$21,513). We can make any final decision changes at next General Mtg.

0YD: Nothing to Report

Special Announcements

The annual insurance form has to be completed and mailed to the club PO Box before April 1st, if it is not received by April 1st, each member not on the insured list will be suspended. Click the following link to print the form <http://www.t-craft.org/News!/20060212.htm>.

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](#)

(<http://www.t-craft.org/Reference/ClubPolicy.pdf>).

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

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

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.

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.

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



This is the new panel in 686 for those who haven't had a chance to see it in person. Western Air did a great job! For the before, during and after pictures, click [here](#).

(<http://www.t-craft.org/Scrapbook/200602 avionics upgrade.htm>)

Jim Eyre got an opportunity to land this simulator several times while visiting his airline pilot son in Washington last month.



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.

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

From the Board

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.