

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

"Everyone in the pattern is out to KILL you!"

General Information

Hangar Work Party:

August 29, 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the T-Craft Hangar
Painting and Cleaning

Board Meeting:

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

Ground School Refresher:

September 13, 7:00pm at the T-Craft Hangar
"Avionics in N7593S: Our new 182"

General Membership Meeting:

September 26, 7:00pm at the EAA/CAP Hangar
Dean Wilkinson Presents AirPlan Flight Planning Software

Board Meeting:

October 10, 7:00pm at the T-Craft Hangar

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB? POLICES? OR GETTING A NEW MEMBER APPLICATION? WE HAVE THE ANSWER! CLICK [HERE](#) TO FIND OUT!

FUEL RE-IMBURSEMENT PRICE FOR AUGUST \$3.80

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:](#) Alternator Work has been done.

[686:](#) Nose shimmy was repaired.

[64L:](#) Nothing to Report.

[91X:](#) 100hr scheduled for Thursday, August 10th.

[29Q:](#) 45hrs past TBO running great. 25hr oil changes, last filter looks great.

[0YD:](#) Nothing to Report.

[93S:](#) New ELT box, fasteners, right flap roller nuts, Magnetic compass all among the list of squawks. Annual due in November.

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!**

Special Announcements

New Members:

We have one new T-Craft member this month, his name is Michael Clayville. If you see him around introduce yourself and make him feel welcome to our club.

DSL is in the hangar, and we have added an additional computer. These changes are greatly improving the use of our facility as a class room, meeting room, and a planning room that will give each member the ability to plan a flight right from the hangar. The videos are available for "borrowing" again, they are in the new cabinets. The videos are a great teaching tool and refresher, sign out a video or two right away!

The Board of Directors has voted in a change to the new backcountry policy. Level I now requires 150 hours total time. Please review the [new policy](#). Any questions or concerns as well as the backcountry pilot approval process, please direct to the [Membership/Safety Director](#), or any Board member.

There is a rumor circulating that Sulfur Creek sold, and that it has closed to GA traffic. Ray Arnold has been mentioned as the only way in.

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](#).

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.

From the Members

CLASSIFIED AD:

For Sale: [Bose X model ANR Headset](#) asking \$900.00 like new! [Icom A6 handheld](#) new in box condition \$225.00. David Peterson 412-5640 or email david@singersinstacash.com.

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.

From the Membership Director *by Jeff Beers*

Everyone in the Pattern is "Out to Kill You"

Words that one of my instructors (Phil Verghese, who by the way is an excellent instructor) once told me. At first you laugh and it is kind of funny, but you don't forget it and that is what is important. If taken seriously those words could save your life.

Recently I was told of a real close call here at Nampa. A Cessna was on final and a Cherokee cut right in on a short base to final never seeing the Cessna. A plane holding short told the Cessna to break right and go around. Had the Cessna not done that there could have been an accident.

Pilots enter the pattern in many different ways. Some of the common methods are: entering on the crosswind, crossing mid field and turning directly downwind, entering directly on the downwind, entering the downwind on a 45 and some just come straight in. I tell my students to look for other aircraft entering the pattern from these different directions as they fly the pattern. Don't expect other pilots to enter the pattern the same way you do. If they see another aircraft in the pattern I tell them don't expect the aircraft to do what you expect it to do, once again not every pilot fly's the pattern the way you do.

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.

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

THE 2005 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLINE BY REQUEST.
Please send request to james@t-craft.org

Seeing and avoiding other aircraft is a big part of VFR flying and the traffic pattern is where you find a lot of airplanes flying close together. So fly safe and always watch out for other aircraft.

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

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.