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T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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General Information

General Membership Meeting:
December 2008 Meeting Cancelled

Next Meeting: 27 January 2009, Annual Meeting and Reports, 7:00 p.m., EAA/Civil Air Patrol Building

All new members approved by the Board of Directors MUST ATTEND the upcoming General Membership Meeting to be formally accepted as Members of T-Craft Aero Club. Failure to do so will result in suspension of scheduling in Schedule Master, or possible termination. Call or e-mail any Board Member if you cannot attend.

Board Meeting:
13 January 2009, 7:00 p.m., T-Craft Hangar

Ground Classes:
22 January 2009, 7:00 p.m., T-Craft Hangar --
Pinch Hitter Class

Fuel Reimbursement Cost for December 2008:
\$3.40/gal.

Members who have purchased fuel "out of pocket" can deduct this price per gallon from their bill, or the Billing Director can credit the amount on their

Aircraft Maintenance

NOTICE: Information below may or may not be accurate. Consult Schedule Master and clipboards on hangar wall for the most recent information concerning your aircraft.

Aircraft components and locks are very sensitive. Slamming doors and forcing keys to operate seriously harms latches and security devices.

Got a squawk? Write the tachometer time on the Squawk Sheet. Use the Hobbs time for all other recordings.

375: New gyro ordered; please stop gyrating.

686: air vent not functioning fully, so cloth is stuffed in hole; remove cloth for cool air; replace cloth for no air. Gyro replaced. EGT tested with hot torch; no anomalies. Engine runs strong, with no change in oil pressure or temperature. Replacement engine ordered (160 h.p. upgrade); curb your enthusiasm.

64L: Nothing to report.

the Billing Director can create the amount on their statement. Include a copy of the receipt with T-Craft payment.

[Club planes should ALWAYS be fueled with our fuel cards, unless off site.]

Answers concerning our Club, Policies, or even locating a **New Member Application Form** for your friend or family member can be found [HERE](#).

Special Announcements

Congratulations to Tracy Roesler and Bill Zerfas! They now are both licensed Commercial Pilots SEL.



You can send your photo stories to secretary@t-craft.org.

Please let **Jeff Beers** know when you earn new wings levels, or pass other milestones like first solo, new ratings, etc.

Reminders

Winter operations are in effect:

Electrical cords and heaters are now in use. Navigate the hangar with caution, and **DO NOT STRAIN FUEL IN HANGAR!**

Catch your sumped fuel. Not only is it a safety hazard to you and your aircraft, but the EPA can slap a heavy fine on anyone caught tossing fuel

91X: Nothing to report.

0YD: Nothing to report.

93S: Engine mounts were inspected for cracks last 100 hr inspection; none found; time since t.bo. is now 128 hrs.

NOTICE! Properly sign out your aircraft, including the correct designation; for example, local, cross country, maintenance, replacement aircraft search, etc. If an aircraft moves, breathes, or sneezes, it **MUST** be correctly documented for maintenance and billing.

Delete the remainder of any unused flight time from Schedule Master immediately after landing. Somebody may be able to use that time.

From the Membership Director

by Jeff Beers

Pinch Hitter

January's ground class is a pinch hitter course. It is designed for non-pilots to become a little more familiar with flying an airplane. It can be as simple as someone understanding how to use the radio, helping with the navigation, or someone actually landing the aircraft in case of some extreme emergency. This is a great course for your spouse, friend or anyone you might take flying with you. All are welcome to this class.

The class will be based around AOPA's pinch hitter course. We will follow the course with additional discussion and a question and answer period. I will be willing to stay as long as someone has questions. Chuck Carlson will be assisting me with this class. The class will be Thursday January 22nd at 7pm in the T-Craft hanger. I really encourage you to bring someone to this class, it should be

out. Sump the fuel into a **CLEAN** catch can, then pour the fuel back into the tank through the strainer/filter (located in your aircraft). **WARNING! DO THIS AWAY FROM SPARKS, OPEN FLAME, and ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.**

There is no waiting list! Winter is a great time to recruit more members. Our aircraft LOVE to fly students and veteran pilots alike. Tell your friends about T-Craft -- "[Putting Wings On Your Dreams!](#)"

Park your vehicles away from the T-Craft hangar, especially if it does not fit between the concrete drain and the building.

Keep the bellies on our ladies clean. Read "Aircraft Oil Usage" on the T-Craft Website for more information.

While you still have time, monitor 121.5 before shutdown - to be sure the ELT in your aircraft hasn't been activated.

Look cool wearing your T-Craft emblazoned cap and shirt that you bought from [Bulldog Shirt Shop](#). Located on 12th Avenue Road South, Nampa, Idaho, they have our logo and will put it on any item in their catalog.

Post Post Flight Check List: a) Clean all glass -- inside and out, including suction cup smudges on interior windows. b) Clean and pick up trash in cockpit and cargo bay. c) Vacuum carpet. d) Clean all leading edges, including wing and main gear spring struts, flaps leading edges, cowl chin, rear empennage leading edges, propeller, spinner, and wheel pants. e) Remove the Aircraft Checklist from your kneepad and return to the aircraft. f) Write hours in log book, and wipe grin from face. g) Call your friends, and tell them what a wonderful time you had.

FOR SALE: Garmin 496, almost new and in excellent condition; \$2,000.00; contact Jordan Roe (see Schedule Master list).

Got something aviation **you want to sell?** Post it

a good one. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Fly safe.

Jeff Beers

Also:

Continue reviewing "[Cold Weather Operations](#)", either on [AOPA](#), or in the [T-Craft Website](#).

From the Board

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Membership for another safe and exciting year of flying. We are all encouraged by the spirit of cooperation and communication amongst the group. We look forward to another wonderful year of safe flying in 2009!

T-Craft Members are responsible for keeping their 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. AVEMCO will remove your name from their insured list for failing to keep your License and Medical Certificate current, and you WILL be suspended in Schedule Master.

Ask any Board Member for a copy of any of the Minutes, or you can e-mail the Secretary ([Jeff Vanhoozer](#)), and have a copy sent right to your home.

Still looking for a last minute gift for a pilot friend? **A limited quantity of T-Craft Gift Certificates** are still available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.

in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your advertisement to the Secretary, [Jeff Vanhoozer](#)