

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### General Information

August was a bit of a barn burner.

Though we've experienced longer streaks of hot weather, this year's august month turned out the heat, challenging us to be extra careful with our density altitude calculations. **Good news** came in the form of comparative hours flown relative to 2008; though our membership is down, we equalled last year's hours flown in July. We have a plane wash coming in September, so put it in your calendar (see the Upcoming Schedule of Events). Finally, we can't stress how important it is to **maintain clean aircraft**.

This part of trip calculations should not be overlooked. It involves cleaning leading edges and windows, and vacuuming and wiping down the interior. If time won't permit you to clean up spilled coffee or soda, notify someone, then return to the hangar at your earliest convenience and finish the job. Your fellow members will appreciate you. [photo right: Jeff Adams late spring backcountry flight training 2009/Jim Hudson]



What do you think about a **weekly study group**, meeting at our hangar training office? Bill Zerfas has agreed to lead this, provided there's enough interest amongst our members. The idea is to share knowledge amongst a diverse group, including CFIs, all at no charge to attendees. Give Bill a call, or e-mail him with your intentions. Good pilots are always training, and this would also be a great time to share stories, plan trips with a co-pilot, and discover what other fun there is in this love we share called "piloting."



**Left:** What is this back country air strip? [photo courtesy Bill Zerfas]

**Fuel re-imbusement for August 2009:** \$3.57/gal.

**Please review your receipts** and confirm \$.25/gallon. Report any discrepancies a.s.a.p. to Dennis Wheeler.

**Current flying rates:** 152 @ \$51.00/hr wet, 172s @ \$72.00/hr wet, and 182s @ \$98.00/hr wet.

**Next Board Meeting:** 8 September 2009, 7:00 p.m., T-

Craft Hangar training room.

**Next General Membership Meeting:** 29 September 2009, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Idaho.

## From the Membership Director

## Talk to Me

On a commercial flight back from Minneapolis, I by chance rode back with fellow Angel Flight member Andy Marosvari, who is also a Boise Air Traffic Controller. Andy was asking me if pilots out of Nampa and Caldwell ever talk to **Boise ATC** when they are heading out north. My reply was, "How do I know? I do, and the pilots and students I ride with do, but I don't know about others?" Then he explained the potential danger and numerous times he has had to reroute traffic on approach or departure into Boise to avoid northbound traffic climbing out or returning to Nampa and Caldwell.



The **skies over Nampa and Caldwell** are barely out of Boise airspace. However just a few miles north of these satellite airports is the either the approach into 10L/R or departure off 28L/R, crossing about 4500' just north of Nampa. It would be prudent to contact Boise Approach on 126.9 if you are heading north out of Nampa and climbing above 4,000'.

For those who are a little rusty on ATC communications, or communications in general, **AOPA Air Safety** has just released a new on-line training module, "Say it Right", at the following link: [http://www.aopa.org/asf/online\\_courses/](http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/). I have not taken this course yet, but plan to do so. It looks like it would help improve radio communication with ATC, or with radio communications in general.

There is an **ATC cheat sheet** available on the **T-Craft Web page**. Look under the Index tab, then ATC cheat sheet and you will find a handy guide for radio communications for BOI. If you would like to have some help in this area, contact any of the club instructors for a review flight into BOI.

I'm also planning on having Andy do a training session this fall on this topic.

If you have any comments or questions, please let me know.

Fly Safe, Have fun, and don't do anything stupid.

**Jim Hudson**

T-Craft Safety & Membership Director



[photo courtesy Bill Zervas]

**The following is from the AOPA email announcing this course:** *We've all heard it — the inexperienced pilot stumbling through a radio call. Or the smooth-talking pilot who consistently jams the CTAF with "All traffic, please advise."*

*Poor radio skills don't just make us cringe — they can also make us crash. Take AOPA Air Safety Foundation's newest interactive course, Say It Right: Mastering Radio Communication. This valuable course covers it all, including:*

- *The role of miscommunication in accidents*
- *Interactive exercises and real-world audio samples*
- *Amusing insights from ATC*

- *Guidance for talking and knowing when to listen*
- *An optional IFR track for more-advanced pilots*

Our **membership** currently stands at **77**.

**\*\*Newly approved T-Craft Members** must be accepted into the Club during our full Membership Meeting. The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 29 September 2009.

## Special Announcements

Club members soloing this month include, below from left to right: Kathy Jones (Jim Hayden), Rob Anderson (Jeff Beers), and David Blue (Jim Hudson). Congratulations, and thanks from your friends at T-Craft! [photos courtesy Jim Hudson]



Here's what hard work and persistence gets you: a brand spanking new CFI certificate from the FAA. **Bill Zerfas** (left) was so twitterpated he couldn't provide the name of the FAA agent. Look for Bill's name on our Approved Instructors List. Congratulations Bill! You did it!

[photo courtesy Gary Iverson]

## Aircraft Maintenance

**WARNING:** Information provided may not be accurate. Consult Schedule Master and clipboards on hangar wall for the most recent information concerning your aircraft.

**Got a squawk?** Write the tachometer time on the Squawk Sheet. Sign your name, and include a phone number where you can be contacted. Document Hobbs time for all other recordings.

**67375:** Tires and brakes on both mains replaced.

**13686:** Nose strut recharged.

**4464R:** No. 1 radio good (loaner); no. 2 radio is weak.

**1891X:** Rocker box gaskets replaced to correct oil leak (replacements have a higher temp. resistance).

**800YD:** Nothing to report.



**7593S:** 100 hour inspection completed.

[Immediately report **leaks** to Maintenance. Carry the Board Member Contact List with you on trips away from the Nampa airport. ]

**Use good judgment adding oil to an engine.** Read "**Aircraft Oil Usage**" on the T-Craft Website for more information.

**Tire pressures** are critical to ground performance. Know where to find the tire pressure gauge and portable compressor, and what pressures are required for the tires on your aircraft. Factor this time into your flight schedule and you won't be rushed and forget other critical elements.

**From the Board** **Frank Lester**, from the Idaho Bureau of Aeronautics, has once again accepted an invitation to address piloting concerns with our Club. As you may recall, Frank came to our Garden Valley Fly-in to observe our takeoff performance compared to our calculated distances. He's coming to our 17 September 2009 **ground school** (see Upcoming Schedule of Events) to talk with us about the changes in Search and Rescue with the new ELT frequencies and equipment. This is a 'must attend' event.



## **Upcoming Local and Regional Events**

**CANCELLED** **Thunder Over Nampa**, Nampa Airport, 11-12 Sept. 2009.

**BIG EVENT:** Saturday September 12, 2009 the **Ontario Air Faire!** Begins at 0800 at Ontario Municipal Airport, Ontario, Oregon (KONO)

**FREE ADMISSION:** All fly-in pilots (Pilot in Command only!) receive free all-you-can-eat breakfast

**FEATURES:**

*Merle Maine's Jet Warbirds*

*Aerobatic by Kathy Hirtz, Bob Finer, Matt Groth, and Scotty Crandlemire*

*Other fly-bys*

**Static displays** of fly-ins, military and many unique sport and experimental aircraft. The fun starts at 8:00AM with an all-you-can-eat breakfast, classic car show, aerobatic and helicopter rides

**Food booths**, live stage entertainment and more!

**FREE ADMISSION!** The fun starts at 0800 with the all-you-can-eat breakfast, classic car show, aerobatic and helicopter rides. 2 food booths, live stage entertainment and more!

This is a FLY-IN event, and "**Air Faire discounts**" on accommodations for guests deciding to RON.

Visit Air Faire site at <http://www.ontarioairfaire.com> for complete details.

**T-Craft Plane Wash**, T-Craft Hangar, 16 September 2009, 4:00 p.m.

September 17 th 7:00 PM: T-Craft Training Room - **[Search & Rescue and the implications from the recent ELT frequency changes](#)**. Frank Lester, Idaho Division of Aeronautics



September 29th : 7:00 PM **[AOPA Air Safety Free Seminar](#)** - What Went Wrong? **HILTON GARDEN INN**, 7699 West Spectrum Street, Garden Room, Boise, ID 83709

## Reminders

**Answers** concerning our Club, Policies, or even locating a **New Member Application Form** for your friend or family member can be found on the T-Craft website: [www.t-craft.org](http://www.t-craft.org).

**T-Craft Business Cards and Pamphlets** are available. Share them with friends and acquaintances in the community who may be looking for piloting opportunities.

Limited quantities of **T-Craft Gift Certificates** are still available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.

**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.**

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 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".

Ask any Board Member for a copy of any of the Minutes, or you can e-mail the Secretary ([jlvanho@msn.com](mailto:jlvanho@msn.com)), and have a copy sent right to your home.

Got something aviation **you want to sell**? Post it in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your advertisement to the Secretary, [jlvanho@msn.com](mailto:jlvanho@msn.com).

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Another unsuspecting rookie back country pilot is surprised by a Sulfur Creek breakfast. [photo courtesy Jim Hudson]

Roy Scotton's wife Tina, and mother-in-law Sharon after Sharon's first flight. [photo courtesy Roy Scotton]

