

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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General Information

The year 2009 is behind us now. The economy seems to have stabilized, as have our Membership numbers. We have a great bunch of students seeking licensing, as well as rags. Consequently, 2010 will be a very promising year for our Club. We'll look back over the last year in this edition, again recognizing piloting achievements amongst our membership. The upcoming Annual Meeting will give Members an opportunity to review changes in the Board's operational reporting. The membership will also have opportunities to nominate and vote for candidates for the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Maintenance. The meeting will convene at the EAA/CAP Building, 26 January 2010, at 7:00p.m. Come early, and bring a chair. We're going to have a full room!



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

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

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



Next Board Meeting: 9 February 2010, 7:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar training room.

Next General Membership Meeting: 26 January 2010, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Id., **Annual Meeting and Elections.**

[Left top to bottom: Bert Osborne, Dennis Nau and son, Frank Lester briefing T-Craft Members at Garden Valley. Bottom right: Scott Watson, Jordan Roe, Jim Hudson, and Jeff Vanhoozer at Garden Valley.]





[Soloing pilots Kathy Jones, Rob Anderson, David Blue, Charles Merrell, and Dan Johnson.]



[A warm, sunny day in Garden Valley]

From the Membership Director

Training Meeting and Newsletter Topics

Fellow members,

Thanks to contacts and inputs I received from our members, I have arranged the following sessions for the next several months. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the respective session. The March and June meeting are open for change if you feel you would like another topic (see the list below). All of the meetings are scheduled for the hanger at 7:00 PM, with a few exceptions (i.e., MAF Tour and Back Country Training Seminar, and Garden Valley breakfast).



[Frank Lester hypnotizes Joe Besjovek]

Training – Class Schedules 2010:

January, 21 st :	Bill McGlynn / Jeff Adams – Weather Forecast – Go/No Decision on flight to Portland
February 18 th :	MAF Kodiak Tour & MAF Checklists – Brian Shepson, MAF Pilot
March 18 th :	New Wings Program – How to prepare for a BFR (suggested topic)
April 22 nd :	Back Country Seminar
May 13 th :	Boise Airspace / procedures / Q&A with ATC Controller Andy Marosvari
June 17 th :	Density Altitude Review (suggested topic)
July 17 th :	Garden Valley Fly-In Breakfast / Flying fun

Future topics that have been suggested:

- 1) Do's and Don't of Cross Country Flying – route planning, flight following, diversions, in flight Emergencies.
- 2) Interesting places to go on a tank of gas
- 3) Easy to remember – Pilots rules of thumb
- 4) What happens if you screw up – Accident / Incident / Violate FAA Regulation
- 5) Getting an advanced rating – what are the benefits & requirements for Instrument/Commercial/CFI
- 6) Flight Planning Software review – Free and Fee based
- 7) GPS use for VFR flights.
- 8) Emergency's – other than take-off. Member experiences in dealing with emergency situations.
- 9) Tour of the New BOI Tower (Fall 2010)

If you have an area of expertise, or knowledge that you would like to share with the club, please let me know. I would more than welcome you to give a presentation, or write a newsletter article. A former member, Reggie Sellers, did a fantastic session on Survival a few years ago. We all really appreciate member contributions.

If you have other topics or ideas for training sessions or news letter topics, please let me know and I will add to the list. Please give me some feedback in way of prioritizing the above list; it would help me plan sessions for the remainder of the year.

Let's continue to Fly safe, fly smart, and have fun this year.

Thanks,
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T-Craft Membership & Safety Director

NEW MEMBER NOTICE!

T-Craft Board-approved members must be formally accepted into the Club by member vote during a General Membership Meeting. The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 26 January 2009.



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: Annual scheduled for 4/12 thru 4/16.

13686: Annual scheduled for 4/19 thru 4/23. Heater control won't stay opened; working on solution.

4464R: Primer knob pulled free; repaired.

1891X: Annual scheduled for 4/5 thru 4/9.

800YD: Annual scheduled for 6/14 thru 6/18.

7593S: Annual completed for week of 1/18. No. 2 radio functioning marginally

[Member Notice: report **leaks IMMEDIATELY** to Maintenance.]

From the Board

Our next General Membership Meeting will be 26 January 2010. The Board will present its Annual Report for 2009. We will also hold our **Annual Elections**.

Offices open for nominations include: President, Secretary, Vice President, and Maintenance. If you're interested in running for office, e-mail the Secretary (jlvanho@msn.com) to get a copy of the job descriptions for these offices.

[Left to right: plane wash, Brad Mawsling solos, and a great big meal at Sulfur Creek.]



Upcoming Local and Regional Events

19 January 2010, 7:00p.m., **General Membership Annual Meeting and Elections**, EAA/CAP Building

[Bert Osborne breathing a sigh of relief after acquiring his private pilot license.]



[Plane wash crew 2009]

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.

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

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), 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.



[Bill Zerfas plugged away at his commercial, CFI, and CFII ratings in 2009. Special thanks to Bill for being our Number One flier.]



The Board would like to wish you all a very prosperous and productive 2010!

