

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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It was good seeing so many at our September General Membership meeting, and it looked as if all fared well through the summer. Quite a few spent some time afterwards sharing harrowing stories and adventures. Earlier in the month our members turned out again for another successful plane wash, and preparations were made to annual several aircraft and to replace an engine in another.

From the Membership Director

Aviate, Navigate, Communicate

We all know our priorities in flying; Aviate first, Navigate second and Communicate as the least important. However, when we have problems with our avionics and cannot communicate, it can cause some serious distractions and impact our ability to Aviate, Navigate, and maintain situational awareness. The focus this month training is on our Avionics equipment.

To alleviate potential problems, it would be good idea to add a communications check list to your pre-flight check. This will insure your headphones are adjusted and positioned properly and that the intercom, audio panels, and radios are set up properly.

Prior to Start Up – Pre Flight Power On

- Headset Quality – Jacks and wires in good shape, Noise canceling-on, Volume – up, Mic Adjusted (mic in correct orientation and less than 1/8" from mouth).
- Plane Phone Jacks – Locate, Plug in secure, Tighten if necessary, Be gentle..
- Intercom – Squelch, Volume – preliminary settings midrange.



- Audio Panels – buttons in desired position
- Com – Frequencies set (some may reset in power down)

After Start Up

- Test Intercom, adjust squelch, volumes
- Check Audio Panel settings
- Test Com Radios(s) - Listen to ASOS, adjust volumes, Squelch
- Com/Nav Frequencies set
- Turn off/down unnecessary equipment (Nav/VOR/ADF volumes)
- Check Transmission

Manuals

How long has it been since you reviewed the operating manuals? I must admit, before doing the research for this month's training class, I have not looked at them, except for the Garmin 430. I discovered that we have all of the Garmin equipment manuals and quick reference guides (in scattered places), but most of the other equipment manuals are missing.

I have obtained manuals for all of our older avionics equipment. I will be putting all of the manuals in binders this coming month, and also pdf files for most will be posted on the club web site.

Taking a little time to review the manuals and check out our avionics before we launch should alleviate potential problems that could distract us once in the air. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Have Fun, Fly Safe, and Fly Smart,
Jim Hudson
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 October 2010, 7:00p.m., in the EAA/CAP Building, Nampa airport.

Aircraft Maintenance

Contact Jim Eyre at cell phone number (208) 794-0667 with squawks, and use the notification feature found on-line in [Schedule Master](#) to alert pilots intending to use impacted aircraft. Write the tachometer time on the Squawk Sheet clipboard found on the hangar wall. Sign your name, and include a phone number where you can be contacted. Document Hobbs time for all other recordings. Report leaks immediately.

FROM THE BOARD

Next Board Meeting: 12 October 2010, 7:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar training room.

Next General Membership Meeting: 26 October 2010, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Id.

Flying rates effective 8/31/10 (all hours recorded "wet"):

375	-	\$52.00/hr
64R	-	\$77.00/hr
686	-	\$79.00/hr
91X and 0YD	-	\$109.00/hr
93S	-	\$112.00/hr

Fuel re-imbursement for September 2010: \$4.13/gal.

(Review your receipts and confirm \$.25/gallon is recorded. Report any discrepancies **ASAP** to Dennis Wheeler.)

Upcoming Local and Regional Events

9 October 2010, Murphy (1U3) Breakfast Flight, Top Fun Fliers, contact Steve Clements at ph: (208)323-1585.

23 October, 2010, Emmett (S78) Day Fun Fly, Top Fun Fliers, contact Steve Clements.

7 November 2010, Veterans' Breakfast, Warhawk Air Museum, contact Sue Paul at ph: (208)465-6446, or suepaul@warhawkmuseum.org.

7 December 2010, Pearl Harbor Day, Warhawk Air Museum, contact Sue Paul.

If you have read, or know of events to come, please send your notice to the Secretary (jlvanho@msn.com) for the newsletter.

Websites of Interest

www.t-craft.org – the official website of T-Craft Aero Club Inc.

<http://www.nampaairport.org/airport/Catagory/news> - news of the Nampa, Id. airport

www.cubgearstore.com - survival, and back country gear

www.shortfield.com

www.backcountrypilot.org

<http://www.flyidaho.org> – Idaho Aviation Association

<http://www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/> See Calendar of events

<http://www.aviation.state.or.us/> Oregon State

<http://www.aopa.org/letsгоflying/> - AOPA's "Let's Go Flying!"

http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr_map_ims/html/index.html - FAA

<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/index.cfm> - Will overlay TFR's on WAC or Sectional

<http://www.navmonster.com/> - Will show any TFR's along your route

http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php - This map shows large fires, some of which may include TFRs.

AOPA Flight Safety has a few on-line courses which may help avoid these situations. Visit http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/

<http://www.weather.gov/aq/sectors/pacnorthwest.php>

National WX Service – Boise Office: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/boi/>

<http://www.firedetect.noaa.gov/viewer.htm>

<http://www.faa.gov/go/runwaysafety>



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.



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