

# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Another superb month of flying is behind us, and the holiday season cometh. If you found yourself locked out of the airport, it's because there's a new security gate code. Quite a few of our members sent in photos of their trips around the country; we'll try to get in as many as we can in this installment. Our treasurer worked hard to get us another load of fuel, bringing it in at a cost that drops our per gallon price ten cents to \$4.03 – thanks much Dennis!



Gregg Havens took this photo during his visit to the Fairbanks, Alaska Air Museum. Can you name the aircraft?

### From the Membership Director

#### “Master the Fundamentals”

I just read a good article in the “OnApproach” Newsletter from Avemco by the Company President Jim Lauerman titled “We Have Met the Enemy and He is Us”. The article talks about how in the last 25 years accident statistics in GA have not changed much, despite new technology, new aircraft systems (glass cockpits), regulations, new training materials, etc. His observations from reviewing accident claims, is that 25% of the claim dollars pay for losses caused by pilots not adequately executing the four fundamentals – climbs, turns, descents, and straight and level, especially at low speeds and near the runway. Another basic observation he makes is that it's not so much what pilots know or don't know that gets them in trouble, but what they care about. The article continues on about the “care about” part, in which he states “The culture change we need is to bring about a more professional attitude to everything we do in flying”.

If you recall the February newsletter article I shared the Angel Flight West's “Safety Above All Else” newsletter that emphasized



Bert Osborn and friend on their trip to LaGrande, Oregon, focused and alert.

professionalism and the eight deadly flying sins. (side note: you can look up past newsletters on our web page – go to the site index page under newsletters archives)

I think we do a great job as a club of keeping maintenance and safety in the forefront as a way of preventing accidents. In the 12 years I have been in the club I cannot recall any in-flight accidents or incidents. We have only had a few minor accidents; all of which were ground accidents involving some ruffled feathers or prop strikes.

However, there is always room for improvement at mastering the fundamentals. As winter nears, with probably fewer X-C trips, we can take some time to work on improving our knowledge and skills. It might be a good time to dig out the POH for the birds you fly for a good review. And don't forget the PTS booklet. It's always a good source for ideas when we're looking for something to brush up on. Go out and do some maneuvers you are a little rusty at or haven't done since your private pilot certificate. Grab an instructor for some help and/or feedback. Maybe think about going after that instrument rating, or tail wheel endorsement, or try the new wings program. Come and do some "Hanger Flying" if you haven't been to a club function for a while. As the mantra of Flight Training Magazine goes – a good pilot is always learning. I believe we have a lot of good pilots in our club. Keep up the good work.

Fly Smart, Fly Safe and Have Fun,

Jim Hudson



Roy Scotton and his brother Mark at Gold Beach, Oregon



John Baglien snaps this shot of a bear during a recent trip.



John Baglien's friend spots something suspicious at Graham.

P.S. -

**Membership:** We currently have 73 members. We lost one member this month; Jonathan Phalen

**Congratulations** go out to **Steve Gidding** who Soloed this month.

**Belated Congratulations** –**Dan Johnson** who earned their Private Pilot Certificates in September.

#### **Training/Events:**

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m. Club Hanger – Systems failure/ In-Flight Emergencies. This class will be how to deal with instrument and/or system failures that may happen in flight, and appropriate actions to take. We will also discuss leaning techniques. Homework: Review the Emergency Procedures section in the POH of your favorite bird.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 Pm Club Hanger – Bill McGlynn will conduct a Winter Weather class.

**Avionics Manuals/Training:** I placed two CD's in our library that contain pdf files of all of the manuals for our avionics. Feel free to check them out and copy the files. Todd is working on getting these files located on the web site. In addition, Rob Anderson is working on putting together a training video that can be downloaded from YouTube. In the meantime, if you have any questions on the operations of our avionics, let me know.

--Jim Hudson



Chuck Moore over Deadwood Reservoir in 91X.

### **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 30 November 2010, 7:00p.m., in the EAA/CAP Building, Nampa airport.

## **Aircraft Maintenance**

Contact Jim Eyre [cell: (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.



**Jim Eyre and Chuck Moore visit the engine shop in Montrose, Colorado.**

Dear Members,

As we draw nearer to the colder parts of the year, please go to our website (at [www.t-craft.org](http://www.t-craft.org)) and read our "Cold Weather Operations" article. Ice, snow, and rain significantly impact aircraft capabilities. Be aware that, even though we heat our aircraft in the hangars, Mother Nature has a way of making all we do prior to our flights seem irrelevant. Also consult the AOPA website for more instructions concerning personal minimums and preparations you need to make before you leave home for the airport.

■ The Management



**Jim Hudson photographs soloing pilot Steve Gidding October 2010.**

## **FROM THE BOARD**

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

**Next General Membership Meeting:** 30 November 2010, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Id.

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

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

**Fuel re-imburement for September 2010: \$4.03/gal.**

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



**Bert Osborn introduces the next generation to flying.**

## Upcoming Local and Regional Events

3 November 2010, Idaho Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, Boise River Room, Boise Airport Terminal, 6:00p.m. (parking will be validated).

7 November 2010, Veterans' Breakfast, Warhawk Air Museum, contact Sue Paul at ph: (208)465-6446, or [suepaul@warhawkmuseum.org](mailto: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](mailto:jlvanho@msn.com)) for the newsletter.



Roy Scotton photos the scenes around Gold Beach, Oregon (above and right).

## Websites of Interest

[www.t-craft.org](http://www.t-craft.org) – the official website of T-Craft Aero Club Inc.

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

[www.cubgearstore.com](http://www.cubgearstore.com) - survival, and back country gear

[www.shortfield.com](http://www.shortfield.com)

[www.backcountrypilot.org](http://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/letsstoflying/> - AOPA's "Let's Go Flying!"

[http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr\\_map\\_ims/html/index.html](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](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.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/)

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

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

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



Gregg Havens takes this beautiful photo during his trip to Fairbanks, Alaska.

## 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.

**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).



John Baglien sent us this one from Graham.

*Thanks to all who sent us photos for this month's newsletter. We encourage anyone with a camera and a steady hand to submit your stories and pictures. We love piloting, and we love seeing the places our aircraft are flown.*



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