

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Brrrrr!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Out goes 2010 on a cold and cumbersome iceberg. We hope you had a Merry Christmas, and that the New Year brings you joy and warmth. Our Annual Meeting is fast coming, permitting us the opportunity to review our operations, and decide on who will help manage our business for the next year (annual elections); get in touch with Bill McGlynn if you want to run for office, or if you want to nominate someone for the ballot.



From the Membership Director

Review and Renew

As this year comes to a close, I like to review some of the special moments I've had flying, both good and bad. One good way to do this is go through my logbook, notes, and photo's to review my experiences for the past year. This gives me some ideas for areas

I want to improve and new things to learn as a pilot and an instructor. This review helps in developing goals for next year.

I would encourage you to do something similar and think about and set some flying goals for 2011.

- What skills would you like to improve on? Are there some areas that make you nervous or a little afraid? Seek out some instruction to improve your skill level or help you over that fear.
- New skills - move up into a High Performance bird, or go after that tail-wheel endorsement. Maybe the backcountry has interested you.
- New Certificates/Ratings – Instrument, Commercial, or CFI
- New Places to go – new landing strips to master?

One of the great things about our club is that we have a wide range of experience in our members and instructors who can help you achieve your goals. If you're not sure who to ask, you can ask me, any of the instructors or board members who can help you achieve your flight dreams.

I hope 2010 has been a good year for you and that 2011 will be even better.

Fly Smart, Fly Safe and Have Fun,
Jim Hudson

Membership: We lost one member this month, Gary Stoller.

We currently have 72 members as compared to 81 members one year ago. In 2010 we gained 12 new members, but lost 21 members. In January we had four members join to start the year with a bang, but then things went downhill with membership after that.

Talk to all your family, friends and associates and let them know they can "put wings on their dreams" by joining T-Craft.

Training/Events:

January - Boise Tower Tour – Time/Date(s) to be announced.

Please let me know if you have ideas or suggestions for training topics for 2011.

ATTENTION: See your e-mail, visit the T-Craft Website (<http://www.t-craft.org>) and call for NOTAMS, TFRs, and other updates for the Nampa airport (KMAN). Expect night closures, and some day time inconveniences, as runway improvements are installed. Call the [Nampa City Airport Manager](#) for more information.

(Members can participate as meetings presenters or contribute safety articles by contacting Jim Hudson.)

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 25 January 2011, 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.



FROM THE BOARD

T-Craft Members,

I would like to take a few moments of your time to remind everyone of a few procedures regarding the T-Craft hangar. It has come to my attention, through personal observation, and through the reports of several members, that a number of small, but important items are being overlooked.

First, we are doing much better making sure the hangar door pins are properly secured, both when getting the planes out, and putting them away. However, there is still the occasional pin that is not properly lowered and secured. Let's just be a little more observant and double check all the pins before exiting the hangar.

Second, the hangar lights are still being left on periodically. While this isn't a significant security issue, it does increase club costs in the form of higher electrical costs. This could potentially result in the need for higher monthly dues, so let's do our best to keep lights off when the hangar is empty.

Third and most importantly, I would like to address the security of the hangar. I have had several reports that the hangar has been left unlocked, multiple times, with nobody around. Also, I have had several reports, as well as direct observation myself, of the combination lock dials not being reset back to '0000'. Typically only one number is changed, or the combo is left on the lock while it is hanging on the hook or set beside the key-bag box. I once found a key-bag on the horizontal stabilizer of an aircraft, with the key in the pilot's seat.

Also, I routinely find aircraft doors, especially the right side, left unlocked. As you can imagine, these can have serious security implications. I realize that we are all in a hurry to get to our next activity or we get distracted by someone or something... it is easy to do. But, we need to take a few extra seconds to make sure aircraft doors are locked, the key bags are put away, the hangar is secured properly, and the combos are set back to 0000. So, please, take those few extra seconds, reset the combos back to 0000 as soon as you remove them from the latches, and make sure you lock the aircraft, hangar and the key-bag box.

Finally, I would like to make a list of members that may have ATVs with snow plows who would be willing to help remove snow from in front of the hangar doors on those rare occasions when we get large amounts of snow. The list would be a round-robin list so nobody would get called more than anyone else. If I had 3 or 4 people on the list, I would expect that generally I would only need to call on your services once a winter. So, if you have a plow and would like to be added to the list, send me an email with your name and phone number and I will add you to the list.

Happy flying!

Gary Lindstrom
T-Craft Director of Facilities



Winter Flying Hours are in effect from December through February. You can fly all three of your Minimum Hours in one of these months, or two of these months, or one hour in each of these months. Contact a Board Member if you have any questions.

***** Members wishing to maintain currency may attend the following meetings*****

Next Board Meeting: 11 January 2011, 7:00p.m., T-Craft Hangar training room.

Next General Membership Meeting: 25 January 2011, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Id. This will include our Annual Meeting and Elections.

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 and Daughter Jacque North of Idaho Falls in 686

Upcoming Local and Regional Events

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

Websites of Interest

The official website of T-Craft Aero Club Inc., www.t-craft.org
Nampa, Id. Airport news, <http://www.nampaairport.org/airport/Category/news>
Survival, and back country gear, www.cubgearstore.com
www.shortfield.com
www.backcountrypilot.org
Idaho Aviation Association, <http://www.flyidaho.org>
Idaho Aviation Association Calendar of events, <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/>
Oregon State, <http://www.aviation.state.or.us/>
AOPA's "Let's Go Flying!", <http://www.aopa.org/letsgoflying/>
FAA, http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr_map_ims/html/index.html
TFRs on WACs or Sectionals, <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/index.cfm>
TFRs along your route, <http://www.navmonster.com/>
Large fires, some including TFRs, http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php
[AOPA Flight Safety](http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/) on-line courses, http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/
<http://www.weather.gov/aq/sectors/pacnorthwest.php>
National Weather Service – Boise Office, <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/boi/>

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

Runway safety, <http://www.faa.gov/go/runwaysafety>

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aircraft/airplane_handbook/

<http://aviationweather.gov/adds/metars/>

http://aviationweather.gov/adds/icing/icing_nav.php?icg_type=CIPSEV50&height=max&fcst_hr=00

<http://www.aopa.org/index.html>

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/satellite/?wfo=boi>

<http://wwwghcc.msfc.nasa.gov/GOES/goeswestpacus.html>

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/zoa/cwa.php>

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 ScheduleMaster, 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.

Thanks to all who have sent us photos for our newsletters. We encourage anyone with a camera and a steady hand to submit your stories and pictures for our January 2011 edition. We love piloting, and we love seeing the places our aircraft are flown.

