

T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Volume 8, Issue 9, September 2011, T-Craft Aero Club Inc., All Rights Reserved

If August 2011 was just one of the hottest on record, it's being reported that this past September has been THE hottest since local temperatures have been recorded; many of our members took advantage – showing off our freshly washed aircraft, some even did some pilot camping. Your Board considered ideas submitted by three volunteer committees assembled to help us all continue enjoying safe and economical flying; a notification of changes to our Constitution has been sent out, and the membership is encouraged to attend our October General Membership meeting to review and vote on the proposals. Turnout was light for our first general membership meeting since summer break ended; amidst the tans were some pretty good flying stories. The Nampa airport will experience at least three weekend closures; watch your e-mails for communications from your board, including closure dates, and aircraft access and positioning at the Caldwell airport .

From the Membership Director

Expand Your Horizons

If you strive to be a more experienced aviator, a new challenge could be just the ticket. Check out the article on page 8 of the Sep/Oct 2011 issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* which explores different ways pilots can work to become more well-rounded and safe. From certificates to ratings, to endorsements and beyond, it provides some helpful clues on how you can keep your skills fresh while expanding your horizons. The article is available online at:

http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2011/media/SepOct2011.pdf



Back Country and Float Plane at the same time – Big Creek (photo courtesy Jim Hudson)

To help with a new challenge, the T-Craft instructor listing has recently been updated to include names of CFI/CFIs with new ratings, areas of specialties, contact information and rates. You can find an instructor on the list that can meet just about any aviation goal. We have a wide range of instructional talent; from Sailplane to Seaplane, ATP to Designated Examiners, and more. Although we obviously do not have the planes at our disposal to meet some of these challenges, the instructors who offer specialty training will know where you can access these craft. You also may want to give another instructor a try for your next BFR. You can always learn something new from each person with whom you fly. We have several members with a wide range of piloting experiences. But if you have interest in a particular area and don't know who to ask, call your T-Craft Membership/Safety Director, who will put you in contact with someone who can help you.

If you're bored with boring the same hole in the sky, a new challenge may be just the ticket.

Fly Smart, Fly Safe and Have Fun,
Jim Hudson

Membership: We have 70 members.

SAFETY NOTICE: *It is recommended that no persons occupy aircraft during refueling.*



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 October 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

NEW!! Flying rates effective 26 July 2011 [all hours recorded per hour “wet”]:

375	-	\$58.00
64R	-	\$84.00
686	-	\$86.00
91X and 0YD	-	\$121.00
93S	-	\$124.00

Fuel re-imbursement for September 2011: \$4.89gal.

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



You can share reasons why T-Craft is the best choice for pilots looking for safe, economical flying. Ask a Board Member.

General Information

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

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

Next General Membership Meeting: 25 October 2011, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Hangar, Nampa, Id

Upcoming Local and Regional Events

October 19th at 7:00 PM Club Hanger – Flight Planning Software Review

November 28th at 7:00 PM Club Mtg., Weight & Balance – Why it’s important to know.

If you have read or know of events to come, please send the Secretary (jlvanho@msn.com) a quick e-mail.

Special Announcements

There are no announcements at this time.

Websites of Interest

(Hover your pointer over the link, hold down the Ctrl key, then click your left mouse button.)

http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php, Large fires, some including TFRs

<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/index.cfm>, TFRs on WACs or Sectionals

http://aviationweather.gov/adds/icing/icing_nav.php?icg_type=CIPSEV50&height=max&fcst_hr=0

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

<http://faasafety.gov/>

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

http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/

http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/, AOPA Flight Safety on-line courses

<http://www.aopa.org/asf/publications/advisors.html>

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

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

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

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

http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/, FAA Safety Briefings

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

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

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

<http://www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/>, Idaho Aviation Association Calendar of events

<http://www.nampairport.org/airport/Category/news>, Nampa, Id. Airport news

<http://www.navmonster.com/>, TFRs along your route

http://www.undaerospace.com/cbt_files/virtualengine/Magneto/virtual%20Engine.swf, Magneto Fun!

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

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

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

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

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

https://faasafety.gov/gslac/ALC/course_catalog.aspx

www.backcountrypilot.org

www.cubgearstore.com, Survival, and back country gear

www.shortfield.com

www.t-craft.org, the official website for T-Craft Aero Club Inc.



64R stabled at Sulfur Creek

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.

Delete the remainder of any unused flight time from **ScheduleMaster** 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 **ScheduleMaster**. 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".

Got something aviation **you want to sell**? Post it in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your advertisement to the Secretary at: jlvanho@msn.com.



Recreational Pilot?



A pretty good photo of downtown Boise, Idaho.

Thanks to all who have sent us stories and photos for our newsletter. Be sure to send us yours.

Fin