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WINTER OPERATIONS / NIGHT FLIGHT

Safety - Membership Director

Winter Operations

It's that time of the year again with cooler temperatures, less daylight and more unpredictable weather. Winter flying can be spectacular with its cool clear days and nights. As we prepare our home and car for cooler weather, we also need to review and prepare those things that pertain to safe fall and winter flying.

A few of you were at the safety meeting this month on Winter Operations.

For most of you who missed, there is an excellent AOPA Webinar on the subject at: http://www.aopa.org/aopalive/?watch=J4bXIIImzpk311OQoXIHbUPri92_K2EAy#category=Safety

If you haven't done so yet, please review the Winter Operations document Jim Eyre published a few years ago. It includes tips and information on preflight, starting, and engine operational considerations. It's on the club web page at: <http://www.t-craft.org/Reference/ColdWXOps.pdf>

I also put some information on our web site with check-lists on winter flying operations, along with some AOPA briefing publications on icing, wing contamination, carb icing, and other topics. These can be found at: <http://www.t-craft.org/news.htm> click on Cold WX operations zip files. This is a zip file with several pdf files contained within. If you can't open the file load a zip file reader or app such as WinZip, it's free.

Club Meetings

General Membership Meeting

October 30, 2012 7:00 PM

@ EAA/CAP Facility

Winter Weather Forecasting

Bill McGlynn's popular class

November 7, 2012 @ 7:00 PM

@ the T-craft hanger

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Night Flying

Flying at night can be lots of fun and in some cases may be the only time you're able to fly during the week. Do you remember the rules for night currency, night equipment requirements, fuel reserves, airport lighting, runway illusions, night vision considerations, proficiency? A review of the FAR/AIM's and/or Pilots Handbook would be in order. AOPA also has several resources on a page dedicated to night VFR operations at:

http://www.aopa.org/asf/hotspot/night_vfr.html

I put together a little quiz to help refresh your memory. Most of the answers can be found in the FAR/AIM's. As an incentive to work the quiz, I'll give a free hour of night instruction to the first person who email's me the correct answers to the quiz. The quiz can be found at <http://www.t-craft.org/news.htm>

Fly Safe Fly Smart, Have Fun, AND don't do anything Stupid.

Jim Hudson
T-Craft Safety & Membership Director

Membership
Our Membership count remains at 71

*Sponsor a new member and receive 1 hour of flight credit (C152)



Fright Flight
Putting Zoom in the Broom
by Ken Reed

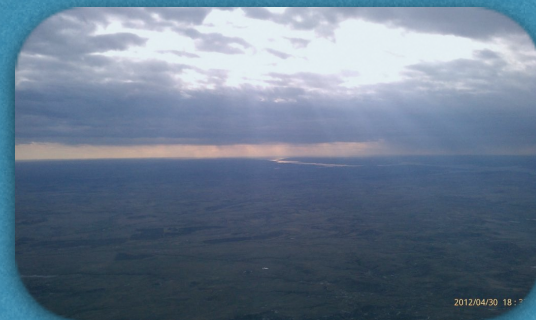
Late October, 7:15 p.m. local--beautiful full moon climbing into the sky just off the nose. You're on the downhill into KMAN, returning from an afternoon business meeting in Portland. A dark speck appears at your eleven o'clock, then suddenly blooms large in your windscreen. During the ensuing frantic evasive maneuver you catch a glimpse of fluttering black rags and streaming gray hair, followed seconds later by a harsh cackle and the gleeful announcement, "Score one for three-niner Hotel Alpha Golf!" sounding in your headset.

Aerial encounters like this one, while unsettling, are almost routine for GA pilots braving the evening skies of late autumn. Apart from fist-shaking and a few choice words, there's not

Ken Reed our Resident Author has created a short halloween story

Click on the link below to access Ken's Story about "flying witches" in the pattern.

http://www.t-craft.org/Fright_Flight.pdf



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Congratulations go out to **Robert Shepherd** on getting his **PPC** last month under the instruction of Gary Iverson.



The Plane Wash was a cleaning success - All Birds are ready to fly!

We had a good turnout at the plane wash. We had approximately 20 members out to clean the plans along with many family members along to give a helping hand. The hot dogs and burgers tasted great as well.



DO NOT LET YOURSELF BE FORCED INTO DOING
ANYTHING BEFORE YOU ARE READY

- WILBUR WRIGHT

Squawks/Status

375

Engine nearing TBO - In search of replacement Engine

686

Fuel tank reinstalled

64R

100 Hour Completed

91X

100 Hour Completed

93S

AutoPilot Inop. AP Servo actuator sent for Repairs. Aircraft currently certified for VFR flight Only

ALL Birds - Heaters and Cords set out for Pre-heat of at least 30 Minutes before first crank of the Engines.

News Letter Contributions

Please send photos and your flying stories to

db5477@gmail.com for

inclusion on future issues.

Thanks

Fuel Reimbursement

\$4.87