

# T-Craft Aero Club

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Photo by: Jim Hudson at Mackay Bar

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## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Safety - Membership Director

In light of the tragic accident at Johnson Creek earlier this year, it is appropriate to review the topic of situational awareness and collision avoidance. Please refer to the September 2009 newsletter for a more detailed discussion of the subject. <http://www.t-craft.org/Newsletters/200909.pdf>

The topic was discussed in this newsletter and is an illustration of a high wing / low wing accident that had a more fortunate outcome than in Johnson Cr.

Here are a few facts concerning midair collisions:

- ▲ Most occur within 5 miles of an airport.
- ▲ Approximately 80 percent of traffic pattern collisions occur on final approach.
- ▲ Two-thirds of collisions near airports occur at non-towered airports.
- ▲ Most occur during daylight hours and in VFR conditions.

A few days prior to the Johnson Creek accident, I was with Kevin Bentley waiting to take off on 11 at KMAN.

### Club Meetings/Training

#### ◆ Board Meeting

July 9, 2013 7:00 PM

@ the T-Craft Hangar

#### ◆ T-Craft Aero Club Fly-in

July 19-20, 2013

Camp and Breakfast

@ U88 Garden Valley, ID

#### ◆ General Membership Meeting

Next Meeting September 24

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There was an aircraft that announced he was coming into the pattern and announced "right" downwind for 11. On the radio at the same time was another aircraft that announced they were landing 11 in Caldwell. Someone in Caldwell asked if they meant 12 in Caldwell – no reply. About then we saw the right downwind traffic aircraft about mid-field on the downwind. At least he did what he said he was doing. I asked the right traffic that I was curious as to why he was making right traffic in Nampa – no reply. As the right traffic was getting towards his base turn, we see an aircraft on short final that apparently came straight in. I advised the guy on right traffic about the approaching aircraft landing on 11. There was no prior announcement of the incoming aircraft on final. Just after the landing traffic announced after they cleared the runway that they said they were confused and thought they were landing in Caldwell, but announced Caldwell 11 when they saw the Nampa 11 numbers.

There you have it – two non-standard approaches at the same time, neither one apparently aware of the traffic pattern at Nampa, or that they were in Nampa. This is not the first time I've seen this happen, and other non standard approaches. Be prepared for the unusual and always be looking and communicating.

### **Dead Battery Avoidance:**

A good tip Reggie Sellers provided via AOPA ePilot.

Many pilots promote safety and give themselves a hedge against a dead aircraft battery by leaving their rotating beacon switch on when shutting down after a flight. If the pilot forgets to turn off the master switch,

the continued operation of the rotating beacon could serve as a reminder. And at the next startup, the rotating beacon will begin to operate as soon as the master switch is turned on, alerting those nearby that the engine may soon come alive.

For additional situational awareness, turn on the landing light prior to take-off and landing.

For more on the use of aircraft lighting in day and night conditions, visit [http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2013/June/21/ePilot-Flight-Training.aspx?WT.mc\\_id=130621eflight](http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2013/June/21/ePilot-Flight-Training.aspx?WT.mc_id=130621eflight)

### **Membership Status:**

Our membership remains at 69 members for this month.

The board approved purchasing advertisement in the Rudder Flutter, a publication by the Idaho Department of Aeronautics. The first ad will appear in the Fall addition. Past copies of the Rudder Flutter can be found on line at: <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/Rudder%20Flutter/RudderFlutter.htm>

We're still looking to break the 70 member barrier. Pick up some brochures on our club available in the hanger and have them ready to hand out to prospective members. We have brochures about the club, learning to fly, business cards, and Discovery flight flyers. Members receive 1 hr of C152 time for bringing in a new member.

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

Jim Hudson



Where will your Flying take you this Summer?

Central Oregon is a great Destination to test your cross-country skills. Crater lake is the Destination above. Hope you find a destination for you and your love ones this summer.

The Les Swab Amphitheater is a great summer destination

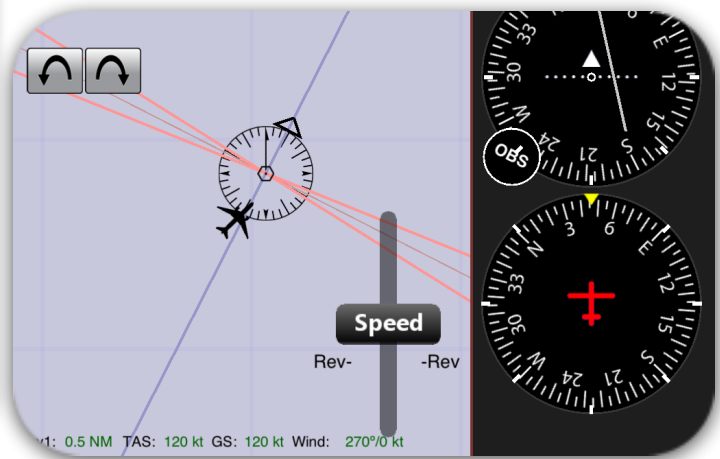
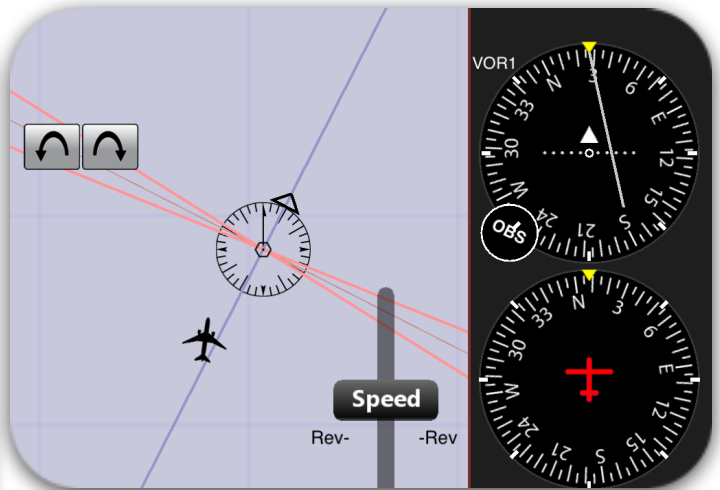


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## Nav Trainer App allows you to practice your VOR/NDB skills

Trip to Redmond, OR last fall brought great views for the night life, during the flying and on the morning jog.



"I've never seen an airplane yet that can read the type ratings on your pilot's license."  
 -Chuck Boedecker

## ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

### ACE Aviation Career Exploration Academy:

Ken Kaae and Jim Hudson participated as volunteer pilots June 26th, 2013 flying five of the participants from BOI into two of the following: Smith Prairie, Idaho City, or Garden Valley and back to KMAN dropping them off at WarHawk. Jim has participated almost every year since 1998 and Ken has participated two years.

The program is designed to introduce high school students to aviation and space related careers. Activities involved field trips to aviation related businesses and forums, a hands-on satellite project, and a navigational flight in a small plane into some beautiful Idaho airstrips.

### Club Meetings/Events:

Saturday June 22, 2013 : Stall/Spin Awareness & Live Spin Demonstration - Rich Stowell

T-Craft had a great representation of 8 members at this event of 50 participants.

For those who were unable to attend, there is an excellent link to the spin demonstration. Participants observed from the ground as Rich performed a total of eight spin departures (the left skidding turn from base to final simulation was demonstrated twice). He narrated the spins over the radio to a com radio that was hooked up to a speaker. Cockpit video shot during the demos has been distilled to 3-3/4 minutes and is available on YouTube here:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9xYX8R\\_uUU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9xYX8R_uUU)

July 19 – 20, 2013 Garden Valley Fly-In. Many of you have participated in our annual fly-in, campout, and breakfast at our beautiful State airport and campground at Garden Valley – U88. Some members drive or fly up on Friday for dinner and fireside tall tales. Others drive or fly up for breakfast for the club sponsored breakfast on Saturday. We also have landing and flour bombing contests, free instruction at U88 and a few other strips, depending on instructor availability. As of this writing there are “four” birds left to fly to U88. Contact me if you would like to reserve one of the planes.

### Membership

Our Membership count remains at 69 Members

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



## Squawks/Status

**\*\*Always check current squawks on Schedule Master and hangar wall\*\***

N6737S - \$57 per hour  
SL40 added as Com#2

N13686 - \$81 per hour  
Replaced oil temp sensing vernier

N4464R - \$79 per hour  
Installed SL40 as #2 Com. Removed Loran & NARCO 120.

N1891X - \$117 per hour  
Moved KX125 Com/Nav to #1 position & installed SL40 as #2 Com. Removed RT328 & Loran

N7593S - \$121 per hour  
Aircraft currently certified for VFR flight Only.

N9989E - \$121 per hour  
Installed GMA340 Audio Panel.  
Removed KMA24 & PM1000 Intercom.

### ALL BIRDS

Water buckets are available in the hangar for cleaning the leading edges of our birds following each of your flights.

Please clean the leading edges, windscreens and interiors so that the planes are clean and ready for the next member.



Mark your Calendar for the annual T-Craft Garden Valley Fly-in July 19th and 20th. Breakfast will be served.

Fuel Reimbursement  
\$4.87

News Letter Contributions  
Please send photos and your Flying Stories to [brent@papaross.com](mailto:brent@papaross.com) for inclusion on future issues.  
Thanks