



# T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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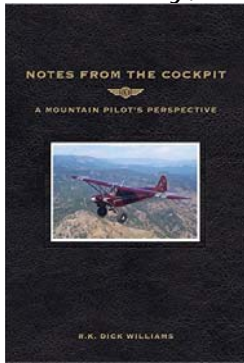
# 2015 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Backcountry Books

Article Provided By Jim Hudson

One way to beat the winter flying doldrums is to read about other's flying experiences, or do some research on the history of many of Idaho's backcountry strips. We are fortunate to have several Idaho pilots publish recently of their experiences in flying the Idaho Backcountry, or the history of many of the backcountry strips.



**Notes from the Cockpit**, A Mountain Pilot's Perspective, by R.K. Dick Williams

Never before has an experienced professional backcountry pilot from Idaho told this kind of story, including the interesting history of the ranches and lodges in the Idaho wilderness. More than an autobiography, Williams brings over thirty of his best aviation friends into the mix, resulting in a rich and memorable piece of aviation history.

<http://www.flyidaho.com/products/>

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

### DECEMBER/JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

⊕ **General Membership Meeting**  
December 31, 2015 @ 7pm  
**Happy New Year! - No Meeting**

⊕ **T-Craft Board Meeting**  
January 12, 2016 @ 7pm  
Location: T-Craft Hanger

⊕ **General Membership Meeting**  
January 26, 2016 @ 7pm  
Location: T-Craft Hanger

Annual Elections!  
Bill McGlynn will be the election coordinator.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

No new members  
in December.

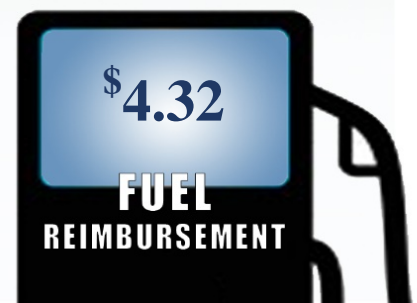
**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:**  
Please send your photos & flying stories to [brent@papaross.com](mailto:brent@papaross.com) for inclusion on future issues.

### Membership Status

# 83

MEMBERS

Sponsor a  
New Member  
& Recieve  
1 Hour  
Flight Credit  
(C152)



“For once you have tasted flight, you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have seen and there you will long to return”

Leonardo da Vinci

## [Sidebar Title]

### Membership

#### Calendar of Events:

1/12/2016 – Board Meeting.

1/26/2015 – General Membership Meeting – 2015 Annual Review and Board Member Elections.

Board members up for election: President, Secretary, Director of Membership & Safety.

#### New Members:

No new members, the 1<sup>st</sup> month this year that we have no new members.

**Member count** 83 active, plus 3 non-flying social members

#### Accomplishments:

If you've achieved a new rating, BFR, Solo, or other significant accomplishment, please let the Membership Director Jim Hudson, or Secretary/Newsletter editor Bert Osborn know.

Remember that bills are due by the 10th of the month. Please pay promptly and avoid any late charges.

Maintenance Director Jim Eyre reports that we needed to use care when unplugging the oil pan heaters. The plug to the oil pan heater on 7593S was broken. It has since been repaired.

Remember, If it is cold enough for you to wear a coat, it's probably cold enough that the engines on our birds need pre-heated. One study indicated that just starting an extremely cold, unheated engine, put nearly 500 hundred hours of wear and tear on the engine. One of the great things about T-Craft is that when there is a problem with an aircraft, the problem is taken care of. We can minimize problems through the use of pre-heating and not running up the engines until the temperature gauge is in the bottom of the green arc.

The ADS-B committee has been meeting and should have a report by the next meeting. Avionics shops are already feeling the demand of the new FAA mandate. 7593S had to wait to get the WAAS certified Garmin 430 installed because the shop was busy installing new avionics.

# SQUAWKS AND Rates

Always check current squawks on Master Schedule & Hanger Wall

## N1227G

\$50 / Hour



We still haven't picked a mechanic for the Champ. In the event one hasn't been picked by the Champ's annual, we will have Brian Reed do the annual.

## N67375

\$55 / Hour



375 is flying quietly along with out any problems or complaints.

## N4464R

\$75 / Hour



4464R has had its annual. The mechanic found that the wheel flange next to the brake had cracked. That has now been repaired.

## N13686

\$77 / Hour



Nothing new to report on 13686. She is still flying along. If you want to do some instrument flying, she is certified for IFR flight.

## N1891X

\$111 / Hour



Generally this time of year 1891X is moth-balled. This year demand has been strong enough to keep all the 182's on line. Take 91X for a spin this January.

## N9989E

\$114 / Hour



While 9989E is not certified for IFR flight, she has a Garmin 430 that makes navigating fun and easy. If you haven't flown 89E you should take her for a spin. She is a fun bird to fly.

## N7593S

\$114 / Hour



The WAAS certified Garmin 430, the new VOR receiver head and the new second radio have all been installed in 93S and are working well.

Winter Flying Hours are in effect starting in December and will continue to be through February.

**Monthly Membership Dues \$70**



## FLOWN PILOTS FLOWN PLANES BILLED PLANES

### Top 3 Most Flown Pilots

1. Bert Osborn 12.1
2. Greg Graybadger 7.5 hrs
3. Randy Nye 7.3 hrs

### Top 3 Most Flown Planes

1. N67375 24.1 hrs
2. N13686 23.1 hrs
3. N4464R 21.5 hrs

### Top 3 Most Flown Pilots

1. N7593S \$1,824
2. N13686 \$3,034
3. N4464R \$1,613

## DECEMBER 2015

### BFR's

Jim Hudson – Wings Basic/ Level II

## WORRIED?

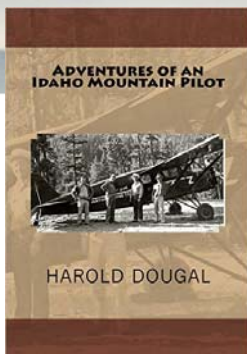
Aircraft late?  
Didn't call as planned?  
Did not arrive at their planned destination?

**Call Idaho State Communications  
208-846-7600 or 800-632-8000**

1. Ask for Aeronautics.
2. Tell Dispatcher: "I wish to report an overdue aircraft."
3. Leave your contact information.



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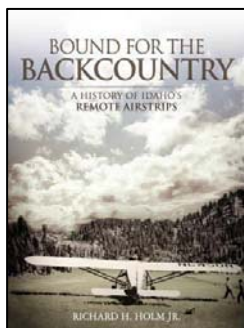


***Adventures of an Idaho Mountain Pilot***, by Harold Dougal (Harold was a former member of T-Craft)

Harold got into flying when flying was young, and spent his life as a professional pilot, most of it in a part of the United States that "stands on end." In this book of true tales, in addition to sharing dos and don'ts of mountain flying, he tells about early aircraft and aviation, about life in remote parts of Idaho, about people he's met and places he's gone, and of adventures made more exciting by mechanical failure, bad weather, cattle or tractors on the runway, airfields that can only be successfully approached one way, customers who ask the impossible, odd characters met in small towns, student pilots who haven't yet learned to navigate, and more.

Available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)

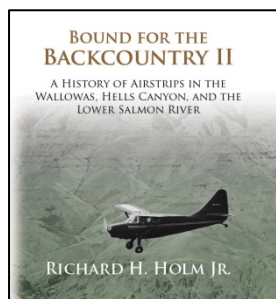
For History and Facts about Idaho's backcountry airstrips.



***Bound for the BackCountry*** A History of Idaho's Remote Airstrips, by Richard H. Holm Jr.

The Idaho backcountry has the most unique mountain and canyon flying found in the lower forty-eight states. For the first time a comprehensive history of nearly one hundred of the state's isolated airstrips has been compiled, detailing the construction and historical events of each.

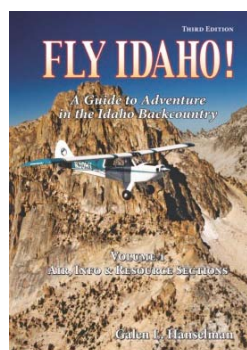
<http://www.coldmountainpress.com>



***Bound for the BackCountry II*** A History of Airstrips in the Wallows, Hells Canyon and the Lower Salmon River. The backcountry of west central Idaho and eastern Oregon has some of the better winter and spring flying opportunities found anywhere in the Northwest.

by Richard H. Holm Jr.

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***Fly Idaho*** 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition.

A Guide to Adventure in the Idaho Backcountry. The 3<sup>rd</sup> addition of this classic contains two volumes. The 1<sup>st</sup> volume contains the familiar airport information of airstrips, in addition elevation and topo maps of each of the 84 airstrips. The 2<sup>nd</sup> volume contains an amazing amount of history, points of interest, facilities, camping, and recreation available at each airstrip.

These are now available in ebook format compatible with any tablet. With purchase of hardcopy and/or ebook version, a free database of backcountry airstrip gps waypoints compatible with foreflight.

<http://www.flyidaho.com>

If you currently enjoy flying our fabulous backcountry, or if you're aspiring to become a backcountry pilot someday, these books will provide hours of entertainment, education, and amazement of what some of the early pioneer pilots experienced. If you have some books you think would be interesting for other club members, let me or our Secretary Bert know.

As Always,  
Have Fun, Fly Safe, Fly Smart, and don't do anything Stupid.



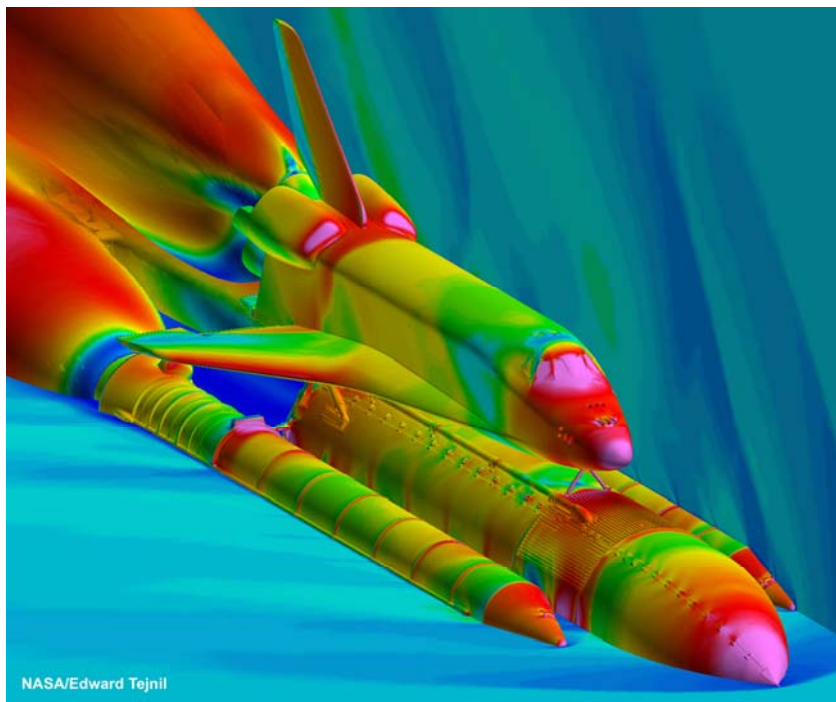
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Send your pictures and flight stories to Bert Osborn so they can be included in the newsletter.

## The Art and Science of Flying



The Art and Science of Flying Ground School will take place at Jackson Jet Center, Boise Airport on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Hosted by Ponderosa Aero Club and promoted as “a fun workshop that explores the magic and mechanics of flight,” this FAA Wings-approved event includes dynamic discussions, interactive activities, and door prizes.

According to co-presenter Rich Stowell, “In addition to a totally different view of flying for pilots, this is a community outreach program for school teachers and students to learn more about science, technology, engineering, and math through the lens of aviation.” The registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$50/person until March 25th; \$59/person after. Event sponsors and partners so far include Idaho Division of Aeronautics, Idaho STEM Action Center, FAA Boise FSDO, Jackson Jet Center, Coca-Cola, and others.

To register and/or help us promote the event, or if you can assist with procuring sponsors, please contact Sharki Kontra at [ArtandScienceBOI@gmail.com](mailto:ArtandScienceBOI@gmail.com) or visit [www.ArtandScienceofFlying.com](http://www.ArtandScienceofFlying.com)