

THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Adventure Pilot and the iFly 700 GPS
- TFC Quick Hits

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Texins Flying Club

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

February 2010

TFC Quick Hits

By Darren O'Rourke (TFC Communications Officer)

No User Fees in 2011 (via AOPA's Sarah Brown)

Conspicuously absent in the (budget) proposal for 2011 are the "direct user charges" alluded to in last year's budget. The administration had proposed replacing some excise taxes with the fees starting in 2011, but the proposal faced opposition from AOPA, other industry groups, and members of Congress.

You can read more about User Fees at <http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/articles/2010/100202nouserfees.html>

TFC Private Pilot Ground School

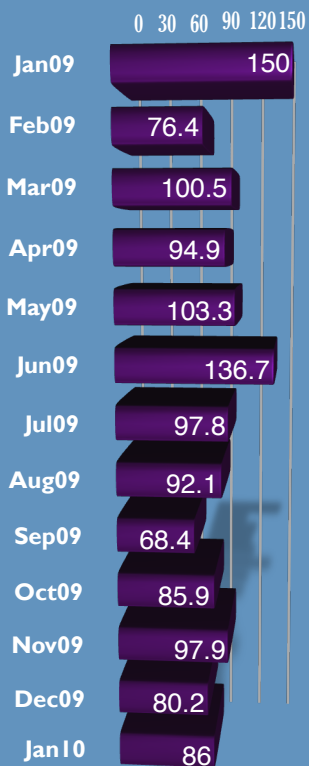
Our Spring 2010 Private Pilot Ground School is set to begin with registration March 11 and classes following every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30 PM to 9:30PM through May 11 at the Texins Activity Center on the Texas Instruments Campus. If you are interested in a great way to kick start learning to fly, this class is for you and will give you everything you need to know to pass the Private Pilot Knowledge Test. You can get more information at http://texinsflyingclub.org/html/learn_to_fly.php

TFC Instrument Ground School

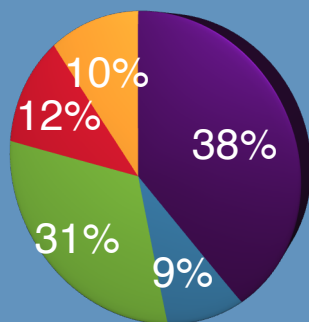
This Spring, we are once again offering an Instrument Ground School to assist those working on their instrument rating (or are planning to) with passing the Instrument Knowledge Test. Like the Private Pilot Ground School, we will have several instructors taking part in teaching sections of the course. Instrument Ground School registration is March 8 with classes every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 9:30PM through April 14 at the Texins Activity Center on the Texas Instrument Campus. If you are interested in attending the Instrument Ground School you can get more information at <http://texinsflyingclub.org/assets/LearnToFlyByInstruments2010.pdf>

AOPA/GA Needs Our Help

AOPA President and CEO, Craig Fuller is calling on the pilot population to "get personally engaged" in protecting and promoting General Aviation in the United States. Please take a moment to visit <http://www.aopa.org/membership/engage/> to see how you can play a small role assisting AOPA and other aviation advocacy groups promote the joy of flight.



Updates on the maintenance work done on our aircraft over the past month.



- N6368K
- N7929U
- N737TY
- N733NB
- N7508J

TFC Fleet Statistics

This table shows the total logged tach-hours for each of the TFC aircraft.

	2009	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
TOTAL	1,183.8	86.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	86.0
N6368K	245.1	32.6						32.6
N7929U	333.7	7.6						7.6
N737TY	386.9	26.4						26.4
N733NB	124.0	10.6						10.6
N7508J	94.1	8.8						8.8

Fleet Maintenance

N6368K

01/05/10 50 hour oil change.
 01/18/10 New landing lamp installed. Door lock tightened.
 01/28/10 Annual inspection started. Nose tire replaced.

N7929U

01/06/10 Stall horn, Beacon and flap indicator repaired. 100 hour complete.
 01/12/10 Transponder replacement starts.
 01/15/10 Flap mechanisms lubed.
 01/18/10 New Garmin 327 transponder installed.
 01/19/10 Door lock repaired.
 01/27/10 Radio garble checked. OK after squelch and nav ID volume reduced.

N737TY

No Updates

N733NB

01/02/10 Plastic installation completed. Nose wheel damper mount Rebushed.
 01/26/10 Instrument panel brow installed. New starter solenoid installed.
 01/27/10 New nose tire installed.

7508J

01/22/09 Cigarette lighter socket tightened.

29U: New Garmin 327; Radios Being Repaired

7929U has a new transponder. A Garmin GTX327 transponder. This transponder replaces an old analog transponder that was malfunctioning. Now the trainer is in the shop to get its radios are being repaired. Expect everything to return to normal soon.

The annual inspection of 68K and the 100 hour inspection on 7TY have both been completed and everything looked good. Both aircraft are now back in service.

08J continues to fly really well since it's return to service in August with a new engine and propellor overhaul. The Arrow continues to be the most economical aircraft in our fleet to fly on longer cross-country flights (200 nm) and it's autopilot coupled to the Garmin GNS430W via a GPSS makes taking longer trips a breeze. If you are interested in receiving a complex endorsement and getting checked out in the Arrow, schedule some time with your instructor and get to know N7508J, it's a lot of fun to fly.

TFC Board Meeting Updates

Safety Reminders

Always get a weather briefing this time of year. Make sure the fuel cap is secure when getting the plane refueled by a line service person.

IFR Ground School

IFR Ground school is set. Registration is March 8 and classes run through April 14. See the website for more details. If you are interested, please contact Darren O'Rourke. darreno@gmail.com

Private Pilot Ground School

The TFC is offering a private pilot ground school this Spring. Registration is March 11 classes begin March 16 and ends May 11.

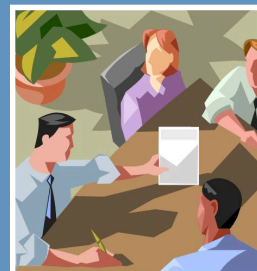
Demo Flight Gift Certificates

Even though Christmas is now over, you can still purchase gift certificates. Gift certificates for demo flights are available for \$59 each and

make great stocking stuffers! To purchase one, contact a club officer and/or an instructor.

Aircraft Cleaning

Maintenance officers Bob Neidweicki and Thomas Fox are assembling a crew to help wash our aircraft.. It's a great opportunity to learn about the correct methodology and to help keep our planes looking smart and flying well. Contact Bob, Tom, or Fred Carvajal. (see officers list, page 7)



Regional Aviation Events Calendar

February

Feb 28 — Claremore, OK. Claremore Regional Airport (KGCM). Claremore Fly-In Luncheon. Last Saturday of each month will be the Claremore Regional Airport Luncheon, held rain or shine. Lunch is from 11am-1pm Door Prizes and lots of food and fun! Something new each month! Contact Chris Ross, 918.343.0931. cbmbross@tds.net

March

Mar 12 - 14 — Bryan, TX. Coulter Airfield (KCFD). Heart of Texas LSA Expo 2010. Featuring the latest and most highly regarded Light Sport Aircraft on the market from some of the most regarded manufacturers from around the world. Demonstrations through out the event, food and entertainment for all ages. Contact Karl Preston, 979 412 1611. karl@coulterfield.com

<http://www.saa.org/convention/convention.asp>

April

Apr 3 — Pineville, LA. Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). EAA Chapter 614 Pancake Breakfast. The best breakfast around. All you can eat - Pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage, grits, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk or juice. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318-452-0919. Email Website

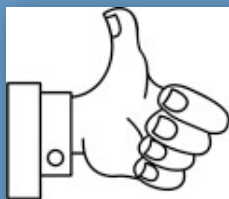
Apr 9 - 11 — Pineville, LA. Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). Spring Fly-In & Campout. Part of the Louisiana EAA Series of fly-in's. One of the best in the state. Hookups for motor vehicles and campsites available. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318-452-0919. [Email Website](#)

Apr 30 - May 2 — Temple, TX. Draughon-Miller Temple Airport (KTPL). Central Texas Airshow. One of the most exciting aviation events in central Texas. Aerobatics, warbirds, reenactments, fireworks and more. Contact Gary Moore, 512/869-1759. [Email Website](#)

May

May 1 — Pineville, LA. Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). EAA Chapter 614 Pancake Breakfast. The best breakfast around. All you can eat - Pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage, grits, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk or juice. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318-452-0919. Email Website

May 22 - 23 — Fort Worth, TX. Meacham Int'l Airport (KFTW). Cowtown Warbird Roundup. Free Admission with \$10 paid parking (\$5 walk-ups and motorcycles) to this Fort Worth event hosting over 50 aircraft with airplane rides, balloon rides, children activities and more. An annual fundraiser for the Fort Worth Veterans Memorial Airpark. Contact John Zapp, 817-501-3641. Email Website



TFC Member News & Notes

Our Club Membership level stayed steady for the month of January.

Congratulations to Ed Ferguson, who passed his instrument check ride this past week on his way to obtaining his FAA commercial rating. If you see Ed around

the airport, be sure offer him congratulations.

If you have a noteworthy achievement for us to report, please let us know by contacting our Communications Officer, Darren O'Rourke at darreno@gmail.com.

TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$32/hour

Name	Instructor Ratings	Contact	Schedule
Richard Klein	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV	972-424-2307	7 days a week.
Mike Baulch	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV, SES	972-843-2208	
Dinu Catona	M CFI, CFII	469-214-7549 619-925-1118	
Calvin Coffey	M CFI, CFII, MEI, SES, ATP	972-547-6711	weekends and some weeknights
Hank Eilts	M CFI, CFII, CONV	214-480-3581	weekends and weekday evenings
Rich Graham	M CFI, ATP	972-491-0011	7 days a week
Art Jones	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV	972-346-2646	
Robert Niedwiecki	M CFI, CFII, MEI, ATP	972-390-3363	
Sherman Ratliff	M CFI, CFII	469-220-5283	weekends and some evenings
Aniseh Shapiro	F CFI, CFII, MEI	972-881-1102 972-965-7999	7 days a week.
Dick Stephens	M CFI, CFII, CONV	972-517-1647	

Legend:

CFI: certificated flight instructor

CFII: certificated instrument flight instructor instrument

MEI: multi-engine flight instructor

SES: single engine seaplane instructor

CONV: conventional gear (traildragger) instructor

ATP: Indicates that the instructor holds an Airline Transport Pilot rating

Aircraft Security Reminder

Remember to complete the aircraft security items on our post-flight checklist. The busy flying season is here and there are more people at the airport and on the tarmac. Keeping our aircraft secure is a priority for all club members:

- confirm electrical items are off (ignition, master, lights, radios, etc.)
- install gust lock(s) or secure yoke / pedals as appropriate to the aircraft.
- seat belts and harnesses secured (keeps them from hanging out the door)
- windows closed and locked
- passenger door closed and locked
- pilot door closed and locked
- tie downs attached

TFC Board of Directors



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Want to learn more about airplane ownership or help guide the direction of the TFC? Consider joining the TFC Board of Directors!

President's Corner

The furry brown weather prognosticators seem to be confused if spring is just around the corner. Punxsutawney Phil said 6 more weeks (historically 39% accurate), Buckeye Chuck of Ohio, Jimmy the Groundhog of Wisconsin, General Beauregard Lee of Georgia, Staten Island Chuck of New York, Shubenacadie Sam of Nova Scotia, Wiarton Willie of Ontario, Watson Willow of Saskatchewan, Balzac Billy of Alberta, and Merv of Manitoba are predicting an early spring this year. Could they all be wrong?



The Texas based predictors are rather confused as well. Alamo the Longhorn of Houston predicted an early spring this year. Sweet Pea the Penguin of Galveston, says 6 more weeks. Bee Cave Bob, the armadillo weather predictor, just wandered around indicating, "it will be more of the same".

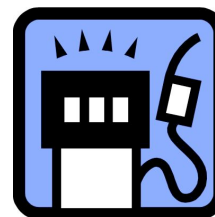
Fortunately the National Weather Service and Flight Service seem to use more sophisticated methods to guess the weather. The Farmers Almanac (historically 65% accurate) seems to be the most accurate so far this year, and is predicting most of the snow is over; spring will be warmer than normal with near-normal rainfall; summer should be hotter and drier than normal; fall will be normal with slightly below normal rainfall. The chances for a major hurricane are low.

I write just after the largest snow in North Texas since 1978 after 12.4 inches of snow fell. Preflight those aircraft carefully, and stay warm!

See around the airport,

Calvin

Hourly Rates for TFC



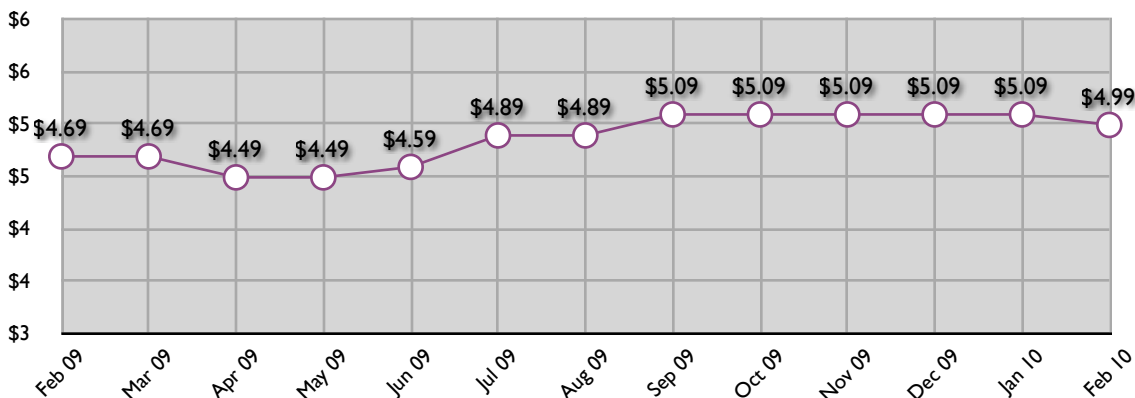
TFC hourly rates are "wet tach hour" meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay based on engine usage, not on wall clock time.

The fuel prices at McKinney Airport dipped a little this month, to \$4.99/gallon. The hourly rates to the right became effective 11/01/2009. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$4.50/gallon.

Check 100LL.com and AirNAV.com for current regional fuel prices when planning your next cross-country flight.

Tail Number	Make / Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$91.20
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$91.20
N737TY	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$118.00
N733NB	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$118.00
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$150.00

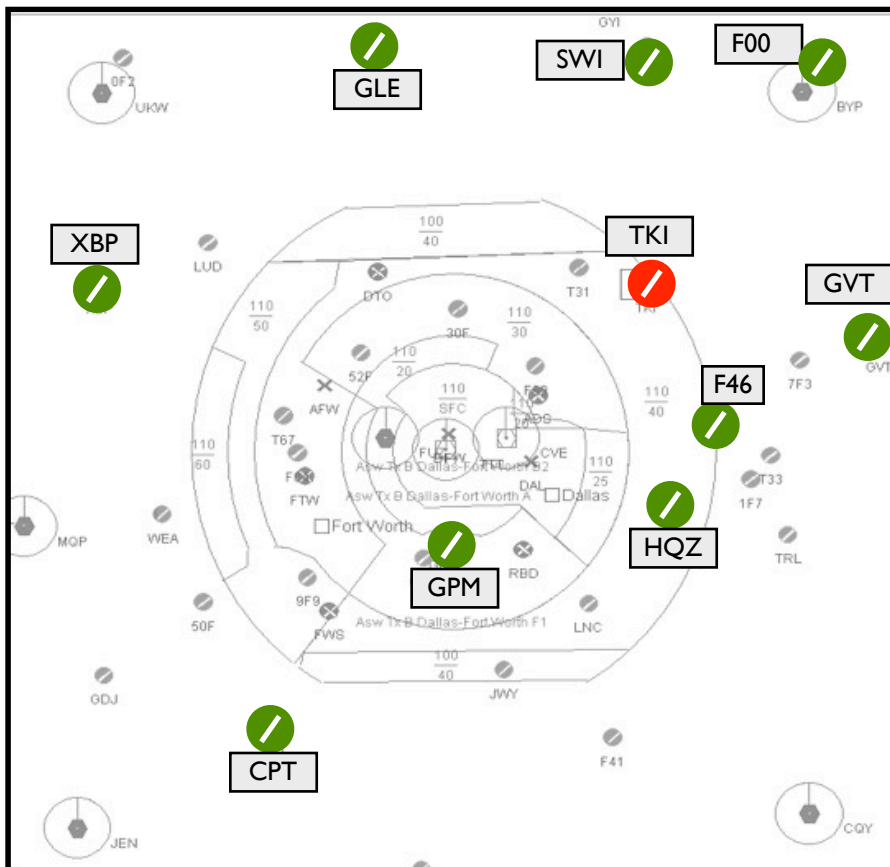
Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.



Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from 100LL.com as of 01/07/2009

TKI	\$4.99
ADS	\$6.32
GVT	\$3.26
SWI	\$3.36
CPT	\$3.36
HQZ	\$3.40
XBP	\$3.44
GPM	\$3.52
GLE	\$3.55
F46	\$3.55
F00	\$3.75

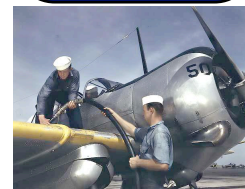


Fuel Savings Locator

Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$5.09/gal. If you refuel at a lower price, you pocket the savings!

Remember to enter the gallons purchased in the log book and write your member number on the receipt and place it in the box in the key locker.





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Make your dreams of flight come true!

The TEXINS Flying Club is a subsidiary organization of the Dallas TEXINS Association, a non-profit organization. Our purpose, as stated in our Constitution is "... to encourage interest in aviation, to advance the knowledge of the members in aeronautical and navigational subjects, and to bring to more people the social benefits and pleasure of flying."

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Club Calendar of Events

Feb 10 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Feb 13 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Featured speaker, Walter Boyd from Adventure Pilot.

Mar 10 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Mar 13 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney Airport, Cutter Aviation Conference Room, beginning at 9:30 AM.

Apr 7 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Apr 10 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

May 5 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Adventure Pilot and the iFly 700 Portable GPS

Join us on Saturday, February 13 as we welcome Adventure Pilot President and co-founder, Walter Boyd. Walter and his company are locally based and he will talk about his website, Adventure Pilot and show off his company's latest gadget into the portable aviation GPS market, the iFly 700 GPS. This device may be a game changer in the portable GPS market.

The meeting begins at 9:30 AM at the [McKinney Performing Arts Center](#), 111 N. Tennessee in downtown McKinney.

Join some of our members for breakfast at [Spoons Cafe](#), 100 E. Louisiana beginning at 8:30 AM.

Directions to Historic Downtown McKinney

From U.S. 75, exit 40A, approx. two miles east on Louisiana St.

