

## TEXINS FLYING CLUB

# Flightlines



## Texins Flying Club

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

January 2011

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Electronic Payments

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### Quick Hits

*Edited by Darren O'Rourke (TFC Communications Officer)*

#### **Representatives Urge No User Fees in 2012 Budget (From AOPA.org)**

More than a quarter of the House urged President Barack Obama not to include aviation user fees in his 2012 budget in a letter Jan. 21.

The letter, signed by 116 members of Congress, expressed support for the current system of funding for the FAA and said that inclusion of user fees in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget "would be a step backward in our efforts to modernize our air traffic control system and fund FAA operations." The bipartisan effort was led by Rep. Tom Petri (R-Wis.), chairman of the House aviation subcommittee, and Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Ill.), ranking member of the subcommittee. Signatories hoped to duplicate the success of a similar letter sent in 2009 that had 118 signatures.

#### **FAA reports record laser incidents in 2010 (From AOPA.org)**

Reports of lasers pointed at airplanes almost doubled from 2009 to 2010, the FAA announced Jan. 19.

Reports rose from nearly 300 in 2005, when the agency first began keeping track, to 1,527 in 2009 and a record 2,836 in 2010.

"The FAA is actively warning people not to point high-powered lasers at aircraft because they can damage a pilot's eyes or cause temporary blindness," said FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt. "We continue to ask pilots to immediately report laser events to air traffic controllers so we can contact local law enforcement officials."

#### **Aviation TV Shows Taking Off**

Back in the Nov/Dec issue we mentioned a new magazine-style television series called "The Aviators", featuring stories about interesting people, the latest aircraft, the coolest technology, and best fly-in destinations. Now there's a new reality show on Discovery Channel called "Flying Wild Alaska". The 10 episode show airs Fridays 8pm Central starting on January 14, 2011. The website for the show explains the premise of the show thusly:

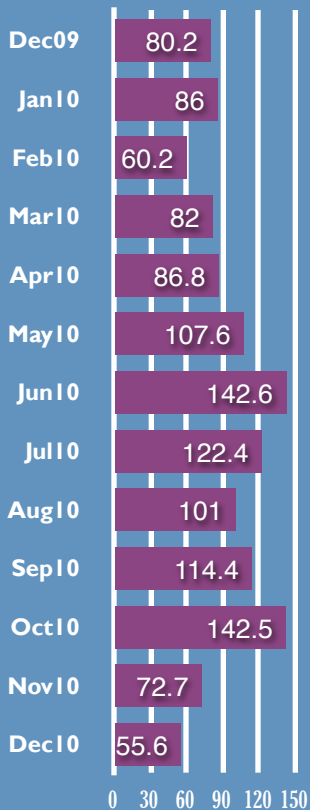
*Operating their family-run airline, Era Alaska, the Tweto family battles unforgiving Alaska weather and terrain to transport life's necessities to one of the most remote and extreme regions of America.*

*With no freeway system for hundreds of miles, Era Alaska is the lifeline for the isolated rural inhabitants of the Bering Sea coastline, but where the roads end, life for the quirky Twetos begins. Wildly determined Jim runs his company with passion and looks to his tiny but fierce wife, Ferno, for support. She's cargo runner, dispatcher and mom to their two daughters, Ayla and Ariel, who also play a vital role in the operation. Year round, Jim and his family are motivated by the fact that the livelihood's of thousands of people depend on their business and employees every day.*

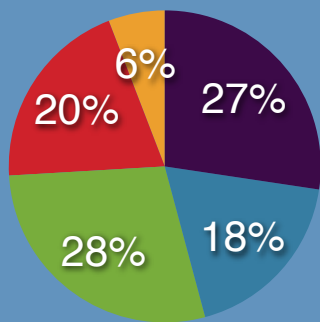
# TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	2009	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
TOTAL	1,183.8	122.4	101.0	114.4	142.5	72.7	55.6	1,174.8
N6368K	245.1	41.1	21.8	16.7	33.2	18.7	9.7	321.5
N7929U	333.7	29.4	18.1	15.0	23.4	18.9	6.9	216.8
N737TY	386.9	31.9	29.6	38.6	42.7	15.3	18.3	331.8
N733NB	124.0	13.0	28.3	26.7	40.4	17.0	18.8	236.0
N7508J	94.1	7.0	3.2	17.4	2.8	2.8	1.9	68.7



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



- N6368K
- N7929U
- N737TY
- N733NB
- N7508J

## Fleet Maintenance

### N6368K

11/30/10 New pitot cover

### N7929U

12/05/10 New ignition switch installed.  
12/08/10 New voltage regulator installed.

### N737TY

12/10/10 Nose wheel strut serviced.  
12/15/10 New ammeter light kit installed.  
12/30/10 New nose tire installed.

### N733NB

12/17/10 Radio#2 swapped out due to bad switch. 2nd radio receives but does not transmit.  
12/23/10 New left main tire.  
12/30/10 50 hour oil change.

### 7508J

12/07/10 Annual inspection completed.

## Electronic Payments via PayPal Now Active

Here's a few quick tips on using the new electronic payment method for paying your bill.

1. After logging in, click on "Make A Payment" from the membership page. under the heading "Member Account Information".
2. Enter the amount of your bill and click button labeled, "Compute your Cost". In the field below, the cost including the service charge will be computed.
3. Click on the graphical button labeled "Pay Bill". When the paypal page opens, enter the computed amount (including the service charges) into the "donation amount" field. Then click "update total".
4. From there, follow the directions on the paypal website to complete your payment.
5. When completed, please don't forget to print out a receipt for your records.

If you purchase a demo flight via the electronic billing method, the surcharge should automatically be calculated for you. When you meet the instructor for your demo flight, just hand him a copy of the receipt.

**\*\*\* Please note that that if you do not include the service charge in your payment, that amount will be carried forward to your next bill.**

# TFC Board Meeting Updates

## Demo Flight Gift Certificates

Gift certificates for demo flights are available for \$79 each. To purchase one, contact a club officer and/or an instructor.

## Aircraft Cleaning

Once the weather warms up a bit, we plan on having another aircraft washing event which will include a barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks (soda and water). Look out for an email on when we will hold the next plane washing expedition.

## New Aircraft Committee

We are trying to assess the type of club we want to be... but that is all up to you, our members. Look for a short survey coming soon to help us with that direction. Also we will be forming a new aircraft committee soon, if you're interested look

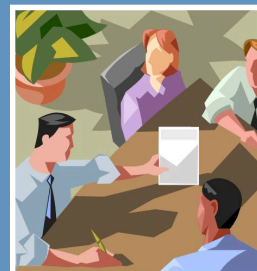
for an email from our communications officer.

## Electronic Payments Online.

We are now accepting payments via PayPal. You can use your PayPal account or pay via credit card via PayPal. Be aware that if you choose to pay electronically via PayPal there is a small convenience surcharge associated with the payment. If you neglect to add in the surcharge, that amount will remain on your bill for next month.

## Spring Ground School

Our Spring Private Pilot Ground school will be starting up in march, if you or someone you know is interested in signing up, please put them in touch with our communications officer. More information will follow as soon as it is available.



# Regional Aviation Events Calendar

## Feb

**Feb 5 — Addison, TX.** Addison Airport (KADS). Free BBQ Lunch and Optional Wings Seminar. American Flyers invites you and a friend to enjoy a free BBQ lunch and stay for the optional Wings seminar. All attendees will be given a certificate for a free 2-hour VFR or IFR simulator session. Contact Mitch McCormack, 972-407-0295. [mitch\\_m@af.tv](mailto:mitch_m@af.tv) <http://www.americanflyers.net/>

**Feb 5 — 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. [nick.nicewarner@cleco.com](mailto:nick.nicewarner@cleco.com) <http://www.eaa614.com/>

## Mar

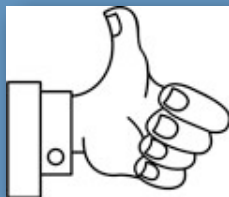
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**Mar 29 - Apr 3 — Lakeland, FL.** SUN n' FUN, International Fly-in & Expo <http://www.sun-n-fun.org>

## Apr

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**Apr 8 - 10 — Pineville, LA.** Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). EAA Chapter 614 Spring Fly-In & Campout. Annual Spring Fly-In & Campout - Part of the Louisiana Fly-In Series. One of the best fly-in's in the state. Young Eagles flights Friday afternoon. Dinner and Big Band music on Friday night. Aircraft displays Saturday with breakfast, lunch and dinner served. Rec Veh parking and camp site available. Restrooms with showers available 24 hours. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318-452-0919. [nick.nicewarner@cleco.com](mailto:nick.nicewarner@cleco.com) <http://www.eaa614.com/>



## TFC Member News & Notes

Be sure to tell your friends how great it is to be in the club!!!!

Welcome to our newest members!

If you know anyone who might have an interest in aviation, tell them about the club. With the holidays coming up, a demo flight gift certificate makes a great stocking stuffer.

Congrats to our latest private pilots!

If you or a fellow pilot has an achievement or milestone, 1000 hours, first solo, new rating, etc. Let us know!

## 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	
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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

### The Idea of Eliminating the Third Class Medical is Gaining Momentum

by Glenn Pew of AVweb

Following up on a health-related pilot story, AVweb contacted senior aviation medical examiner Dr. Brent Blue, who said, "I think the FAA is actually starting to float the idea of either dropping or relaxing third class medicals." Blue pointed out the limitations of aviation medical certification standards, and the risk factors that aviation medical examinations are not equipped (or regulated) to detect. In spite of that, Blue says medical issues are cited as causal factors in fewer than 1% of aircraft accidents. He notes that the FAA has relaxed regulations regarding the frequency of certain pilot health examinations and believes money (and safety statistics) may push the FAA to further relax, or remove, third class medical requirements.

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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!

## FAASafety WINGS Program

For those of you who are new to the piloting world, or for those who just don't know, the FAA has had a program in place to assist with proficiency in flying. The benefit of this program, besides making you a safer pilot is that for each phase of the WINGS program completed, your Flight Review is extended by 24 months from the end of the month from which you completed the phase. In addition, the Texins Flying Club offers one month of free dues for each WINGS phase completed (up to a \$45 value)

In order to complete a phase, generally, the pilot needs to complete 6 credits. 3 from the "knowledge" category, which can be fulfilled by taking classroom and online courses. The other 3 would come from flights with a CFI practicing the "flight topic" of choice. As the pilot progresses through the phases of WINGS, the topics get more advanced. To participate in WINGS, go to <http://www.faasafety.gov/default.aspx>

## President's Corner

Happy New Year! What will 2011 bring you? A new pilot rating, a new favorite fly-out destination, a new aviation adventure, or a checkout in a new type of aircraft? There are so many possibilities. Most of all, let's keep it fun & safe!

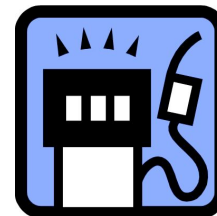
If you haven't flown in awhile, please get with your favorite instructor and schedule a refresher. Instructors are cheap insurance and they always have an opinion. It can count towards your next Wings award.

See around the airport,  
Calvin

P.S. From our maintenance guys: When you fly, please remember to treat the equipment like it is your own...we do! That means, tie down and secure the aircraft when you leave, take any trash to the FBO, and squawk any issues after your flight. Thanks!



# Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes



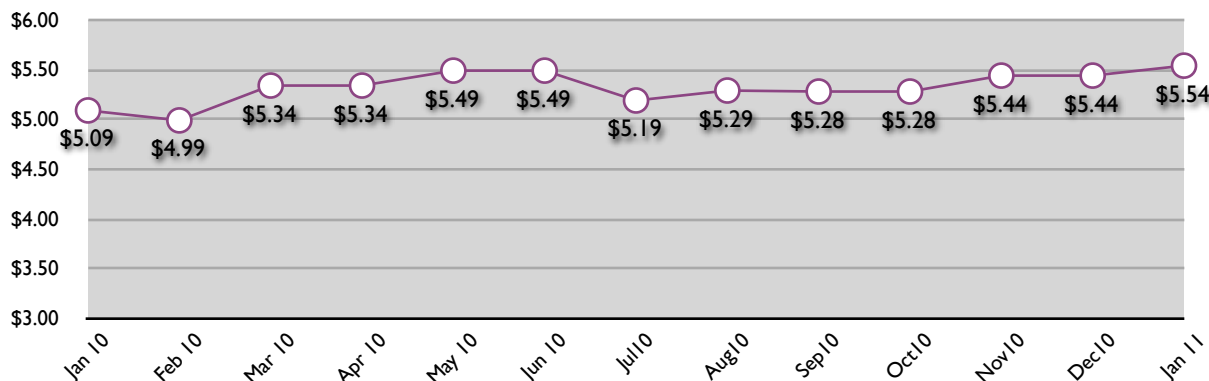
TFC hourly rates are "wet tach hour" meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay based on engine usage, not on wall clock time.

Our fuel prices at McKinney Airport increased to \$5.84/gallon. The hourly rates to the right became effective 01/01/2011. The average 100LL price in our 6-state region is \$4.86/gallon.

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

Tail Number	Make / Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$98.60
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$98.60
N737TY	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$127.90
N733NB	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$127.90
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$161.88

Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.

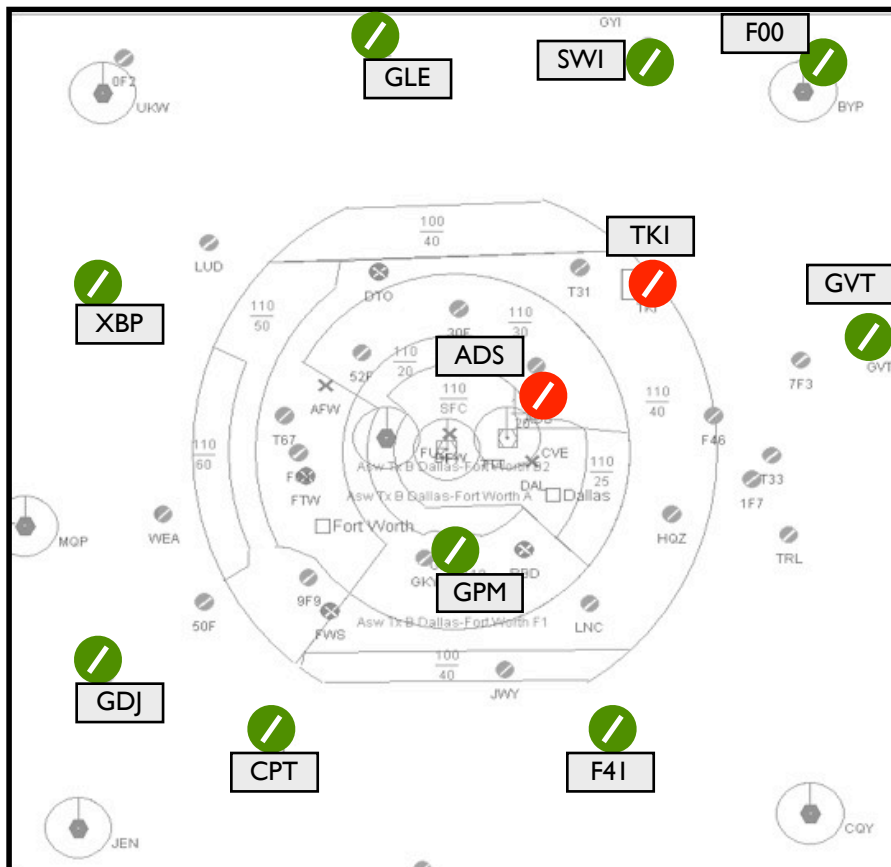


## Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW information from as of 01/16/2011



TKI	\$5.54
ADS	\$6.75

F4I	\$3.69
GDJ	\$3.72
SWI	\$3.74
GLE	\$3.75
F00	\$3.75
GPM	\$3.78
CPT	\$3.79
XBP	\$3.80
GVT	\$3.99

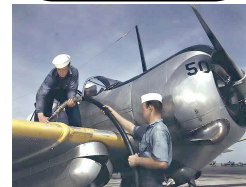


## Fuel Savings Locator

### Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$5.54/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.





## THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

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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 9 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Feb 12 (Saturday): TFC Membership Meeting, ATRC Tour & Demo in Carrollton, TX.

Mar 9 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Mar 12 (Saturday): TFC Membership Meeting, Dale Walker at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

Apr 6 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

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

May 11 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Mar 14 (Saturday): TFC Membership Meeting, at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

## February Meeting: Flight Sims at ATRC

Please join us on Saturday, February 12 at 9:30am at the Aviation Training & Resource Center (ATRC) located at 2550 East Trinity Mills Road Suite #126, Carrollton, TX 75006. We will conduct our regular meeting and then be given a tour of the facilities at the ATRC by the President of ATRC, Ray Heyde.

Ray is excited about our upcoming visit and will talk about the various simulators they have at ATRC and the kind of training that you can conduct at ATRC.

