

THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Speaker T.M.
"Smitty" Smith
- TFC Quick Hits

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

March 2010

TFC Quick Hits

By Darren O'Rourke (TFC Communications Officer)

Senate Passes FAA Funding Bill

Highlights include funding to modernize ATC system by 2020. First Officers on commercial passenger flights must have at least 800 hours of total time. More importantly, the bill does NOT contain any user fees.

Next, the bill will go to conference where the house and senate versions of the bill will be merged before a final vote in both houses of congress.

FAA: No Night Instrument Landings at Gillespie County Airport

If you are planning a trip to fly out to Fredericksburg, TX to stay at the Hangar Hotel, make sure you get there during the day or plan on a VFR approach if you're going to land after sunset.

The FAA has banned all night instrument approaches at Gillespie County Airport due to the encroachment of trees from nearby Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course. 15 Oak trees on the course violate the federal obstruction clearance requirements. Plans are in the works to cut down the trees, however, please be sure to check all

NOTAMS (which you should be doing anyway) before you go.

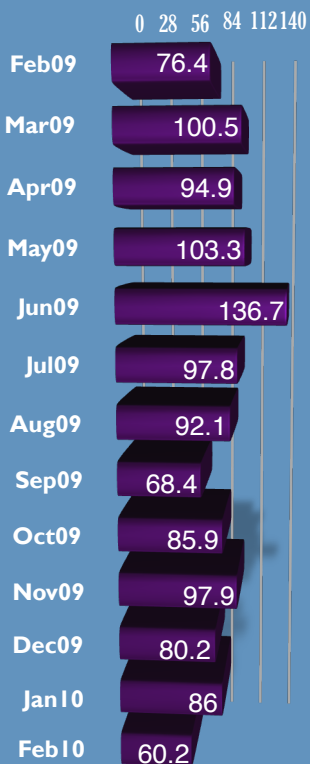
EPA Getting Serious about Lead in AVGas

Earlier this month, the EPA sent a draft endangerment finding to the White House as part of its proposed action to address a petition from environmental group, Friends of the Earth claiming that lead in avgas represents a public health risk. Before the EPA can move forward, it must issue a finding under the terms of the Clean Air Act that the health risks actually exist.

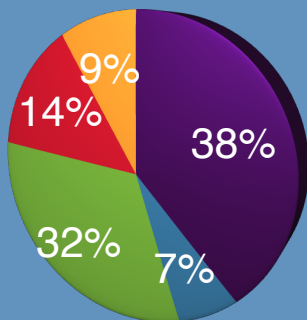
To reach the finding, the EPA has ordered lead pollution studies around a number of airports throughout the United States. Although a number of companies are working toward a lead free aviation fuel, the GA industry is still has no high-octane substitute for 100LL.

TFC Spring Picnic Set for May

Spread the word that our annual Spring picnic is set for May 8, right after the club meeting. Help grow general aviation by bringing a friend who is not a pilot and show them what a great time we all have here.



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	60.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	146.2
N6368K	245.1	32.6	23.4					56.0
N7929U	333.7	7.6	2.4					10.0
N737TY	386.9	26.4	20.3					46.7
N733NB	124.0	10.6	10.2					20.8
N7508J	94.1	8.8	3.9					12.7

Fleet Maintenance

N6368K

02/01/10 Annual inspection completed.
02/07/10 Nose gear drag links shimmed.

N7929U

02/07/10 Trouble shooting transmitting problem starts. So far some wiring has been repaired.
The speaker works now and an intermittent short removed from the microphone lead.
The only problem remaining is the push to talk on the hand mike only works when the audio panel is turned off.
02/28/10 Shield to left magneto p-lead repaired.

N737TY

02/18/10 100 hour inspection completed, wheel bearings repacked.

N733NB

No Updates

7508J

No Updates

The Weather Is Getting Good, Go Fly!!!

After the coldest and snowiest winter in DFW in recent memory, the weather is finally starting to break. Spring is here and the outlook for the near future is sunny and middle to high 70's. The planes are in good shape for a weekend getaway or just a short trip to grab some of the great Texas BBQ.

Recently, an Lone Star Flyers plane ran off the runway at KTKI during touch and goes after being hit with a gust during landing in a heavy crosswind. Thankfully, no one was injured and the aircraft only sustained minor, but repairable damage. However, this incident highlights the importance of reviewing your procedures for landings when the winds are high and gusty and for reminding yourself about personal limits. If you haven't practiced in some crosswind, take an instructor with you and get in some landings so that you're prepared for when the instructor is not there.

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.

Private Pilot & Instrument Ground Schools

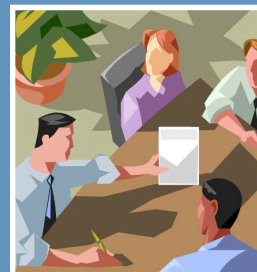
Underway and going strong.

Demo Flight 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

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](#)

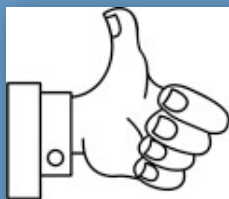
June

Jun 5 — Midlothian/Waxahachie, TX. Mid-Way Regional Airport (KJWY). Pancake Breakfast Fly-In. 8:00-11:00 a.m. Breakfast Tickets; ages 8 and above \$6, 3 to 7 \$3, 2 and under free. Classic Airplanes/Fighters and other attractions. Please call for more info. Contact Tammy, 972-923-0080. [Email Website](#)

Jun 5 — Plainview, TX. Hale County Airport (KPVW). Rocket Aviation Fly-In & Air Race. Fly In, 100 Mile Air Race sanctioned by Sport Air Racing League, Car Show, Sport Bike stunt show, IBCA sanctioned BBQ cookoff. \$10 adults, \$5 kids. Contact Tim Hardage, 806.293.4121. [Email Website](#)

Jun 12 — Granbury, TX. Pecan Plantation Airpark (OTX1). Pecan Plantation & Vans AirForce Fly-In. Time: 9:30 – 16:00 (Rain date if needed is 19 Jun) Free Admission Sponsored by EAA Chapter 983 & Vans AirForce Everyone is invited and there is something for all ages. Catered Lunch "Showcase Of Airplanes" 100 +Static aircraft display & lots of aircraft operations Kids Bounce House (for young kids) Patches the Clown (balloons tricks for young kids) Young Eagles Program Contact Doug Crumrine, 817 559-4665. [Email Website](#)

Jun 19 — Houston, TX. William P. Hobby Airport (KHOU). Wings & Wheels - Recreational Aviation Day!. Join us for this Wings & Wheels event as we salute the Recreational Aviation Foundation and all those that use aircraft in recreational or back-country flying! Stay tuned, as we may even offer the ability to 'camp out' at the museum for those who fly in! You can find out more about the RAF at <http://www.recreationalaviationfoundation.org>. Admission to the event will be \$10/adults and \$5/children, and is waived for visitors who fly in. Contact Megan Lickliter-Mundon, 713-454-1940. [Email Website](#)



TFC Member News & Notes

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

There are several student pilots that are preparing for their Private Pilot Checkride. We have every confidence that they'll pass with flying colors. If you see

Tony Vinson, Robert McLeod, Karen Quiroz, wish them luck.

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

It's time to get the new DFW sectional and area charts, verify you have one of them new plastic pilot certificates and plan a cross-country to a new destination.

Last weekend I led a group of pilots friends over to Mount Pleasant (KOSA), borrowed 2 of their 3 roomy courtesy (ex-police) cars to get some lunch at Bodacious BBQ in the center of town. Of course we fit right in with the 40 or so hungry motorcycle bikers and locals that were also enjoying lunch there.

This week, I met a new light sport pilot, Michael Combs from Denton. He is busy preparing for his 19,400 nm cross-country 50 state adventure in a Remos light sport aircraft starting April 5th. He is inspired to remind us all its never to late to make your dreams real. Check out his website at <http://www.itsneververtoolate.com>

See around the airport,
Calvin



Ripped from AVWeb

Overhead on SoCal Approach frequency near a busy So Cal airport last year:

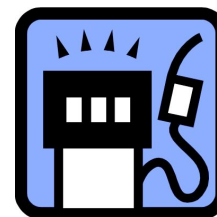
N12345: "SOCAL, Cherokee N12345 is with you, with X-ray for the ILS to 26R."

SOCAL: "Roger. N12345, fly heading 280 and descend to 3,000."

N12345: "SOCAL, N12345. We have a problem. We seemed to have lost our squawk code. Can we have another one?"

SOCAL: "N12345, would you look around the cockpit? Sometimes stuff falls on the floor."

Hourly Rates for TFC



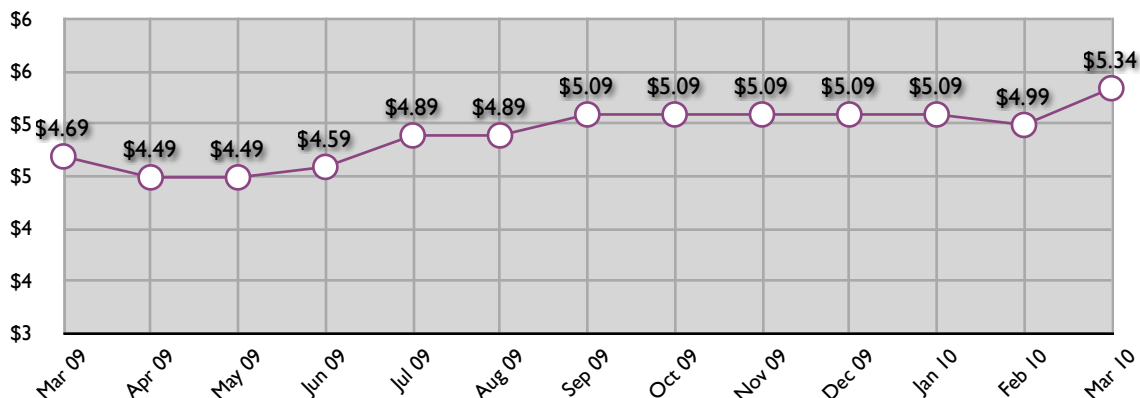
TFC hourly rates are "wet tach hour" meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay based on engine usage, not on wall clock time.

The fuel prices at McKinney Airport rose this month, to \$5.34/gallon. The hourly rates to the right became effective 11/01/2009. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$4.60/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

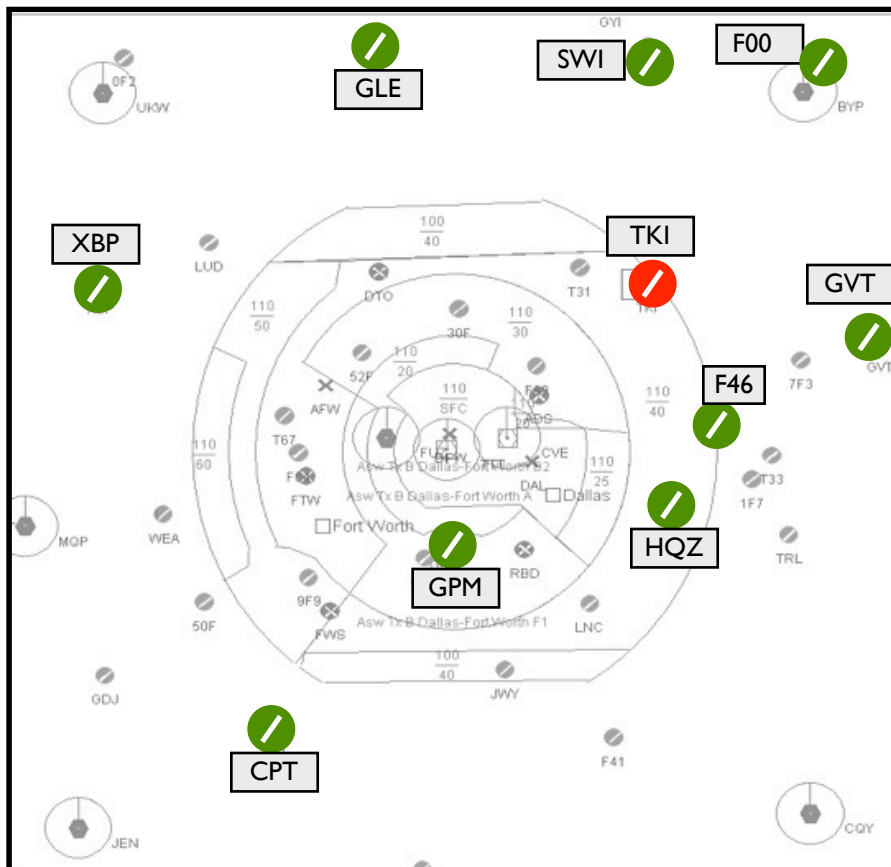
Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.



Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from **100LL.com** as of 03/27/2010

TKI	\$5.34
ADS	\$6.32
GVT	\$3.26
XBP	\$3.44
CPT	\$3.49
SWI	\$3.52
GPM	\$3.52
HQZ	\$3.60
F00	\$3.75
F46	\$3.75
GLE	\$3.80

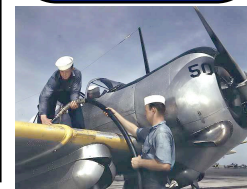


Fuel Savings Locator

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.





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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http://www.texinsflying.org/assets/TFC_Contact_Card.pdf

Club Calendar of Events

Apr 7 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Apr 10 (Saturday): FAA Designated Examiner, T.M. "Smitty" Smith TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

May 5 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

May 8 (Saturday): Aileen Duc, Geology from the Sky, TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

May 8 (Saturday): TFC Spring Picnic, McKinney Airport Hangar 220 at 11:30 AM.

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

Jun 12 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

FAA Designated Examiner, T.M. "Smitty" Smith

Join us on Saturday, April 10 as we welcome Mr. T.M. "Smitty" Smith. In his 70+ year flying career, Smitty has amassed more than 47,000 hours, between flying in WWII for the Royal Canadian Air Force, and being an FAA examiner. In addition, Smitty has given more than 10,000 check rides. Smitty will be with us to talk about his experiences in WWII and as an FAA Examiner.

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.

