

# TEXINS FLYING CLUB

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Quick Hits
- WINGS Safety Program
- 3rd Class Medicals

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# Texins Flying Club

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

October/November 2010

## Aviation Quick Hits

by Darren O'Rourke (TFC Communications Officer)

### **SWIFT FUEL MOVING FORWARD**

Swift Enterprises, in a huge step toward certification of its Swift Fuel, is close to having an approved fuel for testing it's potential unleaded replacement for 100LL. Jon Ziulkowski, Swift Enterprises VP of renewable fuels, when interviewed this past week at the AOPA summit said that they expect unanimous approval for the test fuel specification at an ASTM panel convening in December. With approval, Swift can supply engine manufacturers a standardized fuel so that their findings are based on exactly the same product. (from AVweb.com)

### **CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE GA CAUCUS RETIRES**

Rep. Vern Ehlers (R-MI), who is retiring from the House of Representatives at the end of his current term, recently announced that Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) would succeed him as co-chair of the House General Aviation Caucus. Rep. Graves, a pilot, will co-chair the committee having over 100 member that was formed in 2009 so that members could educate their colleagues in Congress on the value of GA and the role it plays in our national aviation infrastructure and the economy. (from AOPA.org)

### **CHECKOUT "THE AVIATORS" ON PBS**

A new weekly magazine-style television series began showing on PBS this fall. "The Aviators" features stories about interesting people, the latest aircraft, the coolest technology, and best fly-in destinations. Each week they will take you on a behind-the-scenes look at things like, how airline pilots train, how planes are built, or how ATC works as well as profiling aviation businesses and showcasing aviation products. They will also offer safety tip for private pilots and career tips for commercial pilots. Check out "The Aviators", all things aviation "for everyone who has ever gazed skyward." check your local listings for air times on PBS, or watch full episodes at <http://www.theaviators.tv> (membership required). (from AOPA.org)

### **OVERHEARD IN THE COCKPIT**

Los Angeles Center: "Beech 633, cleared for the approach to San Luis Obispo."

Beech 633: "Cleared for the approach."

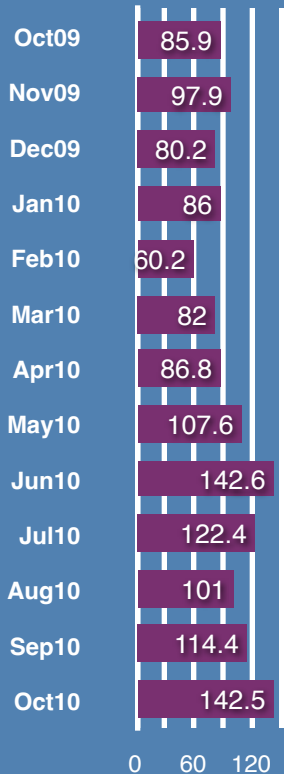
Los Angeles Center: "Beech 633, how will this approach terminate?"

Beech 633: "Successfully, we hope."

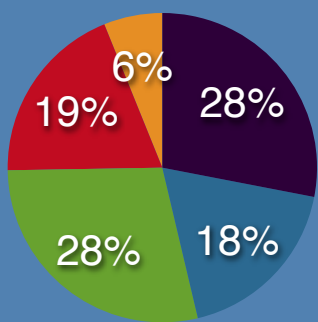
# TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	2009	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	YTD
TOTAL	1,183.8	107.6	142.6	122.4	101.0	114.4	142.5	1045.5
N6368K	245.1	37.1	40.2	41.1	21.8	16.7	33.2	293.1
N7929U	333.7	18.7	54.6	29.4	18.1	15.0	23.4	191.0
N737TY	386.9	27.3	31.5	31.9	29.6	38.6	42.7	297.2
N733NB	124.0	21.0	13.6	13.0	28.3	26.7	40.4	200.2
N7508J	94.1	3.5	2.7	7.0	3.2	17.4	2.8	64.0



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



- N6368K
- N7929U
- N737TY
- N733NB
- N7508J

## Fleet Maintenance

### N6368K

09/21/10 Door lock checked out –OK.  
 10/05/10 Prop nick dressed.  
 10/13/10 Oil leak around cylinder stud repaired.  
 10/15/10 New ELT battery installed  
 10/29/10 50 hour oil change.  
 11/01/10 Landing light repaired.

### N7929U

09/08/10 Static system check and calibration completed.  
 09/21/10 New PTT switches and Unicom, PS engineering Inc. PM1000II, panel installed.  
 10/11/10 Landing light and Fuel leak repaired. Cabin air control lubed.  
 10/15/10 New ELT battery installed.  
 11/01/10 50 hour oil change.

### N737TY

On-line Radio stack temps being measured-still hot. 100 hour inspection scheduled.  
 09/15/10 Nav lights repaired. Right PTT OK.  
 09/20/10 OBS connection to the GX-55 repaired. Cooling vent for radio stack uncovered.  
 09/24/10 Rear Nav light repaired. Ammeter light assembly is on order.  
 10/08/10 100 hour inspection complete.  
 10/16/10 Additional cooling fan for radios installed.

### N733NB

09/04/10 radio #2 replaced.  
 09/06/10 50 hour oil change and spark plugs replaced.  
 09/08/10 Static system check and calibration completed.  
 09/20/10 Rear Nav light repaired.  
 09/23/10 New altitude encoder installed.  
 09/24/10 New avionics cooling fan installed. Com1 swapped out. Right brake serviced  
 09/30/10 Brake masters rebuilt.  
 10/04/10 New alternator installed.  
 10/21/10 100 hour inspection complete.  
 10/31/10 Front strut serviced. Landing light fixed.

### 7508J

Off-Line AC will be taken to Artizone to work on gear extension problem Monday Oct. 4.  
 10/13/10 New gear control box installed.  
 Annual inspection scheduled to start 11/28/10.

# TFC Board Meeting Updates

## Fall Private Pilot Ground School

Fall Ground School is completed and was a success. Four new members signed up.

## 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

The Aircraft cleaning was a great success last month. Look for some kind of aircraft cleaning event about once per month as long as the weather is good.

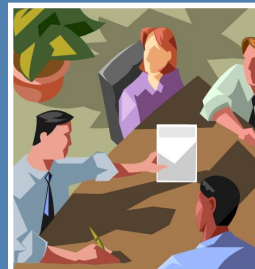
## Working on Update Rate Sheet

The TFC is one of the oldest continuously operating flying clubs in the United States. The board is always looking for ways to save money, yet remain sustainable while maintaining the safety and quality of our

fleet. To that end, our Comptroller and President have been working extremely hard to accurately assess the operational costs of our aircraft. Expect the rates to be adjusted in the coming months to cover increases in maintenance and operating costs, but we will ensure that our rates remain competitive.

## The Board is one step closer to accepting electronic payments.

We are still trying to overcome an obstacle to accepting electronic payments. Once we get everything cleared up, you will have the option of paying via the website with PayPal or Credit Card.



# Regional Aviation Events Calendar

## Nov

**Nov 20 — Taylor, TX.** Taylor Municipal Airport (T74). Hagerman Memorial Fly-In & Air Race. Join us for the Annual Fly-In and Air Race. Drive, Fly, Bike, or just mosey on over.... Don't Miss This Exciting Event! Location: Taylor Municipal Airport (T74) When: Saturday, November 20, 2010 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Special Attractions: Sport Air Racing League Air Race at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting) Helicopter Rides Static Display WWII Aircraft Food Vendors, Arts & Crafts Breakfast Tacos, Fajitas, Hamburgers T-shirts, Candles, and Holiday Gifts Larry Hagerman Memorial Contact Dayton Dabbs, (512) 750-0332. [flyingaggie@gmail.com](mailto:flyingaggie@gmail.com)

**Nov 27 — Gladewater, TX.** Gladewater Mun. (07F). EAA Chapter 972, is hosting a Runway Gumbo Lunch from 1100 to 1300 w/liquids and things. Close parking. Chatter and lies expected. Donation \$ 5.00. Come on Down, over or up. Contact Bob Tippens, 903-574-3641. [bjtippens@embarqmail.com](mailto:bjtippens@embarqmail.com) <http://www.eaa972.org/news/>

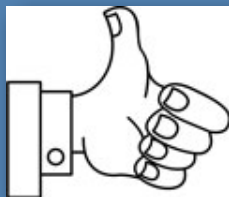
**Nov 27 — Granbury, TX.** Granbury Municipal (KGDJ). WX permitting, Pancake breakfast with guest speakers. Contact Keith Callahan, 817-579-8533. <http://www.granbury.org/index.aspx?nid=29>

## Dec

**Dec 4 — 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/>

**Dec 4 — Lancaster, TX.** Lancaster Regional Airport (KLNC). Runway Cafe Grand Opening Fly-In. Fly in to the newly renovated Grand Opening of the Runway Cafe at Lancaster Regional Airport and enjoy great food, atmosphere and watch aircraft takeoff, taxi and land! All fly in aircraft will receive a 20 cents off per gallon coupon from the cafe for the day of this event. Cafe hrs: 7-3 daily. Contact Mark Divita, 972-227-5721. [mdivita@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:mdivita@lancaster-tx.com) <http://www.lancasterregionalairport.com/>

**Dec 4 — 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/>



## TFC Member News & Notes

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

Welcome to our newest members!

- John Hitt
- Joseph Larios
- David Edmiston
- Joshua Westbrook

Congrats to our latest private pilots!

- Keith VanOrder, 10/27 - Hank Elts, instructor
- Ahmed Sherif, 10/30 - Richard Klein & Aniseh Shapiro, instructors
- Jouni Uusitalo, 11/06 - Aniseh Shapiro, instructor
- Jayesh Tolia, 11/14 - Richard Graham, instructor

## 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 Elts	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

## Is it Time To Do Away With The 3rd Class Medical?

David Wartofsky, owner of Potomac Airfield ([KVKX](http://www.potomac-airfield.com)) near Washington DC thinks so. He argues that people are in more danger from passing cars than small airplanes and that the common sense thing to do is expand the LSA medical requirement (the ability to obtain a valid driver's license) to private pilots flying aircraft 6,000 lbs or lighter.

You can read his petition to Department of Transportation Secretary, Ray LaHood, to formally propose a rule change with the FAA by visiting his website at [http://www.potomac-airfield.com/dot\\_petition.htm](http://www.potomac-airfield.com/dot_petition.htm)

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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

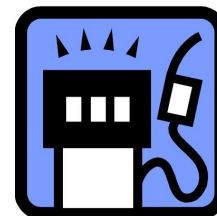
Hope you have been out enjoying the nice fall weather recently. Time to practice up on crosswinds and night operations again. The cooler weather really helps the aircraft climb much better now. Rumor has it that a new restaurant is open in the terminal at Redbird and a newly renovated restaurant will open in November at the terminal at Lancaster airport.

The fleet is healthy and the fall ground school is underway. I hope you take some time to get in some flying while the weather is still good.

See you around the airport!  
Calvin



# Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes



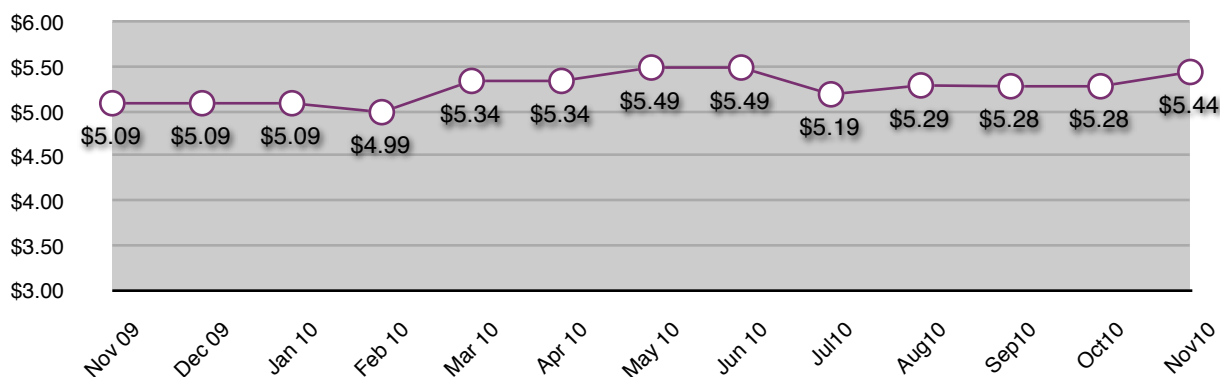
TFC hourly rates are "wet tach hour" meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay based on engine usage, not on wall clock time.

Our fuel prices at McKinney Airport have increased to \$5.74/gallon. The hourly rates to the right became effective 11/01/2010. The average 100LL price in our 6-state region is \$4.67/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	\$97.90
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$97.90
N737TY	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$126.90
N733NB	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$126.90
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$160.83

Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.

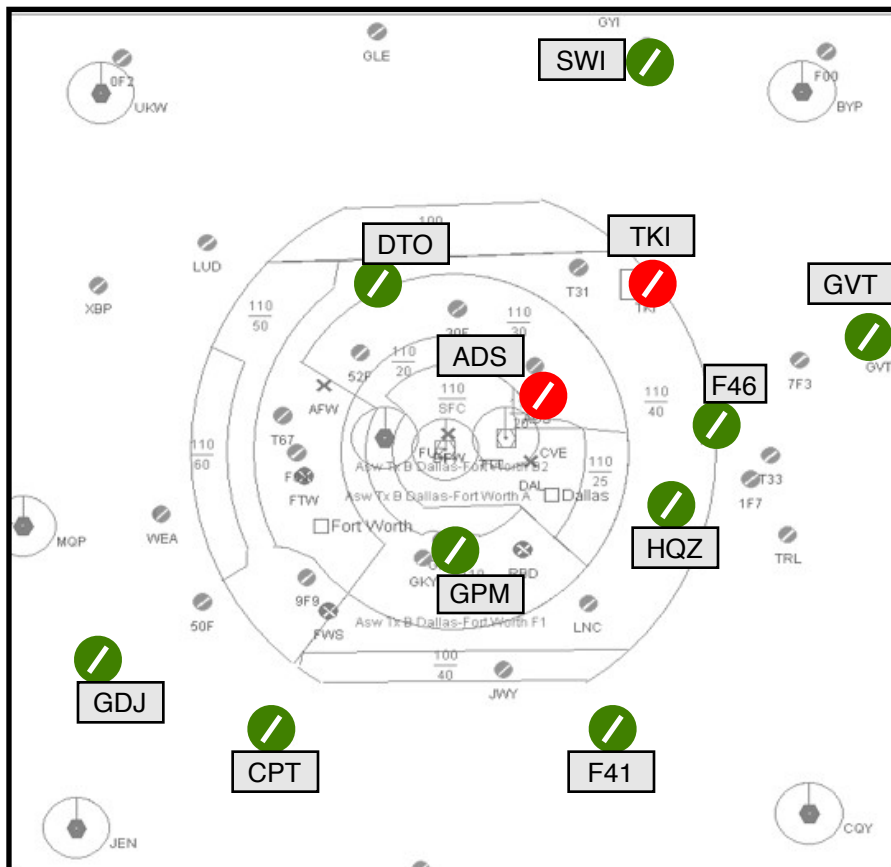


## Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW information from as of 11/14/2010



TKI	\$5.44
ADS	\$6.55

SWI	\$3.31
GDJ	\$3.45
CPT	\$3.49
GPM	\$3.61
DTO	\$3.65
F41	\$3.66
F46	\$3.75
GVT	\$3.75
HQZ	\$3.85

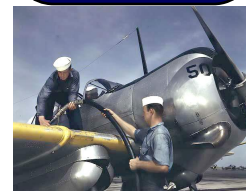


## Fuel Savings Locator

### Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$5.44/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





## THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

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**Make your dreams of flight come**

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

Dec 8 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

Dec 11 (Saturday): TFC Membership Meeting with Keith Gutierrez on the Garmin 696, at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

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

Jan 8 (Saturday): TFC Membership Meeting, at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

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, at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

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, at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

## December Meeting: Summer of Flight 2010

Please join us on Saturday, December 11 at 9:30am in the Encore Conference Room on the first floor of the McKinney Performing Arts Center (111 N Tennessee St, McKinney, TX) for "Summer of Flight 2010: 13 States, 7000+ miles, 40 flight hours" by Keith Gutierrez.

Keith is an excellent speaker and long time member of the Texins Flying Club (including being a former member of the Board of Directors) with many years of flight experience in several different types of aircraft. Keith will share tips on effective advanced planning, weather avoidance, navigating new airspace and enjoying the hospitality of big and small airports throughout the journey.

