

## THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- LSA at April 12 Membership Meeting
- Chris Rozansky at May 10 Meeting
- N737TY back from overhaul; Avionics upgrade next.

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# TFC Flightlines

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2008

## Light Sport Aviation

**Learn About Light Sport Aircraft & the Sport Pilot Certificate.**

*Join Us at the April 12 Membership Meeting*



The Light Sport Aircraft and Sport Pilot Certificate are now about 5 years old. At this month's membership meeting we will receive a briefing about this fast-growing segment of the general aviation community.

Our guest speaker will be David Hofer from the US Flight Academy in Denton, one of the relatively few local schools that offer LSA and SP training. Weather permitting, David and a colleague will bring two LSA with them, including a Ramos G3 similar to the one shown in the photographs. A pair of demo rides will be given away during the meeting through a random drawing.



The FAA has defined light-sport aircraft as simple-to-operate, easy-to-fly aircraft that meet the following criteria (for land aircraft):

- maximum gross weight of 1,320 lbs
- unpressurized cabin
- fixed (or ground adjustable) propeller
- maximum stall speed of 45 kts CAS
- maximum speed in level flight of 120 kts (138 mph) CAS
- one or two person capacity (pilot and one passenger)
- fixed landing gear
- single piston engine not exceeding 100 hp

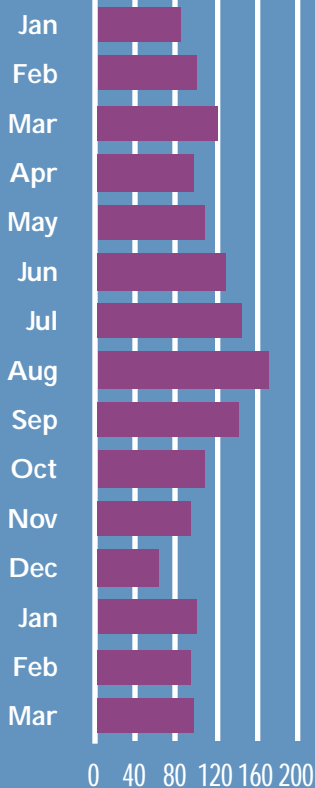
Certain older aircraft that were certificated within these criteria and never modified to exceed them may also be flown as LSA.

When operating as a sport pilot, a pilot must operate within the following privileges and limitations. Note that private pilots with current medical certificates can exercise their full private pilot privileges provided the LSA has the necessary equipment support the flight (e.g. a mode C transponder necessary for class B airspace or the lighting a power supply necessary to fly at night):

### Privileges

- Operate as pilot in command of a sport pilot eligible aircraft; fly solo or with one passenger.
- Carry a passenger and share expenses (fuel, oil, airport expenses, and aircraft rental);

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

# TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
TOTAL	1,371.2	99.2	94.5	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	292.2
N6368K	304.4	17.0	13.0	18.8				48.8
N7929U	251.9	32.2	31.1	28.9				92.2
N737TY	373.5	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0
N733NB	337.5	38.6	43.7	42.3				124.6
N7508J	103.9	11.4	6.7	8.5				26.6

## Fleet Maintenance Update

### N6368K

03/15/08 Annual inspection complete. New mount for lower cowling.

### N7929U

03/20/08 Left wing sump replaced.

### N737TY

03/14/08 Repairs complete with engine rebuild and annual inspection.  
 03/30/08 Rebuilt engine installed and test flown. Needs inspections and rudder pedal.  
 04/05/08 Aircraft expected to return to TKI.  
 04/06/08 Garmin 430 install begins.

### N733NB

03/03/08 Rear navigation light.  
 03/04/08 New hand brake cable ordered.

03/12/08 50 hour oil change. Landing light wire repaired.

03/15/08 Nose strut O rings replaced.

03/25/08 Pilot side door repaired. Hand Brake cable installed.

03/28/08 Audio panel swapped out. Strut damper bolt and bushing replaced,  
 03/31/08 Oil filler tube tightened and re-safety wired.

### 7508J

03/04/08 Stuck flag repaired. Audio panel checked OK. Use Lower jacks on pilot side only.  
 03/18/08 Auto pilot head removed for repair.  
 03/28/08 Turn and bank /Auto pilot head rebuilt and installed.

## N737TY Flies Again

N737TY was back in the skies in early April after being out of service for an engine overhaul and other repairs since October 29. Ben Pinkerton was first regular member to fly 7TY on April 5.

7TY's time on the flight line will be brief. The week of April 14, it will be offline again for the installation of the Garmin 430W avionics upgrade.

Ready to learn about the 430W? Check out these links to the Garmin website: [430W simulator](#) and the [WAAS training video](#).



# TFC Board Meeting Updates

## Safety Reminders

Always get a weather briefing this time of year. If you haven't been flying or haven't had a club annual, now is a great time to schedule a flight with an instructor for a "tune up".

## Texins Flying Club Shirts

Order will be taken at the April membership meeting for club shirts and caps. Shirts will cost around \$30, caps around \$15. Both will feature embroidered TFC logos.

## Cessna 172 Rate Updates

The hourly rate for both N737TY and N733NB are now the same: \$116.50/tach-hour. The increase to 7TY is due to increased insurance costs and the avionics upgrade.

## Reservations

All club members are reminded to only reserve an aircraft for the amount of time they expect to use it. A good rule of thumb is to book no

more than 2 hours for a typical one hour training flight. Also, please remember to clear your reservation as soon as you know you won't be making the flight. Even if you're canceling due to weather, an instrument pilot or student may be able to use the aircraft.

## Aircraft Cleaning

Maintenance officers Doug Lainart and Darren O'Rourke are assembling a crew to help wash our aircraft during the busy flying season. It's a great opportunity to learn about the correct methodology and to help keep our planes looking smart and flying well. Contact Doug, Darren, or Fred Carvajal. (see officers list, page

## N733NB Cosmetics Delayed

The exterior and interior improvements planned for 3NB are being rescheduled to take place after the busy summer flying months to minimize impact on aircraft availability for our members.



# Regional Aviation Events Calendar

## April

April 15-19 — The 26th Annual Texas Aviation Conference will be held April 15, 16 and 17, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin. [www.txaa.org](http://www.txaa.org).

Apr 15 - 19 — Oklahoma City, OK. Will Rogers World Airport (KOKC). Aviation Weather Made Simple. 8 hrs of weather training. Free enrollment required (Metro Tech lab size 20 persons), taught by Harry Weatherford & National Weather Service Instructors.. Contact Harry Weatherford, 405/745-2855

Apr 19 — Denison, TX. North Texas Regional Airport at Perrin Field (KGYI). Lake Texoma Jet Center Country Cookin' Fly-In. Giant fly-in, lots of exhibits and events. <http://www.texomajet.com/flyin.htm> for details.. Contact Terry Vogel, 903/786-2666

## May

May 2 - 4 — Temple, TX. Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional Airport (KTPL). Central Texas Airshow. Friday May 2, 2008 Aaron Tippin Concert. May 3 & 4, 2008 featuring F-16 Demo, Tora, Tora, Tora, Fina, Bob Carlton Twin Jet Glider, CAF Warbirds, EAA and much more.... Contact Beth Jenkins, 512-869-1759

May 10 — Corsicana, TX. C. David Campbell Field (CRS). 10th Annual Corsicana AirSho. WWII Aircraft flying and displayed. Formation flying, Classic cars, RC models, Food, Vendor booths. Airport open all day . Contact John Ausley, 972/279-0033

May 10 — Granbury, TX. Pecan Plantation Airpark (OTX1). Pecan Plantation Spring Fly-IN. Time: 9:30 16:00 (Rain date if needed is 17 May 08) -----Free Admission----- Sponsored by EAA Chapter 983 Everyone is invited and there is something for all ages. " Lunch served for a small fee. " Military Displays " Showcase Of Airplanes . Contact Doug Crumrine, 817 559-4665

May 10 — Oklahoma City, OK. Wiley Post Airport (KPWA). Tail Gate Party w/Preflight Clinic. Cook on the ramp w/ family and friends. Learn about aircraft & systems. Relax and have fun. Static Displays. Begins at 10 am on Southern Wings Ramp. Contact Harry L. Weatherford, 405/745-2855

May 15 - 17 — Addison, TX. Addison Airport (KADS). Parade of Pistons. Piston aircraft manufacturers and dealers will exhibit a representative sample of aircraft including exciting new Light Sport Aircraft to high-performance piston singles and twins. Tax advisors, finance specialists, insurance agents and brokers wilon site. Contact Susan Bolinger, 218/525/6228



## TFC Member News & Notes

Welcome to our newest club members!

- Tony Vinson
- Claytis Allen Jones
- Scott Webb
- Jim Gwisdala
- Hans-Henrik W. Veisner
- Uliik B. Hald

Best wishes to instructor Russ MacDonald who is moving to Savannah, GA to be near his son and grandson. Russ earned his pilot's license in TFC in 1975. Russ can be reached at [rkmacdonald@gmail.com](mailto:rkmacdonald@gmail.com).

Communications Officer Paul Koch is relocating to Singapore on May 5. Paul has identified 3 flying clubs in Malaysia as potential venues to commit aviation. Paul can be reached at [chili4way@hotmail.com](mailto:chili4way@hotmail.com).

## TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$25/hour

Name	Instructor Ratings	Contact	Schedule
Richard Klein	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV	972-424-2307	7 days a week.
Bobby Anderson	M CFI, CFII, MEI	772-532-2089	
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
Douglas Cranfill	CFI, MEI, ATP	817-480-5025	
Hank Eilts	M CFI, CFII, CONV	214-480-3581	weekends and weekday evenings
Jim Evans	CFI, CFII, CONV, SES	214-284-9467	
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
Mark Seglem	CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV, ATP		
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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



## The President's Corner

Welcome back to daylight savings time! The weather has been rather foggy and windy at times, but other times have been rather nice for flying. Here's what is going on this last month:

### • Training:

- Spring Private Pilot and Instrument ground schools are up and running. We have 11 students in the Private ground school and 7 students in the IFR school.
- April membership meeting will be on Sport Pilot training/rating.

### • Maintenance:

- 7TY repairs and engine overhaul has completed, test flown and will be heading into the radio shop for the new GPS installation. It should return to flying status this month.

### • Instructors/Officers:

- Russ McDonald – moving to Savannah, GA to be near family there. Russ learned to fly with TFC in 1975 and is a club CFI. Blue skies and tailwinds, Russ!
- Paul Koch – moving to Singapore for new job position. Paul has been our communications officer and working hard to finish his instrument rating. Hopefully he can report back on the flying scene in Singapore?

### • Scheduler:

- Please be courteous and only schedule the time you need. Cancel reservations as soon as you decide not to fly. Other members may wish to use them if available.

### • Post flight:

- Please enter squawks on the scheduler as soon as they are discovered. We are noticing a lot of broken items that are not being entered by the previous pilots.
- Please verify all doors and windows are closed and locked before walking away! C172 right doors can only be locked from the pilot side of the airplane.

See you at the airport!

Calvin

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- Fly during the daytime using visual flight rules (VFR). Three statute miles visibility and visual contact with the ground are required.
- Cross-country flying anywhere in the U.S.
- Fly up to 10,000 feet above mean sea level (MSL).
- Share operating expenses with another person.
- Fly in Class E and G airspace (and B, C, and D airspace with appropriate training).
- Allows sport pilots to fly production (standard airworthiness certificate) and experimental amateur-built aircraft that meet the definition of a light-sport aircraft.
- Allows rental of special light-sport aircraft (S-LSA) maximum gross weight of 1,320 lbs
- Prohibited from flying in Class B, C, or D airspace until you receive training and a logbook endorsement from an instructor.
- No flights outside the U.S. without prior permission from the foreign aviation authority.
- May not tow any object.
- No flights while carrying a passenger or property for compensation, hire, or
- Prohibited from flying in furtherance of a business.

Additional information about LSA and the Sport Pilot certificate can be found on the EAA website: <http://www.sportpilot.org/>

### Limitations

- Prohibited from Class A airspace.

## TFC Officers



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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!

## Board Position Open

The TFC Board of Directors has an opening for the communications officer. The communications officer is responsible for the club website, the monthly newsletter, taking minutes of board meetings, and communicating information to our membership. While serving on the board, your club dues obligation is suspended.

If you have a basic level of experience in creating / updating websites and familiarity with desktop publishing or word processing software, you have the necessary background. Recent communications officers: Paul Koch, Bret Stewart,

For more information about the communications officer position, contact President Calvin Coffey or Robert McLeod.

## 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

# Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes

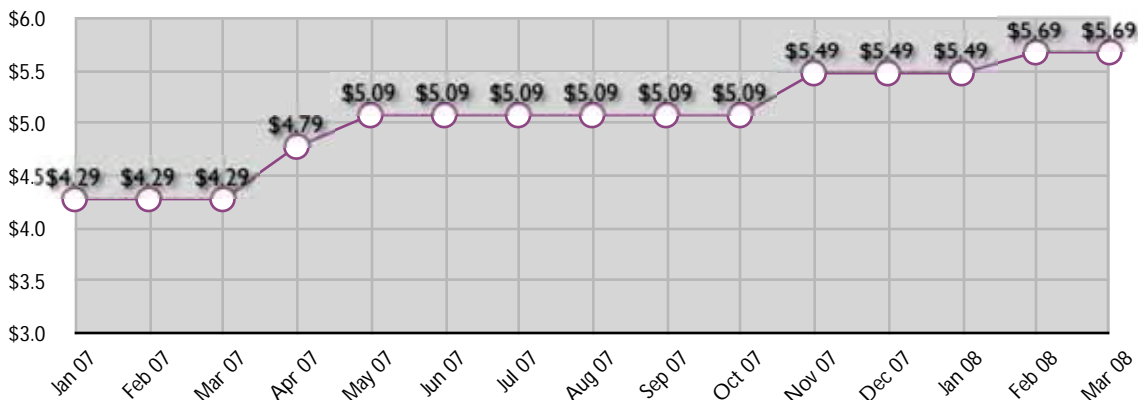


TFC hourly rates are "wet tach hour" meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay based on engine usage, not on wall clock time.

The fuel prices at McKinney Airport remained stable at \$5.69/gallon. The hourly rates to the right became effective 03/08/2008. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$4.91/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	\$90.75
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$90.75
N737TY	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$116.50
N733NB	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$116.50
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$142.75

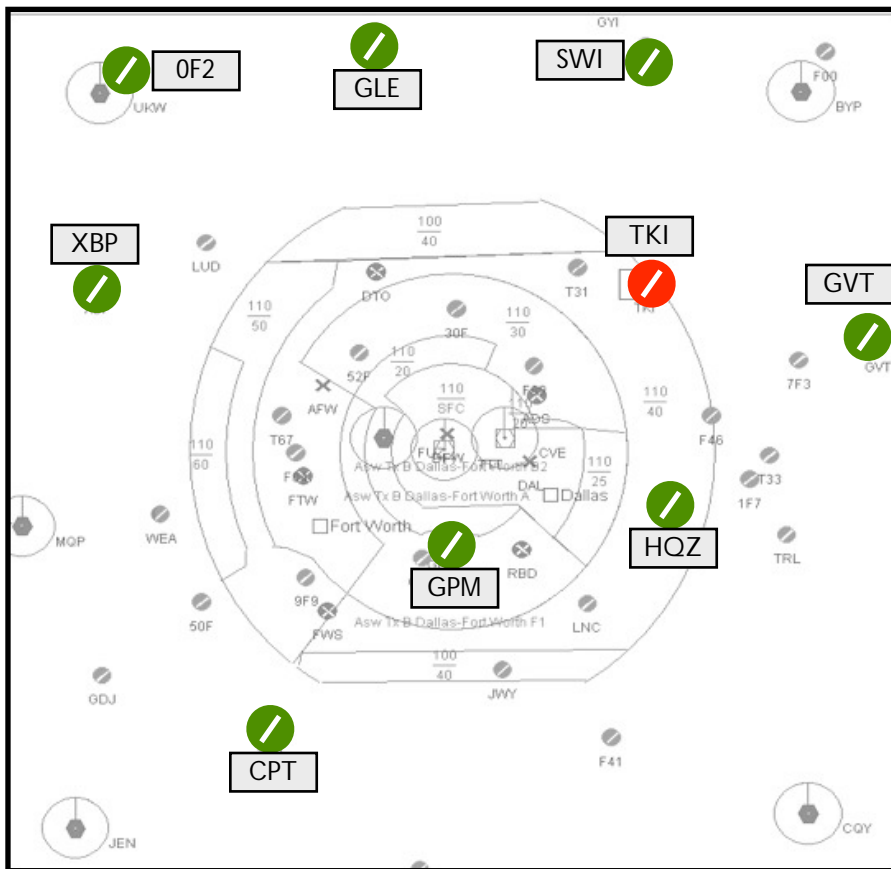
Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.



## Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from **100LL.com** as of 04/02/08

TKI	\$5.69
ADS	\$6.74
GPM	\$3.52
GVT	\$3.70
XBP	\$3.75
SWI	\$3.80
CPT	\$3.90
HQZ	\$3.95
GLE	\$3.95
OF2	\$4.22



## Fuel Savings Locator

### Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$5.39/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

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

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

May 10 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Chris Rozansky, Operations Manager for the McKinney Airport. This will also be our club's **Spring Picnic!**

June 11 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

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

July 3 (Thursday): Kaboom Town, Addison Airport (details to follow)

July 9 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

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

## Light Sport Aviation

Join us on Saturday, April 12 for an informative presentation about Light Sport Aircraft and the Sport Pilot Certificate. You'll have the opportunity to examine a Remos G3 LSA up close after the meeting. Two demo rides will be given away at the meeting.

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.

