



# FLIGHTLINES

## Newsletter of the Texins Flying Club

January 2005

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**8 January (Saturday):** General Membership Meeting, Donuts 8:30 AM, Meeting 9:30 AM, TKI Conference Room

**12 January (Wednesday):** TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, TKI Conference Room. All members welcome.

**9 February (Wednesday):** TFC Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, TKI Conference Room. All members welcome.

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### *Congratulations on these Member Achievements!*

Member	Event	Date	Instructor
Daniel Dunnam	Solo	12/08/04	Dick Stephens

### Welcome New Members!!

**Charlie Weinberger, Jr.**

### New TKI Gate Code

The gate access code to open the TKI gates changes on Monday, 1/3/05. The new code is posted on the TFC web-site under the password protected scheduler section, so you'll need to login to view it.

### Officer Elections

At the December general membership meeting, held on Saturday, 12/11/04, several offices were filled. About half of the officer positions are elected in December, with the remaining positions elected in June. Offices filled were:

- President – Roger Nordmeyer (re-elected)
- XC Maintenance – Phil Rains (new)
- Controller – Dick Stephens (new)
- Membership – Rick Still (re-elected)
- Communications – Bret Stewart (re-elected)

### Speaking of See and Avoid...



### From the Bleacher Seats...



## Calendar

**Mar 10-12, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Women in Aviation Conference**, Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas, TX, 386-226-7996, <http://www.wia.org>

**Mar 12-13, Wings Over the Valley Air Fiesta**, Brownsville International Airport, Brownsville, TX, 956-541-8585.

**April 23-24, Lone Star Flight Museum Spirit of Flight Airshow**, Scholes International, Galveston, TX, 409-740-7722.

**April 27-30, AEA**, Gaylord Texas Resort, Grapevine, TX, 817-373-6565.

**May 7, Hangar Dance**, Scholes International, Galveston, TX, 409-740-7722.

**May 13-15, Southwest Regional Fly-In**, Hondo Municipal Airport, Hondo, TX, 830-997-8802.

## **New Hourly Rates Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005**

Based on the quickly increasing price of aviation fuel and a sharp increase in aircraft maintenance costs, the hourly rates for club aircraft will be slightly increased on January 1st, 2005. And because fuel prices have been rising dramatically over the past several months, the board will review on a monthly basis the per gallon price which we are charged by our supplier, and modify rates as appropriate. The current rates were based on a 22 month average cost of \$2.72/gal and we are now being charged \$3.03/gal. We will also begin including a chart of our aviation fuel costs per gallon in each monthly newsletter, in order to better inform club members of changes. The newsletter also will show prices for fuel at some popular nearby airports. For example, just 10 minutes north of KTKI is KSWI. Self-service fuel is only \$2.10 per gallon. If you have never refueled a plane, ask your instructor to show you how to safely perform this important task. We encourage all members to refuel off-airport if at all possible, particularly at the end of longer cross-country flights.

Additionally, about \$3/hour of the hourly rate goes to cover the portion of the fixed expenses that are not covered by dues. We can reduce this portion of the rate by bringing in more members from member companies to help spread the fixed expenses across a larger population. We need about 15 new members to generate enough dues income to cover the operating expense shortfall. So spread the word about the flying club and help reduce our costs!

The hourly flight costs are as follows, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005:

N6368K Cessna 150M Commuter	\$62/tach hour
N7929U Cessna 150M Commuter	\$62/tach hour
N737TY Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$86/tach hour
N733NB Cessna 172N(180)Superhawk	\$88/tach hour
N7508J Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$103/tach hour

## **Highlights from December Board Meeting -- 12/08/04**

Meeting called to order at 1835 by President Roger Nordmeyer. Attending were: Don Essenpreis, Keith Gutierrez, Micah Koons, Bill Moore, Bob Moran, Roger Nordmeyer, Bret Stewart. 1 member present: Gene Robinson. 1 potential member present: Charlie Weinberger.

Recovered funds check passed around. Many thanks to the board members who have been pursuing this for 3 years!

Fred Carvajal donated a GX50 GPS for N6368K! Thanks Fred!! We all owe you one of your favorite beverages!

Operations/Maintenance – Maintenance report for November 2004 (see previous newsletter). Fleet flew 86 hours in November. City of McKinney is providing a waste oil disposal site on TKI property. More details soon.

Ground School – Found the last box of old club ground school records from Chuck's office. Need to add Art to the squawk distribution lists. Nine students finished ground school. Six are now flying (taking lessons with the club) and one has postponed flying until spring. Will start working on IFR and VFR ground school flyers and information. Gene suggested instructors and IFR rated pilots might take folks for an IFR spin to generate interest in IFR ground school and training.

Treasurer – Still working with bookkeeping firm during the first billing cycle. Both parties feel things are going as advertised and going well so far. Treasurer currently spending about 8 hours/week with them. Fuel still \$3.03/gal from WingsPoint.

Communications – Insurance documents now on the website. Let's start thinking about the advertising for the spring class.

Safety – Everyone safe this past month.

Cross Country Maintenance - Last bills received. Floor material purchased and will be shipped/received by WingsPoint. The 2004 capital is now all spent!

Controller – Worked up new rates work sheet, breaking out fuel as a separate item. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> the new rates will be \$62/62/88/86/103 (68K/29U/3NB/7TY/08J), based on \$3.03/gal fuel. This is to address wildly variable fuel prices and also 15% increase in maintenance costs. This will be reviewed monthly at board meetings and rates will be changed as soon as fuel prices change, in order to reflect them.

Decision made to payoff aircraft and overhaul loan.

Meeting adjourned at 2055.



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(M) TFC Member/Instructor **CFII** - Certificated Flight Instructor, Instruments; **MEI** - Multi-Engine Instructor; **Conv** - Conventional Gear (Taildragger) Instructor; **SES** - Single Engine Sea; **CFIG** - Certificated Flight Instructor, Glider; **ATP** - Airline Transport Pilot-rated. **Note:** All instructors are assigned by TFC's Chief Flight Instructor (Art Jones).

**ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER:** Inputs are encouraged! Of particular interest are flying experiences that others can learn from. Forward inputs to Bret Stewart, email [bstewart@ti.com](mailto:bstewart@ti.com)

## TFC AIRCRAFT AND RATES

Tail No.	Make	Model	Rate/Hr
Simulator	ATC	610J	\$ 0.00
6368K	Cessna	150M Commuter	\$62.00
7929U	Cessna	150M Commuter	\$62.00
733NB	Cessna	172N(180) Superhawk	\$88.00
737TY	Cessna	172N Skyhawk	\$86.00
7508J	Piper	PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$103.00

- \* Detailed aircraft features are listed in Club Handbook
- \* Monthly Dues: \$35.00 for regular members
- \* Instruction: Primary: \$19.00 / Hr  
Advanced: \$21.00 / Hr
- \* TFC measures aircraft rental rate using tachometer hour.
- \* Rate includes cost of fuel (currently \$3.03/gal).
- \* All non-instructional flights require additional 8.25% tax.

## KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

### McKinney & TFC

Aircraft Scheduling [www.texins.org/flyingclub](http://www.texins.org/flyingclub)  
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Airport Manager (972) 562-6080 ext 4053  
WingsPoint @ TKI (972) 562-5555  
Monarch Air @ TKI (972) 562-0717

### General

DUAT (800) 345-3828  
[www.duat.com](http://www.duat.com)  
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Dallas FSS/FSDO (214) 902-1800  
Ft. Worth Center (817) 858-7300 (ZFW ARTCC)  
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