

THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Monthly Meeting Jan 10– Geology Rocks, Part II
- January Flying Tip
- Regional Fuel Prices
- Regional Aviation Events

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TFC Flightlines — Jan 2009

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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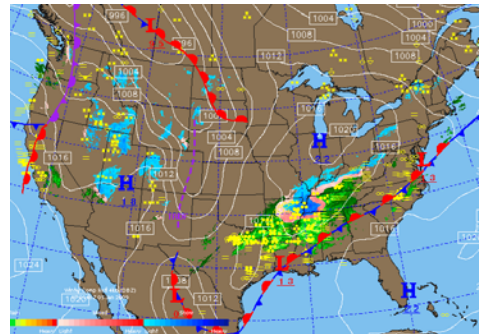
Geology Rocks...Even From the Air! Part II

Flying offers us all a wonderful “bird’s eye” view of the ground below. Do you ever wonder about the landscape beneath you as you fly? Are you intrigued by geologic features and wonder how they formed? Aileen Duc, a geologist and pilot member of Texins Flying Club, will provide an overview of some basic geology as viewed from the air. In Part II of her presentation, *Geology from the Air*, Aileen will concentrate on coastal geology. She will illustrate how coastal features form, how they vary from one coast to another, and she’ll show examples in photos from her flying trips. Join us for the January 10th Membership meeting at the McKinney Performing Arts Center at 9:30 AM.



Flying Tip of the Month...Winter Weather

2009 has arrived and it’s time for some winter flying. Understanding winter weather can keep good pilots from making bad mistakes. It’s important to be able to recognize weather hazards, develop avoidance strategies, and react appropriately when the weather takes an unexpected turn. Even light rain or snow can reduce visibility to marginal VFR conditions and 3 to 5 statute mile visibility is less than most VFR pilots are comfortable with. Furthermore, ice or frost accumulations only as thick and course as rough sand paper can decrease lift by as much as 30 percent and increase drag by up to 40 percent.



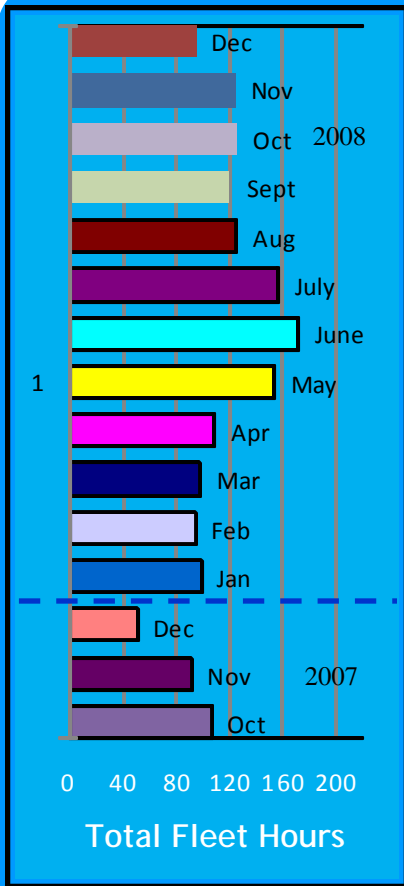
The biggest cause of fatal weather related accidents is continuing VFR flight into IMC, which accounts for 50 percent of fatal weather related accidents. Visibility can deteriorate very quickly when flying through rain or drizzle. Rain raises the dew point and relative humidity, allowing a possible new layer of clouds to form below the clouds producing rain...could be trouble if you’re trying to stay VFR below the clouds. And even more dangerous, if the conditions are right, the drizzle or rain you see could freeze on impact to your leading edges. How much ice are our planes approved to handle? ... None.

Understanding how frontal systems work can help you to escape from rain or freezing rain and low visibility. Learn more about winter weather and how to escape when you need to by visiting the AOPA website http://flash.aopa.org/asf/wxwise_precip/index.cfm. This will definitely save your bacon.

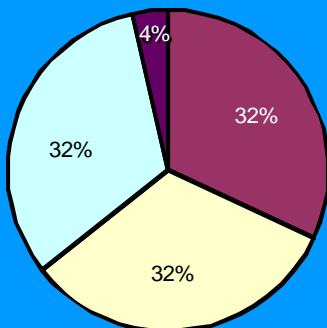
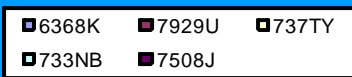
TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	2007	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
TOTAL	1371.2	153	172.1	156.3	125.3	119.8	125.2	124.1	95.4	1472.2
N6368K	304.4	26	21.1	42.4	25.5	23.9	5.8	0	0	208
N7929U	251.9	34.4	58.5	51	35.3	25.5	22.1	34.2	30.4	409.6
N737TY	373.5	50.9	30.8	59.4	44.4	49.5	60.7	45.9	31	402.3
N733NB	337.5	30.3	45.1	0.1	11.7	12.6	30.4	38.8	30.6	351.6
N7508J	103.9	11.5	16.6	3.4	8.4	8.3	6.2	5.2	3.4	100.8



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



Fleet Maintenance Statistics

6368K

Off-Line

Flight tests and annual inspection are scheduled for the first week of January. Expected to return January 9.

12/10/08 Baffle installed.

11/20/08 Door repaired and new engine installed.

7929U

On-Line

12/8/08 Door lock replaced.

12/14/08 Shimmy damper rebuilt.

12/29/08 50 hour oil change.

737TY

On-Line

12/9/08 PTT switch repaired.

12/12/08 Air vent repaired, brakes serviced.

12/19/08 Landing light changed.

12/30/08 100 hour inspection and post light repair.

733NB

On-line

Will be in the paint shop for six weeks starting January 12.

12/3/08 100 hour inspection and vacuum leak fixed.

12/8/08 New altitude encoder installed.

12/10/08 Radio checked OK, shimmy damper rebuilt.

12/15/08 New HID landing light installed.

12/17/08 Loaner audio panel installed and spare radio placed in #2 slot, #2 radio went to radio shop.

7508J

On-line

11/05/08 Pitot static line cleaned. Door latch parts on order.

11/10/08 Door latch repaired, audio panel repaired.

11/20/08 Auto-pilot altitude hold repaired by tightening elevator cables to specification.

TFC Board Meeting Updates

Fuel Prices

Fuel prices are holding steady. The fuel reimbursement rate is still \$4.69, effective 12/1/08. The aircraft rates will remain the same as December, see Page 7.

N6368K

N6368K has a new engine and is running well. The vacuum pump has also been replaced. We're hoping to have 68K back online on January 9th.

N733NB

N733NB will be heading to the paint shop on January 12th. 3NB is expected to be offline for 6 weeks and will look like a new plane when it's back. A new HID landing light has been installed, which will have a longer life. This new landing light requires time to cool after it has been turned off, so it won't turn back on immediately if you flip it off and back on. It just needs a little time.

N7929U

29U has been washed and is now squeaky clean. You may not recognize it without all the bugs!

ATC610 Desk Top Simulator

The club's ATC610 simulator needs a new home. If you would like to keep it for a while and allow access for others to use it, then the club will be happy to let you watch over it for a while. All the simulator time you can imagine! Contact Liz Kooymans if you're interested at email@elizabethkooymans.com

Airport Access Card Program Update

If you need vehicle access to the airport, you can sign up for your access card starting Saturday January 10th. Those with last names starting with A-I can sign up on January 10-24, J-R on January 26-February 7, and S-Z on February 9-21. All members on the roster in December 08 are on the pre-qualified list. See the information linked on the TFC homepage or on the airport website at www.flymckinney.com.

Regional Aviation Events Calendar

January

Jan 24 — Tyler, TX. Tyler Pounds Field (TYR). Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast hosted by members of the Tyler Civil Air Patrol squadron from 8-11 AM fourth Saturday of every month. East side of field.. Contact Rich Dyer, 903 849-2785

February

Feb 28 — Tyler, TX. Tyler Pounds Field (TYR). Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast hosted by members of the Tyler Civil Air Patrol squadron from 8-11 AM--fourth Saturday of the month. East side of field.. Contact Rich Dyer, 903 849-2785

March

Mar 14 - 15 — Brownsville, TX. Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport (KBRO). Air Fiesta 2009. Annual air show hosting and exhibiting Commemorative Air Force aircraft, aerobatic exhibitions, modern military aircraft from the US Air Force and Navy, as well as CAF member owned WWII and Korean era planes. Features static displays of modern military aircraft, military flybys, food concessions and kiddie rides. 956-541-8585

Mar 14 — Bryan, TX. Coulter Airfield (CFD). Coulter Airfield Light Sport Expo. This event will showcase Light Sport Aircraft from around the world at a central location in Texas. Contact Karl Preston, 979 778 2963

Mar 28 — Tyler, TX. Tyler Pounds Field (TYR). Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast hosted by members of the Tyler Civil Air Patrol squadron from 8-11 AM--fourth Saturday of the month. East side of field. Contact Rich Dyer, 903 849-2785

April

Apr 4 - 11 — MARFA, TX. Marfa Airport (MRF). TEXAS GLIDER RALLY. Sailplane pilots gather at this annual soaring camp in southwest Texas to make altitude and distance flights. Contact BURT COMPTON, 432/386-5505

Apr 4 — Pineville, LA. Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Monthly pancake breakfast - Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0) - best breakfast around, all you can eat - pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, grits, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk or juice. Sponsored by EAA chapter 614. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318/452-0919

Apr 25 - 26 — Bryan, TX. Coulter Field (KCFD). Coulter Air Classic. Showcasing vintage military and modern civilian aircraft with aerial demonstrations from professional acrobatic pilots. Food and drinks with other activities for families and all ages. Come join us for our second annual air show at Brian's historic Coul. Contact Karl Preston, 979 412 1611

TFC Member News & Notes



Welcome to our newest club members

- John Wilson**
- Thomas Fox**
- Charles Dunlap**
- David Landrum**
- Paul Zimmerman**
- Jeffrey Sorensen**
- Cole Johnson**
- Glenn Gaustad**

Congratulate the following people for their Aviation Milestones next time you see them around the airport!

- Congratulations to Mark Williams for passing his private pilot checkride on January 8th. His instructor is Rich Graham.
- Congratulations to Erin Mastenbrook for making her first solo on December 24th in 7929U. What a Christmas present! Her instructor is Dick Stephens.
- Congratulations to Harold "Arby" Arbogust for completing his First Solo on December 5th here at TKI in N737TY! His instructor is Dick Stephens.

TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$32/hour

Name	Instructor Ratings	Contact	Schedule
Richard Klein	M CFI, CFII, CONV	972-424-2307	7 Days a Week.
Bobby Anderson	M CFI, CFII, MEI	772-532-2089	
Mike Baulch	M CFI, CFII, CONV, SES	972-843-2208	
Dinu Catona	M CFI, CFII, MEI	972-866-3593 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	
Robert Niedwiecki	M CFI, CFII, MEI, ATP	972-390-3363	
Sherman Ratliff	M CFI, CFII	469-220-5283	weekends and some evenings
Mark Seglem	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV, ATP	972-727-3465	
Dick Stephens	M CFI, CFII, CONV	972-517-1647	

Legend:

- CFI: certificated flight instructor
- CFII: certificated instrument flight instructor
- CONV: conventional gear (traildragger) instructor

- MEI: multi-engine flight instructor
- SES: single engine seaplane instructor

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! Contact any board member if you're interested.

President's Corner



Happy New Year! What will 2009 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!

Need someone to share flying costs? Flight sharing with other club members can be a practical way to get some flying experience and afford longer trips. Club membership meetings are a good

way to meet other members and discuss aviation subjects. You have already invested a great deal of time and money learning to fly, so go fly and keep those pilot skills sharp!

See you around the airport!
Calvin

Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes

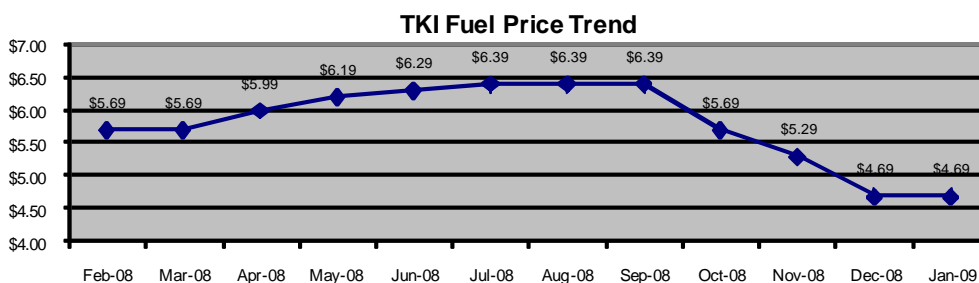
The fuel price at McKinney Airport is currently \$4.69/gal. The hourly rates to the right remained the same this month, effective 12/1/2008. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$4.03/gallon. Check 100LL.com and AirNAV.com for current regional fuel prices when planning your next cross country flight.

Tail Number	Make/Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$81.50
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$81.50
N737TY	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	\$105.25
N733NB	Cessna 172N/Superhawk	\$105.25
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$129.75



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.

Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.

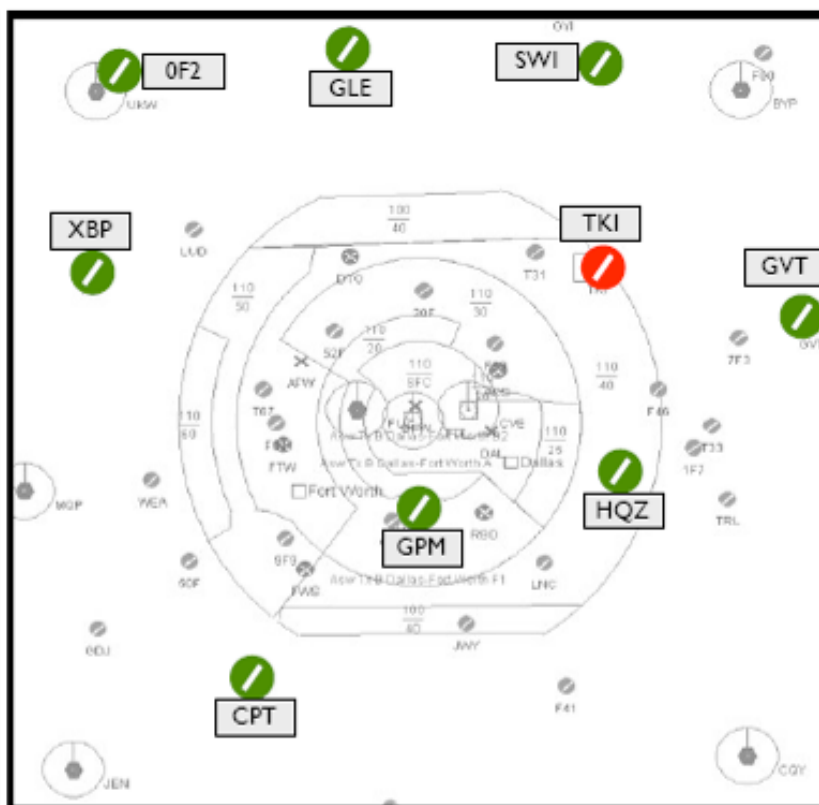


Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from 100LL.com

As of 1/3/08

TKI	\$4.69
ADS	\$5.30
GPM	\$2.79
GVT	\$3.05
XBP	\$2.35
SWI	\$2.70
CPT	\$3.06
HQZ	\$2.75
GLE	\$2.75
SLR	\$4.17



Fuel Savings Locator

Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$4.69/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.



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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

Saturday January 10th: TFC Membership Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Aileen Duc will be presenting "Geology from the Air, Part II" Join some of our members for breakfast at [Spoons Cafe](#), 100 E. Louisiana beginning at 8:30 AM before the membership meeting.

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

