

THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Monthly Meeting
Mar 14- NTSB Investigator
- Fun Places to Fly
- Regional Fuel Prices
- Regional Aviation Events

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TFC Flightlines – Mar 2009

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

MAR 2009

NTSB Investigator Leah Yeager

NTSB Investigator Leah Yeager will be speaking at the March membership meeting about the NTSB's role as a federal agency. Learn about what Leah does and how to avoid being investigated by her! Sounds strange, but learning about accidents that have happened in the past is one of the best ways to prevent issues in the future. I've been told that Leah is a busy woman...our goal as a flying club should be to keep Leah bored to tears. Join us for the monthly membership meeting on Saturday, March 14th at the McKinney Performing Arts Center at 9:30 am.



Fun Places To Fly...Some Recent Trips

Spring time is kicking into gear, so get your E6-B out and start planning some fun trips! The weather can be a little unpredictable in the spring, but when you get a good day, it's gorgeous and not too hot...enjoy it while it lasts! Here's some places I've flown recently that I really enjoyed. If you have flown somewhere recently that you enjoyed, shoot me an email telling me about it and I'll spread the word. How else are we pilots going to find the best places to fly? Email me at email@elizabethkooymans.com

Brenham Texas (11R) is the home of Southern Flyer Diner, a 50's style diner complete with g-reat milk shakes and waitresses in poodle skirts right at the airport. I had a terrific time going to Brenham for my instrument cross country with President Coffey. It's a beefy flight at 178 NM from TKI, which makes a fine leg for an instrument cross country or just a fun day trip. The Blue Bell ice cream factory is close by and open on week days. It's worth the trip for the milk shake and good food...or to some, the girls in poodle skirts.



Ardmore Oklahoma (KADM) has some seriously good, award winning Barbeque. Blue Pig BBQ is right on the field and the pulled pork is mmmmm...delicious. I usually call ahead to make sure they have the pulled pork...it definitely impacts my go/no-go decision. From McKinney, it's 71 NM, so it counts as a cross country >50NM for those who need cross country time.

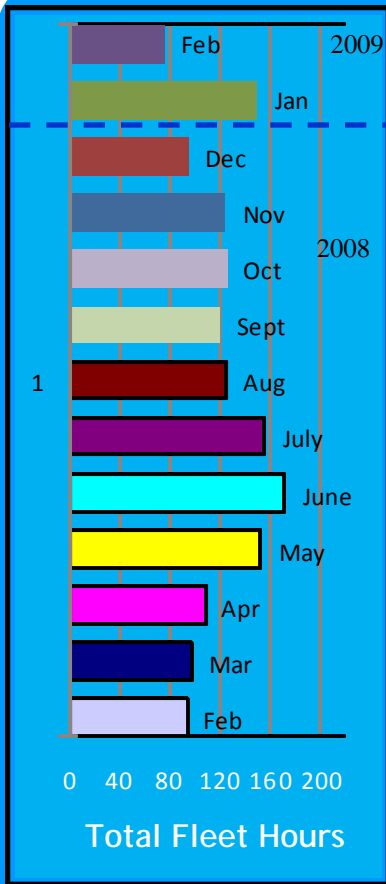
Sulphur Springs Texas (KSLR) has the Red Barn close by. Red barn is a restaurant with some good home cookin'. The menu prices are unbelievably affordable, but you have to bring cash because they don't accept plastic of any sort. Don't be the one who flies in to eat and ends up washing dishes for hours for lack of cash! The breakfast at Red Barn is exceptionally good as well. I believe I paid somewhere around \$3.00 for a plate full of life altering French toast...definitely going back soon. It's also fun to land over the lake on runway 18.

~Liz Kooymans

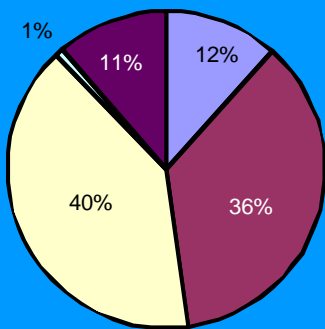
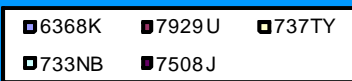
TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2008 Total	Jan	Feb	YTD
TOTAL	156.3	125.3	119.8	125.2	124.1	95.4	1472.2	150	76.4	150
N6368K	42.4	25.5	23.9	5.8	0	0	208	13.5	8.9	13.5
N7929U	51	35.3	25.5	22.1	34.2	30.4	409.6	48.7	27.5	48.7
N737TY	59.4	44.4	49.5	60.7	45.9	31	402.3	61.8	30.4	61.8
N733NB	0.1	11.7	12.6	30.4	38.8	30.6	351.6	12.9	0.7	12.9
N7508J	3.4	8.4	8.3	6.2	5.2	3.4	100.8	13.1	8.6	13.1



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



Fleet Maintenance Statistics

6368K

On-Line

- 2/5/09 New heater control cable installed.
- 2/9/09 Pilot seat repaired.
- 2/27/09 Nose strut repaired.

7929U

On-Line

- 2/4/09 100 hour inspection completed

737TY

On-Line

- 2/3/09 New HID landing light system installed.
- 2/19/09 Prop nick dressed.
- 2/26/09 New battery, voltage regulator, master switch and alternator installed.
- 3/2/09 Pilot side PTT and mike jack repaired.

733NB

Off-line

3NB is in the paint shop and is due out March 27th

- 2/25/09 All remaining panels have been recovered in Naugahide and are ready for installation after paint.
- 2/26/09 Aircraft paint has been stripped and the larger hail dings are being filled.

7508J

Off-line - To Aero Country for new ring gear, fuel pressure, electric trim, and altitude hold servo work this week.

- 2/2/09 Stall warning lamp and socket cleaned.
- 2/18/09 New pilot's side upholstered panel replaced. Door latch adjusted.
- New starter motor installed and aircraft returned to TKI from Mt. Vernon, TX.

TFC Board Meeting Updates

Fuel Prices

Fuel prices are holding steady. The fuel reimbursement rate is still \$4.69, effective 12/108. The aircraft rates will remain the same, see Page 6.

N6368K

N6368K is flying well after its overhaul. The seat has been repaired and will now stay where you put it.

N733NB

N733NB is in the paint shop and due out March 27th due to a delay with window installation. 3NB will look like a new plane when you see it next. It will have a nice light gray tint on the front windows and a darker tint on the back windows.

N7508J

The board is considering upgrades to the avionics. We're working on turning this plane into an even better IFR and cross country flying machine! More details to come.

N737TY

N737TY had a new HID landing light installed, which will have a longer life. Don't forget that with this type of landing light, you need to give it a little time to warm up.

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

New TFC Web Address

We have a new web address: www.texinsflyingclub.org. So, change your links to the new address next time you visit. Don't worry, the old web address (www.texins.org/flyingclub) will remain active for a while.

Regional Aviation Events Calendar

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 — Lufkin, TX. Angeling County Airport (LFK). EAA Chapter 1219 Monthly Fajita Fly-in held on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. All you can eat fajitas with fixings for a donation of \$5.00. Young Eagles flown each fly-in, weather permitting. Contact Don Lymbery, 936-225-0422.

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 21 — Gladewater, TX. Gladewater Municipal (07F). "Runway Gumbo" Lunch Fly-In. EAA Chapter 972 is hosting a "Runway Gumbo" Lunch Fly-In prepared by the members from 1100-1300 w/ fixings&liquids on the airport. Lawn pick-nick table seating. Donations welcome. Chatter expected. New plane parking. 50 yard walk from plane parking. Contact Bob Tippens, 903-574-3641

Mar 21 — Houston, TX. William P. Hobby (KHOU). Wings & Wheels - Aviation History Day!. Join us as we welcome Ron Davies from the Smithsonian to celebrate the history of civil aviation! We will have static aircraft and vehicle displays also. Admission is \$10/a & \$5/c, fly-in visitors are free, including lunch!. Contact Megan Lickliter, 713-454-1940.

Mar 26-28—Addison TX. Addison Airport (KADS). Parade of planes at Addison Airport.

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 (210) - 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

TFC Member News & Notes



Welcome to our newest club members

Carenina Garcia-Espendez

Shay Sanders

Brett Jensen

John Wilson

Thomas Fox

Charles Dunlap

David Landrum

Paul Zimmerman

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

Ben Pinkerton passed his instrument checkride on January 30th.

Rusty Mensch completed his first solo on January 17th.

Brandon Dunlap passed his private pilot checkride on January 16th. His instructor is Rich Graham.

Mark Williams passed his private pilot checkride on January 8th. His instructor is Rich Graham.

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



exit as a calm as a lamb. Hopefully so...

See you around the airport!
Calvin

Has the weather and maintenance keeping you down? Me too, but it has been a great time to read up, remember something old and learn something new. Last month I ended up waiting for a month for replacement parts for my old muffler system on my airplane. Sure feels good to get back in the air! At last check, 3NB is making good progress, and should be heading back to flying status with new windows, interior panels and paint early in March. As March roars in, the old saying says it should

Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes

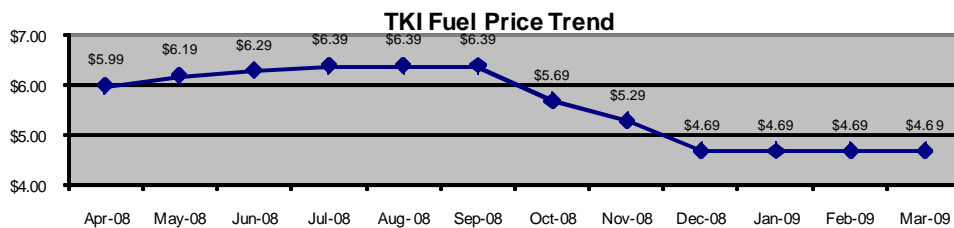
The fuel price at McKinney Airport is currently \$4.69/gal. The hourly rates to the right remained the same again this month, effective 12/1/2008. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$3.91/gallon. Check 100LL.com and AirNAV.com for current regional fuel prices when planning your next cross country flight.

Tail Number	Make/Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$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.

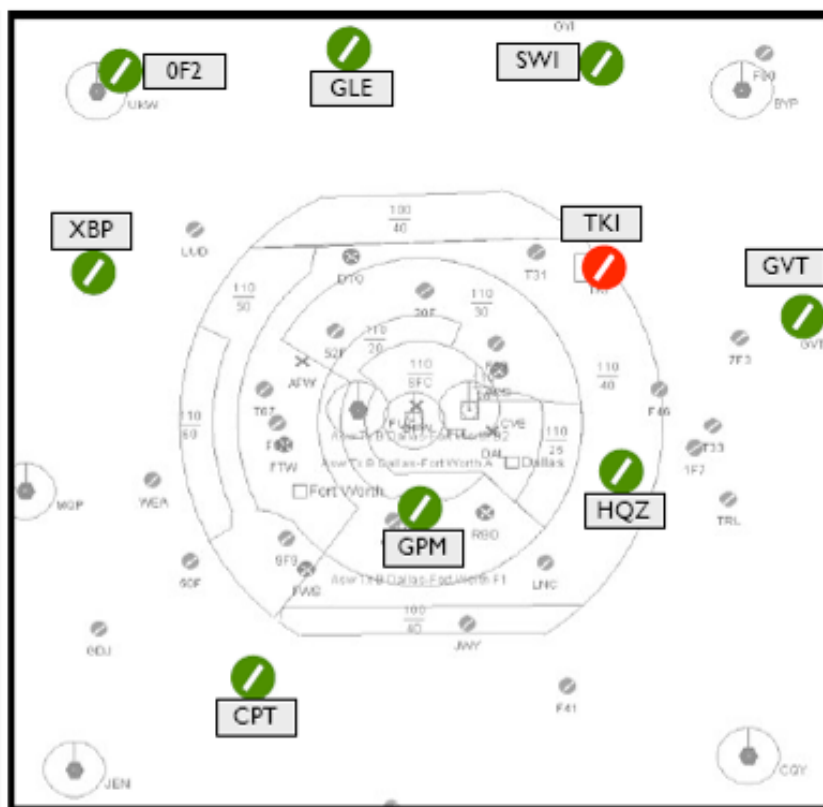


Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from **100LL.com**

As of 3/10/09

TKI	\$4.69
ADS	\$5.45
GPM	\$2.79
GVT	\$2.85
XBP	\$2.65
SWI	\$2.55
CPT	\$3.06
HQZ	\$2.75
GLE	\$2.99
SLR	\$3.37



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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New Web Address for Texins Flying Club

Texins Flying Club has obtained a new and improved web address: www.texinsflyingclub.org. The old web address, www.texins.org/flyingclub will continue to be active for a while, but go ahead and update your links to the new web address. The new web address will be easier to remember and will make us much easier to find online by those searching for a flying club.

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Club Calendar of Events

Saturday March 14th: TFC Membership Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. NTSB Investigator Leah Yeager will be speaking about the NTSB's role as a federal agency. Learn about what Leah does and how to avoid being investigated by her! Join some of our members for breakfast at [Spoons Cafe](#), 100 E. Louisiana beginning at 8:30 AM before the membership meeting.

Wednesday April 8th: TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

