

THE TEXINS
FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- The monthly meetings are moving to McKinney Performing Arts Center.
- Members share with us where they get their Av Charts.

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TFC Flightlines

TFC FLIGHTLINES

MAY, 2007

Firemen Rescue TFC Picnic



Calvin reviews key small aircraft systems with the members of McKinney Station #4..

The fickle weather of North Texas did not prevent the TFC from enjoying a terrific program and picnic on April 14. Our guests were the firefighting team of McKinney Fire Station #4. This station is the designated Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting station (ARFF) for the McKinney Airport.

The program was an informal exchange of information, beginning our providing them with a briefing about small general aviation (GA) aircraft. Braving the cold weather and winds, our instructors and members explained the key features and system of typical private planes. Of particular inter-

est were the fuel systems and the methods for extracting occupants in event of an emergency. The formal training received by ARFF teams is concentrated around commercial aircraft. The Cirrus Airframe Parachute System (CAPS) and other ballistic parachute systems were something new the firefighters and of noteworthy concern because of the risk associated with an unintended deployment on the ground.



The weather was getting the better of everyone and our guests became our hosts as we moved the picnic to the firehouse. The program then focused on the equipment, capabilities, and procedures used the the ARFF team. We learned that there is no cost to a pilot for requesting support -- by calling the Tower -- and that the emergency team would rather be called and in position, even if no emergency developed.



After the informative Q&A session, everyone enjoyed lunch together in the warmth of the fire station. Thanks to Keith Gutierrez for organizing the program and picnic and to all the club members who brought side dishes, helped cook, and participated in the picnic. Next year, we may schedule the picnic for May meeting!

Monthly Meetings Moved



The location of our monthly meetings is changing

The location of the May monthly membership meeting is moving to larger facilities to accommodate our increased membership and attendance.

Beginning with the May meeting, our monthly meetings will be held in the [McKinney Performing Arts Center](#) located in the Historic Collin County Courthouse. The building is located about 2 miles

east of US 75 (Central Expressway) on Louisiana Street. (see map below).

“We’ve outgrown the conference room available to us at Cutter Aviation”, says Keith Guittierez, Membership VP. “With the summer months coming, we needed to find a better solution than using a hot hanger.”

The downtown McKinney

location was selected because it was close to the airport (for programs that feature aircraft or for people who scheduling flying after the meeting), had the facilities we needed for presentations, and was both available and affordable.

Watch the website for more information about the program for the May meeting.

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Updates from Our Members

Congratulations on recent milestones and a special howdy to our newest TFC members



Congratulations to the following TFC Members on their recent accomplishments!

Mark Tanner passed his Private Pilot check ride on April 12. Hank Eilts is his CFI. Congratulations Mark!

We welcome the following new members to the TFC aviator ranks:

- Herbert Miller
- Rich Mazzarella
- Elizabeth Kooymans
- Chris Trajkovsky
- Ben Pinkerton

- Robert McLeod

Dinu Catona Joins TFC Instruction Team



On April 15, Dinu Catona became our newest addition to the TFC team of instructors. Chief Instructor Richard Klein made the announcement.

Dinu started flying for fun in 2002 after riding in the front seat of a Extra 300L at the Aerobatic Experience in Las Vegas.

He earned all his ratings at the Armed Forces Aeroclub in San Diego where he also served on the board of directors for 2 years before moving to Texas in 2005.

Dinu attended the CFI Academy at American Flyers where he received his CFII rating.

Dinu is clearly a enthusiastic pilot and instructor. "I enjoy flying a lot and am looking forward to share my passion with others".

Photos and aviation biographies of the TFC instructors are located on the [TFC web site](#).

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TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$21/hour.

Instructor	Instructor Ratings	Contact	Schedule
Richard Klein Chief Instructor	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV	972-424-2307 214-704-2054	7 days a week
Mike Baulch	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV, SES	972-843-2208	
Dinu Catona	M CFI, CFII	469-241-7549 619-925-1118	
Calvin Coffey	M CFI, CFII, MEI, SES, ATP	972-547-6711 903-408-8962	weekends and some weeknights
Douglas Cranfill	CFI, MEI	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	
Russ MacDonald	CFI, CFII	214-577-5023	weekdays, evenings except Mon and Wed, weekends
Robert Niedwiecki	M CFI, CFII, MEI, ATP	972-390-3363	
Sherman Ratliff	M CFI, CFII	469-220-5283	weekends and some evenings
Mark Seglem	CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV, ATP	972-727-3465	
Dick Stephens	M CFI, CFII, CONV	972-517-1647	

LEGEND:

M = Member / Instructor
 CFI = Certificated Flight Instructor
 CFII = Certificated Flight Instructor Instrument

MEI = Multi-Engine Flight Instructor
 SES = Single Engine Seaplane Instructor
 CONV = Conventional Gear (Taildragger) Instructor

TFC Fleet Statistics

The following table show the total logged tach hours for each of the TFC aircraft.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
TOTAL	60.7	99.2	121.7	121.3			
N6368K	11.6	17.7	16.8	35.5			
N7929U	24.0	21.5	21.1	3.5			
N737TY	20.4	31.6	31.6	45.5			
N733NB	1.1	22.9	33.0	19.9			
N7508J	3.6	5.5	19.2	16.9			



Fleet Maintenance Log

6368K

03/30/07 Annual inspection completed.

7929U

03/05/07 seat belt grommets installed.

04/02/07 Engine to be rebuild to start. Gluide slop indicator pulled for rebuild.

04/30/07 Engine rebuild continues. Oil pump rebuild kit back ordered. May use oil pump from another engine. New interior door panels being installed.

737TY

04/02/07 50 hour oil change.

04/09/07 Baggage door lock repaired. A/I removed for repair. Omni indicator w/GS replaced.

04/26/07 Horizontal stabilizer end cap crack stop drilled.

733NB

04/17/07 transceivers repaired and installed.

04/25/07 Annual inspection started. New cowling being fitted. Over voltage indicator and fuel smell being investigated.

7508J

04/03/07 100 hour inspection starts.

04/09/07 Aircraft at Artizone for 100 hour.

04/13/07 100 hour inspection complete. Mike gain reset on com one.



Keeping our aircraft
airworthy, available,
and fun to fly

10th Annual Denton Air Fair: May 19-20



The weekend of May 19-20 presents a wide range of opportunities for club members looking to attend a nearby air show.

On Saturday, May 19, the Denton Airport will host the 10th annual Denton Air Fair. The scheduling of the event coincides with Armed Forces Day. Military fly-bys and a wide range of static displays of aircraft will be available to visitors. Bring your own seats. The event is promoted as family-friendly.

Jay Jay the Jet Plane, a perennial kids' favorite from the popular PBS program, makes a pit stop to talk about aviation and science. A children's pavilion with games and activities offers parents a place to take a break and let their kids be kids.

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help.

For more information: [click here](#)

Denton celebrates a decade of hosting their annual Air Fair.

Regional Aviation Events Calendar

May

May 5-May 7: 20th Annual Central Texas Airshow, Temple, TX. Info: 254-298-5350 or centraltexasairshow.com

May 5, Chapter 614 Fly-In Breakfast, Pineville, LA, Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0), moody88@aol.com

May 12-14: EAA Southwest Regional Fly-in (The EAA TEXAS Fly-in), Hondo, TX. Info: 830-626-7887 or swrfi.org

May 13: "Cowtown Warbird Round-Up", Fort Worth, TX. Info: 817-624-1935 or www.vintageflyingmuseum.org

May 13: NAS JRB - Air Show, Fort Worth, TX. Info: 817-782-7744

May 19: Denton Air Fair, Denton, TX. Info: 940-484-1603 or <http://www.dentonlive.com/FEATURES/TheAirUpThere/tabid/2698/Default.aspx>

June

June 1-2: Biplane Expo 2006, Bartlesville Municipal Airport - Bartlesville, OK. info: 918-622-8400 or biplane-expo.com

June 1-2, EAA Southwest Regional-The Texas Fly-In, Hondo Muni AP (HDO), Hondo, TX, www.SWRFI.org

June 2, Mid-Way Regional Airport Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, Midlothian/Waxahachie, TX, 972-923-0080 www.midwayregional.com

June 2, Chapter 614 Fly-In Breakfast, Pineville, LA, Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0), moody88@aol.com

June 9, Chapter 244 Fly-In Lunch, New Roads, LA, topglock@cox.net

June 9-10, Star Spangled Salute Centennial Air Show, Tinker AFB, OK.

June 20-29: World Class Sailplane National Contest, Marfa, TX. Info: 800-667-9464 or flygliders.com

June 30, Pancake Breakfast at Civil Air Patrol, Temple, TX, 254-718-4910, ltcrkbrown@hotmail.com

Student Pilot Recognition



Beginning last month, TFC started recognizing the major aviation milestones of our student pilots. When a student pilot first solos, they will receive a certificate suitable for framing signed by their instructor. (Special treatment for the back of the student pilot's shirt is up to the instructor and student).

When the student becomes a pilot by passing their PPSEL checkride, they will receive a certificate of congratulations signed by the chief flight instructor and the club president.

Instructors are asked to provide the necessary information for the certificate to Paul Koch who will prepare the certificate for signature. Plans are in the works to enable instructors to prepare certificates for their students.

Mark Tanner and Dee Stewartd were sent PPSEL certificates in April

"N7929U's engine overhaul is underway and should be completed soon"



President's Corner

April showers bring May flowers? This month, although stormy at times, has provided some nice sunny days for flying. Hope you all have procured your new sectionals in preparation for some nice flying this month. Our board members have been staying busy working on several fronts:

- The instructors are wrapping up the very popular Spring Private Pilot and Instrument ground schools this month.
- The April membership meeting/picnic was a great success. Keith and the McKinney Fire Department Station #4 did a great job presenting the role of the pilot, tower controller and fire department in an airport emergency at TKI.
- Paul has been busy freshening up the TFC web pages and Flight Lines newsletter.
- Art, Fred, Anton and Bob have been keeping up with the many aircraft repairs, updates, cleaning, upgrades and inspections.
 - ⇒ N7929U's engine overhaul is underway and should be complete soon.
 - ⇒ N737TY's new #2 CDI & overhauled AI are working great.
- Bret, Bob & Charlie are busy keeping the club finances solvent, even with the challenges of rising fuel prices.
- Charlie and I have been representing TFC at the city airport stakeholders meetings working on plans for the TKI runway improvements.
- Bill is working on finding ways to improve club safety.

Hope you all can find time next month to stop by at the May 12th membership meeting at the historic Collin County Courthouse and say thanks to these busy individuals. Hope to see you around the airport!

Calvin

Where Do You Get Your Charts?

In last month's Flightlines, we asked TFC members to let us know where they get their aviation charts and what they pay for them, including taxes, shipping, and any handling costs.

It turns out that our members get their charts from several places, largely depending on the type of flying they do and what equipment they fly with.

Some pilots, like Bret and Dee Stewart own their own aircraft and do quite a bit of cross-country travel. They have found the spiral-bound Airchart system of atlases to be a good solution. <http://airchart.com>. They purchase the deluxe library which contains IFR, VFR sectionals, instrument approach plates, and airport information for the entire US for \$399/year.

Hank Elits gets his charts direct from the government at <http://naco.faa.gov> via a subscription. Costs are \$8.60/sectional, \$4.45/IFR Lo Altitude Enroute, and \$4.60/Approach plate book. No tax, and no postage or shipping. The charts arrive about 10 days prior to their effective date. You can buy the charts individually or via a subscription. There is no price break for a subscription, only the convenience of not having to repeatedly order individually. Tony Phillips gets his charts from the same source.

Bruno Courbage uses the chart subscription service provided by Sporty's Pilot Shop. Sporty's charges \$9.47 (\$8.60 plus \$0.87 S&H) for VFR sectional charts and \$7.95 (\$4.55 plus \$3.40 S&H) for the Airport Facilities Directory.

Anton Quiroz used the subscription service provided by skygeek.com. Sectionals cost \$5.99 each, Terminal Area Charts (TAC) cost \$3.19 each, and Low Altitude IFR charts cost \$3.09. AFDs are priced at \$3.99. Shipping for subscription is \$2.00 per order.

Paul Koch uses the AVShop leftse.at subscription services. Sectionals cost \$7.70, Low Altitude IFR charts cost \$4.45, and AFDs cost \$4.45. Shipping for an entire order is \$1.00.

In addition to paper charts, pilots with handheld or panel mounted GPS units have subscriptions to keep their instruments up to date. The TFC has subscriptions to keep our GPS units up to date, and Anton Quiroz (our cross-country maintenance officer) is responsible for keeping this information in our aircraft current.

Bret Stewart reports that keeping the Jeppesen database for his Garmin 430 costs \$374/year.

The annual subscription for AnywhereMap, the PDA based solution Keith Guttierrez demonstrated during the March membership meeting costs \$95/year. Their approach plates product costs \$145/year. The subscriptions are also the same for the tablet-PC based systems.

Pilots who use flight planning software have another need to have electronic updates to the aeronautical information used by those tools.

AOPA members have access to a on-line flight planner that is a 'lite' version of the Jeppesen Internet Flight Planner. The full version costs \$10.95/month; as an online service, the chart information updates are included.

Seattle Avionics, makers of the Voyager flight planning software, charge \$99/year to keep VFR chart information up to date and \$149/year for IFR information. Their electronic approach plates subscription costs \$198/year. The software that uses this information is priced separately.

Some instrument rated pilots favor the Jeppesen charts for enroute, departure, arrival, and approach information. A wide variety of subscriptions is available. One example, targeted at the new instrument pilot, is the Texas Airway Manual Express Trip Kit. Priced at \$35, it contains a complete set of information for the region covered.

Thanks to all our club members who provided information for this article!



"Where is the best place to get aviation charts?"

TFC Board Meeting Highlights



The monthly board meeting was held on April 11. The cost of fuel required us to increase hourly rates as noted on the facing page. The reimbursement rate for off-site fuel was also increased to \$4.49/gallon.

The final approvals for the reconstruction of the Collin County regional airport runway is expected around May 1. The most likely scenario involves a 30-45 day closure of the runway around October 1. The board is evaluation options for continuing club operations during the shutdown, i.e. relocating and operating from another airport in the vicinity.

A three year capital plan is nearing completion which ranges between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Items include avionic upgrades, aircraft painting and interior repairs, and engine overhauls. The need for and requirements for additional club aircraft to meet the needs and flying interests of our growing membership is a high-priority subject.

The need to find a suitable meeting location for our monthly membership meeting was presented. Board members were asked to research and recommend locations. (see article on page 2).

The final approvals for the runway reconstruction project at TKI are expected around May 1.

TFC Officers

Officer	Board Member	Home Phone	E-Mail
President	Calvin Coffey	(972) 547-6711	calvin.coffey@sbcglobal.net
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Semi-annual TFC Board Nominations take place in May; Elections are in June.



TFC Board Nominations

At the May membership meeting, nominations will be taken for the following officer positions: Operations VP, Flight Safety Officer, Trainer Maintenance, and Treasurer.

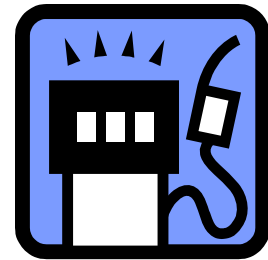
The Chief Flight Instructor is also nominated and elected by the club flight instructors. Officers serve a one year term and elections will be held during the June meeting.

The remaining officers are elected in December with nominations made during the November membership meeting.

100LL Prices Pump Up Rates

The cost of the 100LL aviation fuel we purchase from Cutter Aviation increased to \$4.79/gallon. At the March meeting the club board voted to increase the hourly rates to meet these increased costs, effective April 11. Non-instructional flights are charged an additional 8.25% sales tax.

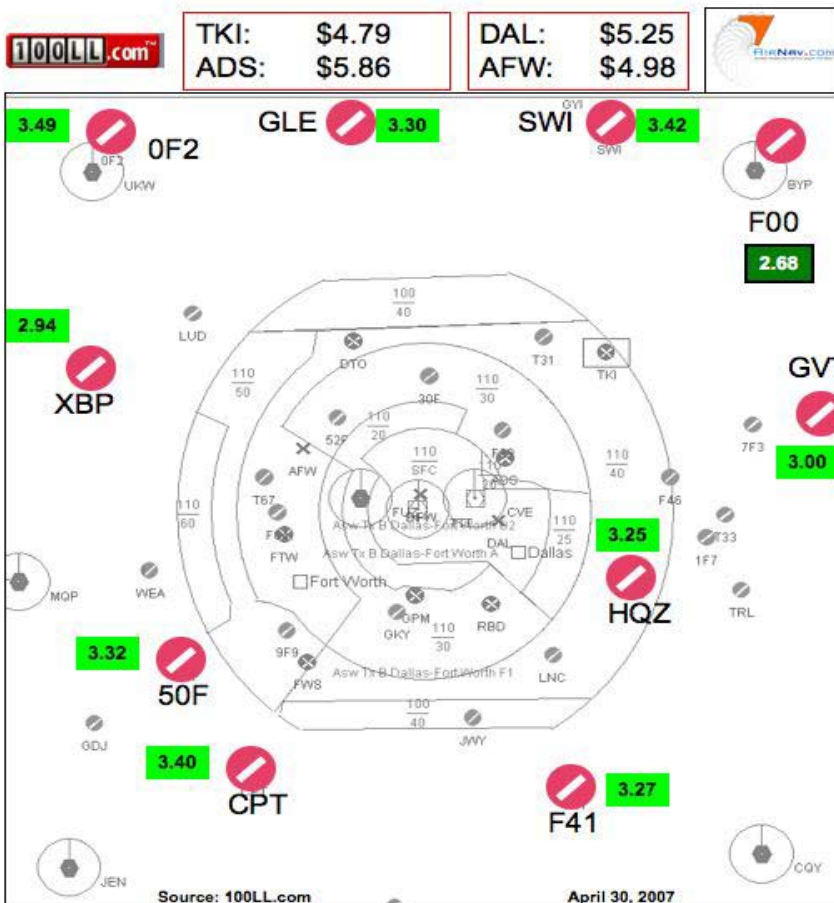
Tail No	Make/Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$84
N7929U	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$84
N373TY	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$105
N733NB	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$108
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$133



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.

Low Cost Refueling Locations around DFW

Always check hours of operation and notams before planning a fuel stop
Prices are changing rapidly so your actual price may be different. Check 100LL.com



Fuel Savings Locator

Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$4.39/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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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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[http://www.texins.org/flyingclub/reference/TFC Contact Card.pdf](http://www.texins.org/flyingclub/reference/TFC%20Contact%20Card.pdf)

Club Calendar of Events

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

12 May (Saturday): General Membership Meeting, Meeting, Donuts 8:30AM, Meeting 9:30AM, **McKinney Performing Arts Center** (see article page 2). **Program: Board Nominations**

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

9 June (Saturday): General Membership Meeting, Meeting, Donuts 8:30AM, Meeting 9:30AM, **McKinney Performing Arts Center**. **Program: Board Elections**

4 July (Wednesday): General Membership Meeting, Meeting, Addison Airport. **Program: KABOOM Fourth of July Celebration.**

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

May 2007

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June 2007

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July 2007

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