

## THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

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- Conservatism in Fuel  
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- Don't forget to  
Lean

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# TFC Flightlines – May 2009

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

## Monthly Meeting - Safe Flying Tips

Unfortunately, Charlie Mohrle is ill and wasn't able to make the May meeting. We have rescheduled him for the June 13 meeting. In his place, we thought we would use the time to talk about conservative flying. With the peak flying season upon us, we could all use a refresher on runway safety, leaning properly and situational awareness.

The monthly meeting will start at 9:30 AM at the MPAC in downtown McKinney. A map is available on Page 7.

Our annual **Spring Picnic** will follow immediately at the hangar. This is a chance for all of the new students to meet and do some hangar flying with all of the members.



## Conservatism in Fuel Planning



fuel reserve when he reaches his destination. I agree with that whole heartedly.

In addition to this, I encourage every pilot to measure the fuel consumption for the airplane you fly and the way you operate it. Chances are you'll find that you burn a lot more fuel than the POH would indicate. On your cross country flights, make it a point to find out how much fuel was added after you land.

Last month it was noticed that one of the 150's was fueled with 20.6 gallons. This leaves less than 2 gallons of usable fuel left when the member landed. Later it was discovered this was a night flight. The member was informed of the situation and appreciated knowing so they could do a self analysis in order to prevent this shortfall becoming a disaster.

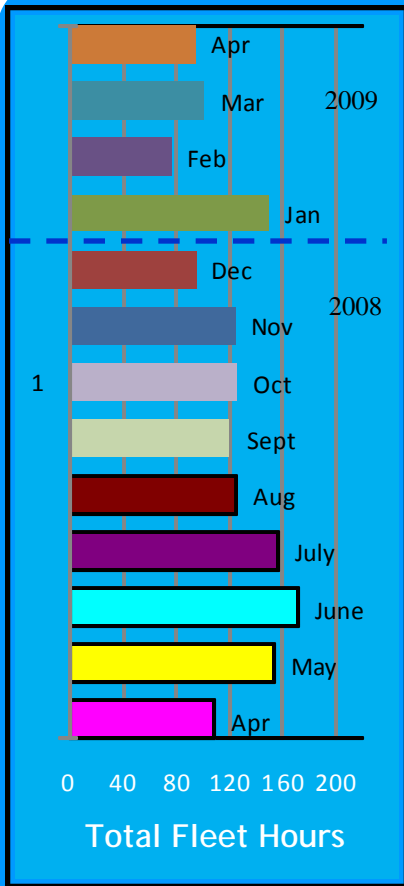
We all need to work together to take care of our planes and one another. I would like to see members squawk any irregularities noted. If I forget to tie down a wing, install the gust lock, fail to lock the plane, or leave the master on, I may never know it unless someone tells me. If the problem was squawked I would know and be able to watch more carefully in the future. Small over-sites can turn into major problems if not corrected.

~Dick Stephens

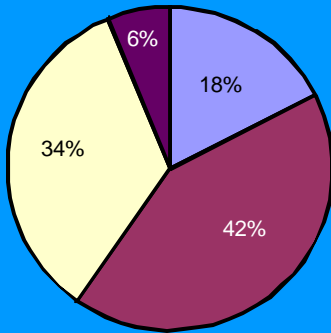
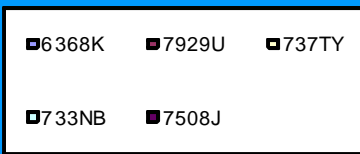
# TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2008 Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD
TOTAL	119.8	125.2	124.1	95.4	1472.2	150	76.4	100.5	94.9	326.9
N6368K	23.9	5.8	0	0	208	13.5	8.9	19.5	16.7	41.9
N7929U	25.5	22.1	34.2	30.4	409.6	48.7	27.5	25.6	40	101.8
N737TY	49.5	60.7	45.9	31	402.3	61.8	30.4	45.8	32.3	138
N733NB	12.6	30.4	38.8	30.6	351.6	12.9	0.7	0	0	13.6
N7508J	8.3	6.2	5.2	3.4	100.8	13.1	8.6	9.6	5.9	31.3



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



# Fleet Maintenance Statistics

## 6368K

On-Line

4/19/09 50 hour oil change. Left exhaust stack repaired.  
4/20/09 New alternator cooling tube installed.

## 7929U

On-Line

4/9/09 New landing light installed. New lower cowl fastener installed.  
4/15/09 Fixed loose exhaust stacks, left and right sides.  
4/19/09 New landing light circuit breaker installed. Rear position light wire repaired.  
4/25/09 Circuit breaker still trips - landing light lead unplugged to cowl and switch taped to the on position to help isolate the problem.

## 737TY

On-Line. DG has been rebuilt again and reinstalled.

4/11/09 Seat tracks passes inspection.  
4/28/09 50 hour oil change.  
4/29/09 Returned DG for repair.

## 733NB

Off-line

3NB is in the paint shop and is due out soon, date TBD.

4/29/09 New Plexiglas windshield installed.  
5/1/09 Primer paint begins.

## 7508J

Off-line for muffler repair and instrument cooling fan install.

4/23/09 Garmin 430 install was completed and test flown.  
4/24/09 Altitude hold problem identified to be a clogged pitot tube. Once cleaned, autopilot works well.  
4/27/09 50 hour oil change.

# TFC Board Meeting Updates

## Fuel Prices

The TKI fuel price is holding steady at \$4.49, effective April 8th, 2009. See Page 6 for fuel prices and aircraft rates.

## N7929U

The landing light switch is currently taped on, so don't be surprised. We're working on isolating a problem which is causing the circuit breaker to trip.

## N737TY

The DG has now been re-installed, so 7TY is no longer VFR only. Remember...warm weather is here, so don't forget to lean properly. The O-320 runs rich. You should lean for taxi as part of your after start-up routine. If you forget, then at runup, go up to 1800rpm, lean to get an increase on the TAC, go back to 1700 and do the mag check.

## N733NB

N733NB is currently trapped in the paint shop and is due out May 22nd. So far, there's primer on the ailerons, flaps,

and cowling. 3NB will look like a new plane when we see her next. We apologize for the delay and we're doing everything we can to expedite the process.

## N7508J

The Arrow is back! 7508J has had some significant upgrades that will make it a fantastic cross country machine, especially for IFR! The new updates include a Garmin GNS-430W GPS, a Garmin GMA-340 audio panel, a King KX-155 NAV/COM, a King 106A indicator, a Garmin GI-106A indicator and an S-TEC GPSS coupled to the auto pilot. The altitude hold has been repaired and the new installation is IFR certified for enroute and for approach. You will find that for long trips, the Arrow is even a more economical alternative to our Skyhawks. And on top of all that, you get to build your complex time!

## Regional Aviation Events Calendar

### May

**May 2 — Bryan, TX.** Coulter Field (KCFD). Aviation Connection. Hosted by the Texas A&M Flying Club: From 10 A.M.-6 P.M. Contact Laramie Jones, 903-249-3176

**May 9 — Granbury, TX.** Pecan Plantation Airpark (0TX1). Pecan Plantation Spring Fly-In. Contact Doug Crumrine, 817 559-4665

**May 15 - 17 — Mountain View, AR.** Mountain View Wilcox Field (7M2). Winter Bustin' Ecoupe Gathering. Contact Larry Snyder, 636-234-5954

**May 16 — Hamilton, TX.** Hamilton Municipal Airport (KMNZ). Hamilton Hill-Aceous Bike Tour. Contact Lee Ann Lee, 254-386-1651

**May 16 — Houston, TX.** William P. Hobby (KHOU). Wings & Wheels Saturday - Beechcraft Day. Contact Megan Lickliter, 713-454-1940

**May 19 — Santa Teresa, NM.** DK Avionics. Free Garmin Seminar from Garmin Aviation Regional Sales Manager. Please call 888-909-4411 or e-mail [dkavionics@elp.rr.com](mailto:dkavionics@elp.rr.com) to RSVP

**May 23 — Center, TX.** Center Municipal Airport. 6th Annual Center Fly-In. Contact Sammy Dance, 936-598-3351

**May 23 — Hobart, OK.** Hobart Regional (KHBR). Celebration of Freedom Fly-In. Contact Rodney Hoover, 580-471-0964

**May 23 — Ranger, TX.** Ranger Airfield (F23). RANGER AIR-SHOW & BBQ FLY-IN. Contact Jared Calvert, 254-433-1267

**May 23 — Shepherd, TX.** Lake Waterwheel Estates (XS99). Lake Waterwheel Estates 4th Annual Fly-In. Contact Mickey Newton, 281/635-4359 or Bo Hopmann, 713/818-6234

**May 23 — Tyler, TX.** Tyler Pounds Field (TYR). Pancake Breakfast. Contact Rich Dyer 903 849-2785. Contact Rich Dyer, 903 849-2785

**May 30 — Natchitoches, LA.** Natchitoches Regional (KIER). 5th Saturday Fly-In. Contact Larry Cooper, 318-352-0994

### June

**Jun 4 - 6 — Bartlesville, OK.** Biplane Expo. Contact Charles Harris, 918-622-8400.

**Jun 6 — Midlothian/Waxahachie, TX.** Mid-Way Regional Airport (JWY). Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In. Contact Tammy, 972-923-0080.

**Jun 13 — Durant, OK.** Nolan Avionics, Inc.. Free Garmin Seminar from Garmin Aviation Regional Sales Manager. Call 580-924-5507 or e-mail [nolanavionics@aol.com](mailto:nolanavionics@aol.com) to RSVP.

**Jun 19 - 20 — Ada, OK.** Ada Municipal Airport (KADH). Ray Stout Memorial Warbird Fly-In and Pigs Can Fly BBQ Contest. Contact Don Childers, 580/436-0770

# TFC Member News & Notes



Welcome to our newest club members

- Karen Quiroz
- Warren Chiu
- Robin Clark
- Ezeldin Elredy
- Megan Jarman
- Kyle Morgan
- Justin Scott
- Valis Houston

All new members come to us from our Spring Ground School. Everyone except Justin Scott and Karen Quiroz is new to flying.

**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.
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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

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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



ready to fly all those IFR routes and approaches probably better than I can. Don't forget to get your favorite instructor to show you how to operate that new equipment, and verify you remember the GUMPS!

See you around the airport!  
Calvin

Still got rocks in your socks? It has been rather windy and cloudy, but the weather is a changing! April showers brings TFC's spring picnic! Come on out May 9th to MPAC to hear our special guest speaker and drop by the club hangar after for a hamburger with your fellow club members. Its almost as fun as flying ;)

The Arrow is now ready for the busy cross-country season with fresh new avionics. With the autopilot coupled to the GNC430W, it's

## Important Reminder: Don't Forget to Lean!

Now that warm weather has arrived, it's especially important to remember to lean our aircraft properly. Before startup, don't use the primer unless it's below freezing, which, thank goodness, won't be any time soon! Instead, give it two strokes of the throttle if nobody was up before you, or one stroke if the plane is still warm from the last flight. After start-up, don't forget to lean for taxi as part of your post start-up checklist. Also, same thing after landing, lean for taxi as part of your post landing checklist after exiting the runway. And don't forget to lean during cruise, which will improve your fuel consumption considerably. This will help keep our planes running smooth and our spark plugs clean. If we take care of our planes, then they'll take care of us!

# Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes

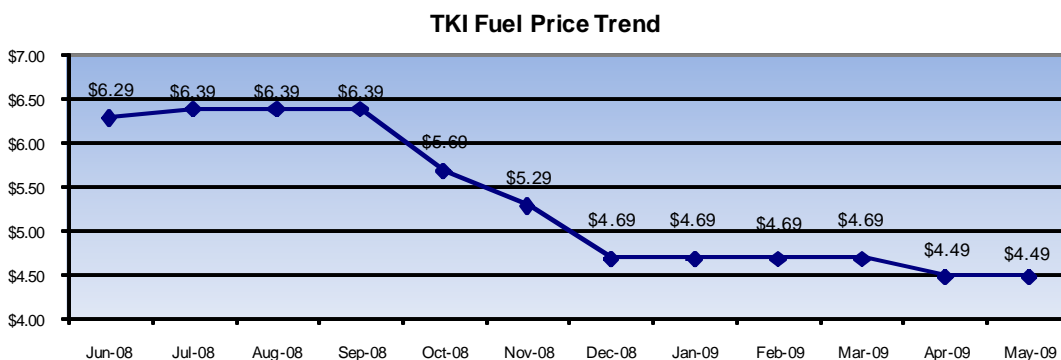
The fuel price at McKinney Airport is currently \$4.49/gal. The hourly rates to the right were updated this month, effective 4/1/2009. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$3.92/gallon. Check [100LL.com](http://100LL.com) and [AirNAV.com](http://AirNAV.com) for current regional fuel prices when planning your next cross country flight.

Tail Number	Make/Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$80.10
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$80.10
N737TY	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	\$103.25
N733NB	Cessna 172N/Superhawk	\$103.25
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$127.65



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.

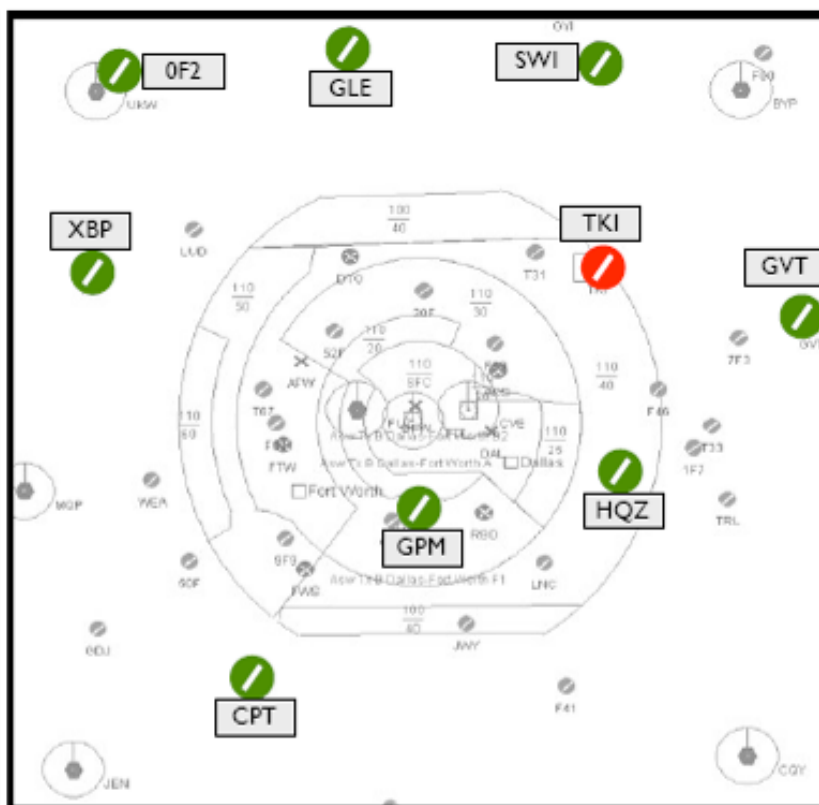


**Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW**

information from **100LL.com**

As of 4/8/09

TKI	\$4.49
ADS	\$5.65
GPM	\$2.92
GVT	\$2.85
XBP	\$2.93
SWI	\$2.75
CPT	\$3.06
HQZ	\$3.25
GLE	\$3.20
SLR	\$3.26



**Fuel Reimbursement**

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$4.49/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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## New Web Address for Texins Flying Club

Texins Flying Club has obtained a new and improved web address: [www.texinsflyingclub.org](http://www.texinsflyingclub.org). The old web address, [www.texins.org/flyingclub](http://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.

[www.texinsflyingclub.org](http://www.texinsflyingclub.org)

## Club Calendar of Events

Saturday May 9th: TFC Membership Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Charlie Morhrle, a WWII pilot will share some of his amazing experiences. Join some of our members for breakfast at [Spoons Cafe](#), 100 E. Louisiana beginning at 8:30 AM before the membership meeting.

Wednesday June 10th: TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

