

THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Photos of Self-Fueling Facilities at Sherman Municipal Airport
- November TFC Meeting Preview: Aviation Weather

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TFC Flightlines

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2007

Sherman Relocation Now October 14

There's More Time to Fly from TKI -- With Caution

The scheduled closure of the runway at Collin County Regional Airport has been delayed by at least two weeks. In response to this new information, the TFC board decided to delay the relocation of our aircraft to Sherman Municipal Airport until Sunday evening, October 14. This means that club aircraft will be available the same weekend as the October member meeting and picnic.



With construction now underway at the airport, members are strongly advised to frequently check NOTAMs which will be issued 24 hours ahead of their going into effect. Of particular importance are the nighttime runway closures. You don't want to be returning from a cross-country flight, only to find that the runway has been closed and is filled with construction vehicles.

The phased plan is available for download from the [airport web](#) site under "Airport Construction Schedule".

AFSS at October 13 Monthly Meeting

Have you ever wanted to know what goes on behind the scenes of the new Lockheed-Martin Flight Service Operations? Our October guest speaker will be one of the supervisors from the Fort Worth office of AFSS. He'll speak about the new AFSS and how best to use their services and capabilities.

Nearly 600,000 general aviation pilots rely on AFSS specialists for providing:



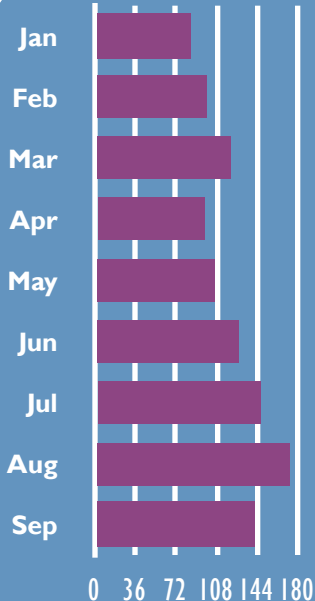
- Weather briefings
- Updates on closings or changes at airport facilities
- Flight plan filing support
- Search and rescue operations

The October monthly meeting will be our fall club picnic. The aviation topic will be the changes and challenges associated with the new Flight Service Station privatized operations.

The meeting will be held at the McKinney Performing Arts Center. The picnic will take place at the TFC Hanger at McKinney Airport immediately following the meeting.

The winner of the "Win a Free Flight in a Piper" contest will be drawn at the monthly meeting.





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

TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
TOTAL	121.7	97.4	107.7	128.6	146.0	171.8	148.1	1,105.1
N6368K	16.8	11.6	41.2	28.9	32.4	55.7	20.4	260.2
N7929U	21.1	3.5	4.0	8.4	20.6	28.4	30.4	161.9
N737TY	31.6	45.5	36.8	45.1	37.2	57.8	43.9	349.9
N733NB	33.0	19.9	21.9	39.2	41.3	17.1	45.9	242.3
N7508J	19.2	16.9	3.8	7.0	14.5	12.8	7.5	90.8

Fleet Maintenance Update

N6368K

9/04/07 100 hour inspection started.
 9/07/07 100 hour inspection complete.
 9/19/07 New brake discs installed. Oil lines cleared for good oil pressure indication.

N7929U

9/07/07 new vacuum gage installed. Vacuum system good.
 9/18/07 50 hour oil change.

N737TY

9/05/07 Transponder serviced.
 9/07/07 Shimmy damper rebuilt.
 9/25/07 Vent cable replaced.

N733NB

9/07/07 Landing light bulb replaced.
 9/17/07 Left main tire replaced. Lubbed starter bendix.
 9/20/07 Nose strut O rings replaced.
 9/20/07 50 hour oil change.
 9/21/07 Number 2 radio repaired and installed.
 9/25/07 Number 1 radio repaired and installed.

7508J On-line

9/07/07 Airspeed pressure line repaired.
 9/20/07 Right wing fuel sump valve serviced.
 9/29/0-7 lower #1 plug replaced.

The President's Corner



The McKinney airport is starting to look like a construction zone, with bulldozers, orange barrels and guys with hard hats replacing those spiffy looking corporate pilots. Be sure to check NOTAMS before you fly! Our moving plans to SWI have been delayed to Sunday evening October 14th to accommodate the changed TKI runway shutdown plans.

At this month's membership meeting, a real live Lockheed AFSS briefer will be available to answer questions on the many pilot services they provide, and a lucky club member will win a free flight in a new Piper aircraft! Come join us afterwards for lunch at our Fall picnic in the TKI club hangar!

See around the airport,

Calvin

TFC Board Meeting Updates

TFC Bulletin Board Debuts

A members-only bulletin board was added to the secure section of the TFC website in September.

Aircraft Usage Record

The month of September had the most tach-hours logged in the past 3 years. No significant aircraft availability issues reported.

October Picnic at TKI

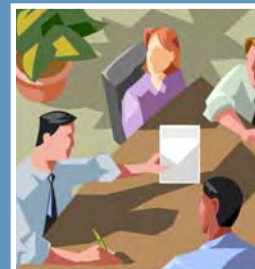
The October Fall Picnic will be held at TKI. There was some consideration about holding the picnic at Sherman Municipal as an "orientation meeting" and the board decided that holding it at TKI would increase participation levels.

N737TY Next Aircraft to be Overhauled

N737TY has about 94 hours left on the engine (as of the September Board meeting) before the engine will need to be overhauled. The windshield will also be replaced at the same time. A decision about using a factory re-manufacture engine versus a field overhaul is still under consideration.

Aircraft Paperwork in Order

The required IFR certification paperwork has been returned to the aircraft. Members are asked not to remove these documents from the airplanes for any reason.



Regional Aviation Events Calendar

October

Oct 3 - 7 — Jennings, LA. Jennings Airport (3R7). End of the Season Stearman Fly-In. Great weekend of Stearman flying and camaraderie. Spot landing and flour bombing contest.. Contact Willard Duke, 337/588-4015

Oct 6 - 7 — Houston, TX. Ellington field. Wings Over Houston Airshow. The Ron Carter Dealerships Wings Over Houston Airshow takes flight with the precision aerobatics of the Canadian Air Force Snowbirds and powerful demonstrations by the F-18F Super Hornet, F-15E Strike Eagle and AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter. Contact Bill Roach, 281-579-1942; <http://www.wingsoverhouston.com/>

Oct 6 — Lubbock, TX. Town & Country (F82). West Texas 100 Air Race. Fly in. 100 mile air race. Canyon flight seeing.. Contact Cam Benton, 806-792-2902

Oct 26 - 27 — Fort Worth, TX. Meacham Int'l (KFTW). Cowtown Warbird Roundup. The theme this year is "FACtoberfest - A Salute to the Cold War Warriors" we will have many DOD aircraft in attendance representing the finest the USA military has as well as Vintage Aircraft from WWII Bombers, Trainers Fighters and more. Contact John Zapp, 817-501-3641; <http://www.vintageflyingmuseum.org/>

November

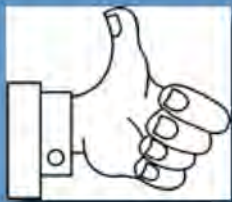
Nov 1 — Dallas, TX. Dallas Love Field (DAL). Business Aircraft & Jet Preview. Sneak preview! Airport Journals invites you to see the latest business aircraft from the all new Legacy by Embraer, Raytheon's Premier IA, the sexy Avanti from Piaggio, Adam A500 & A700, Cessna, Cirrus, Diamond, Eclipse, Pilatus, Piper, Socata, Bombardier. Contact Paul Lips, 866-202-0096; Website.

Nov 3 — Granbury, TX. Pecan Plantation Airpark (0TX1). Pecan Plantation Airpark Fall Fly-In. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 983. 100+ aircraft. Lunch. Young Eagles flights. Join the Fun!. Contact Doug Crumrine, 817 559-4665

Nov 10 — Fairview, OK. Fairview Municipal (6K4). 56th Annual world's oldest free fly-in & airshow. Free breakfast to those who fly-in between 7-10 AM. Veterans ceremony 10:45 AM; air show 1:00 PM. Contact JR. Regier, 580-227-3788

Nov 17 — Houston, TX. William P. Hobby Airport (KHOU). Wings & Wheels - HobbyFest. Join us at The 1940 Air Terminal Museum as we celebrate the return of HobbyFest! Admission is \$10/adults and \$5/children for the museum, static aircraft displays, and lunch, 713/454-1940

Congratulations to Our Members



Welcome to the following new Texins Flying Club members!

- Michael Sealy
- Ed Summers
- Louie Nguyen
- Casey Devin
- Colin Stuart
- Keith Broca
- Jeremy "EDGE" Quatacker

Congratulations to the following Texins Flying Club members for their recent aviation milestones:

- Pankaj Kargirwar made his first solo flight on September 3 at TKI.
- Anton Quiroz earned his instrument pilot rating on September 13.

TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$21/hour

Name	Instructor Ratings	Contact	Schedule
Richard Klein	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV	972-424-2307	7 days a week.
Bobby Anderson	M CFI, CFII, MEI	772-532-2089	
Mike Baulch	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV, SES	972-843-2208	
Dinu Catona	M CFI, CFII	469-214-7549 619-925-1118	
Calvin Coffey	M CFI, CFII, MEI, SES, ATP	972-547-6711	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	M CFI, CFII	214-577-5023	weekdays, some evenings, 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		
Dick Stephens	M CFI, CFII, CONV	972-517-1647	

Legend:

CFI: certificated flight instructor

CFII: certificated instrument flight instructor instrument

MEI: multi-engine flight instructor

SES: single engine seaplane instructor

CONV: conventional gear (traildragger) instructor

Self-Fueling at Sherman Municipal

by Bill Moore

Later this month, we will be self-fueling our aircraft. Knowing how to do this correctly and safely is an important skill that often saves money.

Last month's edition of Flightlines had two articles with detailed descriptions of correct procedures. This month's article provide some picture from the re-fueling facilities at the Sherman Municipal Airport.

1. This photo shows the fueling station. The fuel pump is on the left, the grounding strap the little red item in the middle next to the fence, and the credit card station is on the right.



2. This is the emergency shut-off switch. On the right side of the box is the switch to turn on the flood lights for night time use.
3. Close up of the grounding strap
4. Pilot connecting the grounding strap to the aircraft. He has also positioned the fueling hose
5. Close up of the ground strap connection to the exhaust pipe.
6. Pilot refueling the right tank, taking care to ensure the nozzle is lightly touching the side of the fuel tank opening. Remember that aviation fuel pumps do NOT turn off by themselves, you need to release the handle to stop the flow of fuel.



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November Meeting: Aviation Weather

by Keith Gutierrez

Aviation weather is a topic of interest to all pilots!



Our November guest presenter will be Paul Witsaman from the National Weather Service office in Fort Worth where he is the Regional Aviation Meteorologist. Paul began his career in meteorology with the United States Air Force in 1984. He continues to serve in the Air National Guard, currently as the Commander of the 111th Weather Flight at Ellington Field, Houston, TX. He joined the NWS in 1988 and has worked at WSO Fort Wayne, IN; WFO Paducah, KY; and since 2000 at Southern Region Headquarters, Fort Worth, TX. He is a 1979 graduate of Purdue University-Fort Wayne.

Paul's presentation will cover some of the new internet weather tools and information available to pilots and how those tools can be coupled with other briefings from various sources such as AFSS and DUATS. With the latest changes

in Flight Service and the explosive growth of self-briefings and in-cockpit weather, his presentation promises to be both informative and practical. Be sure to bring your favorite weather questions and come prepared to learn some new stuff.

At the November meeting, we will also be nominating officers for terms that begin January 1.

- President
- Membership Vice-President
- Controller
- Cross-Country Maintenance
- Communications Officer

Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes

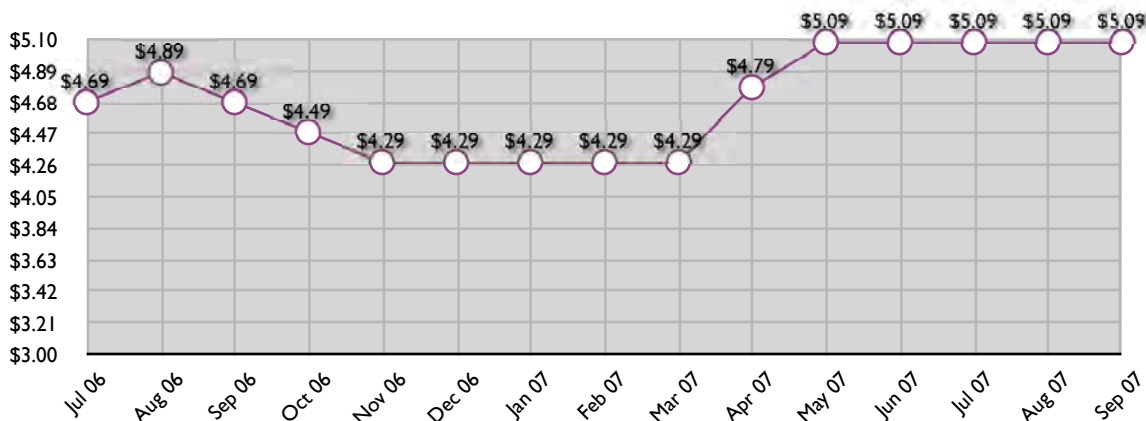
When we move to Sherman in October, aircraft rates will continue to be based on fuel prices at McKinney. Fuel that you purchase at Sherman will be reimbursed at the McKinney fuel price that is built into the hourly rate. So in exchange for doing the fueling, you'll be spending less money on your flying!

Tail Number	Make / Model	Rate/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$86.25
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$86.25
N737TY	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$107.75
N733NB	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$110.75
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$136.25



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.

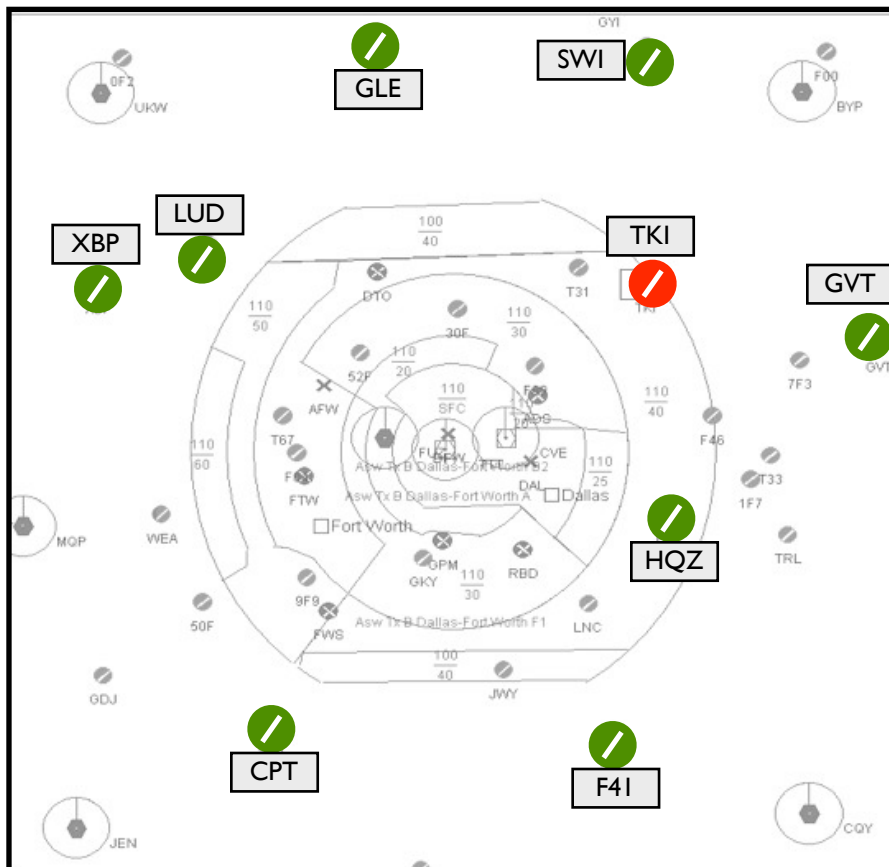
Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.



Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from **100LL.com** as of 10/01/07

TKI	\$5.09
ADS	\$5.90
SWI	\$3.33
XBP	\$3.39
LUD	\$3.54
GLE	\$3.55
GVT	\$3.55
HQZ	\$3.55
CPT	\$3.60
F4I	\$3.85



Fuel Savings Locator

Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$4.79/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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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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for your
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http://www.texins.org/flyingclub/reference/TFC_Contact_Card.pdf

Club Calendar of Events

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

October 13 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting - AFSS Update at McKinney PAC, followed by TFC Fall Picnic and "Win A Flight" prize drawing at the TFC Hanger at the McKinney Airport. Meeting starts at 9:30 AM.

October 14 (Sunday): TFC Aircraft relocate to Sherman Municipal (SWI) until runway resurfacing at Collin County Regional Airport (TKI) is completed.

November 07 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

November 10 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Topic is "Aviation Weather" featuring Paul Witsaman from the National Weather Service office in Ft. Worth. Officer nominations.

December 05 (Wednesday): TFC Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., LER Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Rd, Plano, TX. All members welcome.

December 08 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Officer elections.

November Flightlines: \$100 Hamburger Haunts

Fall weather is often great flying weather. Having a fun destination (other than the practice area) makes the trip a lot of fun, especially if you have a passenger or fellow pilot along on the trip. And if there is some good (or at least decent) food near that airport... well, it doesn't get much better than that: good flying, good friends, and good food.

I need a few more of your favorite \$100 hamburger destinations (can be anywhere, not just local) and perhaps a bit of a story from one of your visits. We'll use this information to compile a consolidated list for the November newsletter. Send your inputs to Paul Koch@ chili4way@hotmail.com

