

THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Board Meeting June 11— Schimelpfenig Library
- Weather for VFR Pilots in the North Texas Area
- Pictures from the Spring Picnic

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TFC Flighlines — June

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008

Weather For VFR Pilots in the North Texas Area

Fuzzy images and blurry cryptic symbols used to be how we were taught weather. We learned just enough to pass the written test and hoped none of the weather questions were asked. The closest thing to a readable map came from the TV news. Did you know way back when written tests were first developed, the exam consisted of 25 true/false questions without anything related to weather? Some much for the bad old days. Today, you have an enormous amount of clear, readable and infinitely better material right at your fingertips. But how do you choose the vital few from the trivial many?

At the June membership meeting Keith Gutierrez will share some of his tips, techniques and experiences about weather and VFR flying specific to the North Texas area. He will also share some recent video and audio from pilots who have something to show you. You won't want to miss the program.

Keith Gutierrez soloed in 1974 when the Texins Flying Club was located at the old Dallas North Airport (about where Legacy and Custer come together in Plano). He is instrument and multi-engine rated and has about 1500 hours.

He's back to flying the twin engine again because of the severe damage to his favorite plane, the Cirrus, from the April storms. Ask him about his latest aviation adventures on a cross country trip from Addison airport to Phoenix, AZ Sky Harbor airport, then to Grand Junction, CO and back to Addison via Amarillo.



Pictures From The Spring Picnic

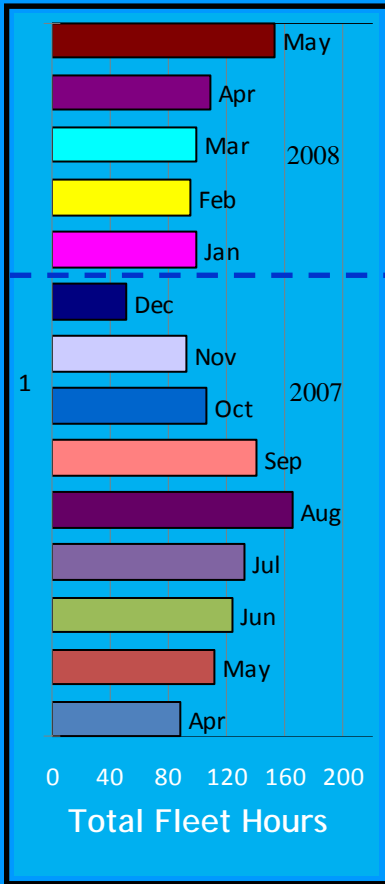
When May rolls around, it usually means that we get more hours in the day to fly and it also means it is spring picnic time. The weather co-operated and everyone had a great time enjoying a burger or a dog. Some of the lucky ones even go to go for a ride in a fire truck.



TFC Fleet Statistics

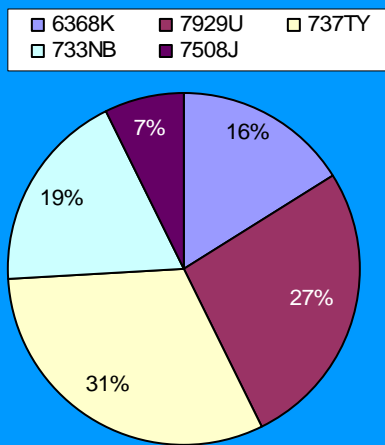
This table shows the total logged tach-hours for each of the TFC aircraft.

	2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
TOTAL	1371.2	99.2	94.5	98.5	108.8	153	0.0	554
N6368K	304.4	17.0	13.0	18.8	14.5	26	0.0	89.3
N7929U	251.9	32.2	31.1	28.9	26.0	34.4	0.0	152.6
N737TY	373.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.7	50.9	0.0	80.6
N733NB	337.5	38.6	43.7	42.3	27.4	30.3	0.0	182.3
N7508J	103.9	11.4	6.7	8.5	11.2	11.5	0.0	49.3



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

Hours Flown By Aircraft



Fleet Maintenance Statistics

6368K

05/12/08 Pitot line to airspeed purged.
05/29/08 25 hour oil change, switch to 15w-50 oil.

7929U

05/13/08 Landing light bulb replaced. Voltage regulator replaced.
05/27/08 Annual inspection complete. New alternator installed.
05/29/08 Replaced Nav-Com with spare. Nav to shop.

737TY

05/02/08 25 hour oil change and oil screen inspection. Door hinge repair.
05/07/08 AI removed for rebuild.
05/11/08 Vacuum line sealed.
05/13/08 PTT switch repaired.
05/15/08 AI installed. Parking brake bracket installed.
05/16/08 Landing light replaced.
05/20/08 65 hour oil change. AI adjusted.
05/27/08 Transponder antenna connectors replaced.
05/29/08 Transponder antenna cable replaced and transponder replaced by checked out spare.

733NB

05/11/08 Nose strut rebuilt.
05/15/08 Left landing gear fairing replaced. New nose wheel steering joint installed.
05/19/08 Right wing fuel drain replaced.

7508J

05/06/08 Tie down on left wing replaced.

New 30 Hour TAF this Fall

Just when you were getting comfortable with the coding of terminal area forecasts (TAFs), there is new date and time coding coming for extended 30-hour forecasts. The extended forecasts will be provided for 32 of the nation's largest airports starting Nov. 5.

For more information on the web, go to http://www.weather.gov/os/aviation/taf_testbed.shtml

TFC Board Meeting Updates

Safety Reminders

Always get a weather briefing this time of year. If you haven't been flying or haven't had a club annual, now is a great time to schedule a flight with an instructor for a "tune up".

Texins Flying Club Shirts

Order will be delivered at the May picnic for club shirts and caps. Shirts will cost \$32, caps \$15. Both will feature embroidered TFC logos.

Reservations

All club members are reminded to only reserve an aircraft for the amount of time they expect to use it. A good rule of thumb is to book no more than 2 hours for a typical one hour training flight. Also, please remember to clear your reserva-

tion as soon as you know you won't be making the flight. Even if you're canceling due to weather, an instrument pilot or student may be able to use the aircraft.

Traffic Calls

There seems to be a little confusion as to what the area that the controllers are responsible for. The TKI controllers are only responsible for aircraft in the McKinney Class D airspace (which is only 5 statute miles). If you are outside of their airspace, don't expect them to tell you about the traffic near you. Sometimes they may give you a heads up about traffic but it is a courtesy when their workload allows it. Please don't expect it every time you are outside of their airspace.

Board Elections

The positions of Operations Vice President, Flight Safety Officer, Trainer Maintenance Officer and Treasurer are all up for nomination. The vote will be during the June meeting.

If you have ever wanted to find out what keeps your flying club running, you should consider running for one of the positions.

We still need someone for the position of Communications Officer. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Calvin Coffey or Robert McLeod.

Regional Aviation Events Calendar

May

Jun 7 — Midlothian/Waxahachie, TX. Mid-Way Regional Airport (KJWY). Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In. Breakfast tickets \$6, children under age 8 free with adult. Classic Airplanes & Fighters, Flight Demonstration Trojan Phylers T-28s, Remote Control Model Flyers. The Classic Swing Band, Midlothian Classic Wheels, other attractions. Contact Tammy Bowen, 972/923-0080

Jun 12 — Fort Worth, TX. Harrison Aviation (FWS). Texas Aircraft Expo. 2008 TEXAS AIRCRAFT EXPO -- 10AM - 2PM. Come see all of the major general aviation aircraft manufacturers on the same ramp. New airplanes, finance and insurance experts, and 30 minute tax seminar beginning at 12PM. Light lunch will also be served.. Contact Premier Aircraft Sales, 800-564-2463

Jun 13 — Addison, TX. Premier Aircraft Sales (ADS). Texas Aircraft Expo. 2008 TEXAS AIRCRAFT EXPO -- 10AM - 4PM. Come see all of the major general aviation aircraft manufacturers on the same ramp. New airplanes, finance and insurance experts, and 30 minute tax seminar beginning at 12PM. Light lunch will also be served.. Contact Premier Aircraft Sales, 800-564-2463

Jun 14 — Jacksonville, TX. Cherokee County Airport (KJSO). Tomato Fest & Fly-In. Army Helicopter Static Display, Airplane Static Display, Rock Climbing Wall, Salsa Contest, Antique Car Show, Live Music, Tomato Shoot,, Great Food and much more!. Contact Clint Goff, 903-586-8219

Jun 14 — San Marcos, TX. San Marcos Municipal Airport (KHYY). Blue Skies Aviation B-B-Q Fly In. starts at 11 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. with B-B-Q from Kip's famous B-B-Q. being served from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. \$7 per plate. Come on out and meet new people, see various types of aircraft and just hang out with other pilots. A case of Aeroshell W10. Contact Shaune Maycock, 512-392-7035

Jun 21 — Houston, TX. 1940 Air Terminal Museum at William P. Hobby Airport (KHOU). Wings & Wheels - New Aircraft Expo!. In the market for a new aircraft? Come check out some of the latest models at our monthly Wings & Wheels open house! The event runs from 10:00a-5:00p and Admission is \$10/adults and \$5/children - admission is waived for fly-in visitors.. Contact Megan Lickliter, 713/454-1940

TFC Member News & Notes



Welcome to our newest club members

Bill Burns

Eric Kauffman

Darren O'Rourke passed his checkride on June 7th. Richard Klein is Darren's instructor.

Eric Kauffman soloed on May 30. His instructor is Rich Graham.

Dennis Levy is the owner of the new Yellow and Blue Zodiac 601 parked on the north ramp. He is offering his airplane to club members for \$90/hour. MINIMUM CHECKOUT FOR ANYONE IS 3 hours or more logged in aircraft with a certified flight instructor previously checked out in the airplane. As of now,

Richard Klein is checked out in this aircraft. For further information go to <http://www.sportplanettraining.com/> or contact Richard.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the picnic. All of your contributions and hard work paid off as we had good weather and a great turnout. Our friends from the McKinney Fire Department even brought over their brand new ARFF truck for everyone to see (see the pictures from the picnic on the front page and page 5).

TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$25/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	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, 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		
Dick Stephens	M CFI, CFII, CONV	972-517-1647	

Legend:

CFI: certificated flight instructor
CFII: certificated instrument flight instructor

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



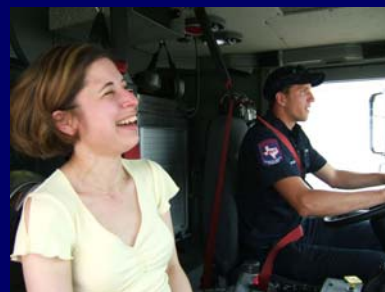
President's Corner

Congratulations to the members who completed the Spring VFR and IFR ground schools this last month. Now its time to fly and learn some more! If it has been awhile for you, invite your favorite instructor to go for a \$100 hamburger or BBQ! (The instructors are looking a little skinny these days). I hear tell that Cedar Mills restaurant will reopen in June and Grayson County is starting up a training air traffic control tower.

Hope you all can find time next month to stop by at the June 14th membership meeting at the historic Collin County Courthouse. See you around the airport!

Calvin

Pictures from the Picnic (continued)



TFC Officers



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President	Calvin Coffey	972-547-6711	calvin.coffey@sbcglobal.net
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Safety Officer	Bill Moore	972-270-1769	moore213@sbcglobal.net
Chief Instructor	Richard Klein	972-424-2307	rsklein@tx.rr.com

Want to learn more about airplane ownership or help guide the direction of the TFC? Consider joining the TFC Board of Directors!

Board Positions Open

The TFC Board of Directors has an opening for the communications officer. The communications officer is responsible for the club website, the monthly newsletter, taking minutes of board meetings, and communicating information to our membership. While serving on the board, your club dues obligation is suspended.

If you have a basic level of experience in creating / updating websites and familiarity with desktop publishing or word processing software, you have the necessary background. Recent communications officers: Paul Koch, Bret Stewart,

The position of Safety Officer also needs to be filled. The safety officer is responsible for monitoring and documenting any accidents and keeping the membership up to date on any safety related issues.

For more information about the communications officer position, contact President Calvin Coffey or Robert McLeod.

Aircraft Security Reminder

Remember to complete the aircraft security items on our post-flight checklist. The busy flying season is here and there are more people at the airport and on the tarmac. Keeping our aircraft secure is a priority for all club members:

- confirm electrical items are off (ignition, master, lights, radios, etc.)
- install gust lock(s) or secure yoke / pedals as appropriate to the aircraft.
- seat belts and harnesses secured (keeps them from hanging out the door)
- windows closed and locked
- passenger door closed and locked
- pilot door closed and locked
- tie downs attached

Hourly Rates for TFC Airplanes

The fuel prices at McKinney Airport went up to \$6.19/gal. The hourly rates to the right became effective 05/06/2008. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$5.02/gallon. Check 100LL.com and AirNAV.com for current regional fuel prices when planning your next crosscountry flight.

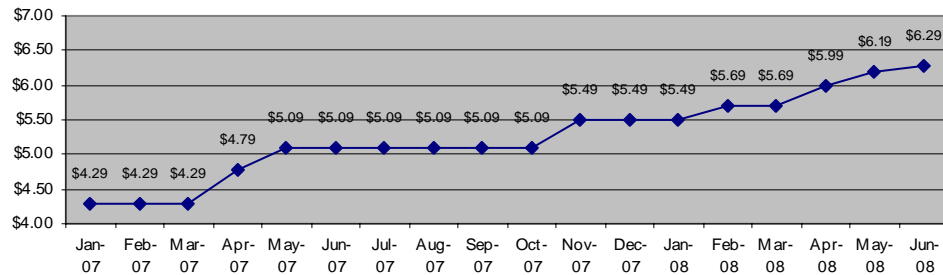
Tail Number	Make/Model	Ratw/Hr
N6368K	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$64.60
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$96.60
N737TY	Cessna 172 Skyhawk	\$125.00
N733NB	Cessna 172N/Superhawk	\$125.00
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$151.50



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.

TKI Fuel Price Trend



Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

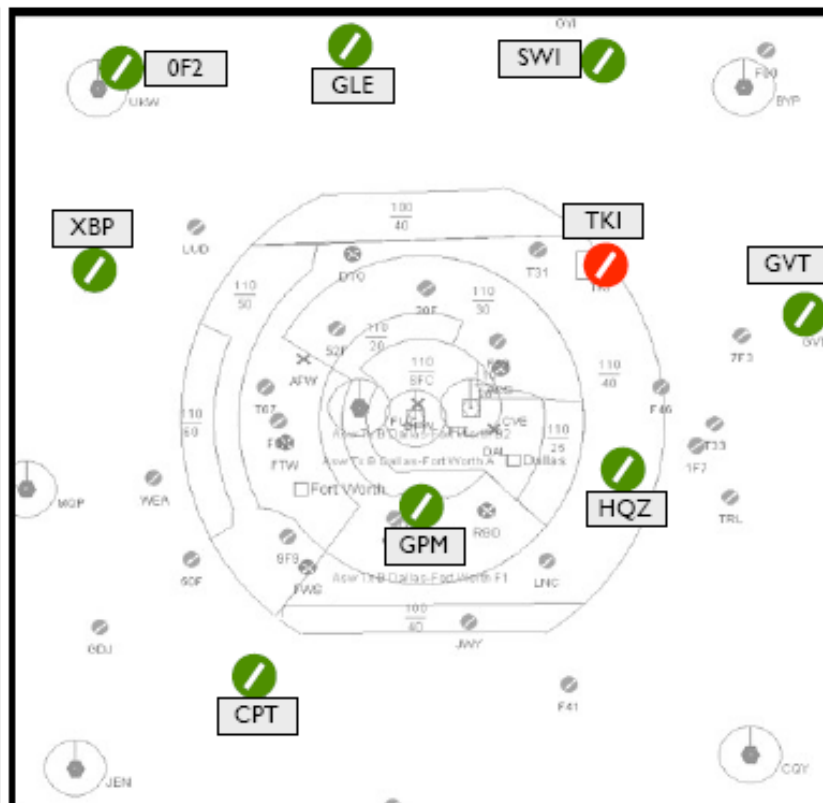
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As of 06/11/08

TKI	\$6.29
ADS	\$6.89

GPM	\$4.65
GVT	\$4.40
XBP	\$4.39
SWI	\$4.55
CPT	\$4.65
HQZ	\$4.60
GLE	\$4.50
SLR	\$4.94



Fuel Savings Locator

Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$5.99/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

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

June 14 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Keith Gutierrez, speaking about VFR weather for pilots in North Texas.

July 3 (Thursday): Kaboom Town, Addison Airport (details to follow)

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

July 12 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at the McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Dave Roesch, Air Traffic Manager CCRA.

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

August 9 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at the McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Stephan Kramer.

Weather for VFR Pilots in North Texas

Join us on Saturday, June 14 for an informative presentation about weather for the VFR pilot in the North Texas area given by Keith Gutierrez.

The meeting begins at 9:30 AM at the [McKinney Performing Arts Center](#), 111 N. Tennessee in downtown McKinney.

Join some of our members for breakfast at [Spoons Cafe](#), 100 E. Louisiana beginning at 8:30 AM.

