

## THE TEXINS FLYING CLUB

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Cold weather starting and Xaon XRX vs. GTX 330.
- New Years Quick Hits.

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# Flightlines



## Texins Flying Club

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

January 2010

### TFC New Years Quick Hits

By Darren O'Rourke (TFC Communications Officer)

#### Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin

On December 23, the FAA issued a Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin to address the risk of fire aboard general aviation aircraft. The bulletin addresses the potential hazards of resetting an opened circuit breaker and includes recommendations and best practices regarding tripped circuit breakers.

To read this bulletin, you can access it from the Internet using the following URL; [https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2009/Dec/SAIB\\_CE-10-11.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2009/Dec/SAIB_CE-10-11.pdf)

#### Plastic Over Paper

If you have been a pilot for awhile, you might still have the old paper certificate, it will expire on March 31, 2010 per FAR Part 61.19(h). In addition, if you plan on flying internationally any time after March 5, 2009, your pilot certificate must state that you are proficient in English per ICAO rules. Lastly, the newer plastic pilot certificates will have a new non-SSN issued number for the certificate number.

To order the new certificate free of charge (so long as you request a

non-SSN based pilot certificate per ICAO rules), visit the FAA website at [http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/airmen\\_services/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/airmen_services/)

#### New Instrument Rating/IPC standards

The FAA has updated the Practical Test Standards (PTS) for Instrument Ratings effective January 2010. One of the important changes is that the Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC) requirements are now included in the PTS.

Some of the major enhancements to the PTS include the following:

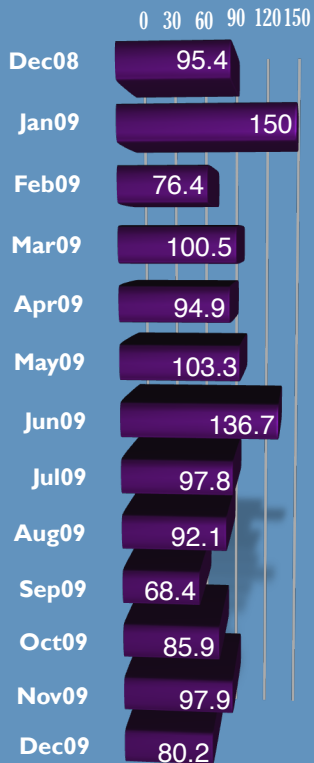
- Deletion of Practical Test Prerequisites for Instrument Rating.
- Added Special Emphasis area of icing hazards.
- Replaced Aeronautical Decision making, Risk Management, and Single Pilot Resources Management with new Single-Pilot Resource Management.

To view the new standard, visit [http://www.faa.gov/training\\_testing/testing/airmen/test\\_standards/media/faa-s-8081-4e.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/airmen/test_standards/media/faa-s-8081-4e.pdf)

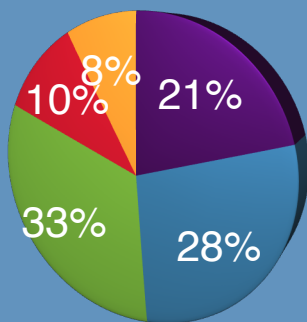
# TFC Fleet Statistics

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

	2008	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
TOTAL	1,472.2	97.8	92.1	68.4	85.9	97.9	80.2	1,183.8
N6368K	208.0	21.3	26.6	13.5	22.0	16.5	31.5	245.1
N7929U	409.6	32.0	24.9	9.3	8.4	25.9	19.7	333.7
N737TY	402.3	21.7	13.0	20.4	18.1	36.4	19.6	386.9
N733NB	351.6	22.8	20.8	15.1	21.1	7.7	2.0	124.0
N7508J	100.8	0.0	6.8	10.1	16.3	11.4	7.4	94.1



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



- N6368K
- N7929U
- N737TY
- N733NB
- N7508J

## Fleet Maintenance

### N6368K

12/01/09 Fuel tab in left tank replaced.  
 12/06/09 Pass vent tube repositioned. New vacuum pump is on order.  
 12/08/09 Ground check of landing light. Reported still dimming and intermittent in flight.  
 12/10/09 Pilot side PTT switch replaced. Windshield leak repaired. Flap switch cleaned.  
 12/18/09 Transceiver replaced.  
 12/22/09 Left fuel sump valve replaced.

### N7929U

12/01/09 Cockpit lights repaired.  
 12/04/09 New audio panel installed. Speaker changed.  
 12/05/09 New beacon power supply installed. Battery charged.  
 12/08/09 New pilot side gear inner tube.

12/11/09 oil pressure gage line cleared. Flap mechanism lubed.

### N737TY

12/22/09 50 hour oil change.  
 12/24/09 New exhaust system and starter solenoid. Oil leak fixed.

### N733NB

12/13/09 new interior plastic installation started.

### 7508J

12/03/09 Short from DME to audio panel repaired. Circuit breaker replaced.  
 Stack lowered for audio panel visibility.  
 12/15/09 Fuel selector valve replaced.

## Fuel Caps: Good; N733NB Has New Headliner

Not all the aircraft can be fitted with chains on the fuel caps. So this is a reminder to double check the fuel caps as part of your pre-flight checks. Fuel caps get lost all the time. Sometimes the rubber gaskets get hard and brittle and don't make a good seal. This can cause the fuel cap to slip off during flight from the vibration. The bottom line is to double check the fuel cap before each flight including (and especially) after line service guys refuel the plane for you. For good measure, you may just want to check the fuel cap after you land as well.

The new interior head liner for N733NB has been installed. In the process, we found the fuel leak that has been plaguing that aircraft for years. It was a small leak, but just enough to make the cockpit smell of fuel. It turns out that there were some fuel hoses behind the plastic lining that were causing the leak that were only discovered because the previous plastic was broken.

# TFC Board Meeting Updates

## Safety Reminders

Always get a weather briefing this time of year. Make sure the fuel cap is secure when getting the plane refueled by a line service person.

## IFR Ground School

IFR Ground school is on track for the February/March time frame. More details will be forthcoming. If you are interested IFR Ground School. If you are interested, please contact Darren O'Rourke. darreno@gmail.com

## Private Pilot Ground School

The TFC is offering a private pilot ground school this Spring. Registration is March 11 classes begin March 16 and ends May 11.

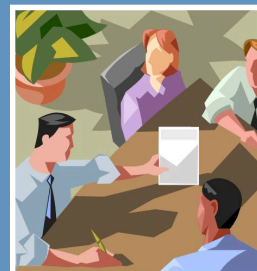
## Demo Flight Gift Certificates

Even though Christmas is now over, you can still purchase gift certificates. Gift certificates for demo flights are available for \$59 each and

make great stocking stuffers! To purchase one, contact a club officer and/or an instructor.

## Aircraft Cleaning

Maintenance officers Bob Neidweicki and Thomas Fox are assembling a crew to help wash our aircraft.. It's a great opportunity to learn about the correct methodology and to help keep our planes looking smart and flying well. Contact Bob, Tom, or Fred Carvajal. (see officers list, page 7)



# Regional Aviation Events Calendar

## January

Jan 28-30 — Little Rock, AR. Soaring Society of America Convention. Gathering of pilots interested in the art and science of motorless flight. Includes aircraft and product displays, seminars, and the society's annual meeting and awards banquet. 575.392.1177. [convention@saa.org](mailto:convention@saa.org)

<http://www.saa.org/convention/convention.asp>

## February

Feb 28 — Claremore, OK. Claremore Regional Airport (KGCM). Claremore Fly-In Luncheon. Last Saturday of each month will be the Claremore Regional Airport Luncheon, held rain or shine. Lunch is from 11am-1pm Door Prizes and lots of food and fun! Something new each month! Contact Chris Ross, 918.343.0931. [cbmbross@tds.net](mailto:cbmbross@tds.net)

<http://www.okieflyers.com>

## March

Mar 12 - 14 — Bryan, TX. Coulter Airfield (KCFD). Heart of Texas LSA Expo 2010. Featuring the latest and most highly regarded Light Sport Aircraft on the market from some of the most regarded manufacturers from around the world. Demonstrations through out the event, food and

entertainment for all ages. Contact Karl Preston, 979 412 1611. [karl@coulterfield.com](mailto:karl@coulterfield.com)

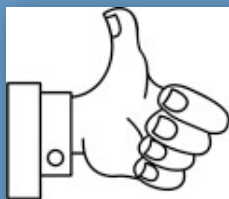
<http://www.saa.org/convention/convention.asp>

## April

Apr 3 — Pineville, LA. Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). EAA Chapter 614 Pancake Breakfast. The best breakfast around. All you can eat - Pancakes, eggs, hash browns, sausage, grits, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk or juice. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318-452-0919. [Email Website](http://www.nicewarner.com)

Apr 9 - 11 — Pineville, LA. Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0). Spring Fly-In & Campout. Part of the Louisiana EAA Series of fly-in's. One of the best in the state. Hookups for motor vehicles and campsites available. Contact Nick Nicewarner, 318-452-0919. [Email Website](http://www.nicewarner.com)

Apr 30 - May 2 — Temple, TX. Draughon-Miller Temple Airport (KTPL). Central Texas Airshow. One of the most exciting aviation events in central Texas. Aerobatics, warbirds, reenactments, fireworks and more. Contact Gary Moore, 512/869-1759. [Email Website](http://www.ctairshow.com)



## TFC Member News & Notes

Welcome to our newest club members for December!

- Stephen Williams
- Ryan Robertson
- Jayesh Tolia

Congratulations to all the board members who recently were elected or re-elected to their posts on the Board of Directors. All positions were uncontested except for the Cross-Country Maintenance Officer, which was won by Bob Niedwiecki.

## TFC Instructors

Instruction rate is \$32/hour

Name	Instructor Ratings	Contact	Schedule
Richard Klein	M CFI, CFII, MEI, CONV	972-424-2307	7 days a week.
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
Hank Eilts	M CFI, CFII, CONV	214-480-3581	weekends and weekday evenings
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
Aniseh Shapiro	F CFI, CFII, MEI	972-881-1102 972-965-7999	7 days a week.
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

ATP: Indicates that the instructor holds an Airline Transport Pilot rating

## Welcome To Our Newest Club Officer

Bob Niedwiecki was elected to our Board as of the last club meeting. He has taken over the position of Cross-Country Maintenance Officer. Bob is really excited about the new position and is eager to help out the club.

Some of you may also know Bob as one of our outstanding CFI's. He has been with the Texins Flying Club since 1983 and has been a CFI in the club since 1985. In addition to flight instruction, his flying experience includes flying freight out of Love Field and flying a twin turbo prop for regional airline, Mesa Air. In addition to his club officer duties, he will be the prime for setting up the upcoming IFR Ground School this spring.

Look for email from Bob in the not too distant future soliciting volunteers for to help with airplane washing. We are waiting until it gets a little warmer, however.

# TFC Board of Directors



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Chief Instructor	Richard Klein	972-424-2307	<a href="mailto:rsklein33@verizon.net">rsklein33@verizon.net</a>

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

## President's Corner

Happy New Year! What will 2010 bring you? A new pilot rating, a new favorite fly-out destination, a new aviation adventure, or a checkout in a new type of aircraft? There are so many possibilities. Most of all, let's keep it fun & safe!



Need someone to share flying costs? Flight sharing with other club members can be a practical way to get some flying experience and afford longer trips. Club membership meetings are a good way to meet other members and discuss aviation subjects. You have already invested a great deal of time and money learning to fly, so go fly and keep those pilot skills sharp!

See around the airport,

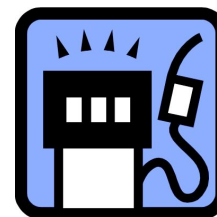
Calvin

## 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

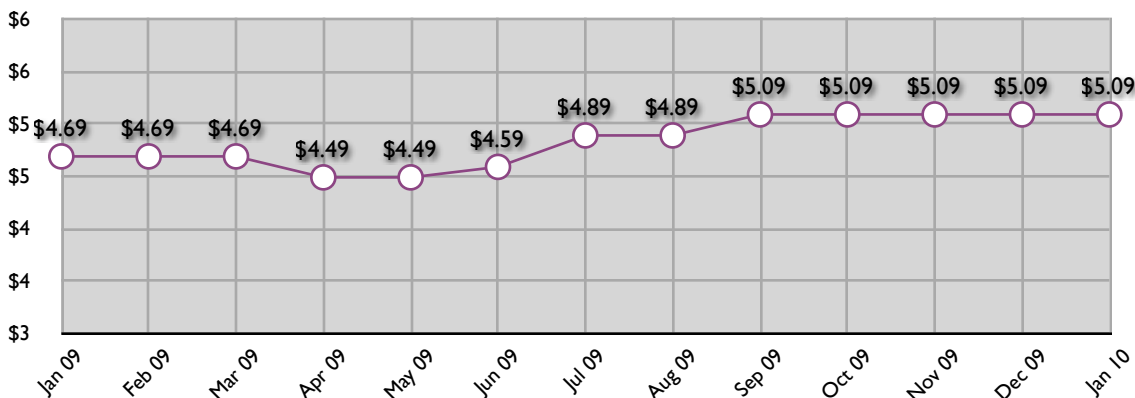


TFC hourly rates are "wet tach hour" meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay based on engine usage, not on wall clock time.

The fuel prices at McKinney Airport remained stable at \$5.09/gallon. The hourly rates to the right became effective 11/01/2009. Average 100LL prices in the 6-state region is \$4.87/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	\$91.20
N7929U	Cessna 150M Commuter	\$91.20
N737TY	Cessna 172N Skyhawk	\$118.00
N733NB	Cessna 172N/180 Superhawk	\$118.00
N7508J	Piper PA-28R-180 Arrow	\$150.00

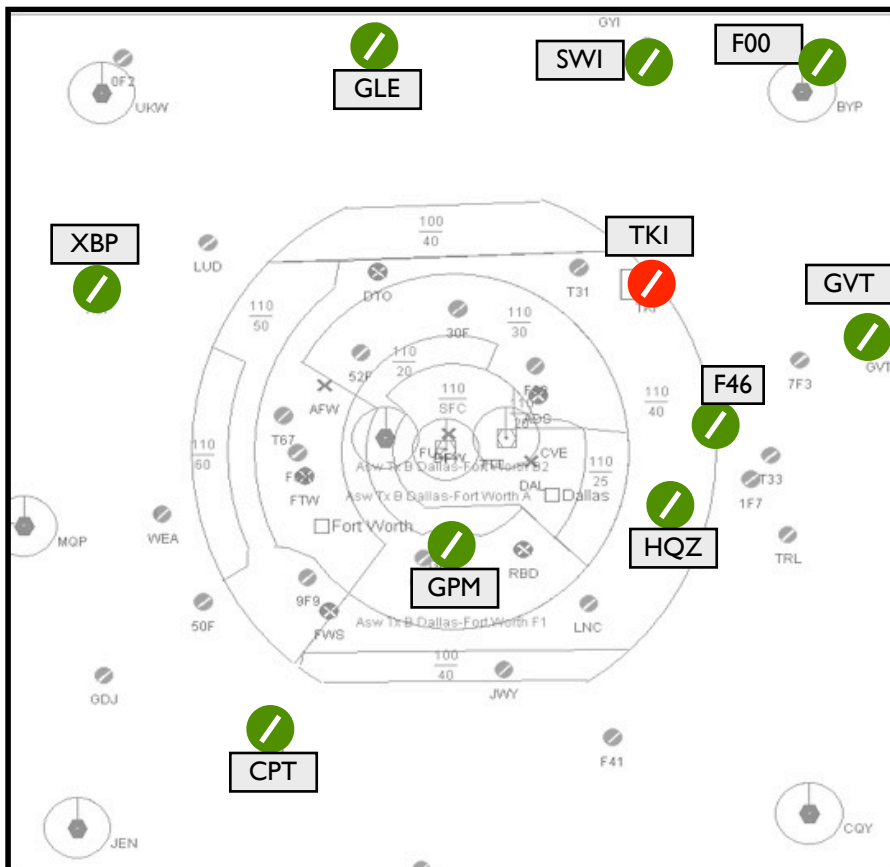
Cutter Aviation at McKinney fuel price trends.



## Comparative Fuel Prices Around DFW

information from **100LL.com** as of 01/07/2009

TKI	\$5.09
ADS	\$6.15
SWI	\$3.23
GVT	\$3.26
CPT	\$3.36
HQZ	\$3.40
XBP	\$3.44
GPM	\$3.52
GLE	\$3.55
F46	\$3.55
F00	\$3.75

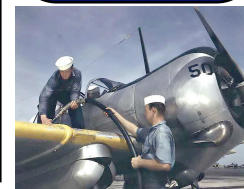


## Fuel Savings Locator

### Fuel Reimbursement

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at \$5.09/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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[http://www.texinsflying.org/assets/TFC\\_Contact\\_Card.pdf](http://www.texinsflying.org/assets/TFC_Contact_Card.pdf)

# Club Calendar of Events

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

Jan 9 (Saturday): TFC Monthly Meeting at McKinney PAC, beginning at 9:30 AM.

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

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## Cold Weather Starting; Zaon XRX vs. GTX 330

Join us on Saturday, January 9 as we discuss cold weather starting procedures and we show you the Zaon Systems XRX PCAS and Compare it to the Garmin GTX 330 TIS. All that and other surprises at this month's Texins Flying Club Monthly Meeting.

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.

