PRESIDENT’S CORNER

By Calvin Coffey (TFC President)

I hope the constant up and down on the thermometer hasn’t got you down. The only constant to weather is change. Don’t forget to load the jacket onboard during preflight because you may be looking for it at your destination. Punxsutawney Phil has declared Spring is coming early this year…

The instructors have announced the TFC Spring Private Pilot Ground School starts in March 7th. Download the latest ground school flyer from our website, print and hang it on your cube at work. I find this a great way to meet new potential students, current and former pilots. Funny thing, most of them didn’t know I am a pilot. Must be the lack of leather jacket and swagger?

Hopefully sequestration will be a word that most can’t remember next month. As Texins Flying Club President, I have ordered great flying weather, inexpensive aircraft fuel and airplanes that never will need repairs. Maybe congress could pass that?

See around the airport,

Calvin
SAFETY FIRST

By Dick Stephens, TFC Safety Officer

How Can It Happen?

I find that one of the hardest things about teaching flying is: When to teach? And, when you should require a sterile cockpit? You certainly don’t want to miss a “Teaching Moment”. On the other hand when you need to hear radio calls or watch where you are going, are we teaching “lack of” or “divided” attention?

Recently we had damage to the wing tip of 733NB. The position and strobe lights on the left wing were removed by a light pole on the ramp at KSWI. An instructor and an Instrument student stopped for Gas after making a VOR approach to KSWI. The fuel ramp was congested and the pilot decided to taxi around the row of hangars parallel to the runway north of the fueling area in order to access the fuel pump. During this taxi process the instructor was reviewing with the pilot the approach that they had just made. This was a distraction that resulted in the accident.

Priorities must be maintained! “Fly the airplane”! In this case taxi the airplane. Pay attention at all times. Especially anytime the prop is moving, whether the plane is moving or not.
FLIGHTS OF FANCY

By Charles Galles

Last year my daughter’s math class was working on some hypothetical word problem about a $100 hamburger. Her 6th grade class was looking at a menu of the Southern Flyer Diner in Brenham, Texas. Their job was to figure out how much a burger might really cost if they included the cost to fly down there.

When she came home and told me about it, I got to thinking about it and I told her, “You know we could do this for real!” She was pretty excited about the idea, so I reserved 3NB for Saturday and started planning and practicing. Being a proud Texas Aggie and having a nephew attending A&M, I decided to stop in Aggieland and pick him up on the way to Brenham (11R).

The weather was great on the way to College Station, the skies were clear and visibility was nearly perfect.

I got a chance to work with ATC through a few different centers (Ft Worth, Waco, and Houston) on the way so it was great practice for a new pilot like me. We spotted Easterwood field from about 15 miles away and we came in on a right downwind for runway 34. And there it was: My first landing in Aggieland!

My nephew was waiting in the terminal and we got back in the plane and headed south to Brenham. Easterwood tower was very helpful and even offered to set us up with flight following for the brief 15 minute hop.

Brenham was quite the busy airport when we landed. It was great to see all the other planes lined up in the tiedown areas. After securing our plane we headed into the diner for some lunch. The Southern Flyer diner has a cool 50’s diner decor and the food was great, right down to the Blue Bell ice cream for dessert.

After lunch we headed north back to College Station to drop off my nephew. By this time the north winds had gotten a little stronger, so it was taking noticeably longer to cover the distance. We refueled in College Station and continued on back to home. It only took us 55 minutes to fly down to College Station, but it was at least a 90 minute flight back.

So how did the math work out? Well you know how that commercial goes:

• 3 hours on the tach @ $140 / hr
• hamburgers, sodas, and ice cream - $30
• Getting to do something really cool with your daughter - Priceless

Send us your stories or photos of interesting trips, and share the joy of flying!
FLIGHTLINES

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER: JAN COLLMER

The Texins Flying Club enjoyed a fun presentation by Jan Collmer on his 30+ years as an airshow pilot. He related some great stories about how he got started and how he approaches his airshow performances.

Jan started his flying career as a Navy pilot in Pensacola, Florida. As Jan put it “the Navy teaches you acrobatics right from the start because they know you’re going to do crazy things in your jet”. During his time in the Navy he flew a number of different early Navy jets. After leaving the Navy and attending school, Jan decided he missed flying and earned his acrobatic certification in 1978.

Jan played a fun video of one of his performances with a cool three way camera shot showing synchronized views from the cockpit, from the ground, and looking at the pilot. It was especially entertaining to watch his seat belt straps alternately floating in zero G or hanging upside down as he flew inverted.

During a question and answer session we learned that the first few times Jan was training for acrobatic maneuvers he suffered from motion sickness like a mere mortal. However, he said the thing that made the difference for him was taking charge of the maneuvers rather than having his instructor tell him what to do. From that point on Jan has been hanging 6-7 G’s, doing inverted loops, and the ever popular Lomcovak gyrating tumbling stall (or as Jan calls it (“the lunch-comes-up” maneuver) with the best of them. Jan said that over time you either become accustomed to the high-G forces and turns or you stop doing airshows. Recently he flew in the backseat with the Thunderbirds aerial team and the young pilots were amazed at how he was able to stay conscious during the high-G pullouts.

Jan has been a strong supporter of aviation and aviation history in the metroplex. He has served many years on the board of the DFW International airport and was a founder of the Frontiers of Flight museum at Love Field. One project he is very proud of is the Founders Plaza park on the west side of DFW. This aviation park has a great view of the approach end of the DFW runway and has air traffic control radios so you can listen to the action as the planes come soaring in. If you get a chance go check it out. Thanks again, Jan for a fun presentation!

Over the years, Founders’ Plaza has become a favorite spot for families, aviation enthusiasts and Airport employees. The Observation Area offers magnificent views of many types of aircraft as they take off and land. In addition, the plaza provides convenient parking, picnic tables, telescopes, historic information, a commemorative monument and a radio that broadcasts air traffic control communications from the FAA tower. Founders’ Plaza is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information see http://www.dfwairport.com/founders/index.php
TFC FLEET MAINTENANCE

N6368K On-line.
02/15/13 New internal GPS battery installed.
02/27/13 50 hour oil change. Repaired 12 volt power to the clock, operational now.

N7929U On-line.
02/05/13 Repaired landing light.
02/20/13 50 hour oil change.

N737TY Off-line
02/28/13 Received used firewall as a new one was not available from Cessna until later in the year. It is being worked on now.

N733NB On-line
02/13/13 Idle control adjusted. Checked magneto timing and charged battery.
02/14/13 Formed barrier right air vent in cockpit. Lubed both door latches.
02/15/13 new GPS battery installed.
02/21/13 Pilot door hinge pin replaced. Magnetic compass serviced with fluid.

N7508J On-line
02/02/13 Right wing tie down loop replaced.
02/12/13 New ignition switch installed.

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Mar 19-23 — Addison, TX. Mar 19 - 23 — Addison, TX. Addison Airport (KADS). Rise Above with Careers in Aviation Featuring CAF Red Tail Squadron. Cavanaugh Flight Museum will host the CAF Red Tail Squadron’s “Rise Above” Traveling Exhibit. Come share the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and the barriers they overcame to become America’s first black military pilots and crew. The exhibit features a motivational, super wide screen film about these young men and how they overcame their critics. The museum will also have representatives from various areas of aviation to show the pathway to success in aviation. Contact Natalie Rogers, 972-380-8800.

Mar 21 — Dallas, TX. TFC Ground school. Registration and sign-up on March 7.

APRIL

Apr 6 — McKinney, TX. Collin County Regional at McKinney (TKI). EAA Chapter 1246 1st Saturday Coffee and Donut Fly-in. 1st Saturday Coffee and Donuts! Let’s get together for some fellowship and fun. We’re having Free coffee and donuts for everyone on the first Saturday of every month at Chuck Roberts Hangar (#2520) in the McKinney Hangars Association area. Let’s gather at 9:00 am. You don’t have to be a member to attend. See you there! Contact T Marbach, 214-549-9563.


Apr 27 — Durant, OK. Durant Regional Airport (KDUA). Take to the Skies AirFest. This festival of aviation features an Air Show, Hot Air Balloon Glow and fun family festival. Honoring our military throughout the event. Choctaw Nation Cultural Activities, Exhibits, Food, Vendors, Kid’s Area and more! Variety of airplanes, helicopters, military aircraft, skydivers, powered parachutes, RC aircraft and more in flight and display. Some flights available to public. Something for all ages! Contact Debby Standefer, 303.862.2869.

Member News and Notes

Our Newest Members:
• None this Month

First Solos:
• Jogiraj Baruah (February)

If you or a fellow pilot has an achievement or milestone, such as 1,000 hours, a first solo, a new rating, etc. Please let us know!

Texins Flying Club rates are based on a “wet tach hour”, meaning fuel and oil costs are included and you pay for engine usage and not wall clock time.

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rates effective 03/01/2013 - 03/31/2013
FUEL REIMBURSEMENT

Offsite fuel purchases are currently reimbursed at $6.64/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.

Our fuel prices at McKinney Airport have risen since last month to $6.64/gallon. The hourly rates listed on page 6 became effective 03/01/2013. The average 100LL price in our 6-state region edged up to $5.96/gallon.

Check 100LL.com and/or AirNAV.com for current fuel prices when planning your next cross-country flight.
February Meeting: Guest Speaker, TBD

Please join us on March 9th, 2013 for the monthly meeting. We will be talking about the latest news for the club.

Please join us, won’t you?

Unless otherwise stated, the TFC meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30AM at the following location.

McKinney Performing Arts Center
111 North Tennessee Street
McKinney TX 75069
1st Floor, Encore Conference Room
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_CFI: Certified Flight Instructor_  
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_MEI: Multi-Engine Rating Instructor_  
_CONV: Conventional Gear Endorsement_  
_SES: Seaplane Rating Instructor_  
_ATP: Airline Transport Pilot_

**Want a Free Month’s Dues?**

For those of you unaware, the FAA has a pilot proficiency program (called WINGS) in place to assist with proficiency in flying. The benefit of this program, besides making you a safer pilot, is that for each phase of the WINGS program completed, your Flight Review is extended by 24 months from the end of the month from which you completed the phase.

In addition, the Texins Flying Club offers one month of free dues for each WINGS phase completed (up to a $45 value).

In order to complete a phase, generally, the pilot needs to complete 6 credits. Three knowledge credits taken either online or in a classroom, and flight credits, in a plane with your CFI. Completion of WINGS courses not only counts as an FAA Flight Review, but also counts as a TFC Annual Review along with the discount on dues for the month following completion.

For more information, go to:  
http://faasafety.gov/WINGS/pub/learn_more.aspx
Demo Flight Gift Certificates

Gift certificates for demo flights are available for $79. You can purchase one from any board member or club instructor. For any questions, contact our Communications Officer.

Taxi Operations Confusing

There is now no hold short line from the ramp to TWY A. It has been moved up close to where A2 is. Be careful when taxiing for aircraft moving along A2. It is now a non-movement area and not controlled.

Ground School

Dick Stephens reported that he has a few students planning to attend the Spring ground school. The flyers have been updated and we need to get the word out.

Accounting System

Our accounts and books have been converted to QuickBooks and the bills mailed to our members are now being generated through QuickBooks. We expect this accounting software to simplify our record keeping significantly.

N737TY

Repairs are proceeding on 737TY. The aircraft will probably be back online around April.

Plane Beautification

Brian has been working hard to get our planes looking good inside and out. Please take a look and do your part to keep them clean after your flight.

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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.”

http://www.texinsflyingclub.org