

North Texas Flying Club



Picture taken by member Larry Bentley at 9500' over Meteor Crater in Arizona.

Member Newsletter

June 2011

June Meeting

NORTH TEXAS

Flying
CLUB

Saturday June 18, 2011

9:00 am - 10:00 am

At Collin County Regional Airport

Cutter Aviation

Upstairs Conference Room

Program to be announced.

After the meeting, we will be driving, or flying, over to Aero Country for the

many events scheduled that day (See below). Join us!

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From the President...

To all NTxFC members:
Hello Everyone...

With AvGas costing \$6.25/gal at TKI, we're all looking for ways to stretch our flying budget - especially on those long trips where the hours add up. Here's a policy change that will help you out a little.

Effective June 1st, NTxFC will reimburse remote fuel purchases at a rate "representative of" the price of gas at TKI. In a nutshell, this means that if you buy fuel at an airport that has cheap gas, you'll pocket the savings (or most of it anyway). Here's how it works:

Each month we'll calculate a "representative" price for gas at TKI. This will be a product of the mean actual price plus a small pad for the Club (about \$.50). So if the TKI price for gas bounces between \$6.50 and \$7.00, our representative price will be \$6.25. We keep a fairly close eye on the price of gas, so we'll be able to peg this within a few cents - and the value we set for any given month will be set in cement with no room for discussion. This is to keep the bookkeeper from going crazy with people asking for what they think is the most accurate number.

When you buy gas at any remote airport, you'll make sure the Date, the Quantity in gallons, the Aircraft tail-number, and your name and member number are all on the receipt, then you'll scan/email or snail-mail the receipt to the bookkeeper within 60 days.

The bookkeeper will use the TKI Representative price instead of the actual price you paid to calculate your credit. So if the TKI Representative price is \$6.25/gal and you bought 10 gallons at \$5.50/gal (and spent \$55.00), you'd get a credit for \$62.50. Should you go on a trip and buy a total of 200 gallons at an average of \$5.50/gal (spending \$1100.00), you'd get a credit for \$1250.00. ALSO, if you buy 200 gallons at an average price of \$6.50 (spending \$1300.00), you'll still get a credit for \$1250.00. We don't see this as much of a problem since almost



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everyone charges a lot less for gas than TKI.

The rules will be posted like this:

- 1) A "TKI Representative" fuel price will be set for each month by the Club President or his designee.
- 2) Receipts for remote fuel purchases must include Date of purchase, Quantity of purchase, Aircraft tail-number, and Member Name and Number. Receipts sent more than 60 days after the date of purchase will not be reimbursed.
- 3) Credit for remote fuel purchases will be calculated based on gallons purchased and the TKI Representative Price.

It's not a game-changer, but every little bit helps.

Here's another policy change - one that will most likely be appreciated by everyone in the Club in one way or another.

Effective June 1st, we'll discontinue the Discount Bucks program. This program was originally implemented for a number of reasons that have more or less panned out. However, it's been a constant source of confusion among members, and a huge convolution in our bookkeeping system.

Starting immediately, no additional Discount Bucks will be earned by anyone. Should you have a Discount Bucks balance, we'll continue to honor them through the end of August. HOWEVER this will not be automatic. You'll need to send a request to the bookkeeper by June 10 asking her to continue tracking your balance through August. Since we operate the Club as close to zero margin as possible, your cost of flying will not change in the end. Now, rather than applying a special discount to just a few hours of flying time, that same savings will be realized spread across all of your flying time.

Well that's all for now. Please feel free to call or email me should you have questions. Fly Safely!

For now,
Garry

Member News

If you attended last meeting, you know that our very own, David Williford, is a proud new owner of a beautiful EZ Stagger.



"Sunday May 8th was Mother's Day. My wife's present was to wake up very early and take me to Love Field. She dropped me off at 8:30 am. I flew to Nashville Tennessee via Southwest Airlines to check out an experimental aircraft. The plan was to test fly it twice and have a "pre-buy" inspection before pulling the trigger on buying it. Once bought, the guy acting as the seller had agreed to provide transition training in it so I would not kill myself flying it home. I spent the next eleven days making that happen."

- David Williford

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID!

Addison Airport - ADS



Construction of Addison airport's runway improvements are in full swing. The improvements include: full-depth pavement repairs at the north end, the south end, and the Taxiway Foxtrot intersection; a full-length asphalt overlay, followed by grooving and re-painting the runway markings; replacement of the MIRLs with HIRLs; removal of the Rwy 15 VASI; installation of PAPIs for both Rwy 15 and Rwy 33; upgrading the electrical circuits (regulators, conduit, cans, cables, etc.); and drainage and grading improvements in the lateral safety areas. Drainage and grading improvements will also be constructed along the north end of Taxiway Alpha, and there is a good possibility that we will get the MALSR (Rwy 15 approach light system) upgraded as well. Most of the runway paving work is expected to be completed by the end of June. However, grooving must wait until 30 days after the asphalt overlay is completed, and final repainting will follow the grooving.

The latest revised runway weekend closure schedule (5-24-11) is posted below. You will note, as a result of the recent rains, the contractors have added another weekend closure (June 3-6) to the original schedule.

Revised Runway Weekend Closures (Friday 11:00pm - Monday 6:00am):

Runway middle Reconstruction

05/13/2011- 05/16/2011

05/20/2011 - 05/23/2011

05/27/2011 - 05/30/2011

06/03/2011 - 06/06/2011

Runway Overlay
06/10/2011 - 06/13/2011
06/17/2011 - 06/20/2011
06/24/2011 - 06/27/2011
Runway Grooving
07/29/2011 - 08/01/2011
08/05/2011 - 08/08/2011
08/12/2011 - 08/15/2011

For more information visit [Addison Airport Website](#)

Mark Your Calendars



Friday, JULY 22 through Sunday, JULY 24 2011
[MidWay Regional Airport](#) ~ Midlothian/Waxahachie, Texas
FREE ADMISSION TO PUBLIC ~ \$10.00 Parking per vehicle
(\$10.00 for one time or full day entry, \$15.00 for two day entry)

AnAVIATION EXTRAVAGANZA



2011 Aero Country East (T31)
TEXAS AIR EXPO & FLY IN

Saturday, June 18th
7am to 7pm

Sky Divers
Flying Activities
Live Music
Food and fun for the whole family!

Education

Fly the Redbird Flight simulator

Carrollton, Texas

If you haven't already, visit Aviation Training and Resource Center (ATRC) and practice flying in the Redbird FMX. It has panel setups that support 4 aircraft configurations:

Cessna 172 with 6-pack instruments
Cessna 172 with G1000 instruments
Cirrus SR-22 with Avidyne instruments
B-58 Baron with 6-pack instruments.
2550 East Trinity Road, Suite 126
Carrollton TX
[ATRC Website](#)

We Want Your Photos

This months photo is compliment of member Larry Bentley. A view of Sedona from 9500ft, over the famed meteor crater in Arizona.



If you've been paying attention, you know that the picture we use as a header for our monthly newsletter is always different. So we are asking the membership for photo submissions.

All of us have great pictures that we've taken from the air. Email us your favorites with a short description and we'll publish a different one every month.

Email your photos to:

[Alba Dorsch](mailto:Alba.Dorsch)

NTxFC Shirts

The new NTxFC shirts, with the new logo, are now available for purchase. Prices are plus tax and S&H. To purchase, contact **Janne Ackerman**.



Men's LS Twill - Navy



Ladies' LS Twill - Stone

Long Sleeve Twill Shirts

55/45 cotton/poly twill with stain release

Horn-style buttons

Extra stitching for strength at seams and buttons

Flat-felled seam finishing

Full back yoke and back pleat

Men's style has left chest pocket and button-down collar
Ladies' style has spread collar and no pocket

Men's (Navy, Stone)

S-XL - \$35.00

2XL - \$39.95

3XL - \$43.50

Ladies' (Navy, Stone)

S-XL - \$34.50

2XL - \$38.65

3XL - \$41.29



Men's Polo Shirt - Navy

Men's Polo Shirt (Navy, White)

6.5 oz., 100% preshrunk, soft combed ringspun cotton pique
Contrasting tipped welt collar and cuffs.
Three-button placket with woodtone buttons.
Double-needle stitched.

S-XL - \$25.00

2XL - \$28.00



Ladies' Sport Shirt - White

Ladies' Sport Shirt (Navy, White)

5.2 oz., 100% combed ringspun cotton double mesh pique

Striped collar and cuffs

Sideseamed

Side vents

Johnny collar

Welt knit cuffs

Feminine fit

S-XL - \$33.00

2XL - \$36.70



Hats

Colors: White, Khaki, Navy, Black

Constructed (high crown): **\$4.50** (Regular \$7.50)

Unconstructed (low-crown): **\$4.50** (Regular \$7.50)

Images are for illustration purposes only. Logo placement and size may vary based on shirt size. Prices subject to change without notice.

We hope you've enjoyed our newsletter. If you have aviation related news or stories you'd like to share with the membership and wish to submit them for publishing consideration, email them to [Alba Dorsch](#). Submission deadline for the July newsletter is June 24th.

