

THE FLIGHTLINE

NEWLETTER OF THE TEXAS FLYING CLUB

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Club Highlights

- ◆ Emergency landings, no injuries!
- ◆ New Officers elected at last meeting
- ◆ New Private Pilot
- ◆ Door prizes at monthly club events
- ◆ Engine installation on N60HF
- ◆ Pancake breakfast Saturday May 6, 9am

Aircraft flight hours for last month:

- 60HF: 0
- 4479R: 6.3
- 807DA: 19.3
- 9670W: 15.8

Monthly events

General meeting-2nd Mondays at 7pm, CFD

Pancake breakfast- 1st Saturdays, 9am, CFD

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The Flightline is back in publication! After a 2 year hiatus, the Texas Flying Club is bringing back this monthly newsletter to communicate important information to our membership.

Club members execute successful emergency landings!

March 13, 2017, CFD. After the March Club meeting, TFC member Johnny Prosniewski started up his family's Cessna 172 to fly home to Lufkin. As he rotated for takeoff on RWY 15, he heard a loud thump, and immediately knew something was not right. While he continued to climb out, he contacted his flight instructor on his cell phone. After a low approach, his instructor informed him that his nose gear was completely gone. Johnny circled CFD assessing his situation and finally determined to execute a landing on RWY 15. Inspection of the runway revealed the carcass of a coyote, recently deceased which he had hit precisely as he rotated, shearing of the nose-wheel assembly. With half the Bryan Fire Department assembled, Johnny landed the aircraft successfully on the mainmounts and lowered to nose to an uneventful landing. Johnny subsequently passed his Private Pilot practical exam!. Well done, Johnny P!



Bonanza out of service. Scott Dyer experienced an electrical failure in 1225Z in April and had to execute an emergency landing at Pecos Airport. With battery power expended, he was not able to get a gear down indication after cranking the gear down. After confirming the gear down with ground observers, he landed and unfortunately the main mounts collapsed. The damage was minor until the tow crew dropped the aircraft on its nose, resulting in major damage. Good job Scott, but sorry about your airplane!

Monthly pancake breakfast held first Saturdays. Remember to bring your appetite and fellowship with members of our club and meet new folks who are thinking about joining. Door prize will be awarded at 0900.

Engine Replacement in progress for N60HF. Our Cessna 172N suffered a cracked cylinder and crank case last October, rendering the Lycoming O-320-H2AD engine unsuitable for repair. The board has purchased a factory rebuilt O-320-D2J as a replacement, which is an improved design than the H2AD, which will qualify as a zero-time engine and come with a 3 year warranty. HF should return to service in May!

Door prizes at General meetings and pancake breakfasts. Typical door prize is a **\$100 coupon for club aircraft rental.** Must be present at start of event to win.

