

# TEXEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWS LETTER

## GENERAL

Texel International Airport had a good flying year in 2008. We registered 24,007 movements and that made it the best year since 1999. Compared with 2007 we showed an increase of 16%.

The reason for the increase was primarily the good runway state. The airport was only closed for fixed-wing aircraft for 12 days and on another 12 days there was limited opening. In 2002, the year preceding the major reconstruction, Texel Airport was closed for a total of 76 days and had limited opening on another 63 days.

The first quarter of 2009 was also positive despite the winter weather. The months of January and March have never been so busy in the last 10 years and with a total of 3,364 movements it was the busiest first quarter of the millennium.

We hope to welcome many more diverse aircraft in the coming months.

## YOU ARE WELCOME FOR TOUCH & GO'S

During the week it is dirt cheap to practice **Touch & Go's** at Texel Airport. From **€ 3,99** per Touch you are welcome to practice your landings on the best grass runway in The Netherlands. Jets and aircraft weighing more than 6,000kg, such as Citations, Dornier 228 and Helicopters are more than welcome on Texel!

During the summer weekends Touch & Go's are more expensive, beginning at **€ 7,25**

The longer runway (22-04) with it's 1,115m (1,245m from ditch to ditch) has been totally renovated. We now have virtually no problems with standing water and the runway surface is extremely smooth. Heavier aircraft are nevertheless advised to check with the Airport Manager in advance.



Beech King Air 90



Coast Guard Dornier 228



Police Helicopter

Even wat voorbeelden:

MTOW < 1.500 KG	Monday - Friday	Weekends + holiday
Touch & Go's:	€ 3,99	€ 7,25
1 <sup>ste</sup> landing:	€ 13,50	€ 16,75

MTOW < 2.000 KG	Monday - Friday	Weekends + holiday
Touch & Go's:	€ 7,97	€ 11,23
1 <sup>ste</sup> landing:	€ 25,75	€ 29,50

Prices are applicable to aircraft in Noise Categories 3 to 8 and include tax.  
Weekend prices are only applicable in the period 1 April – 1 October 2009.

For other process, including heavier weights or Noise Categories 1 and 2, please contact: +31 222 311267. We appreciate if you let us know in advance of your plans.

And remember ... at Texel there is no wear on your tyres!

## UNUSUAL VISITORS

During recent months there have been a number of unusual visitors to Texel International Airport. A selection:



On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Texel was visited for the very first time by an Embraer EMB-121 Xingu, the OO-SXC from Air Venture in Antwerp. OLT from Germany transported a delegation from Texel on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March with an Airvan and an Islander.



In March we welcomed the D-HORG from Rotorflug, which is used to inspect the dikes. The Pitts PH-WDY left for its home-base of Den Helder on 19<sup>th</sup> March after being restored by Vliegtuigonderhoud Texel. The same day a Netherlands Royal Air Force Chinook came to pass the time on Texel while waiting for clearance to the Romeo Four on Vlieland.



Flying Schools are always welcome customers on Texel. From left to right: AIS from Lelystad, Stella Aviation (with schools in Groningen, Teuge and Maastricht/Beek, and Martinair Flying School from Lelystad.



Lelystad is currently home to a beautiful Yak-3U, which visited Texel on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Also Lelystad-based is the D-FDAK Grand Caravan (21-2-2009). In recent months a Sylt Air Partenavia has regularly been used for porpoise counts in the North Sea.

## PHOTO'S ON [WWW.TEXELAIRPORT.NL](http://WWW.TEXELAIRPORT.NL)

All aircraft which have visited Texel since June 2003 can be seen on our web site [www.texelairport.nl](http://www.texelairport.nl) (under "Visitors")! Is your aircraft missing? Come and visit us soon and we'll add you to the site. Of course you can also get a high-res copy of your photo by email.

### **CIRCUIT AT 1000FT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

The Dutch AIP will from the beginning of May show the published Texel circuit attitude at 1000ft instead of 700ft. From 1<sup>st</sup> April until 1<sup>st</sup> October the weekend procedures are in force, meaning that only during weekends the Reporting Points must be used. The procedures are shown on [www.texelairport.nl](http://www.texelairport.nl) under "Pilot Information".

### **FUEL FROM BP AIR**

BP is the sole supplier of fuel at Texel Airport and the BP recommended prices are in force. The current fuel prices can be found on [www.texelairport.nl](http://www.texelairport.nl) under "Landing Fees".

Unfortunately it is not possible to use the BP-Carnet any more to pay for fuel at Texel Airport, since BP has stopped accepting the carnets throughout the Benelux. The card readers at Lelystad and Rotterdam will shortly be replaced by PIN terminals.

Of course you can still obtain AVGAS 100LL and Jet A1 fuel at Texel. Payment by cash, PIN, Credit Card (VISA or Eurocard) or after negotiation on credit.

### **AIRPORT RESTAURANT**

The Airport Restaurant, just like the airport itself, is open daily. Since April the restaurant has renewed its menu, which can be seen on our site. The restaurant's telephone number is: +31 222-311313. Keep your eye on our web site for special offers!

### **AIRPORT HOTEL TEXEL**

The deluxe Airport Hotel Texel has 4 stars and is recommended in the "Michelin Guide 2009" and the "ZOOVER Select". If you would like to reserve a deluxe suite you can call Mr. Schrijn on +31 222-311233 or by email to [info@airporthoteltexel.com](mailto:info@airporthoteltexel.com). Pilots receive a special discount!



### **5th TEXEL TAIL DRAGGER & OLD TIMER FLY-IN: 15, 16 & 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 the Texel Airshow Foundation will organise the 5<sup>th</sup> Texel Tail Dragger & Old Timer Fly-In, replacing the Texel Airshow. The next Airshow is planned to take place in 2010.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May all Tail draggers and Old Timers from the whole of Europe are welcome on Texel. All other aircraft types are of course also welcome to come and enjoy the spectacle. Slot times are not necessary but notification in advance by email is appreciated.

Arrival on Friday is possible but the main event of the fly-in will be on Saturday.

There are prizes in three categories:

- **Bob Schreiner Memorial Trophy** for the oldest tail dragger/ old timer
- **Texel Airport Trophy** for the most impressive tail dragger/ old timer in original condition
- **Texel Airshow Trophy** for the tail dragger which flies furthest in order to reach Texel

In addition to these prizes there are three attractive extras linked to the **Texel Airport Trophy**:

- **For the winner:** 75 litres Avgas 100LL or Jet A-1
- **For the runner-up:** 50 litres Avgas 100LL or Jet A-1
- **For the number three:** 25 litres Avgas 100LL or Jet A-1

The winners of the **Bob Schreiner Memorial Trophy** and the **Texel Airshow Trophy** will also receive 75 litres of fuel.

Additional information about the fly-in and accommodation can be found on our website: [www.texelairport.nl](http://www.texelairport.nl). Registration is also possible via the site.

### **New Organisation of Texel Airport NV**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 the Board of Directors of Texel Airport NV convened for the first time. The Board comprises: R. Hijmans (Den Helder Airport, representing the "friends"), R. Bleeker (Rabobank, representing the Municipal Council of Texel), E. de Bruijn (Director) and C. den Ouden (Hotel Opduin, representing the "friends"). J. Glaubitz (representing the Chamber of Commerce) was not present for the photo.



The share holders are:

- Municipal Council of Texel 47,6%
- The Friends of Texel Airport met 47,6%
- Chamber of Commerce Northwest Holland 4,8%

### **Texel Airshow 2007 & 2010**

The DVD of the Inproject Texel Airshow 2007 is still available. This 70 minute show compilation can be bought at the Airport Office for €17.50. If you are not able to visit the office in person you may order the DVD and for €20 we will send you a copy. Send an email to [info@texelairport.nl](mailto:info@texelairport.nl).

The next airshow will be in 2010 and within a few months we will know precisely on which date the 10<sup>th</sup> Texel Airshow will take place. The date will be published on our site and also on [www.texelairshow.nl](http://www.texelairshow.nl). In order to once again come up with a fantastic show we are already on the look out for sponsors. There will also once again be a VIP tent with catering available for hire, with a capacity of 50 persons. For more information contact us on +31 222 311 267 or email to [info@texelairport.nl](mailto:info@texelairport.nl).

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 slot requests for the Texel Airshow 2010 will be available.

### **Diary: What to do on Texel**

If you are looking for an excuse to visit Texel here are a few tips about events on the island in the coming year:

- 19 april Texel Airport Open Day: All businesses on the airfield have open house from 11.00 – 17.00.
- 30 april Queen's Day: Texel Para Centre Boogie
- 15-17 mei 5th Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in
- 13 juni: "Around Texel": the largest catamaran race in the world with a beach party in the evening
- 11 juli Island Samba, see [www.islandsamba.nl](http://www.islandsamba.nl)
- 11-13 sept Culinary Texel, see [www.texelculinair.nl](http://www.texelculinair.nl)
- 11-13 sep 1st Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in, see [www.flyin.nl](http://www.flyin.nl)
- 9-11 okt Texel Blues Festival, see [www.texelblues.nl](http://www.texelblues.nl)

Of course, both you and your plane are welcome to spend the night on Texel. We will gladly assist with finding suitable accommodation. Maybe there's even a space in the hangar for the plane.

### Texel, more than just an airfield ...

Most pilots come to Texel for a cup of coffee and apple pie with whipped cream. There are however many more fun things to do. The Airport Office rents out bicycles with which to explore the islands extensive network of cycle paths. Ecomare is Holland's Seal Sanctuary and the Beachcombers Museum is well worth a visit! "The Slufter" is an ideal recognition point to locate the airfield. This region of natural beauty is just 2km from the airfield and is an ideal place to rest and recreate.



### And Finally ...

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list let us know via [info@texelairport.nl](mailto:info@texelairport.nl). You are always welcome at the greenest airfield in Europe!

Happy Landings and see you soon on Texel.

Ed and Mike de Bruijn

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