

TEXEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWS LETTER

INTRODUCTION

Here is once again a News Letter from Texel International Airport with the latest updates. The News Letter is produced twice per year.

In December Texel was covered in snow. January and February were, as far as aircraft operations were concerned, average winter months. But since March it has already seemed like the high season. The (flying) weather is beautiful with almost no rain and many visitors have already found their way to Texel Airport. The disadvantage is that due to the drought we are not at the moment the "greenest airfield in Europe..."

Because we have been so busy this will be a shorter News Letter than what you are used to.

EVENTS

From June 17th till 19th 2011 the **Texel Tail Dragger & Old Timer Fly-in** is on the agenda. This year's theme is the "**Piper Cub**". The organisers would like to see as many Piper Cubs as possible at Texel! See our website for more information and registration. Even if you are only coming to see us on the Saturday we would still like to know that in advance > **Register NOW!**



From September 9th till 11th 2011 it's the turn of the **Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in**. For more info see www.flyin.nl and www.texelairport.nl.

The next **Texel Airshow** is not until 2012. The date to remember: **Saturday 28 July 2012**.

For further information and if you would like to **sponsor** our spectacular Texel Airshow please visit www.texelairshow.nl.



LANDING CHARGES NOT INCREASED

Texel Airport has **not** increased landing charges for 2011. The charge for most landings (max 1500 kg and noise category 3 up to 8) is for cross-country flights €14,00 (weekends €17,50) and touch & go's are €4,00 (weekends €7,50).

Other prices can be found on www.texelairport.nl > Pilot Information > Landing Fees. Or please feel free to contact us.



NEWS FROM TEXEL AIRPORT

Taxi-way Paving - In April the contractor *Schraag* from Texel has laid 2.300 m² of so-called "Grass Stone". This material now forms a paved taxi-way between the new Flying Focus and "Texel Aircraft Maintenance" hangars and the apron. This will prolong access to these companies, particularly during the winter period. At the same time a large section (a 6 metre-wide centreline) of the taxi-way towards runway 22 has been paved with "Grass Stone".

At this time this taxi-way is not in use because the grass still needs to grow. Due to the dry spell we have postponed the seeding of new grass and are waiting for a wetter period.



Aerial view of the paved taxi-ways on 20 May. (Flying Focus)

Maintenance on Runway 13 – At the end of April the contractor De Vries & Van de Wiel has tended to the first 200 metres of Runway 13. Particularly after long periods of rain water was standing in this area for too long, which meant that the crosswind runway 13-31 was not always available. The work consisted of digging deep and raising the surface as well as placing extra drains at about 40cm which should resolve the problem.

Also in this case we now need some rain in order to encourage grass to grow on this section. Until then the 13-31 has been temporarily displaced towards the Northeast and the dimensions are 630 x 30m.



Aerial view of Runway 13-31 on 20 May. (Flying Focus)



NEWS FROM COMPANIES LOCATED AT TEXEL AIRPORT

Texel Gliders (Motorzweefclub Texel)

MZCT offers a cheaper way to fly. The annual membership costs are €350 per year. Per flight hour, only when the engine is running, the charge is €55. For more information see www.mzct.nl.

Hotel Airport Texel

The hotel at the airport has changed its name to "Hotel Airport Texel". To book one of their luxurious suites and for more information see www.hotelairporttexel.com.

Restaurant 'De Horizon' Texel

The restaurant has introduced a discount card for frequent visitors. On your 6th visit you will receive €10 discount. For more info see www.texelairport.nl > Companies.

Texel Aviation & War Museum

The museum is now open 6 days per week for the summer season (closed on Mondays). For guided tours contact the museum directly: 0222-311689 or by email: info@lomt.nl. Website: www.lomt.nl.

Paracentre Texel & Tessel Air

The Texel Paracentre will host the European Skydive League Finals from 16th till 18th September 2011. See www.euro-skyleague.com.

Flying Focus

This aerial photography company now has 4 aircraft based on Texel. The planes are stored in their own Flying Focus Hangar. For more info: www.flyingfocus.nl.

Texel Aircraft Maintenance

This capable aircraft maintenance firm is presently THE Aquila Service Station for the entire Netherlands. For more info: www.vliegtuigonderhoudtexel.nl.



NICE VISITORS

There have been a number of interesting visitors to Texel International Airport in the months gone by! First visits are photographed and displayed on our website, see www.texelairport.nl > Visitors. Here is a selection.



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AND DO NOT FORGET!!!

- **Our Circuit is at 1000 ft the whole year round**
- **Fuel from Air BP > For current prices see www.texelairport.nl > "Pilot Information" > "Landing Fees".**
- **Bicycles can be rented at the Airport Office**
- **Come and see our Sheep and Lambs**
- **A day out in Texel means sun, sea and the beach**
- **Enjoy a fish lunch in Oudeschild**
- **Golf only 4 km from the airfield www.detexelse.nl**
- **Ecomare: Seal Sanctuary www.ecomare.nl**
- **For your diary: What to do on Texel**
 - **17-18-19 June 2011 6th Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in: Piper Cub Call**
 - 25 June 2011 "Around Texel": the largest Catamaran race in the world. Party on the beach with various bands www.roundtexel.com
 - 9 July 2011 Island Samba, see www.islandsamba.nl
 - 13-17 July 2011 Fun Fair in De Koog
 - 5-7 Aug 2011 Body & Brain Festival, see www.bodyenbreintexel2009.nl
 - 7 Aug 2011 Eagles Summer Event (Equestrian)
 - 13 Aug 2011 Harbour Festival in Oudeschild
 - 26-27 Aug 2011 Tropical Sea Festival in De Koog
 - 16-17-18 Sept 2011 European Skydive League, see www.euro-skyleague.com
 - 9-11 Sept 2011 Culinary Texel, see www.texelculinair.nl
 - **9-10-11 Sept 2011 3rd Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in, see www.flyin.nl**
 - 14-16 Oct 2011 Texel Blues Festival, see www.texelblues.nl

For more tips see the Texel Tourist Board website www.texel.net.

Of course both you and your aircraft are welcome to stay the night on Texel. We will gladly help you to find suitable accommodation. There might even be a space in the hangar for your plane.

AND LASTLY

If you do **not** wish to receive our news letter in the future please send us an email at info@texelairport.nl, and we will delete you from the mailing list.

You are always welcome to visit the greenest airfield in Europe!

Happy landings and see you soon on Texel.

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