

TEXEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

IN GENERAL

Texel International Airport its busiest year since 1997 measured by aircraft movements. In the first 10 months of 2009 we have recorded 26.939 take-offs and landings. The same period in the previous year produced 22.391 movements, an increase of 20,31%. We would like to thank everybody who has made this possible. Without aircraft our 'job' is not nearly as interesting! Thank you very much!

The noise abatement analysis shows that Texel still has sufficient room for growth in this area. Our noise zone covers the period from 1st April 2009 until 30th March 2010. This means that we are able to continue flying through the coming months!

And so ... you remain very welcome to visit the green grass of Texel.

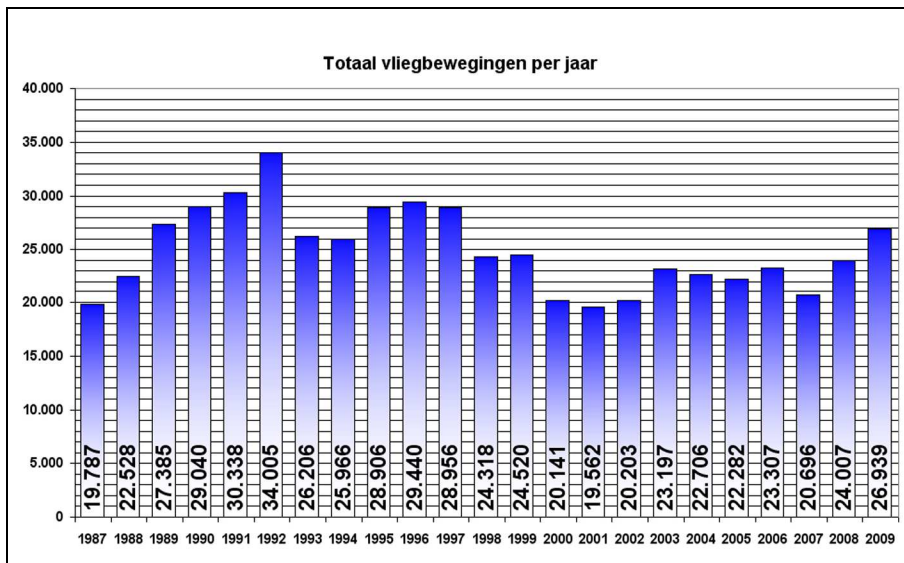


Figure 1: Yearly Summary until 1-11-2009..

TOUCH & GO'S REMAIN CHEAP AT TEXEL!

Until the end of the year 2009 **touch and go's** at Texel will stay at their incredibly cheap special rate, also in the weekend! The weekend supplement is only applicable in the period 1 April – 1 October, because movements incur a noise penalty in that period for the annual calculations.

From only **€3.99** each you can practice your landings on the most beautiful grass runway in The Netherlands. Even aircraft weighing more than 6.000 kg (DC-3's, Dornier 228's), Jets (Citations, L39's), all types of twins and helicopters are more than welcome at Texel!

From 1st January 2010 the touch & go price will increase slightly to **€4.00** each. Incidentally the main runway 22-04 was upgraded with a layer of volcanic gravel beneath the green grass surface. This ensures a flat, smooth runway and improves drainage, which means we can use the runway in all conditions! Even during prolonged wet periods we can continue to use the runways.

It is prudent for pilots of heavier aircraft to call the Airport Manager in advance, just in case.



An example of touch & go prices until 1st January 2010 (incl. 19% VAT).

MTOW < 1.500 KG	Monday to Sunday
Touch & Go's:	€ 3.99
1 st e landing:	€ 13.50

MTOW < 2.000 KG	Monday to Sunday
Touch & Go's:	€ 7.97
1 st e landing:	€ 25.75

Prices only applicable to aircraft in noise categories 3 to 8, incl. VAT.

For other tariffs, such as a higher weight category or aircraft in noise categories 1 or 2 please contact us on: +31 222 311267. We always appreciate being informed of your plans in advance.

And don't forget... your tyres don't wear out at Texel!

UNUSUAL VISITORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

As always we have had an assortment of unusual visitors at Texel International Airport! A selection:



On 19th April Texel Airport organised an Open Day for Texel residents. The visitors could tour all of the companies at the airport and the "control tower" was also open. In addition Bristow Helicopters sent over both of their Coast Guard helicopters which are stationed at Den Helder Airport.

Right: A couple of days later (23rd April) two Yak-52's and a Pitts posed for a nice picture.



The Royal Netherlands Air Force came by on 14th May with five of their thirteen PC-7's.

Right: The Belgian Air Force visits Texel regularly with Siai Marchetti's and Agusta A109's. Unusual was the fly-by of a Hercules on 13th May. We still have a Hercules landing on our wish-list!



Machines from the Czech Republic visit regularly, usually ultralights belonging to Dutch owners. On the 3rd June we welcomed a 'real Czech aircraft, a Piper Matrix. Right: For a change a Cessna Caravan which is not dropping skydivers... This striking C208 visited Texel on 14th June.



In years past Texel has welcomed five different PC12's. The PH-XII called in on 26th June. Right: A Danish Merlin made a low pass during a delivery flight on 24th July.



During the Aviodrome's **Airtour**, in the weekend of 25th and 26th July, it was nicely busy at Texel Airport. Amongst others the "Uiver" (photo left), Casa Jungmann (photo right), the DC-3 PH-DDZ, the Catalina and other historic aircraft provided plenty to see.



Three of the 8 new police heli's have already been to Texel, the PXA, PXB and PXF.



On 25th August AOPA Switzerland came with 15 aircraft for a day trip to Texel. The next day they visited the Royal Netherlands Navy at Den Helder.



Instructor Franz Brand of the Aero Club Maritiem in Den Helder authorised his 82 year old student Heinz Röttger (right) for his first solo on 1st September! Right: A week later the Beech King Air 300 PH-ACE of Air Charters Europe landed for the first time at Texel.



On 23rd September an Italian ultralight came to refuel in order to be able to continue the flight to England. Right: A Citation 501 on a grass runway is always something special. This is PH-DEZ on the apron on 25th September.



A jet fighter on grass is a rarity, but on 17th October the L-39 of Skyline Aviation made a touch and go at Texel with no problem. Nice detail: it was de 26,000th movement of 2009.

5th TEXEL TAILDRAGGER & OLD TIMER FLY-IN

The 5th Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in was held from 14th to 16th May. The weather caused a lot of cancellations, the VFR conditions were particularly poor on the Friday. On the Saturday the weather was good however, and Texel Airport played host to 75 aircraft.

The organisers provided prizes in three categories:

- **Bob Schreiner Memorial Trophy** for the oldest taildragger/old timer
- **Texel Airport Trophy** for the best taildragger/old timer in original condition
- **Texel Airshow Trophy** for the taildragger which flew the longest distance in order to reach Texel



G-AGYY, oldest taildragger.



N295BS, the "best of show".



Nr. 2 was the YAK-3.



3rd Prize for N298SQ.



Longest distance: N7600E.

The next Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in is planned for May 2011.

1st Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in

The 1st Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in was held from 11th to 13th September 2009 at Texel Airport. We were able to welcome more than 200 aircraft and about 360 visitors. Due in part to the cooperation and efforts of the NVAV, KNVvL en AOPA it was a fantastic event during which we saw many old friends and made many more new ones.

On 12th September a tribute formation flight took place in honour of Cor Dijkman Dulkes who 40 years ago, almost to the day, took to the air in his self-designed and home-built PH-COR. Cor's achievements marked the beginning of amateur aircraft construction which still exists to this day in the form of the NVAV.





Visitors at the fly-in: G-RVIO (RV-10), PH-UGO (Pulsar) and G-BZTH (Europa).

The next Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in is planned from Friday 17th until Sunday 19th September 2010!

Texel Airshow 31 juli 2010

Sponsors The next Texel Airshow is on **31st July 2010**. In order to provide yet another spectacular show we are on the lookout for sponsors. Once again companies will have the opportunity to rent a VIP-tent with catering, for a maximum of 50 persons. Readers interested in any kind of sponsoring may contact us on +31 222-311267 or by email to info@texelairport.nl.

Visiting Aircraft From **1st January 2010** you will be able to request slot times for the Texel Airshow 2010. Slot times are required for arriving aircraft on Saturday morning between 08.00 and 12.30 local time and for departing aircraft after the show from about 17.00 until 19.00 (local).

In order to request a slot, you should send an email with the following information:

- Aircraft Registration + type of aircraft
- Pilot In Command + Persons On Board
- Airport of departure and airport of destination
- Day of arrival, if Saturday please mention the requested slot time (0800-1200 local time)
- Day of departure, if Saturday please mention the requested slot time (1715-1900 local time)
- If overnight stop, please mention your accommodation.

You may also choose to visit Texel for the weekend, planning your arrival on Friday 30th July and staying till Sunday or Monday. A slot is not necessary in that case, but please announce your intentions beforehand, preferably by email!!!

TIP: Booking accommodation for one night is more difficult than for a longer period. During the weekend of the airshow it is also possible to pitch your tent under the wing of your aircraft!

Tribune You can also reserve tickets for a seat on the Tribune with a perfect view of the runway and the AIRSHOW. Tickets are available at €40.00 each.

PHOTOS ON WWW.TEXELAIRPORT.NL

All aircraft which have visited Texel since June 2003 can be viewed (with photo) on our website www.texelairport.nl under the tab "Visitors". Is your aircraft missing? Visit us soon and we will snap your arrival – and we can even send you the high resolution photo by email.

TRAFFIC CIRCUIT ENTIRE YEAR AT 1000 ft

A reminder: Since the beginning of May the circuit altitude at Texel has been published in the Netherlands AIP for the whole year at 1000ft instead of as previously at 700ft. The weekend routes will be active again from 1st April 2010. All procedures can be found on www.texelairport.nl under "Pilot Information".

FUEL FROM AIR BP

Texel Airport has a contract with BP to provide fuel and follows the pricing which BP advises. Current fuel can be found on our site www.texelairport.nl under "Pilot Information" and "Landing Fees".

Unfortunately, since March 2009 we are not able to accept the BP-Carnet because BP has stopped accepting the carnets in the Benelux countries. The card readers at Lelystad and Rotterdam will soon also be replaced by Credit Card machines.

Of course you can still purchase Avgas 100LL and Jet A1 fuel at Texel. Cash, pin (direct debit) or credit cards (VISA or Eurocard) are accepted as payment. Fuel may also be purchased on invoice.



AIRPORT RESTAURANT

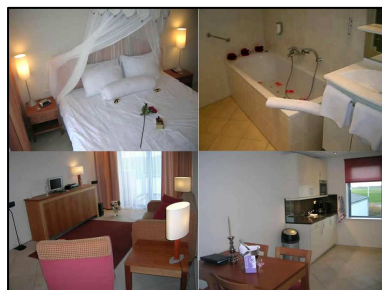
The Airport Restaurant is, just like the airfield itself, open daily all year round. Even in the winter! The restaurant will be offering various specials such as authentic split-pea soup in the coming months! From November this Dutch speciality, served with bacon and rye bread will be on the menu for €4.50. The restaurant can be reached directly on: +31 222-311313.

TEXEL AIRPORT HOTEL

The luxurious Texel Airport Hotel is classified with 4 stars and is recommended by the "2009 Michelin Guide" and "ZOOVER Select".

Winter Special:

Pilots arriving by air receive 10% discount in the Texel Airport Hotel, one FREE landing and FREE aircraft parking in front of the hotel. Please reserve in advance by e-mail info@airporthoteltexel.com or telephone: +31 222-311233.



DIARY: WHAT TO DO ON TEXEL

Are you looking for an excuse to come to Texel? Here are a few tips regarding events on the island in the coming year:

- 13 Mar 2010 29th De Halve van De Waal Marathon, see www.halvemarathondewaaltexel.nl
- 5 Apr 2010 Lamb Walking Trail, see www.hetgoudenboltje.nl
- 30 Apr 2010 Queens Day: Para centre Texel Boogie
- 19 June 2010 Ronde om Texel: world's largest Catamaran race with parties featuring well-known artists on the beach, see www.roundtexel.com
- Summer 2010 Island Samba, see www.islandsamba.nl
- 31 July 2010 Texel Airshow, see www.texelairshow.nl
- 10-12 Sept 2010 Culinary Texel, see www.texelculinair.nl
- 17-19 Sept 2010 2nd Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in, see www.flyin.nl
- 8-10 Oct 2010 Texel Blues Festival, see www.texelblues.nl



For more tips keep an eye on the Texel Tourist Board's website: www.texel.net.

Of course we are pleased if you and your aircraft would like to spend the night on Texel and we will gladly help you to find suitable accommodation. Maybe we can even find space in the hangar for your plane!



TEXEL, MORE THAN JUST AN AIRFIELD...

Most pilots come to Texel for a nice cup of coffee and apple tart with cream! There is so much more to do and see on the island. A tandem parachute jump at the Texel Para Centre can be booked all year round. We can arrange rental bicycles for you from the Firm *Van der Linden*. Texel has an enormous network of cycle routes and of course you will be provided with a suitable map of the island. *Ecomare* is Holland's renowned seal sanctuary and the *Jutters Museum* is dedicated to Beachcombing and is certainly worth a visit! The *Slufter* is an ideal recognition point to find the airfield. This splendid natural area is just 2km from the airfield and is a great place to let the wind blow through your hair or to find peace and quiet.

A few tips:

- Visit the Ecomare Seal Sanctuary in De Koog, see www.ecomare.nl.
- The Jutters Museum between De Koog and Den Burg, see www.juttersflora.nl.
- A quick round of golf in the Texel dunes, just 5km from Texel Airport, see www.detexelse.nl.
- Or just rent a bicycle and explore the woods and dunes on the island. Don't forget the yachting marina, fishing boats and lunch in Oudeschild.



AND FINALLY

If you do **not** wish to receive our Newsletter send an email to info@texelairport.nl and we will remove you from our mailing list.

You are always very welcome at the greenest airfield in Europe!

Happy landings and see you soon on Texel.

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