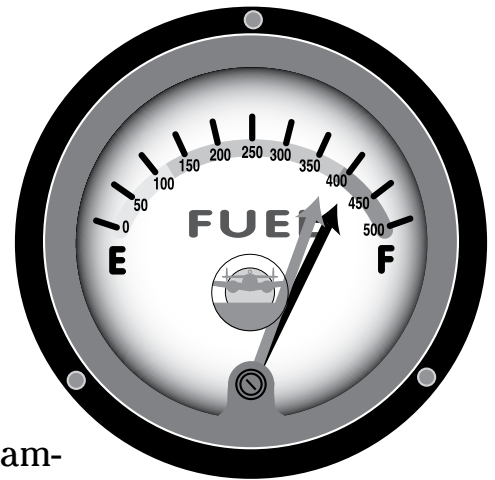


# Expedition Expanded

<i>Total Pledges, December 15, 2000</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>
<i>Total Cash in Hand, December 15, 2000</i>	<i>\$124,015</i>



TIGHAR member response to the Niku III funding campaign continues to be strong and our fuel needles keep climbing toward our goal. This enthusiastic support has enabled us to add another nine days to our ship charter thus giving the expedition a full three weeks (21 days) on the island. Funding and scheduling constraints have limited most of our previous trips to ten days or less of actual search time, so this is a really significant boost to Niku III's capabilities. We're grateful to the folks at *Nai'a Cruises* for juggling their other charters to make more time for TIGHAR, and to you, the TIGHAR members, for showing us that the funding support is there to enable us to make this much-needed but expensive (about \$46,000) adjustment to next year's operation. At this time it looks like we'll be on site at Nikumaroro from August 30 to September 19, 2001.