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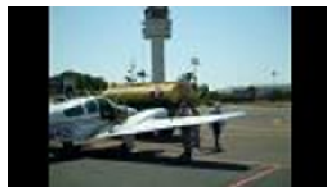
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## BEACON LIGHT ON—COSTA RICA



flying Caravans and Twin Otters into this mostly surfer beachcomber town. In Tamarindo, we found some really great restaurants and a neat little cheap hotel that satisfied our sleeping requirements.



not stop thinking about the little Baron that had been used by so many people over the years. I was glad they had not left anything behind in the plane!

Last month I talked about my trip south to Costa Rica. Now just a little about the return home. After a couple of days in San Jose, CR, seeing the sights and eating local cuisine, it was time to depart.

The Pavas Airport is the GA airport for the San Jose area. It has a control tower and two flight school/aircraft rental operations, a charter and a medivac operation. It looks to have about 100 planes based at the airport. Pavas is not a POE and it has no instrument approach procedures. It is necessary to shoot the approach to the main airport located about ten miles away and then sidestep over to Pavas for a landing. This also avoids major charges for landing at the main-airline airport.

After filing a flight plan and going through other formalities, we departed for Tamarindo, CR. There is a small private airstrip which is used by the regional airlines,

On the day of departure, we arrived at the Tamarindo Airport at 7:30 to make the short (25 mile) flight to Liberia, CR, our POD for that country, paid the attendant \$100 for parking and watching the plane then left for Liberia.

After clearing out at our POD, we headed up to Tapachula, Mexico, about 500 miles up the Central American coast. Bypassing Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, we landed at Tapachula where we were greeted by the military commandant who was making a film of how to inspect an aircraft. A dozen military police surrounded our plane with their rifles. Two dogs sniffed their way through our dirty socks without finding our stash of peanut butter crackers. All this was going on while I sat at a long conference table in an immaculately clean hangar going over our documents. Everyone was cordial and the inspection was completed without any problem. I could

After topping off with fuel, we headed north trying to make it all the way to Brownsville, about 750 miles to our POE in the USA. Headwinds and Merida Center's refusal to let us go direct required a stop in Tampico for fuel. After the brief fuel stop off, we left for the hour flight to Brownsville and clearing US Customs. The agent at BRO was very cordial and everything went quickly - much faster than before - the eAPIS rules took effect. The agent had a Geiger counter and checked the plane for explosives after which he bid us farewell. We started the engines and headed out for West Houston Airport in the clear night skies.

This was a trip not to forget, partly an adventure, partly pleasure with some business in between. If you get the chance to fly south, do it! You will enjoy.

~Woody Lesikar

**Special points of interest:**

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õ...imagine the way a pilot feels in free heaven...õ  
~William T. Piper

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öI live for that exhilarating moment when I'm in an airplane rushing down the runway ö  
 ~Gordon 'Gordo' Cooper

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **PREFLIGHT Breakfast**

Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pilots/Prospective Pilots Invited. Bring Your Plane! Discounted, full service fuel. ALL week-end at the Terminal. Windshields Cleaned and Tires Aired. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

### **PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL**

Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., West Houston Airport. No prior reservations needed. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Bring a family member for *half-price*. Don't miss this new and exciting learning experience! Contact C. G. öHankö Henry, Chief Pilot, 281-492-2130.

### **INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL**

Every Tuesday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., West Houston Airport. Call to verify course availability Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Contact Hank Henry, Chief Pilot, for further information, 281-492-2130.

### **FAA SAFETY MEETING**

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 pm. Special Fuel Prices in affect for all Fly-ins/Taxi-ins. Contact Carol Brackley 713-301-5407 or email [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net). April 26, 2011 Safety Meeting will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### **99'S MEETING**

Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Womenø Organization of Pilots, Men welcome! Contact Sophie Thibodeaux 281-391-2958. See website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

### **CIVIL AIR PATROL U. S. AIR FORCE AUXILIARY**

Disaster Relief, Cadet Training, Air Space Education. Every Tuesday, 7 p.m., white hangar, Eastside of Airport. Membership open to Boys and Girls, Men and Women. THUNDERBIRD COMPOSITE SQUADRON; Contact Val Rose, 281-513-7189, email [val.rose@tx179.org](mailto:val.rose@tx179.org). See website [www.tx179.org](http://www.tx179.org).

**April 30, 2011, 9:00a -1:00p National Weather Svc Sky Warn Training.**  
**2nd Floor reserved for CAP Texas Wing Squadron of the Year.**  
**Val Rose 832-671-1851. Open to public.**

### **SABRE SENIOR CAP SQUADRON**

Meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Hangar B-5. New members both Pilots and non-Pilots are welcome. Contact Ric Walters, Commander, 281-384-8437 or [sabrecc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sabrecc@sbcglobal.net). See website <http://whsabre.com>.

### **COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE**

Historical Aircraft Preservation, rides and meeting facility. Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Memberships available. Contact 281-579-2131 or email [info@westhoustonsgdn.org](mailto:info@westhoustonsgdn.org), [www.westhoustonsgdn.org](http://www.westhoustonsgdn.org).

### **EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING**

For Meeting Information and Announcements Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Large Turnouts! Join Today.

### **WOMEN IN AVIATION**

For meeting information contact Vicki at 812-989-6653 or email [vicki@houstonwai.org](mailto:vicki@houstonwai.org). See website [www.houstonwai.org](http://www.houstonwai.org).

### **OSHKOSH AIRVENTURE 2011**

Going to Oshkosh? July 25th through 31st. Let us know so all West Houston Airport flyers can meet for dinner and fun. [woody@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:woody@westhoustonairport.com).



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## AIRCRAFT FOR SALE

**1979 Beechcraft B55 Baron:** Garmin GPS, Bendix Color Radar, Loaded. 506 SMOH.

**1978 Beechcraft F33C Bonanza:** Luxury Aerobatic 4-Place. Loaded and Beautiful!

**1999 Diamond Motor-glider:** Rare & Pristine. 190 TTAE

**2001 American Champion Scout:** 350 TTAE, Loaded, Hangared!

**2003 Cessna 172SP:** Very Clean. Well Maintained! Under \$100,000!

**1954 Piper Super Cub:** Beautifully restored. One of a kind!

**1965 Beechcraft B55 Baron:** King 89B GPS, Dual Narco MK 12D Nav/Com, Narco 841 ADF

**AVIONICS (Yellow-tagged)** King KX155(28) NAV/COM, King KI-209 VOR/ILS Indicator, Collins ADF 650, Indicator and ANT-650A.

Have leaseback opening for G1000-equipped Cessna 172S. Deduct total cost of plane in 2011. Monthly income!



**1965 Beechcraft B55 Baron: Loaded!** King 89B GPS, Dual Narco MK 12D Nav/Com.

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 ■ COMMUNITY HANGARS ■  
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Circle J. Aero, C-7  
 281-647-6681

RE Aviation, D-2  
 281-414-8870

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 281-492-2130.

Evermore Holdings, B-4  
 2000 sq.ft. office space  
 281-828-8888

AOP Supply, G-12  
 J.C. Reddersen  
 281-829-1050

Terra Holdings, A-1/3  
 281-994-5400

Pale Orb, LLC, G-2  
 www.pale-orb-llc.com  
 512-363-9417

Buying an airplane? Basing it at IWS? Free comprehensive advise on tax issues, pre-buys, depreciation and more! For a consultation and support materials call Woody Lesikar at 281-492-2130. Check with your professional licensed provider, then call me for money saving ideas that you won't get anywhere else.

## AIRCRAFT FOR RENT/INSTRUCTION

On Line Scheduling at: [www.westhoustonairport.com](http://www.westhoustonairport.com)

### FOR RENT

CESSNA 172S SKYHAWKS  
 CESSNA 172 S - G1000/Air  
 BEECH F33C BONANZA  
 BEECH B-55 BARON

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**2001 American Champion Scout: Loaded!**

WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

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<b>West Houston Airport (Since 1962)</b>	<b>Flight School, Pilot Supplies</b>	<b>Terminal Building</b>	<b>281-492-2130</b>
Joe Galindo Aircraft Service (Since 1984)	Maintenance and Repairs	Hangar #2 Blue East	281-492-6749
Calkins Aero Service (Since 1985)	Maintenance and Repairs	Hangar #3 Red East	281-579-6674
General Avionics (Since 1995)	Avionics Sales and Service	Hangar #1 White East	281-647-9600
AeroWest Interiors (Since 1997)	Upholstery	Hangar #1 White East	281-398-3821
Aero Clean (Since 1980)	Washing, Waxing & Detailing	Mobile	713-644-6200
The dHö Company (Since 2003)	Aircraft Management Service	Terminal Building	281-829-0020
Aviation Services, Inc. (Since 2003)	Pilot Service/Aircraft Management	Terminal Building	281-829-0020
Energy Aviation (Since 2010)	Energyaviation.com/Charter	Hangar F-3	281-664-7917
Dr. Edy Hollenberg	Unique Eye Care	Hangar D-2	281-492-8018
Lone Star Rod & Rifle	Purveyors of Fine Sporting Life	Hangar B-1	281-829-3006
Dr. Victor Arellano (Baron Pilot)	FAA Medicals (by appt. only)	15410 Ridge Park Dr. Houston, Tx 77095	281-855-2244-office 281-460-2247-mobile
Houston Light Sport Aviation (Since 2010)	LSA Instruction	Green T-Hangar	832-447-4572



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281-647-6681 - volunteer

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