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2015 Edition

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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



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RE: FAA Airspace number 14-ASW-5, Send a Message!
FAA is proposing a class “D” airspace up to 2700 MSL around the Houston Executive Airport (TME). This is not an acceptable solution!

This proposal, if implemented, would squeeze East/West – West/East bound air traffic to unacceptable levels, just below the class “B” airspace. Please sign petition at IWS Terminal, indicating your objection to the ceiling of the class “D” airspace as proposed at 2700’ and that 2000’ is acceptable and safer. In order to obtain public input, the FAA will host two informal public meetings.

Wednesday June 17, 2015 7:00 PM,
Henriksen Jet Center, 1900 Cardiff Rd, Brookshire, TX 77423 and
Thursday June 18, 2015 7:00 PM,
Educational Support Complex (ESC), 6301 Stadium Ln., Katy, TX 77494. The agenda for the meeting includes sign in, FAA guided discussion regarding airspace design and questions from the attendees. For information and questions regarding these meetings, please contact Christopher Simmonds, FAA Houston Intercontinental TRACON.



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Many airplanes have suffered over-stress wrinkling, hail damage and all the way up to complete destruction in mid-air. If you are not in a cumulonimbus stay out of it. If you are in one – get out of it promptly as possible and slow the airspeed to “well below Va (Maneuvering speed). I prefer to slow to the upper end of the white arc so the impact with shear current is not so high. Continued (page 3)

Keep an eye out on the FAA website about commenting on the airspace rule. Below is the FAA notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) web page. Notice should show up after all the local meetings are complete. <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/search>

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JUNE DATES

- 6 D Day, WWII**
- 14 Flag Day**
- 21 Fathers Day**
- 21 Summer Solstice**



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FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00p-9:00p 2nd Floor Observatory. Email:carolav8@att.net; 713-301-5407. **June 23 - Human Factors presented by Rodney Jaime**

99'S MEETING

Second (2nd) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., (June Picnic & No meeting in July) Terminal Building, 2nd Floor. Women's Organization of Pilots! Contact Becky Nickell 281-859-4923 email nickellb01@att.net, website www.ninety-nines.org.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Memberships available. Call for tours and flights Contact 281-579-2131 or email info@houstonwing.org, www.houstonwing.org.

EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. Terminal Building 2nd floor. For Meeting Information and Announcements Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today.

GHAFI SEMINAR (Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors)

GHAFI Quarterly Seminar Check the website for more information. Questions or comments contact Carol Brackley at carolav8@att.net, or visit website: www.ghafi.org

FBO Connects: April 6, 2015 start using the app This gives the pilot the ability to manage FBO flight services from the Website, iPad or phone. FBO Connects, Inc. offers an accurate, precise and easy to use application for flight planning which includes a date and timestamp for you and the FBO. Visit the website: www.fboconnects.com. Contact Stacy 281-492-2130

FAA FRIEND OR FOE!



This is my 50th year flying so I think I have earned the right to critique the FAA.

From FAA oversight, to medical reform to drones, instruments approaches and more, not to mention the absurd way to handle violations, I give the FAA an “F” and that does not stand for FAA!

With the exception of a “Few Good Men” including Don Loftin, Pinky Nelson, John Powell, and Hamilton with the FSS and a “Few Good Women” like Kristi Warden, and of course some FAA safety personnel, very few air traffic controllers and some long retired FAA personnel I would “clean house” if I could.

I recently received a call from a Controller at the Hooks Tower. He said that he needed to talk to the pilot of the high wing in the pattern, just landing. I told him there were three high wing aircraft in the pattern (truthfully) and asked him for the registration. He said he did not have it and that it was the plane just now on final. I told him that I would need more information to determine the plane. He said he needed him to call the tower as he violated its airspace.



Of course, I have no way of verifying that myself. I asked the unidentified person on the phone, if he wanted to talk with him or violate him? He ignored the answer so I told him that without more information I could not help him. Actually, I am not their “Lap Dog”. Anyway he must have thought I was a government employee. I pay the government, I don’t get paid from them for my services!

It has been my policy over the years not to give out any information over the phone.

This is the same policy that the government has toward me. Ask them for the information and you won’t get any. Ask for a name and you will get lucky to get a nick name. After we hung up, and just for my own interest, I asked the two planes that were just landing if they had come from the Hooks Airport area, and both said they had not. Now what if I would have given that controller the “N” number? I WILL NOT BE FAA’S scape goat! To all you incompetents working at the Hooks Tower --- Don’t call here for anything ---- EVER! If you don’t have those government issued stabilized binoculars, then put in a request. If you can’t see those big “N” numbers on the side of airplanes that you required then don’t expect others to do your work for you! No Tattle Tales Here!

I have something to give every one of you government sucking, can’t get job elsewhere idiots --- Get a Life!

I have let you all know my frustrations with the FAA.

I will not kiss their butts for anything and furthermore I will not allow them to use this airport for their motives. The airport has during its fifty years been as an FAA approved FAR 141 (Flight School), 135 (Charter), 139 (Airport), 145 (Maintenance), and 121 (Airline). All of these approvals cost a lot of money and required much over site. The FAA never was the “Good Guy”. Some living, breathing, human were good guys, however very seldom. I will never tell someone that is “on the fence” to just go over and discuss the problem with them. No Way. Best Thing to do is to fight for your rights to fly, admit nothing – deny nothing—Say Nothing “anything you say, can and will be used against you!” – Sayeth the FAA.

One out of 100 FAA employees will help you and work with you. Do you think that one will be the one you are about to talk too? GET REAL!

FAA now must produce evidence, not innuendo. Don’t give them anything to indict you! They are inundated with violations including minor infractions. You don’t need to make it easy for them to violate you. Stop talking, giving, co-operating, and get a real good Hound Dog of a Lawyer, if needed. If you can’t afford that, don’t be the sacrificial Cow! Let them prove it and show their hands, and in most cases it will go away when they have to turn over their files and evidence to you!

Stay out of trouble, but if you do get caught making a mistake (not purposely) keep your cool and mouth closed!

My recommendation to FAA is to stop pestering pilots by robbing them of their privileges. A monetary fine would be more appropriate, similar to a traffic violation.

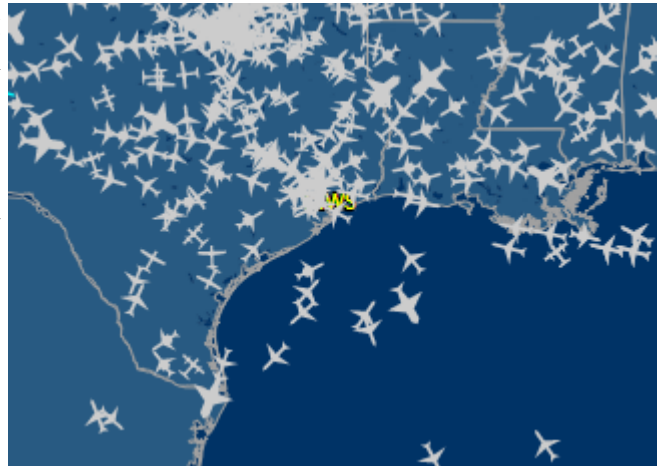
If you agree or disagree, let me know.

God Bless,

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Do Air traffic Controllers not have enough to do but pester the GA pilot?



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Fuel Price Comparison for May 2015

JET A	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.27	2.62	4.40
West Houston Airport	4.27	3.13*	3.70
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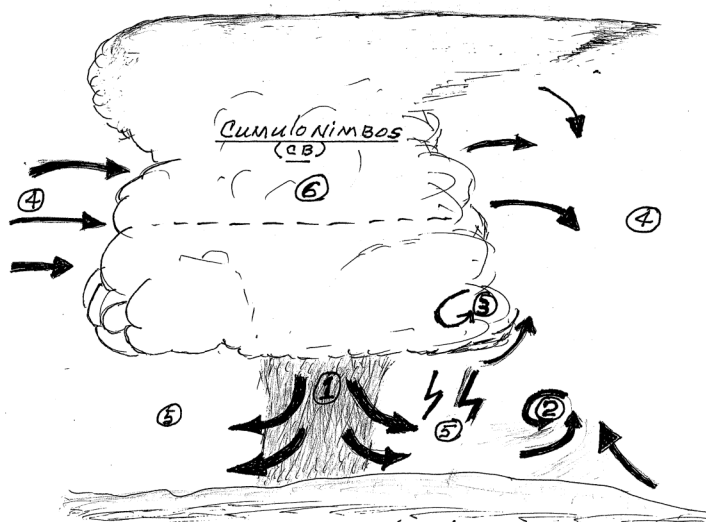
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Hail can be encountered up to 20 miles in any direction from the center of the trunk. If hail is out in clear air, the light refraction through the hail will make the air appear to be a pale pea green.

Wind shears may be present both inside and outside the cloud, microburst being the worst in close vicinity to the core of the shaft and spreading outward up to 3 or 4 miles. They usually occur just before the rain shaft from the base and lasting 3 to 5 minutes. Microbursts are invisible.



1) Microburst, downburst and possible heavy rain and hail. 2) Gust front 3) Possible rotor or roll cloud. 4) Areas of hail in clear air, 5) Areas of lighting. 6) Upper 2/3 of cloud almost always below freezing.

June 1 Hurricane season begins and will extend into November. The worst Thunderstorm area in a Hurricane is the 12 o'clock to its 3 o'clock sector. Don't get too cozy with them.



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