

February
2016 Edition

RUNWAY 15



WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

Save An Airport
Quiet Flying is good business!

Potpourri, by C.G. "Hank" Henry

Effective April First (April Fool's Day), the FAA will no longer issue a Student Pilot Certificate on Paper or through a Medical Examiner. Those issued prior to April First will be valid until their normal expiration date.

On April First, Student Pilot certificate applications must be made



through the FAA's online system, called IACRA. This can be done with a Flight Instructor, a FAA Pilot Examiner, a FAA Inspector or through a FAR Part 141 Flight School.

After application through IACRA is accepted, you should receive a plastic card, like other FAA Certificates, in about 45 days. This card and medical must be in pocket before your first SOLO Flight.

Until the "Pilots Bill of Rights-2" becomes LAW, we won't know if there will be any change in the requirements for 3rd class Medical Certificate for student Pilots.

When winter's death rattle changes to thunder bumpers and everything Springs out with lots of blossoms and pollen to decorate the scene and cause you to be in the market for another roll of paper towels and some remedies for your allergies.

Be sure that your medications and you are Safe-For-Flight. Many of the wonders that doctors prescribe or that you pick up over-the-counter are not compatible with flying. They may be wonderful for taxiing but dangerous at seven or eight Thousand feet, where they may retard your ability to assimilate oxygen into your system.

Don't be a guinea pig. Check with your medical examiner or AOPA'S pilot medical section for information about your medication before you decide to take a dose and go fly.

Just a reminder, with all the wind antics that love

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Welcome Back, Jenni (Darling) Whitaker and Miguel Sanchez, after a two year absence from aviation, Jenni and Miguel opened a new aircraft upholstery shop, Sky Aircraft Interiors. Starting a new business together and moving back to the West Houston Airport's White Hangar Jenny and Miguel are looking forward to updating your aircraft's interior. The superb team is back and will get it done!



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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER: FEBRUARY

14th Valentine's Day, 15th Presidents Day, 29th Leap Year

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!

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INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Call Stacy to sign up for the next class: 10 week course 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation!

FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00p-9:00p 2nd Floor Observatory, January 26th. The topic is Human Factors and the speaker is Jake Johnson. Email:carolav8@att.net:

99'S MEETING

Second (2nd) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., (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. Call for tours and flights Contact 281-579-2131 or email info@houstonwing.org, Open House April 16-17

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 FIRC and safety seminars for January 16th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Contact Carol Brackley at carolav8@att.net, or visit website: www.ghafi.org

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AMERICAN BONANZA SOCIETY: March 11-12 Location Terminal Building, 2nd Floor. REGISTER NOW!!!
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SUN-N-FUN: April 5-10, 2016 Lakeland, FL. Join the Fun
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SPECIAL EVENTS



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Fuel Price Comparison for Jan 31, 2016

JET A	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	6.67	1.85	3.75
West Houston Airport	3.69	2.42*	3.06
AVGAS (100LL)			
Southwest Region	8.33	2.95	4.36
West Houston Airport	4.57	3.80	4.18

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Continued by C.G. "Hank" Henry

March, be aware that the West Houston Airport Policy concerning runway usage is: when the wind is calm (5 knots or less) or are perpendicular to the runway, the Preferred Runway is 15. If in doubt, "request Airport Advisory."

Watch out for Buzzards!

Be wary of wind gust conditions during takeoff and during landing. The wind velocity may be 12 kts with gusts to 20kts. If the airplane has an airspeed of 65 kts during takeoff and just off the ground and the wind drops from 20 kts to 12kts. That is a 8kt sudden decrease leaving the airplane with only an airspeed of 57kts due to the airplane being held by inertia to its established speed and direction.

The loss of airspeed results in loss of lift and possibility of control and altitude. The same can be said about conditions on landings.

The safeguard against these events, select an airspeed that is recommended by the aircraft manufacture and be very disciplined in maintaining it in a smooth manner.

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