

May

2016 Edition

# RUNWAY 15

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# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



Above picture West Houston Airport Top right Houston Executive bottom Right Hooks Airport Tuesday, April 19, 2016 approx. 11:15 am

## West Houston Airport high and dry! TME & DWH ALL WET

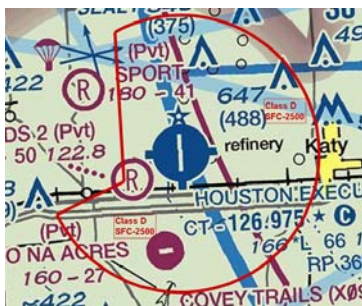
In due respect, West Houston Airport has been “lucky as heck” during and following the heavy thunderstorms of last week. Hooks Airport and Houston Executive Airport both had flood water up around their buildings or taxiways. IWS was open and able to fuel incoming aircraft and have options for getting where you need to go with multiple entry accesses.

Texas Highway 6 and Eldridge are still flooded and are

not expected to recede in 4-6 weeks. All through traffic must share the spaces on neighboring thoroughfares.

If you can avoid it, I recommend traveling off peak rush hours. Although getting from here to there is passable, it may take a little more time than usual. Call in advance or look at your local traffic for extended travel time.

A couple of years ago, when it was so dry, I suspect someone prayed a little too hard, “for rain”.  
By CG. “Hank” Henry



**LAST CHANCE DEADLINE May 12, 2016**

**Airspace Grab See Page 3**

Search: Houston Executive  
<https://www.regulations.gov>  
Docket # FAA-2014-0742

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Currently at 2000,  
Why raise it?

The Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation is a non-profit organization established and dedicated to honoring sen-

iors and United States military veterans. The primary focus is on individuals living in long-term care Continued page 3



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## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DATES TO REMEMBER: May

8-Mothers Day, 12-NPRM Airspace Grab 30-Memorial Day

#### 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

Class Started on April 26 Just come to class. 10 week course 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! New Presentation!

#### FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm 2nd Floor Observatory, May 24, is Dr. Matthers presenting Updates on FAA Medical Certification. Email: [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net):

#### 99'S MEETING

Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., (No meeting in July) Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Women's Organization of Pilots! Going South for a special gathering on Saturday, May 14, at Olive Garden, 2808 Smith Ranch Road, Pearland Contact Becky at email [nickellb01@att.net](mailto:nickellb01@att.net), website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

#### COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:info@houstonwing.org).

#### EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 Contact Carol Brackley at [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net), or visit website: [www.ghafi.org](http://www.ghafi.org)

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# AIR SPACE GRAB Deadline **May 12**

## **New Airspace - Houston Executive Airport, Brookshire, TX** **Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).**

Click on or go to website: <https://www.regulations.gov>

Search: **Houston Executive** or type in the docket number

### Docket # FAA-2014-0742

#### The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by establishing Class D airspace, and Class E surface area airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,500 feet MSL within a 4-mile radius of TME (Houston Executive Airport), excluding that airspace west and northwest, to accommodate the establishment of an airport traffic control tower. Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface would be established within a 6.6-mile radius of Houston Executive Airport to accommodate new standard instrument approach procedures for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

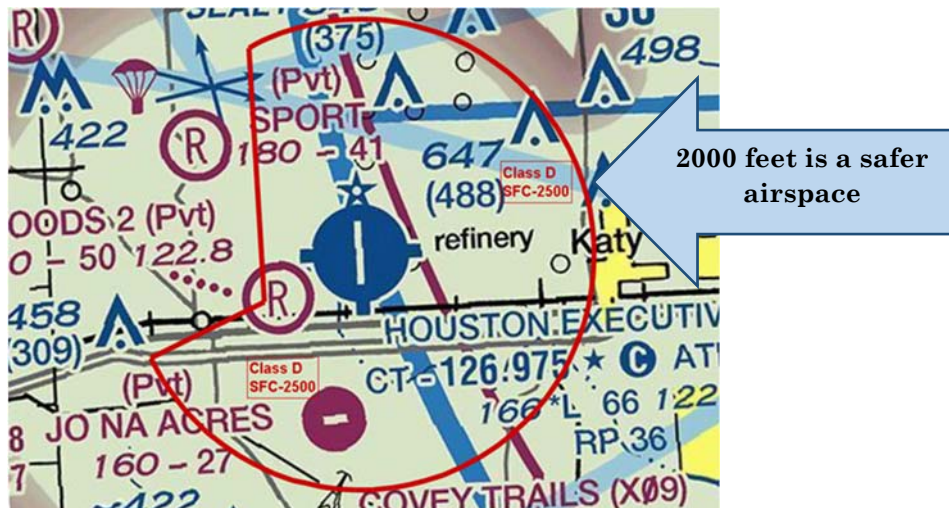
#### The Facts

The proposed Class D height to 2500 MSL is excessive, leaving only 500 feet between it's top and the floor of Class B, which bases at 3,000 MSL. The very busy DWH (David Wayne Hooks Airport) has been getting along fine for more than 35 years with the top of their Class D at 2000 MSL. TME has such a small amount of traffic watching an aircraft move is rare.

This rule, if enacted, eliminates the free use of the heavily traveled VFR Corridor along interstate 10 from San Antonio, TX to Lake Charles, LA which has existed for some thirty years. It directly effects VFR traffic on Victor airways and cuts into flight training area, used by flight schools at West Houston Airport, Weiser Airport and Hooks Airport as well as cramping the daylight out of Sport Flyers and Skydive Houston Airports and the everyday pilot trying to get from here to there.

#### The Comment

*Propose to limit the top of this Class D to 2000 MSL, if a need develops in future years, increase the height of its top then, not now. This allows VFR pilots to continue to fly at 2,500 MSL along I-10; keep it at 2000 ft. If airspace is raised to 2,500 MLS this allows only 500 feet between Class B and Class D airspace. Limiting the airspace to 2,000ft provides a safer airspace for the vast majority VFR General Aviation pilots that fly in the area.*





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## Fuel Price Comparison for April 29, 2016

| JET A                | High | Low   | Avg  |
|----------------------|------|-------|------|
| Southwest Region     | 6.96 | 2.15  | 3.71 |
| West Houston Airport | 3.43 | 2.40* | 2.91 |
| AVGAS (100LL)        |      |       |      |
| Southwest Region     | 8.33 | 2.75  | 4.25 |
| West Houston Airport | 4.62 | 3.95  | 4.28 |

\*With Volume discount

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  - 1994 Baron 58: Priced to Sale. Below Wholesale
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By: Sam Bulger

The Houston Wing hosted their annual Open House April 16/17<sup>th</sup>. Springtime in Houston can bring either the most beautiful days for outdoor events...or the most challenging days. This year

was a challenge that the Houston Wing members met head on and our loyal fan base supported. The attendance was between 3500-4500 people for both days. This number is really impressive considering Sunday was expected to be a rain out by noon. However the local population came out to see what all the excitement was about. We had a few aircraft cancel due to the weather but we still had a nice turnout, including a P-40, the planes from Tora Tora Tora, a Beech 18 and a lot of nice local training and liaison warbirds. Also in attendance was USMC WWII and Korea Corsair pilot Col. Joe McPhail Ret, vehicles from the 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association and an anti-aircraft gun display from the Battleship Texas.

A very successful weekend for the Houston Wing and we hope to see everyone back next year with hopefully better weather.



**AGELESS AVIATION** Continued from page 1 communities. Our mission is to **“Give Back To Those Who Have Given”**. Through our donors, the Foundation provides Dream Flights in a Boeing Stearman biplane, the same aircraft used to train many military aviators in the 1940’s. Ageless Aviation will be at West Houston Airport May 6,7, and 9th. Stop in for a visit and meet some part of History.

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