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December
2018 Edition

RUNWAY 15

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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



POINT OF VIEW

Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager

For 34 years I have overlooked the Airport from my perch on the second floor of the terminal building. During that time I have witnessed many unusual and fascinating sites. Here are a few remembered.

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Observed a professional flight instructor with a PHD perform a preflight inspection but forgot to remove the engine cowling plugs prior to start. When he saw the prop catching the straps, he was quick to stop the engine and get out of the A-36 Bonanza and remove the engine plugs.

Observed a Cessna Cardinal RG come in with the gear up, but I could not get to the radio fast enough to advise the pilot to go around. Plane landed gear up.

Observed many preflight checks and startups of aircraft without removing chocks.

ADSB REBATE IS BACK

FAA restated the ADS-B Rebate Program. Program ends on 10/11/ 2019 or when the available rebates are all claimed, act soon! General Avionics 281-647-9600 generalavionics.com

Observed an aircraft trying to taxi out of the ramp with a chock stuck on the backside of the front nose tire.

IWS is creating a list of plane owners that will fly for fuel to help other IWS plane owners who are stranded, needing specialized services elsewhere, giving back to area needs and or to trade out necessary rides point to point. If interested or for info contact Woody Lesikar. woody@westhoustonairport.com or 281-492-2130

Observed a Mooney with curtains drawn and no one getting out of the plane after landing. Some thirty minutes later I noticed a gorgeous woman and a man getting out of the aircraft and adjusting their clothing and hair.

Observed a remote control model airplane flying down the runway after a Beech Duke landed.

Observed many incidents where pilots left pitot cover on the aircraft while taxiing out. I advised one to "burn it off" by turning on the pitot heat! Glad no one took me up on it!

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Observed aircraft trying to taxi out of ramp area with chains still on tail tie down ring.

Observed numerous incidents of aircraft taxiing out with seat belt hanging out of the door – "ON PILOT SIDE" !

Observed numerous incidents of gas caps coming off of wings after lift off..

Observed numerous incidents of Cessna 210 baggage doors coming open after lift off and in one case a suit-

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DECEMBER

21– Winter solstice 25– Christmas Day

QUOTE: "Am I up here because your down there, or are you down there because I am up here?" Pilot to ATC

TRIVIA: In which direction can you safely move a propeller?
 Answer: Only opposite the direction of rotation (C.G. "Hank" Henry)

PREFLIGHT Breakfast

Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pilots/Prospective Pilots Invited. Fly Your Plane! Weekend fuel prices in effect! Fuel up on donuts and kolaches to start your journey.

PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., (12 week class series) Next session starts in January, 2018, Each class a stand alone class. No prior reservations needed. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Bring a family member for *half-price*. Start learning to fly today, don't procrastinate.

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FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday, 7:00pm-9:00pm for more information email Scott Vaughn at dsvaughncsp@gmail.com. NO DECEMBER MEETING

99's MEETING

Second Tuesdays 7:00pm more information Meetings International Organization of Women Pilots! Email KathyClark99@prodigy.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. Contact email for tours and flight information at rides@houstonwing.org or the hangar at 281-579-2131, info@houstonwing.org. Volunteers and donations welcome.

EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. Contact Jeff Clarke 832-425-8277 or email: clarkeandco@aol.com for EAA interest. December 20, Election of Officers, Jan 17th Annual Banquet Spring Creek BBQ

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RUSTY PILOT SEMINAR

Saturday, January 19, 2018 AOPA's Pat Brown, Getting Back To Flying: Easier Than You Think.

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Fuel Price Comparison for November 2018

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.34	3.00	4.49	Southwest Region	7.83	3.55	4.79
West Houston Airport	4.71	3.52	4.12	West Houston Airport	5.56	4.99	5.27

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AEROVILLAS

case of women's underwear flew out of the rear baggage door. Pink and lacey!

Observed aircraft that lost its brakes rolled into ditch, hit concrete conduit and totaled aircraft.

Observed King Air 350 touchdown halfway down runway 33, never got on brakes and went off the runway.

Observed Beech Baron taking off runway 15 after owner installed autopilot and failed to check elevator trim which had rolled full nose down!

Observed pilot of Beech Baron start engine #1 while facing south. Engine RPM went high and aircraft hit terminal Building.

Observed R44 helicopter pilot leaving tie down chains on, lifting off and suddenly come down hard on ramp damaging helicopter extensively.

Observed black smoke coming from exhaust of Bi-plane. Informed pilot who stated he was flying over to get it fixed, Biplane took off and lost power made a 180° turn back to airport, stalled and burned up killing pilot

Observed a Beech 58P Baron make a low instrument approach down to a road adjacent to airport advised pilot that he should go around. Pilot performed go around and came back around and landed on the runway.

Observed Beech Baron landing gear up then go around barely making it around the airport, landing with bent props and loose blades!

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* Denotes years of service

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