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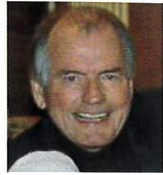


WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



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The Aviation World as We Move Past the Covid-19 Pandemic

In early 2020, the world was introduced to a new form of corona virus, officially enumerated and now popularly known as Covid-19. In the months and now years that have followed, Covid-19 would reach pandemic status, leaving no part of the globe save for perhaps Antarctica, unaffected. Unfortunately, in the polarizing times we live in, grappling with the many varying opinions which were and to a large extent, remain readily sounding-off regarding the true origins of the virus, it's intent, be it direct or indirect, and it's global impact in terms of both human factors, such as lives lost, and socio-economic downturns, for which few industries or marketplaces were spared dramatic declines; gaining a true understanding of this pandemic has been difficult. Regardless of opinion, Covid-19 has undeniably left our world a changed place and most people can speak to having either contracted the virus themselves, or having family and/or friends who did.

Thankfully, though still needing to be ever-vigilant as we move further into 2022, the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel may finally be within sight. We are seeing indicators everywhere that are allowing us to finally entertain notions (at the very least) that we are moving past this pandemic. Businesses have reopened, children are back in school learning in most areas of the country, and stigmatic measures such as vaccination cards and mask mandates are being diminished and talked about less and less.

The aviation industry as a whole felt the impact of Covid-19 as so many other fields did. As a general aviation airport, West Houston was not spared in terms of what would have otherwise been abundant recreational pilots enjoying a nice VFR weekend, and instead saw dramatically lower flight loads for the earlier months of 2020 once the pandemic took full root. The flight school here, while remaining open throughout, also saw diminished enrollment and student flights. As a whole, the commercial aviation industry suffered greatly while trying to merely tread the waters of the pandemic during a market-shifting bombshell lasting the entirety of 2020 and incomparable to anything the industry has seen and endured since 9/11.

Quite fortunately though, when given the opportunity without undue interference, a free-market economy will find a correction and in aviation that has started all the way at the top. Just as was seen in the aftermath of 9/11, an already unprecedented shortage in the global supply line of new pilots, has now been further exacerbated leading to many of the world's airline companies desperate to renew and restock those talent channels, creating a bountiful "seller's market" for new prospective pilots. Many flight schools are enjoying increased enrollments as a result. Back on the recreational side of flying, the resale market for aircraft has seen dramatic upticks in sales and prices with many used airplanes leaving the marketplace not long after they were originally presented there. Pilots want to get back up in the air!

IWS joins in boisterously welcoming all those pilots back to the sky, whether it is for the weekend trip to the beaches near South Padre Island, simply to renew currency, or finally to get that long-awaited Instrument rating. While always remembering in respect how Covid-19 has affected us all, we share in this new momentum of our ever-developing post-pandemic world. Let's go fly!!!

By: Scott Cavalcante

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West Houston Airport	4.66*	4.66*	4.66*	West Houston Airport	5.12	5.12	5.12

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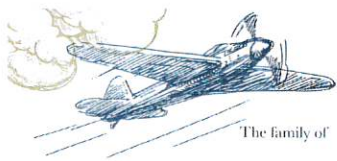
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4:00 – 6:00 PM

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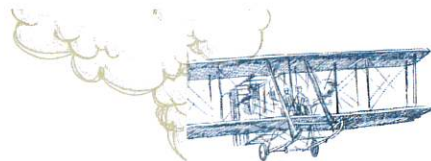
We request you bring your thoughts, prayers, and fondest memories. And if you wish, please bring a written memory or memories for the family. Refreshments will be served.

Please note, COVID prevention measures may be in place.

RSVP
Cathy at cathflores@yahoo.com
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In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to causes dear to Steve's heart and life: Angel Flight South Central, for whom he was a volunteer mission pilot: www.angelflightsc.org, or The National Parks Foundation, as he was a life-long believer in stewarding these gems: give.nationalparks.org

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CFI: Scott Cavalcante



New Instrument-rated pilot!!
Maria Yates
CFI: Andrew Addicks

IWS wishes our very own CFI Christy Graham, our fondest farewell and best of luck as she takes the next (big) step in her aviation career, joining MESA Airlines as their newest First Officer!!!

Congratulations CHRISTY!!! Thank you for your excellent dedication to our students. You will be missed here!!!



The Airport Terminal has a Bulletin Board for Patrons to post their flight gear for sale—including headsets, portable GPS's, tow bars, etc. Feel free to utilize it!



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