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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



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## The Jeffrey Weiss Tragedy January Safety Meeting

Shelly Lesikar DeZevallos Ed.D. and Woody Lesikar, West Houston Airport manager will present the high drama story of a flight gone wrong. This presentation will expose the truth about what happened. Presentation will discuss what was ignored by the incompetent NTSB investigator, overlooked by the FAA and AOPA Air Safety Institute and will include a comprehensive assessment of the conditions and circumstances that caused the catastrophic loss of six lives, and resulted in multimillion dollar lawsuits of dubious merit.

Join us for an interactive presentation that you will not soon forget. Listen to friends of Weiss and see videos never made public as you delve into what really caused this tragic accident.

Refreshments served after the Safety Meeting. See you Tuesday at 7:00PM on January 24, 2023!

### 2023 Projects and improvements at IWS

The airport intends to install fire hydrants within the Airport Subdivision. The project is in engineering now. This project is the result of Harris County's over-zealous overreach into private property owners rights. The continuous passage of laws that restrict property owners use further restricts growth and inhibits the tax base .

The airport is in the process of taking bids to re-skin its T-covers and T-hangars. The application of paint over ten years ago has not been successful and much of the paint is coming off. Aircraft owners will be notified in advance and moved to other hangars temporarily.

Seal coating the runway and eastside taxiway are projects on the upcoming calendar. Plane owners will be notified in advance and accommodations made. The airport will not be closed during this project.



Jeffrey Weiss

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"As The Beacon Turns"

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AeroVillas lots 8-12

• Financing Available



For More Information contact Woody Lesikar at

281-492-2130 [Woody@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:Woody@westhoustonairport.com)

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**FAA Safety Meeting Tuesday, January 24!!**  
7:00pm—see front page

### PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

#### CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

Register by Sunday @ 7PM by calling us at 281-492-2130

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website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org). Carol Brackley—[carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net)

### CHECK FOR OPERATIONAL HOURS:

#### 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. Contact email for tours and flight information at [rides@houstonwing.org](mailto:rides@houstonwing.org) or the hangar at 281-579-2131, [info@houstonwing.org](mailto:info@houstonwing.org). Volunteers and donations welcome.

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### Fuel Price Comparison for November

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	10.79	4.20	6.02	Southwest Region	9.71	4.25	6.09
<b>West Houston Airport</b>	<b>6.04*</b>	<b>5.75*</b>	<b>5.87*</b>	<b>West Houston Airport</b>	<b>6.18*</b>	<b>5.44*</b>	<b>5.74*</b>

\*With Volume/Weekend discount

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Call Woody Lesikar

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# CONGRATULATIONS!! WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT STUDENTS!!!



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Sachin Padhye  
CFI: Scott Cavalcante

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For an application contact Woody Lesikar 281/492-2130 or woody@westhoustonairport.com or CFII

\*Employees, Flight School Students, and Leaseback Owners Not Eligible



*Jack of All Trades!!!! Our CFI and Editor took to the kitchen to whip up a holiday delight for the amazing team here at IWS!*



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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!



**Business / residential LOTS for SALE**  
**BUILD your Hangar**  
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**Contact Woody**  
**281-492-2130**  
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**Welcome West Houston Aero!!**

**New Maintenance Shop open on Tuesday January 3**

Robert Briscoe, a long time area resident, businessman, pilot, and entrepreneur is opening a full service maintenance shop at West Houston Airport on January 1, 2023. Robert is a Captain at United Airlines and has a passion for flying. He has a beautiful Piper Navajo based here and has been flying for many years.

West Houston Aero is the name of the shop that Robert has chosen and he is currently interviewing maintenance personnel for full time employment with extended benefits and vacation. The shop will be up and running with appropriate personnel to handle all of the aircraft based at West Houston.

To meet Robert and discuss your annual inspection, oil change, or other services, contact him at the email or phone number below:

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## Event Details and Registration

Below you will find the details for this seminar. You may register by clicking the "Register" link.

Title: The Jeffrey Weiss Tragedy - Re-enactment Story

Topic: An experienced passionate aviator with love for others allows the devil in the details to take over and the result is tragic.

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 24, 2023, starting at 19:00 Central Standard Time [Download Calendar File](#)

Speaker(s): Shelly Lesikar DeZavallos Ed.D. President of West Houston Airport

Brief Description: Shelly Lesikar DeZavallos Ed.D. President of West Houston Airport and Woody Lesikar, West Houston Airport manager will present the high drama story of a flight gone wrong. This presentation will expose the truth about what happened. Ignored by the NTSB Investigator, overlooked by the FAA, and the American Bonanza Society. This case study will include a comprehensive assessment of the circumstances and conditions that caused the catastrophic loss of six lives, and resulted in multimillion dollar lawsuits of dubious merit.

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Select Number: SW09117285

Location of Seminar: West Houston Airport - Terminal Building  
18000 Groeschke Road  
2nd Floor  
Houston, TX 77084

Directions to Venue: North of I10 between Hwy 6 and Barker Cypress Road

[View Map](#)

Fly-In Seminar?: Yes KIWS

Seating: 150 seats at the facility, 150 for online registration.  
This event is not yet accepted for public viewing.

Registration Information:

Sponsoring Division: Houston FAASTeam

Contact Information: Brandon Carr  
Phone: (832)573-1238  
[aviation@carrfam.us](mailto:aviation@carrfam.us)

Additional Event Information  
& Acknowledgement of  
Industry Sponsor(s):

A great thanks to our sponsors:

[West Houston Airport](#). The weekend fuel discount will apply to attendees flying in.

Refreshments are provided by the [99's](#).

Prior to attending a safety seminar, please review and abide by current CDC, State, and local health guidelines.

Equal Access Information: The FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) is committed to providing equal access to this meeting/event for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please communicate your request as soon as possible with the person in the "Contact Information" area of the meeting/event notice. Note that two weeks is usually required to arrange services.

Credit Applicability:

Basic WINGS 1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3 Advanced WINGS ½ Credit for Advanced Knowledge Topic 2
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FAASTeam Project  
Information:

National Project: Any Safety Event held based upon data/risk

Additional Event Documents: *This event does not have any additional documents to view.*



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All comments, complaints, and suggestions are welcome  
please send to: Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager,  
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