

January
2017 Edition



RUNWAY 15

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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



It was 50 years ago this date (1/1/17) that I went to work for crop duster Frank Fennen at Lakeside Airport (aka West Houston Airport). Twenty years old and ready to start my new job, I actually arrived on the job on January 1st to find no one there!

Surprise! It's unbelievable what has happened since.

In 1967, aviation was booming. Cessna had just built 1500 Cessna 150's. Piper, Beech, Mooney and others were building more airplanes than ever before. It was an exciting time. My previously submitted resume to Trans Texas Airlines went no where, and probably for the best. I needed a job and instructing at Lakeside airport was my opportunity. With one small new Aircoupe, I was in charge of developing the flight school and it was my job to enlarge the book of business for rentals and instruction. With the growth on Houston's Westside it looked like a real opportunity. And it was. After a short time Frank sold me the plane and the book of busi-

ness I developed. Adding a Cessna 172 and a new Cessna 150, I began what was truly my life time ambition, flying. And many of you reading this had the same ambition at that time. We all loved flying.

This was a long time ago, but my love for aviation and those that fly, continues to this date. I am lucky, fortunate, and blessed to have been in the right place at the right time and with patrons like you supporting your love of flying and the airport. You supported us throughout pot holes and politics and much more. I am grateful for your being a supporter of West Houston Airport and for the many years you have been our customer, friend, flyer, and enthusiast. You have been the reason I am still here today. Thank you for continuing to fly! I wish the best for you during 2017 and beyond.

God Bless you!
Woody Lesikar,
Airport Manager



CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. SHELLY LESIKAR DEZEVALLOS, Ed, D. 2017 BOARD MEMBER FOR NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION (NBAA). Shelly with her vast knowledge and great inspiration to Aviation has been elected as board member for NBAA. She is great asset to General Aviation and will make a difference.

GOT AVIATION NEWS: Send to Stacy@westhoustonairport.com tips, comments, events, suggestions, articles, or letters to the editor.

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Local Frequencies: Clnc 121.150 (281) 443-5844, ApcH 123.80
FSS 1800 WX-BRIEF / 1800-992-7433

West Houston Airport Frequencies, AWOS: 125.575, (281) 579-9820
Unicom 123.05 ASRI: 129.875

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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1 - New Years Day, 16 - MLK Day, 19- Robert E. Lee Birthday

Quote: And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been. Rainer Maria Rilke Source www.brainyquote.com

Trivia: What year was the first flight of the Sopwith *Camel* flown by Harry Hawker?
Answer: 1917

PREFLIGHT Breakfast

Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pilots/Prospective Pilots Invited. Bring Your Plane!

PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., NEXT Class Starts Jan 16, 2017. West Houston Airport. No prior reservations needed. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Bring a family member for *half-price*. Start learning to fly today, don't procrastinate.

INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

10 week course 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Contact Stacy at stacy@westhoustonairprot.com to sign up for the Spring class!

FAA SAFETY MEETINGNo

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm Hugh McFarland with FAA TRACON will present on Airspace around the Houston area. Email: dsvaughncsp@gmail.com

99's MEETING

MOVED TO THE 17 , 7:00 p.m., Meetings International Organization of Women Pilots! Email Becky at 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 at 936-697-3237 or the hangar at 281-579-2131 email info@houstonwing.org, February 11, DANCE

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.

AOPA safety meeting on the 10th at 7:00 at Wyndham on Park Row - Non Towered Case Studies, What Went Wrong?

GHAFI (Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors) Safety Meeting January 21, 2016 at 9:00am , Upstairs Contact Carol Brackley at carolav8@att.net, or visit website: www.ghafi.org

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Fuel Price Comparison for December 2016

| JET A | High | Low | Avg |
|----------------------|------|-------|------|
| Southwest Region | 7.11 | 1.99 | 3.86 |
| West Houston Airport | 3.81 | 2.71* | 3.26 |
| AVGAS (100LL) | | | |
| Southwest Region | 8.33 | 3.05 | 4.35 |
| West Houston Airport | 4.67 | 4.17 | 4.43 |

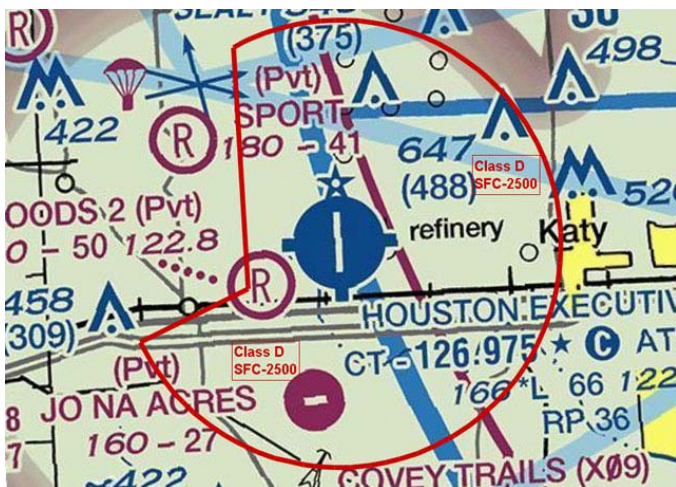
*With Volume discount

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FINAL RULE

Effective November 10, 2016

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), establishes 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 Houston Executive Airport, excluding that airspace west and northwest, to accommodate the establishment of an airport traffic control tower. This action reduces the allowed 4 nautical mile radius around Houston Executive Airport to assist the operators transitioning in and out of Sport Flyers Airport without the need of establishing radio communications with Houston Executive Airport. The proposed cutout also allows for accommodation for a private airstrip to the southwest of Houston Executive Airport.



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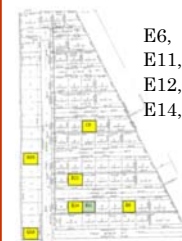


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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT TEAM

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| West Houston Airport (Since 1962) | Flight School, Pilot Supplies | Terminal Building | 281-492-2130 | www.westhoustonairport.com |
| Calkins Aero Service (Since 1985) | Maintenance and Repairs | Hangar #3 Brown East | 281-579-6674 | www.calkinsaero.com |
| General Avionics (Since 1995) | Avionics Sales and Service | Hangar #1 White East | 281-647-9600 | www.general-avionics.com |
| Sky Aircraft Interiors | Aircraft Upholstery | Hangar #1 White West | 281-682-4454 | |
| Fast Freddy Mobile Detail | Aircraft Detailing | | 281-330-9813 | www.fastfreddymobiledetail.com |
| Dr. Victor Arellano (Pilot) | FAA Medicals (by appt. only) | 15410 Ridge Park Dr., Houston, Tx 77095 281-855-2244(o) 281-460-2247(m) ww.tmauc.com | | |

Airport Based Non-Aviation Businesses

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| Lone Star Rod & Rifle | Purveyors of Fine Sporting Life Hangar B-1 | 281-829-3006 | www.lonestarrodandrifle.com |
| A.I.C. Security | Total Security System Solutions Hangar B-3 | 888-242-9777 | www.aic-security.com |
| REALMARK Design | Hangar and Hangar Home Construction Hangar G-4/5 | 713-389-0806 | www.aerovilla.com |
| Herndon/Muncey | Plumbing Solutions (Investigative) Hangar D-1 | 281-579-0515 | www.herndonmuncey.com |



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