

April

2019 Edition

RUNWAY 15

Save An Airport
Quick Flying
is good business!



WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



Don't Be Ashamed to "Go-Around"

The outcome of any act is greatly dependent on how well we plan ahead. Approaches and landings are no exception.

Selecting the distance from the runway for the downwind and base legs, considering Glide Performance and the effect of the wind and the steepness of the Final Approach are key plans for a successful landing. I am slightly in favor of beginning final approach slightly high. I can always steepen and shorten the glide distance by reduc-

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"Our deepest regrets go out to a long time based customer Mr. John Parker of N735SX Cessna - 182 for the unexpected loss of his son Daniel Parker. Daniel passed away on March 24, 2019. Daniel soloed at West Houston in 1992 on his 16th birthday and got his private pilots license some time after that. Please refer to www.astronautdan.net for updates about a gathering for Dan.

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NEWLY BUILT HANGAR FOR SALE SEE PAGE 3

Fly for Fuel was a success this past Month. Pilot Jeff Weiss and student Helen, took off to rescue a stranded base customer. THANK YOU JEFF and HELEN for being there.

To participate in fly for fuel see page 3

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APRIL

1 - April Fools Day, 21 - Easter

QUOTE: There is nothing safer than flying - It is crashing that is dangerous
 (Theo Cowan)

Aviation Acronym: AAI

FAA Office of Accident Investigation (Who you do not want a call from because you choose not to "go-around".)

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

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FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday, 7:00pm-9:00pm for more information email Scott Vaughn at dsvaughncsp@gmail.com. The history of IAH and the associated nuances of the massive operation given by: D.C. "Hoss" Robertson

99's MEETING

Second Tuesdays 7:00pm International Organization of Women Pilots! Meeting at 7:00. 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. Warbird Weekend April 13 /14 . 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. March 21, 7pm ADS-B What good for your plane.

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SUN and FUN APRIL 2-7, 2019 – Lakeland, FL

WAR BIRD WEEKEND April 13 & 14
 Come out and look at the vintage cars and planes

Fuel Price Comparison for March 2019

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.25	2.69	4.38	Southwest Region	7.56	3.30	4.63
West Houston Airport	4.34	3.25	3.78	West Houston Airport	4.99	4.16	4.57

*With Volume discount

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 tion of power, reducing the airspeed 3 or 4 knots, increasing drag by extending the flaps, spoilers, speed brakes or by slipping.

Of course, always plan the glide slope to clear all obstacles. Neighbors dislike unauthorized pruning. Landing approach planning should include selection of the touchdown point to be as early in the first third of the runway as possible.

The pilot should be mentally prepared for smoothly applying power, controlling the airplane and executing a safe Go-Around.

This is a skill that is often not perfected enough and some pilots have executed elevator trim stalls. Others have applied power too abruptly and lost control due to not counteracting "P" factor smoothly and forcefully enough. Some pilots have failed to avoid a disastrous collision with the runway.

Don't be ashamed to Go-Around. Make the decision early enough to permit safe corrections. Practice Go-Arounds on your next flight.

You don't want to have to be dug out of wreckage.



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