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RUNWAY 15

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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

IWS INSTRUMENT APPROACHES

As many of you know, the IWS instrument approach to runway 15 is restricted to day light ops only, and both approaches 15 and 33 are restricted to straight-in approaches only. The FAA blames **it on the trees on the golf course, but it's really because the FAA would rather penalize pilots and airports some 300+, rather than just raise the minimums.** Of course we are dealing with non-pilots at the FAA. The designers of these instrument approaches have no experience in actual flying planes, except from the back seat. In addition you cannot fly a circle to land from either approach under IFR at any time. Key word here is IFR.



So what can you do? If you are on an IFR flight plan at night with winds favoring runway 15, you can ask for the minimum obstruction clearance altitude (MOCA) to the Orient waypoint and if VFR at that point, cancel IFR and land. If the ceiling is below the MOCA, you must do the IFR approach to runway 33 and subject to winds and ceiling, circle to land runway 15. Do not ask Approach Control for a circle to land. They will not give you that unless you cancel your IFR and proceed under VFR.

On this point I question what the MOCA really is on the final approach segment. Is it the minimum for the approach or area minimum? In any event try this and if you have a problem with the controller let me know.

If the ceiling and/or visibility is too low and/or winds too strong for the approach you are given, you can always go to SGR and let us know on the Unicom or by phone and we will come pick you up.

Be safe and let me know if you have any problems.

I solicit your comments.

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Do you have Personal Minimums?

Whether you are on your first solo, or have 30,000 hours, every pilot should have personal minimums set before they get off the ground. Your personal minimums should let you fly with less stress and less risk. AOPA and FAA offer great check lists as a guidance for personal minimums for VFR and IFR pilots.

When looking at setting personal minimums there are four main factors to keep in consideration, the pilot, aircraft, environment, and external pressures. These will change with experience and comfort levels.

Looking at your experience or recency of takeoffs and landings for day and night flying and your experience in the aircraft may be a consideration depending on the flight plan. IFR rating and IFR currency may increase or decrease the personal minimums according to what you have flown in the past few months. Your physical condition being tired, hungry, or certain medications may be impactful during flight. A good pilot will always evaluate their health prior to flight.

A thorough preflight of the aircraft, fuel and oil, aircraft maintenance, and aircraft performance calculations keeps a pilot in check. Are you familiar with the aircraft avionics? Do you

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OCTOBER

14th Columbus Day and 31st Halloween

QUOTE: You haven't seen a tree until you've seen its shadow from the sky." – Amelia Earhart

Aviation Acronym: PAVE—Personal Minimums Checklist
 Pilot, Aircraft, Environment, External Pressures

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FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday, 7:00pm for more info email Scott Vaughn at dsvaughncsp@gmail.com.

99's MEETING

Meeting will be Saturday October 5 @ 2:30 p.m. Contact 99's for location International Organization of Women Pilots! 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. Wings over Houston Air Show **October 19 and 20. Ellington field**

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.

NBAA Oct. 22-24, 2019 | Las Vegas, NV.

<https://nbaa.org/events/2019-business-aviation-convention-exhibition>

AOPA October 28, 2019 7:00 pm "Difficult Decisions: What would you do?" By Pat Brown

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West Houston Airport	4.27	3.16*	3.71	West Houston Airport	4.27	3.16	3.71

*With Volume discount

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have a back up plan? Weather and the environment may be top on your list for personal safety. Are you comfortable with the crosswinds, have you reviewed the weather at your destination airport? How far away is your alternate airport? These are just a few items to review before wheels up.

External pressures from the outside such as stress at work, passengers, delays of any type or being preoccupied with things at home can play a part. Changing your personal minimums as necessary for each flight is a smart decision.

Adding a safety pilot or CFI to join the journey could help if your personal minimums have not been met. The most important thing to remember is always have a back up plan when your personal minimums are compromised! Fly Safe. Be Safe. Come Home.

Download the personal minimums check list from AOPA or FAA.

AOPA <https://www.aopa.org/-/media/Files/AOPA/Home/Pilot-Resources/Personal-Mins-Contracts/Personal-Minimums-Contract-VFR.pdf>

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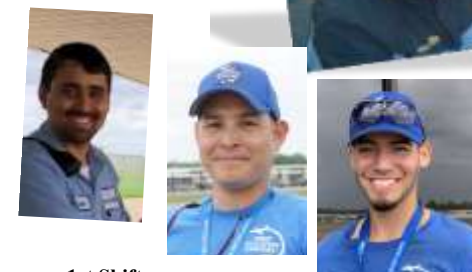
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