

January
2020

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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



2019 Year in Review

This was a bad year for General Aviation and for IWS.

The year started out with really bad weather and it lasted for over two months.

February 1, our customer Jim Walker was on his way back from El Paso when he descended through the undercast in his Mooney M20K and crashed. He was not instrument rated and had problems with the alternator in El Paso.

April 22, the airport lost Jeffery Weiss and five passengers when his Beech Baron ran out of fuel and crashed near Kerrville, Texas. Jeff was a real friend and philanthropist and **loved flying. It's hard to believe complacency** took him down.

May 23, Martha Turk, our former (1970) administrative assistant, pilot, friend and air traffic controller passed away during an operation. Martha was a hoot in her own words. She traveled to West Houston for its 50th anniversary.

July 11, A pilot ran off the end of the runway and hit a REIL.

July 23, a Cessna 172 on a rental flight, went down under power in a local neighborhood, collided with a structure on the ground and disintegrated. The plane was a 2009 Cessna 172S G1000 and its pilot was a non-instrument rated private pilot on high blood pressure medicine. What would be the reason that he would go in with power and no flaps in a highly populated area where numerous landing fields are located in close proximity?

August 7, the Airport lost its long time **chief pilot, C.G. "Hank" Henry. Hank had** worked for the airport almost 45 years and was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. His love for flying and interest in teaching flying was his biggest attributes. Hank is missed by all that knew him.

August 14, a Cessna 421C ran off the end of the runway under unknown circumstances. Furthermore, it was unknown if the pilot was qualified at the time of the accident. The plane is in limbo pending repairs as of this date.

August 26, two certified instructors flying a conventional gear airplane landed and ground looped the tail dragger and totaled the plane. All captured on airport security camera-

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Based Customers
Instrument Rating
 50% off Instructor rate with fuel purchase
 Expires March 1, 2020

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 billing questions contact Renee at
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Random NASA Reports:

Inquiring Minds A Pilatus pilot learned a lesson from a situation exhibiting a hint of hindsight humor. The public was allowed access to the aircraft interior, and Murphy prevailed. The aircraft Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) was inadvertently activated...at an airport event. The Medical Crew was on an outside call and...was not present. The public was allowed access to the aircraft interior. Children in the cockpit flipped several switches, including the ELT. After removing the children, the ELT was reset. The Communications Center called to inquire. The pilot and copilot seat belts were cross-connected from left to right to restrict cockpit access. Always have at least two crew members monitoring the aircraft during public events. Do not allow public access to the aircraft interior. https://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/docs/ASRS_ProgramBriefing.pdf

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

Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., 12 week class series Each class a stand alone class. No prior reservations needed. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Bring a family member for **half-price**. Start learning to fly today. Class starts February 3, 2020. Call for verification.

INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Call to sign up, Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! email info@westhoustonairport.com to sign up for class! Each class a stand alone pick your refresher.

FAA SAFETY MEETING

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

99's MEETING

Meeting will be Sat Jan 4, 11:30 Contact 99's for location International Organization of Women Pilots! website www.ninety-nines.org. Girl scouts Sat Jan 11.

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.

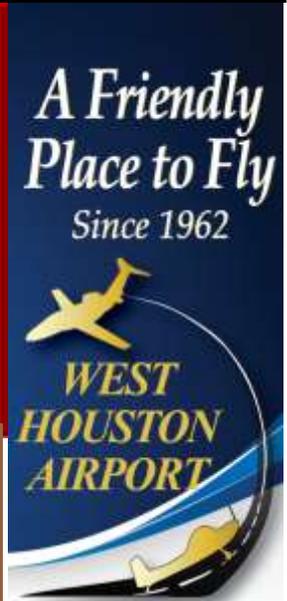
EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. Contact Jeff Clarke 832-425-8277 or email: clarkeandco@aol.com for EAA interest.

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AOPA'S RUSTY PILOT: February 15, 2020 given by Pat Brown

AOPA Air Safety More Difficult Decisions: Choices and Consequences Jan 20, 2020 www.airsafetyinstitute.org/seminars.



Fuel Price Comparison for December

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.23	2.72	4.41	Southwest Region	7.19	3.45	4.68
West Houston Airport	4.24	3.20*	3.72	West Houston Airport	4.95	4.41	4.68

*With Volume discount

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More Difficult Decisions: Choices and Consequences

As Pilot in Command, you know that the decisions you make always have consequences. Sometimes, they can even mean the difference between life and death. Join the AOPA Air Safety Institute as we examine more “what would you do?” scenarios from our partners at PilotWorkshops in this season’s free seminar!

JANUARY 20, 2020 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT 18000 GROSCHKE RD TERMINAL HOUSTON, TX 77084

Participate in interactive vignettes based on PilotWorkshops Mastery scenarios

- Discuss, decide and debate your options with your fellow pilots and ASI’s presenters
- Understand there is no easy or right answer
- Increase your decision-making proficiency
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<https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/air-safety-institute/in-person-seminars>

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FIRST SOLO FLIGHT

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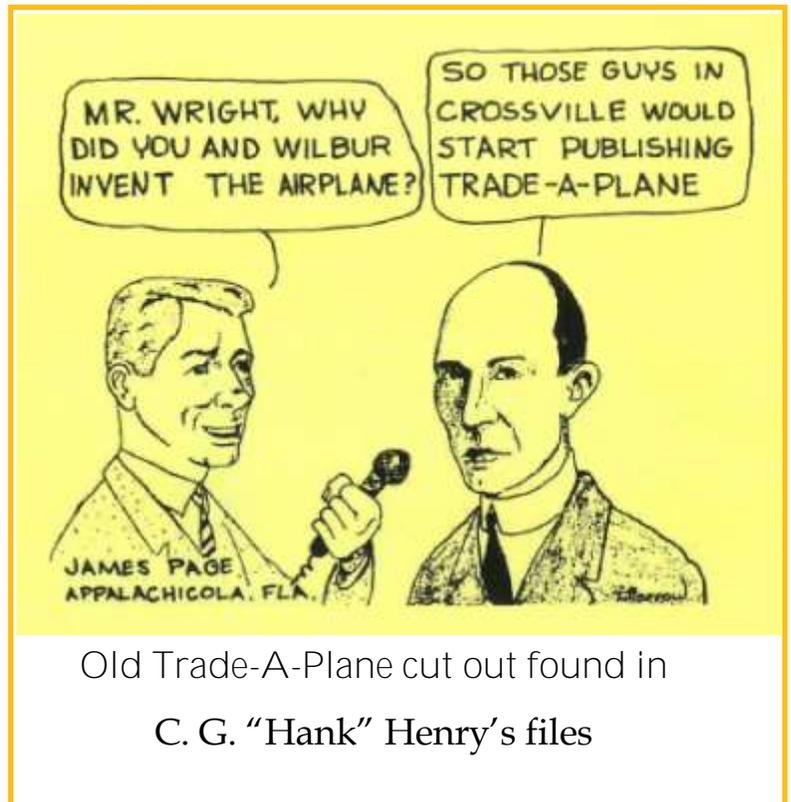
CFI: Jesse Gutierrez



INSTRUMENT RATING

James Buis

CFI: Jerry Allen



Old Trade-A-Plane cut out found in
C. G. "Hank" Henry's files



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 HELP IWS Stranded pilots!

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 as! What a ride!

September 13, Eddie Kaplan, good friend and pilot, who spent much of his early life at Lakeside Airport died at age 85.

A pilot lost oil pressure in a Cessna 182RG after a valve problem and landed safely. Good Job!

A pilot hit a fence with a wing tip while taxiing causing extensive damage. Tunnel vision?

A pilot landed hard and caused the fire wall of a Cessna 172 to be creased and did not find out about it until the cowling was removed on the 100 hour inspection.

December 14, L.S. "Pat Brown" one of the founders of Brown Gay Engineers died in Kerrville, Texas at age 87. Pat's firm provided most of the civil engineering for the airport since 1980. Pat owned a Cessna 172 and later a Beech V35B Bonanza. He was a very enthusiastic pilot and avid hunter. Pat was famous for engineering water uphill! (Not the Pat Brown of AOPA, Rusty Pilots, Designed Examiner and over all good guy!)

Good Riddance to 2019!
 Better times ahead!
 Woody Lesikar
 Airport Manager
 Have a Fantastic New Year!

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- 1997 Baron 58 - **Don't let this pass you by!**
- 1993 Bonanza A36 - Fly away!
- 1969 D55 Baron - Upgraded!
- 1980 M20K Mooney - En route.
- 1978 Bonanza F33C - Aerobatic!
- 2005 Cessna 172S G1000 - Leaseback!!



West Houston Airport sells
 Paper charts, Approach Plates and
Class "B" TAC Charts. Authorized
 FAA Chart Dealer!

FOR RENT
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 CESSNA 172S - G1000/AIR,
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Aviation Businesses:

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*7



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