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NEW GUIDANCE FROM THE FAA VIA AC 90-66C

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The FAA in its infinite wisdom, has just revised Advisory Circular pertaining to Non-towered Airports. Review it online at AC No: 90-66C, which replaces 90-66B.

The good thing about this revision is that it emphasizes the problems with straight-in approaches; repeals the communications by pilots when approaching an airport that might say, "Any traffic in the pattern at West Houston Airport, please advise," and relates to all parties that the FAA ONLY enforces the flow of traffic, not the traffic pattern, that is left solely up to the non-towered airport.

These are all good things to have been reviewed and acknowledged by the FAA.

First, we all know that straight-in approaches are dangerous when there are numerous aircraft in the pattern. Plus most pilots performing straight-ins don't really care if they intrude in others' operations. But, straight-ins are fine when there are no other aircraft in the pattern, or of course when on an IFR with "at minimums" weather, and of course in an emergency. There may be other exceptions also. But for the most part, if there is an aircraft in the pattern, it's best not to make a straight-in to the landing runway.

"Any traffic in the pattern at West Houston Airport, please advise." A controversial statement when taken in the foregoing context, but is it really a bad request? The answer is an unequivocal "NO". As one that has monitored air traffic at a very busy GA airport for some 50 years, I can tell you that there are times and certain airports that this statement is totally acceptable. But do this before calling it out: Listen up on the airport's advisory frequency for at least ten miles out and if you don't hear anything, be my guest and make the statement to confirm where other aircraft might be, including on the ground preparing for takeoff, without a transponder (not at IWS), aircraft using hand-held radios with no electrical, aircraft with inoperative equipment including transceiver or transponder. There may also be other reasons; again, this is not for every airport, but for seldom used and low use airports, totally acceptable to do this after "listening up" on the CTAF.

Finally, FAA acknowledges in a more definitive way, that the Airport can design and implement its own traffic pattern, either right or left hand traffic. The Airport can designate the altitude to fly when approaching or within the traffic pattern and which type planes are to fly at certain altitudes while in the pattern. The Airport can design a "Best Practices Traffic Pattern" for based customers and those repetitive users. This is all legal and in accordance with Advisory Circulars and FAR's.

Its nice to see the FAA revisit publications that it provides to its constituents and make revisions when necessary.

Someday the FAA may even revise the NOTAM system, charity flights, EAA flights and more.

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West Houston Airport	5.22*	4.93*	5.05*	West Houston Airport	6.67*	5.74*	6.10*

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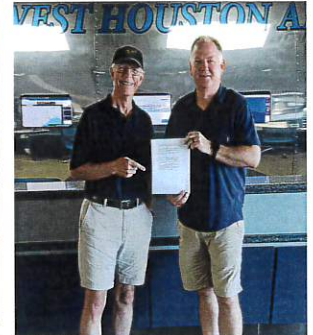
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Bonus CookOff

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1st Place - \$200
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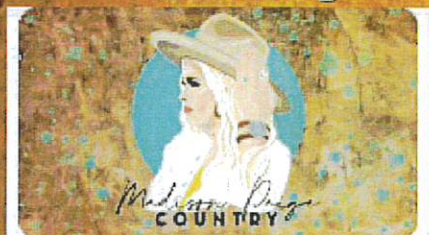
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Attn: Bonanza and Baron Owners and Enthusiasts -

Registration is now open on the Southwest Bonanza Society website for a SWBS fly-in event to be hosted by West Houston Airport on August 26. If you would like to participate and are not already a member of the Southwest Bonanza Society, there is time for you to join SWBS and register for the event.

To join, go to www.SWBonanza.org and click the "Join Us" tab at the top of the screen. There are many other benefits to being a SWBS member including many other fly-in events which are listed on SWBonanza.org.



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