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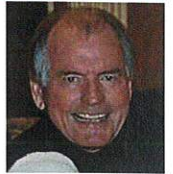
WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

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is good business!



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From the Editor's Desk: Thoughts, observations, and good feelings from West Houston Airport after two years of instruction here.

It's amazing to consider all the different ways the seemingly simple word of "transportation" is so interwoven through various and veritably unending aspects of our society, both societally and economically. As an instructor here at the airport, among not-so-official other things I assist with, I've had the opportunity to embrace a new and welcoming culture here at IWS. One that I am grateful for. My "mid-life crisis" didn't manifest itself into buying some exotic Italian supercar, but rather a complete professional course correction having left a 20 year career in hospitality leadership behind to pursue a career in professional aviation. Hospitality, an industry all it's own which relies on..... Transportation of course, be it for that coast to coast in-person symposium that the hosting company just wouldn't do virtually, or leisurely when that long awaiting trip to some island comes calling. Hospitality is the calling card to any successful atmosphere in business and West Houston is loaded with it.

When I left managing hotels, I thought I was done with it to a point that I would scarcely ever again do anything that would even call upon those years of experience. As the "old dog" (compared to most new pilots anyway), I had many new tricks to learn.....and learn I had to no matter how begrudgingly some of my long used "hotel" talents tried to interfere with. For example, hotel management requires a laser focus on singular tasks only as well an innate ability to properly delegate authority and task completion. Ergo, no multi-tasking. Try applying that to learning how to fly airplanes. Imagine telling your instructor that you will not answer the ATC heading change call (for traffic) until you've stabilized your altitude oscillation in IMC while you focus solely on the attitude indicator because you don't multi-task. Your flying career will be short-lived. However I was reminded of how far we can come to let go of old habits, no matter how strong they seem, while on a nice April morning, I stood on the taxiway during a supervised first solo for one of my students while 3 other students of mine were also soloing in the pattern. Though coincidental and unplanned, I kept watch on each of course. Some quick research found that a single instructor having 4 students soloing at the same time in the pattern to be a first for IWS, something I am undoubtedly proud of. Thanks to students Tim Knox, Anthony Martinez, Caleb Sparks, and Sachin Padhye for their participation!

It turns out, taking the best of both careers and being able to apply them symbiotically is a profound reward and the one I am most grateful for toward our airport manager who took a chance on the old dog but low-time instructor some 2 summers ago now. Maybe they aren't so different upon further reflection. Afterall, they both owe themselves to transportation.

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"As The Beacon Turns"

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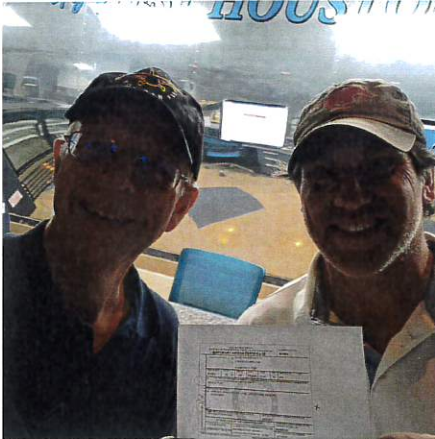
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