

March  
2023



# RUNWAY 15

## WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

Save An  
Airport  
Quick Flying  
is good business!



Scott Cavalcante  
Editor

Woody Lesikar  
Publisher



### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO AIRPLANE BUYERS AND SELLERS

The FAA has been backlogged on filing documents related to sales and purchases of aircraft at the Oklahoma City Registration Branch of the FAA. In some cases certain Aircraft Title Service companies are requiring buyers and sellers to sign an "Indemnification" agreement pertaining to THEIR search of the FAA records and relaying that information to you. Unless you have nothing to lose or you just don't care, do NOT sign this type of indemnification. The indemnification makes you and the other party totally responsible for anything that might show up in the future that would prevent you from passing on clear title to your aircraft. This could come back and bite you if there were any liens including unrecorded releases and other "glitches" on your plane's title.

Be very careful. Use only respected title services that do not require you to "indemnify" their work product! If your lender does not know about this, inform them of this critical issue.

*From The Airport Manager.....*

### WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT'S AWARD

Have you been flying for 50 years? Let us know so we can get you the recognition you deserve. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award can be yours! Please review the information available at <https://www.faa.gov/content/masterpilot/> for more details and email or call me with the completed application. We would love to proudly display a copy of your certificate in our lobby!

### WE ARE EXPANDING!!

West Houston Airport is the oldest, continuously run flight school in Houston. We are expanding our Flight Department with additional aircraft and instructors. Join our team! Hiring instructors and leasing Cessna and Beechcraft aircraft. Let us rent your plane and receive tax benefits that you don't have now or if you want to own an aircraft but can't afford it on your own, let us know. For information contact the airport.

Woody Lesikar  
281-492-2130

"THE FINEST IN A FULL SERVICE FACILITY"

West Houston Airport Frequencies: AWOS: 125.575, (281) 579-9820 Local Frequencies: Cinc 121.150 (281) 443-5844 Apch 123.80  
Unicom 123.05 ASRI: 129.875 Innovative Aviation Leadership since 1962 FSS 1800 WX-BRIEF / 1800-992-7433



# RUNWAY 15

"As The Beacon Turns"

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Page 2

Aerovillas lots 8-12

• Financing Available



For More Information contact Woody Lesikar at

281-492-2130 Woody@westhoustonairport.com

www.aerovillas.com or www.westhoustonairport.com

A Friendly  
Place to Fly

Since 1962



**WEST  
HOUSTON  
AIRPORT**

## FAA Safety Meeting Tuesday, March 28!! 7:00pm

### PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

#### CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

Register by Sunday @ 7PM by calling us at 281-492-2130

Contact Brandon Carr, aviation@carrfam.us, once registered

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. Call for verification. 281-492-2130

### 99's MEETING

Contact 99's for meeting information.

website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org). Carol Brackley—carolav8@att.net

## CHECK FOR OPERATIONAL HOURS:

### COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

Museum open first and third Saturday of the month 10am-3pm. Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **Coming Soon: Come on out to the Warbird Weekend April 15-16th.**

**TEXAS BIPLANE** Experience Freedom in the Air as you fly in an open-cockpit biplane over Texas! fly@texasbiplane.com 281-698-7524.

**NATIONAL HELICOPTER SOLUTIONS** Helicopter Tours and downtown Express flights (281) 795-9995



THE NINETY-NINES, INC.  
International Organization of "Finer Pilots"



COMMEMORATIVE  
AIR FORCE



**TEXAS  
BIPLANE**



**AOPA**  
Your Freedom to Fly



### Fuel Price Comparison for February

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	10.99	4.06	6.08	Southwest Region	9.72	4.35	6.07
West Houston Airport	5.92*	5.74*	5.85*	West Houston Airport	5.79*	5.29*	5.59*

\*With Volume/Weekend discount

Published on AirNav.com



## For Sale!!

### AIRPLANES:

*(Inventory changes quickly, contact us to verify availability!!)*

2007 Cessna 172s Leaseback Available

1977 Cessna 182 260SE—585 TTA, Beautiful!

1972 Cessna 172L Great maintenance and Avionics Upgrade!

1975 Cessna 172M Great Maintenance and Avionics Upgrade!

1974 Cessna 172M Great Maintenance and Avionics Upgrade!

1975 Cessna 172M Great Maintenance and Avionics Upgrade!

1980 Cessna 172P Great Maintenance and Avionics Upgrade!

1962 Beech 33 Great Maintenance and Avionics Upgrade!

1961 Cessna 182D Time Builder

### **2008 CESSNA T206H**

G1000, G700 Autopilot, Syn Vision, AC and much more!



*1961 Cessna 182D*

*Real Nice!!*



### LOTS &

### HANGARS:

**A4 (see below!), C 8, E1, F1, G2, G15, G16  
From 15,904-20,448sq/ft  
Aerovillas Lots!  
(281) 492-2130**

10,000 sq.ft. hangar (A4), 18' clear door height, on 20,447 sq.ft. corner lot within aviation subdivision of the West Houston Airport (IWS), with hydraulic 80' door with remote controls, LED lighting in and out, bathroom, materials to build out future offices if needed, additional exterior parking, with overhead garage door for auto parking within hangar. Built in 2007, within Harris County and KISD school district, not within City of Houston. Within Houston's Energy Corridor and closest GA Airport to downtown Houston. Finance with good credit available.

**Hangar G2—11,000 sqf.t. \$1,100,000**



Call Woody Lesikar

(832) 492-2130

woody@

westhoustonairport.com





# CONGRATULATIONS!!

## WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

### STUDENTS!!!



First Solo Flight!  
Xingchun Duan  
CFI: Scott Cavalcante



New Private Pilot  
CFI: Reese Walker  
DPE: Pat Brown



First Solo Flight!  
William Ameling  
CFI: Reese Walker



New Private Pilot  
Ken Downs  
CFI: Scott Cavalcante  
DPE: Pat Brown



New Private Pilot  
Caleb Sparks  
CFI: Scott Cavalcante  
DPE: Pat Brown



***The last three years has seen quite a few accidents on or near the airport. Although the airport and it's various entities have not been involved in these accidents/incidents, it seems that more aircraft are meeting their demise in this area. Here they are:***

- \* Engine in Beech Bonanza blows cylinder after maintenance work performed at another airport. Lands in field with no injuries. Substantial damage reported.
- \* Beautifully restored Piper Pacer totaled when aircraft ground looped on IWS runway. Two professional pilots onboard with one giving a check-out to the other. Prior to incident IWS airport manager avails the two pilots of his own history with the Piper Pacer and how hard that aircraft is to land.
- \* Beech Bonanza lands on tollway after engine quits due to low oil pressure. Pilot seen laying down under aircraft and requesting brake fluid from FBO prior to departure. Hits 18 wheeler in heavy traffic on Tollway. Total loss, but no injuries.
- \* Mooney clips trees in night landing and two persons sent to hospital with serious injuries. Aircraft found upside down with occupants bound by engine firewall on their ankles with over one hour recovery time. Trees planted by adjacent land owner.
- \* Piper Warrior with student and passenger depart airport at night in low visibility, become disoriented and spiral in, killing both. No operative ELT on board. Airport personnel locate the aircraft following day in thick woods two and a half miles south of airport. Night, marginal VFR with overcast skies prevailed. Student pilot with less than 50 hours. Aircraft had maintenance issues previously. Flight instructor at another airport stated he was a "good" pilot.
- \* Pilot loses control of Luscombe while landing and turns aircraft upside down. Recent purchase with low hours in type.
- \* Piper Matrix lands long after harrowing local extreme bad weather IFR flight and goes off runway into ditch. No injuries except bruised ego.
- \* Cessna 172 lands short of runway 15 and goes into ditch. Pilot was a professional instructor giving a flight to a young eagle. No injuries, aircraft a total loss.
- \* Owner selling a Cessna 421C and sitting in right seat as demo pilot with prospect goes off end of runway into ditch. No one hurt. Insurance company questions coverage.
- \* Piper Arrow lands in subdivision near IWS after running out of fuel. Rental plane from off-airport flight school had a long cross country flight and did not purchase fuel at his destination. Final destination SGR (12 miles away!).

(Continued on page 6)

- \* Cessna 210 loses brake while taxiing and goes off culvert into ditch.
- \* Cessna Citation taxi's into grass and is stuck overnight.
- \* Cirrus pilot leaves cowling plugs in after startup. Heats up pretty damn quick!
- \* Numerous pilots leave chocks on the nose wheel. Some stop and get out, others power up and jump them.
- \* Piper Arrow with three occupants lands on 1250' grass runway at IWS to practice short and soft field landings. Left gear collapses and aircraft veers off runway causing major damage. Rear seat passenger was making a selfie and recording this on his I-Pad! Aircraft had previous problems with left wing landing gear that would not come down. Who knows the culprit here but that's a little bit too much for low time pilots.
- \* Piper Cub flipped over on grass runway with student and instructor.
- \* Robinson R44 helicopter hits tail hard and damages frame. Hauled off on a trailer.
- \* Piper Pawnee banner towing airplane ground loops and damages wingtip.
- \* Cessna 210 damage to landing gear upon landing.
- \* Pilatus PC12 bad landing results in \$360k prop strike and engine inspection expense plus downtime for two months.
- \* Socata TBM prop strike on landing incident. Substantial expense, but no problem for the owner as he needed a new plane anyway! Now flying a 930!
- \* Mooney prop strike on runway on porpoised landing.
- \* Owner of Beech Baron removes autopilot components and sends off for repairs. When received back, the owner replaces components, then taxi's out for flight check. During the take-off roll, The Baron feels very heavy on the nose and the pilot aborts, but not soon enough to avoid going off the end of the runway and wiping out the landing gear; totaling the plane. What happened? Upon installation of the autopilot, the autopilot trimmed all the way nose down and the pilot did not check the elevator trim for proper setting before take-off. Ouch!

***THE ABOVE ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS ARE SITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING AND BECOMING SAFER PILOTS!***

---

## Employment Positions Available

West Houston Airport is currently hiring for the following positions. Full time AVAILABLE. Excellent pay and amazing work environment. Interested candidates should inquire directly with the airport at (281) 492-2130

**Line Technician, Customer Service Representative, Flight Instructor**



The Airport Terminal has a Bulletin Board for Patrons to post their flight gear for sale—including headsets, portable GPS's, tow bars, etc. Feel free to utilize it!

MAIL SHELTER  
with  
UPS PICKUP  
and  
FEDEX PICKUP

GET YOUR BOX AT 77084  
In Bear Creek Post Office



**Business / residential LOTS for SALE**

**BUILD your Hangar**

**OWN your property**

**Contact Woody**

**281-492-2130**

[woody@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:woody@westhoustonairport.com)



**Welcome West Houston Aero!!**  
**New Maintenance Shop Now Open!!**  
**(713) 724-5002**



February 2023 99's Fly Now Event!!



Hangar Upgrades?  
Remodeling / Repairs  
Contact: PACIFIC OCEAN CORPORATION  
(281) 802-0281

*\*With 11 years working at IWS\**

**Commemorative Airforce WARBIRD  
WEEKEND!!**

**April 15—16 2023 at IWS**

**\*PILOT SUPPLIES\***

Available for Rent Bonanza  
Dual Yoke

Call Ahead to Reserve

**281-492-2130**

**\*\*Now with Life Rafts  
and Life Preservers.  
FREE TO PATRONS!!!**

**MOBILE  
FAST FREDDY  
DETAIL**

Have your Aircraft Sanitized

Call:  
Fast Freddy Mobile Detail  
281-330-9813  
[www.fastfreddymobiledetail.com](http://www.fastfreddymobiledetail.com)

**Cessna Beechcraft**  
BY TEXTRON AVIATION

**Factory New Aircraft Sales**  
Skyhawk ~ Skylane ~ Stationair ~ Caravan  
Baron ~ Bonanza

Derek Moore  
Regional Sales Director  
Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana,  
Mississippi, & Alabama

Mobile: 316-570-0509  
E-mail: [dmoore@btav.com](mailto:dmoore@btav.com)  
@fymooresfast





# RUNWAY 15

All comments, complaints, and suggestions are welcome  
please send to: Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager,  
281-492-2130, woody@westhoustonairport.com  
www.westhoustonairport.com

Page 8

## Aviation Businesses:

<b>West Houston Airport (Since 1962)</b>	<b>Flight School, Pilot Supplies</b>	<b>Terminal Building</b>	<b>281-492-2130</b>	<b>www.westhoustonairport.com</b>
General Avionics (Since 1995)	Avionics Sales and Service	Hangar #1 White East	281-647-9600	www.generalavionics.com
Sky Aircraft Interiors	Aircraft Upholstery	Hangar #1 White West	281-682-4454	jenni@skyaircraftinteriors.com
Dr. Victor Arellano (Pilot) FAA Medicals (by appt. only)	15410 Ridge Park Dr., Houston, Tx 77095	281-855-2244(o)	281-460-2247(m)	www.tmauc.com
Dr. Fakhri Kalolwala MD (Pilot) FAA Medicals (by appt. only)	16125 Cairnway Dr, Houston, TX 77084	832-786-8195	www.aqeeqinternalmed.com	
Fast Freddy Mobile Detail	Aircraft Detailing	T-Hangar F2	281-330-9813	www.fastfreddymobiledetail.com
VT Aviation Academy of America (AAA)	Flight School	Hangar #2 East side	281 562-7195	www.vt-aaa.com
National Helicopter Solutions	Helicopter tours and charter	Hangar F13	281-795-9995	www.fly-nhs.com
Texas Biplane	Biplane Tours	Hangar G8	281-698-7524	www.texasbiplane.com
West Houston Aero	Maintenance/Repairs	Hangar 3E	713-724-5002	www.westhoustonaero.com
Pat Brown	IWS Resident DPE	Terminal Bldg	832-654-9831	www.houstondpe.com

## WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT TEAM

**AIRPORT CONTACTS:** P.O. Box 941789, Houston, TX 77094-8789, 18000 Groschke Rd., Houston, Texas 77084

Phone: 281-492-2130, Fax: 281-492-7028 email: info@westhoustonairport.com

SHELLY LESIKAR de ZEVALLOS, President, shelly@westhoustonairport.com

WOODY LESIKAR, Executive Vice President, Director of Aviation, Airport Manager woody@westhoustonairport.com

RICH WHITNEY, Compliance and Safety Officer, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Mon thru Fri; rich@westhoustonairport.com \*x22

RENEE STRIPLING, CFO renee@westhoustonairport.com \*15

DON EUTON, AOPA Airport Representative, 281-391-7310,  
doe@consolidated.net

- volunteer

Bill Heiam, President, West Houston Airport  
Subdivision Owners Association, Inc.,

\* Denotes years of service



TAYLOR BRADBURY, Customer Service Representative\*\*\*  
KRISTY NOSKRENT, Senior Customer Service Representative\*\*  
ASHLEY MEISSNER, Customer Service Representative

SCOTT CAVALCANTE, Certified Flight Instructor\*  
REESE WALKER, Certified Flight Instructor\*

PHILLIP KMEIC,  
Chief  
Mechanic\*10



**1st Shift**  
SEAN FRITSCH, First Shift Supervisor\*8  
MATT KIDD, Weekend Supervisor + Line Crew Tech.  
NOAH DEATON, Line Crew Technician  
AARON BOTHELO, Line Crew Technician  
ANDREW ADDICKS, Line Crew Technician

**Night Crew**  
ERIK  
DITTMAR, Line  
Supervisor,\*10  
DYLAN BAYLESS, Night  
Line Technician\*

**SAM TURK**  
Security \*21

PAT BROWN  
IWS Resident  
DPE



**2nd Shift**  
JOSE VILLATORO, Second Shift Supervisor\*7  
ABRAHAMA CORTEZ, Line Crew Technician  
JOSE MARTINEZ, Line Crew Technician  
DYLAN BAYLESS, Line Crew Technician  
JOEL RIOS, Line Crew Technician  
CHRIS DUNIN, Line Crew Technician  
AUSTIN HILLMAN, Line Crew Technician

**FAA Hotline 800-255-1111**