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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

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PILOT GETS BUSTED FOR MAKING LOW APPROACH TO CHECK OUT LANDING AREA!

The FAA has cited a pilot with a violation for making a low approach over a proposed landing area. It's true, but we don't know all the facts yet.

Could be more to it, but should it be a violation for making a low approach over an existing landing area to observe the surface prior to landing?

Of course not! In fact, that is an excellent way to determine if the surface conditions are good enough for a safe landing and/or possibly checking out whether or not there are any animals on or near the runway such as deer, hogs and coyotes. This was always standard procedure when flying out to west Texas at night and landing on airports such as Junction, Ozona, Uvalde and other airports. And you don't want to fly too low so as to scare a deer to jump up towards the plane. Most of the time animals won't stay on the paved surfaces due to the fact there is no grass to graze on. But in the fall when it's cold, the paved surface can provide warmth for some wildlife and therefore more of a reason exists to scare them off of the runway surface. Animals will sometimes be startled by the noise of an oncoming aircraft and run right in front of it causing damage or even totaling the aircraft. Over the last 50 years here at IWS, I can recall about a half dozen wildlife strikes at night. In most cases the aircraft was disabled until repairs could be made. We have all seen wildlife close to runways. I remember as a kid flying out of Long Beach California in a DC3 as a passenger in 1962, there were literally hundreds of jack rabbits all over the airport. I was fascinated while looking out the window how smart these creatures were as they all scattered in opposite directions from our departing aircraft.

Other issues with the runway area at night include water ponding, snow & snow banks, disabled aircraft, vehicles and uncured paved surfaces such as a recent overlay of asphalt, seal coat or other surface material that had not dried completely and might damage your aircraft.

I asked Randy "Chip" Dale, the grounds manager at IAH and former airport employee here at IWS, about wildlife. He told me that the airport was completely fenced, but that it did not stop wildlife from getting onto the runway. The biggest problem is birds, but deer and coyotes also prevail at IAH and grounds. So, when you think the airport is completely fenced consider this example of how fences don't always keep "neighbors" out!

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Airport Manager
West Houston Airport

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