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RUNWAY 15



Save An  
Airport  
Quiet Flying  
is good business!



WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



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## What factors drive up rates?

Taxes, utilities, insurance, labor, capital costs, and interest are all factors that drive up rates.

Taxes are not stagnant. Both the appraised value and rates go up every year. If one stays the same, the other increases.

If an entity makes improvements, it is penalized by taxing authorities that increase the value of the property. That is a regressive tax and actually discourages keeping properties in good condition.

Utilities go up as the rate and usage goes up. Even when the company owns its own utility, costs for taxes, insurance, electricity, chemicals, repairs including broken pipes, and labor rises.

Insurance is another issue. When the cost of repairs or replacements increases, so does the cost of insurance. Deductibles increase and coverages decrease. When damage or other losses occur, the rates go up the next year to offset those losses, even if it's not your fault.

Labor is continuing to go up as the cost of living increases. This is not the fault of the laborer. Companies must stay ahead of this while watching what the competition is doing in a very tight labor market.

Capital costs including replacement costs such as purchasing steel products, water wells, fuel tanks, fuel trucks, vehicles and more. Ten years ago I paid \$30k for a new Lektro aircraft tug. Today the scaled down version is \$50k. A new John Deere finishing mower is \$27k compared to the previous one I purchased for \$14k. The new ice maker in our hospitality area cost \$4,500! The cost of goods is unbelievable.

An entity may not pay any interest, but others that are vendors do. With the higher interest rates comes a higher cost and increased prices on goods and services.

Flying is not cheap and it's not going to get less expensive. Companies including West Houston must keep up with these ever-increasing prices or reduce services. Since Covid, there is very little customer service anymore. Maybe that will change but that's a few years off, in the meantime we are going to continue working to increase our customer base.

Please keep these points in mind as the airport adjusts to these ever-increasing costs.

Thank you for your patronage!  
Woody Lesikar  
Airport Manager

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"As The Beacon Turns"

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For More Information contact Woody Lesikar at  
281-492-2130 [Woody@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:Woody@westhoustonairport.com)

[www.aerovillas.com](http://www.aerovillas.com)

or

[www.westhoustonairport.com](http://www.westhoustonairport.com)

**FAA Safety Meeting Tuesday, October 23rd!!**  
**7:00pm** - Contact Susan Haas at [flyingpyrs@gmail.com](mailto:flyingpyrs@gmail.com) for more information!

### 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](mailto: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 information. 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](mailto: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](mailto:rides@houstonwing.org) or the hangar at 281-579-2131, [info@houstonwing.org](mailto:info@houstonwing.org). Volunteers and donations welcome.

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### Fuel Price Comparison for August

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	10.62	3.69	5.75	Southwest Region	9.81	4.59	6.16
<b>West Houston Airport</b>	<b>5.13*</b>	<b>5.06*</b>	<b>4.42*</b>	<b>West Houston Airport</b>	<b>6.23*</b>	<b>6.20*</b>	<b>6.17*</b>

\*With Volume/Weekend discount

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## *For Sale!!*

### AIRPLANES:

1982 Conquest I N425SX — Low Engine Hours, Great Plane!

2005 Cessna 172S N142BS For Sale in a Leaseback Program, Pays for Itself!

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Financing Available

Call Woody Lesikar

(281) 492-2130

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# CONGRATULATIONS!! WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT STUDENTS!!!



First Solo!  
Rock Stevens  
(09/24/2023)  
CFI: Chris Powers



First Solo!  
Marcelo De Camargo  
(09/27/2023)  
CFI: Chris Powers



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## 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, Certified Flight Instructor**



When:

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2023

**1-800-BOARDUP**

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Where:West Houston Airport  
18000 Groschke Rd,  
Houston, TX 77084

# Fire Station Cookoff

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
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FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS  
FOUNDATIONBBQ CookOff

- Entry Fee: \$200 + \$100 auction item + 5lb pork butt
- 40'x40' space; \$200 per additional space
- Brisket, Chicken, Ribs

Check In: October 13th @ 5pm  
Deadline to register: Sept. 1st1st Place - Trophy + \$500  
2nd Place - Trophy + \$250  
3rd Place - Trophy + \$100Bonus CookOff

- Entry Fee: \$50 per category
- Sides, Desserts, Margaritas

1st Place - \$200  
2nd Place - \$100Fire Truck Pull & Cornhole Tournament

- Entry Fee: \$50

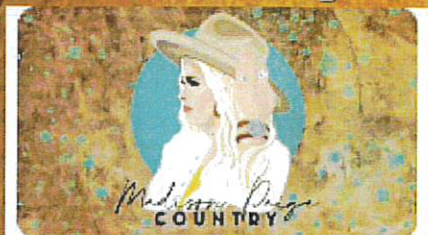
Admission Fees

- Entry Fee: \$10 (CASHLESS ONLY)
- Kids under 10: FREE
- BBQ Plate (w/ chips & drink): \$10

Additional Events:  
Silent Auction, Live Auction,  
50/50 Raffle, Bouncy HouseSpecial Music Performances:

Madison Paige

In Time Band



Questions?

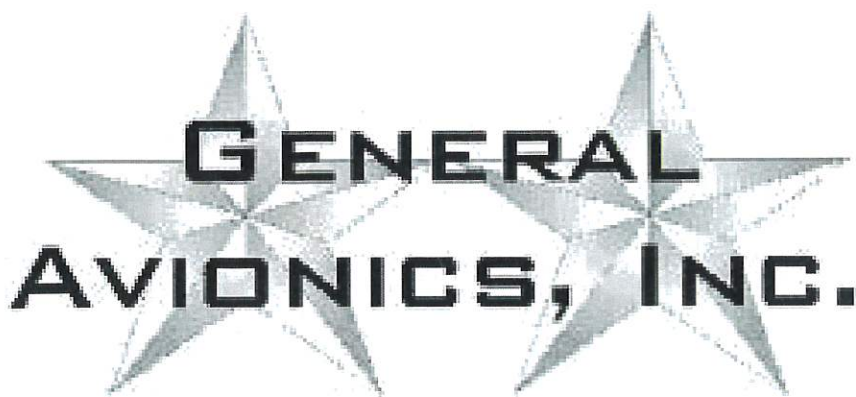
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Annie Inman: annie.inman@us.belfor.com

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Hangar 1 E  
Houston, TX 77084

Monday	8 AM-4 PM
Tuesday	8 AM-4 PM
Wednesday	8 AM-4 PM
Thursday	8 AM-4 PM
Friday	8 AM-12 PM
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Sunday	Closed

Phone: (281) 647-9600

Fax: 281-647-9899

Contact: James Wurman Jr.

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**In The Terminal Building**  
**(281) 492-2130**

## **Question of The Month:**

**Can you legally fly VFR on a cross-country flight with an expired Nav Database? If so, how?**

**Let us know!**

**Woody@westhoustonairport.com**





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!



### Business / residential LOTS for SALE

**BUILD your Hangar**

**OWN your property**

**Contact Woody**

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### **\*West Houston Airport Subdivision Hangar Rentals (When Available)\***

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DAS Hangar LLC	713-781-6400	E-16
BLH Hangar LLC	281-948-8508	E-6
Aleph Investments LLC	713-539-3452	E-8
A.I.C Incorporated	281-492-2585	B-3
Pale Orb LLC	512-363-9417	G-2

**Hangar Upgrades?**

**Remodeling / Repairs**

**Contact: PACIFIC OCEAN CORPORATION**

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Pre-buy Inspections  
ELT Testing  
Engine Borescope

#### **REPAIRS**

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## Aviation Businesses:

West Houston Airport (Since 1962)	Flight School, Pilot Supplies	Terminal Building	281-492-2130	www.westhoustonairport.com
General Avionics (Since 1995)	Avionics Sales and Service	Hangar #1 White East	281-647-9600	www.generalavionics.com
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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
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doe@consolidated.net

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\* Denotes years of service



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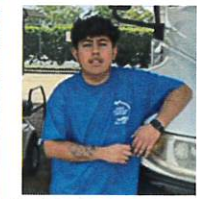
MARLENE  
SAMANTHA

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DYLAN  
CHRISTOPHER  
SAMI  
DRAGOS

PHILLIP  
Chief  
Mechanic \*10

SAM  
Security \*21



PAT BROWN  
IWS Resident  
DPE



### Line Crew Supervisors:

ERIK \*10  
JOSE \*8  
SEAN \*8  
MATT

### Line Team:

AARON  
CHRIS  
MIGUEL  
DYLAN \*6  
JOSE  
CRISTIAN