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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



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DPE Pat Brown and Ken Downs

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Congratulations Ken Downs!

Cessna 172, N616AA



Ken Downs received his instrument rating recently with DPE Pat Brown. Ken flew 32.4 hours, purchased 135.6 gallons of fuel during his lessons, with the Instrument Rating Special that the airport offered for based aircraft owners. The cost for the instructor was \$45 per hour less the special fuel discount of \$2.00 per gallon came to \$271.20! Total cost of Instructor for the Instrument Rating was \$1186.00!

This is a great achievement for Ken!

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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Holly Cron with TRACON and her team of controllers will be discussing Emergencies and the communication between Pilots and Controllers!

Fourth Tuesday evening of the month.

Contact Susan Haas at flyingpyrs@gmail.com for more information!!

PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

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

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99's MEETING

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website 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 3rd 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.

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Fuel Price Comparison for January

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	8.98	3.69	5.63	Southwest Region	9.17	3.50	5.59
West Houston Airport	5.38*	5.17*	5.27*	West Houston Airport	5.87*	4.62*	5.24*

*Price Indicates With Weekend Discount But Without The Volume Discount For Jet Fuel Purchase

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For Sale!!

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AIRPLANES:



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



1955 F35 Bonanza! 6500 TTA, 600 SMOH, Upgraded!!

2003 Cessna 172S N624TA For Sale in a Leaseback Program, Pays for Itself!

2004 Cessna 172S N869BC For Sale New Paint, New Interior, "0" Engine!

1976 Cessna 180, All Original! 1775 TTA, 50 SFREM, Float Kit — Never Been On Floats!



1979 Beech B60 Duke!



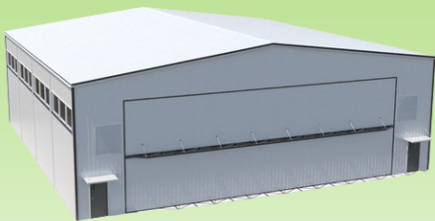
1979 Cessna T210 — Enroute!



1979 Cessna 182Q — Very Nice!

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Adam Foulkrod
(01/13/2024)
CFI: Chris Powers



New Private Pilot!
Oscar Giovino
(01/19/2023)
CFI: Scott Cavalcante



New Private Pilot!
Scott Mullis
(01/05/2024)
CFI: Chris Powers

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

Answer to the January “Question of The Month”: What determines the size of the “N” numbers painted on a U.S. Registered Aircraft?

Answer: The FAR 45.21, 45.23-45.33 are controlling.

Size is determined by the age of the Aircraft, category of Aircraft, whether flying through an ADIZ must be conspicuous and not blend in with paint on the plane. If the plane is repainted must comply with new size regulations.

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We want to welcome Mr. James Meneely as the new owner of hangar F7. Mr. Meneely has a late model Cessna 182 and has purchased the hangar that long time customer, James Buescher owned. We are glad to have James here at IWS!

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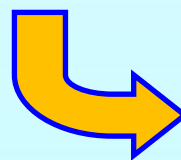
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Houston Area Shop Comments From Pilot Reviews of Various Shops All Over The Houston Area (New Column)

- Seats replaced in Bonanza incorrectly after annual, co-pilot seat installed on the pilot side, seat belts not connecting correctly.
- Nose gear uplink lock on Cessna 421 broken prior to annual inspection not caught during inspection and nose gear retraction test! (could have resulted in nose gear not extending)
- Nose gear tow pin broken during annual inspection while towing. Not reported to the owner.
- Cowling fasteners not tightened during inspection.
- Nose strut not rebuilt as needed, resulting in extreme shimmy upon landing.
- During pre-buy inspection, mechanic states "All annunciator lights are working but unknown if connected up to accessories."
- Ip states during pre-buy inspection, "That's a cracked door hinge." later proved to be merely a mark on paint.
- Shop troubleshoots issue that plane won't start. Troubleshoot and determined it was the battery. "Oops, no we will need to replace starter, oops, I found the problem now, it's the starter solenoid. I final found the problem, it's the starter switch—all working now!!"
- Shop performed annual inspection on a Beechcraft Bonanza. Shop failed to stow landing gear manual extension handle resulting in damage to gear mechanism under pilot's seat.
- After Annual inspection, Beech seat slipped out of rails falling into middle foot area. Could have been a death deal.
- Paint shop completed job but left aileron trim tab disconnected. Found during preflight.
- Paint shop failed to replace flaps back on plane properly after completing paint job. Flaps unable to retract after takeoff.
- Repair work on Mooney was not completed. Owner Doctor insisting to fly anyway. Landing gear knob not replaced resulting in inadvertent gear retraction on takeoff and extensive damage.
- Mechanic failed to replace oil screen on Cessna 172. Failed to runup prior to dispatch. Engine seized after takeoff. Luckily, pilot landed safely in a field without damage to the airframe.
- Aeronica Champ lost engine and Pilot landed in open cow pasture. Prior to being able to get plane out of pasture cows were licking dope off of fabric causing fabric damage.
- Mechanic running up early model Cessna 210 with veneer throttle. Pushed throttle to full power and was unfamiliar with how to decrease the power. Mechanic unable to hold aircraft with brakes and aircraft collided with tail of vintage Lockheed model 10.
- After Inspection of AC unit on Beech Baron mechanic failed to properly torque top case bolts after installation of AC brackets. Later flight resulted in catastrophic engine failure.
- While replacing a tire, mechanic failed to deflate the tire. While disassembling the nuts to the wheel halves, the wheel halves exploded injuring the mechanic.
- After annual inspection, pilot went for a flight. Upon placing landing gear down, an unusual sound was heard and landing gear would not extend resulting in a half down/half up gear landing. Upon inspection of the landing gear motor and chain drive, it was noted that a red shop rag had been left inside the mechanical mechanism causing the gear drive to seize and stop deploying the landing gear to the down position.

Have a nice flight

Woody Lesikar
Airport Manager
West Houston Airport

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!



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