

# RUNWAY 15

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# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The New Year is both a time of reflection and opportunity – we look back and see what changes have happened, and what we may want to forget, and what the New Year can bring -- with changes we want to make (like getting that IFR rating!)

In Texas...its Legislative time! Every two years for 140 days the Texas Legislature meets to set a budget, enact legislation, make appointments and keep our great state running. Texas is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world (i.e. larger than Canada, Russia, Italy) and we meet only every other year – unless a special session is called. As of today (Dec 30) 2,375 bills have been introduced, and session doesn't even gavel (start) until January 14th.

It's going to be a busy session!

What does that mean for you and I as pilots who fly across the state? The majority of aviation issues are legislated in Congress – at the federal level. For example, FAA Reauthorization – a five year spending plan along with a list of workforce and flight training initiatives – was enacted on this past May (2024). There are still decisions made on the state and local levels that are important to all of us pilots and the airports we visit. For example, last legislative session (2023) was the first time TxDot Aviation received an increase in funding in over 20 years for the upkeep and maintenance of airports. Most airports in Texas receive some sort of federal funding (**West Houston Airport does not**) and those funds are matched by the local sponsor. For the first time in years, TxDot has been able to plan for several multi-million dollar projects like runway repaving at Maverick County Memorial International Airport (most of us pilots call it 'Eagle Pass'), which has been an integral asset for border patrol over the past several years. Other issues legislatively that may be of interest are bills that have been filed on unmanned aircraft, vertiport research and feasibility, and the 'use of an unmanned aircraft to locate and retrieve wounded or killed wildlife.'

Have a Blessed 2025!!

Remember, come get your proficiency check or earn that rating in 2025!

Dr. Shelly Lesikar deZevallos, President



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## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Fourth Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 pm.

Contact Susan Haas at [flyingpyrs@gmail.com](mailto:flyingpyrs@gmail.com) or at (713) 385-6123 for more information!

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Fuel Price Comparison for December							
JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.50	3.90	5.70	Southwest Region	8.66	4.23	6.45
West Houston Airport	4.87*	4.83*	4.85*	West Houston Airport	5.67*	4.67*	5.17*

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



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