

March 2025



# RUNWAY 15

## WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

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Airport  
Quiet Flying ✈️  
is good business!

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Editor

### Happy St. Patrick's Day! March 17, 2025

Woody Lesikar  
Publisher



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Come join us at the March 25th Safety Meeting and congratulate some of our finest aviators! Award ceremony and socialize afterwords with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. All welcome! Meet and greet and learn their stories!  
March 25, 2025, Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. Recipients include: Judge Reagan Clark, Gene P. Galka, Felipe Gonzales, Frank Robertson, Jay Martin, Antone Sacker, Dean Rush and Greg White.

Flight school hours change: The Airport flight school will be open for training from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day and for evening night flights! Houston's oldest flight training school open longer hours for after work flight training!  
Beginning March 10, 2025!

Needed: Aircraft for purchase! If your plane is sitting around not doing anything, let's get it sold! Don't let it go to waste! If you have a current medical, get back to flying! We can help!

Beware of possible "Privatization of ATC" on the administration's scope! This would be tragic! Costs would increase and service decrease! Let's be vigilant and support alphabet organizations that are against this!

Send us your story about bad service, flight training, aircraft sale, paint, etc. We will publish this without names and let those of us know what is going on locally!

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## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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281-492-2130 Email: [woody@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:woody@westhoustonairport.com)  
[www.aerovillas.com](http://www.aerovillas.com) or [www.westhoustonairport.com](http://www.westhoustonairport.com)**

**Monthly safety meeting sponsored by the Houston Chapter of the 99's and FAA every 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!**

### PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Register 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., Arrive Early, 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**. \$15 per hour plus books and supplies. 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) or 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 February

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.81	4.17	5.99	Southwest Region	8.66	4.45	6.55
West Houston Airport	5.15*	5.10*	5.12*	West Houston Airport	5.79*	4.76*	5.27*

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

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# Airplanes

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## For Sale!

TRADES  
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**1979 Beechcraft B60 Duke-Low Low Time!**

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**2005 Cessna 172**

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# CONGRATULATIONS!! WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT STUDENTS!!!



New IFR  
Pilot Bill  
Crow with  
DPE Pat  
Brown!



First Solo!  
Christopher  
Morales with  
CFI Yoan Goubert!  
New CFI!  
Ryan Yang with  
DPE Pat Brown!



Congratulations!  
First Solo  
Kenneth Nesteroff!



Congratulations!  
Leah Knox - New  
Instrument Rated Pilot!

Congratulations!  
First Solo  
Henry Bean!



## Notice For Patrons Of IWS

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**March Safety Meeting!**  
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

### “Complaints, Comments, and Compliments!”

Coming soon! Write your critique of any shop, flight school, avionics shop, paint shop, upholstery, or anything else in aviation that you want to comment on. We will publish your factual story without the shop's name, airport or any ID. Spout off about your experience and help others as they learn from your experience. Please send to [lisa@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:lisa@westhoustonairport.com). Some examples are:

\*Well known and respected local shop installed the two front seats in the wrong position. Seat belts would not engage. Had to remove seats and reinstall because shop was closed.

\*Paint shop improperly installed flaps after painting entire plane. Flaps stuck at 10 degrees. Flew back to home base at reduced speed where plane was repaired properly.

\*Local shop quoted price for an annual inspection. When plane was picked up, price had gone up by three times. No call whatsoever was made to explain prior to work performed.

\*During a pre-buy inspection, local shop indicated to the buyer that the door hinge was cracked. After losing the sale, paint removed from door hinge and no crack detected whatsoever.

\*Local shop performed an annual inspection on the plane. During the process, the tail stinger was removed for inspection. When plane was ready for pick up, noticed rudder was binding on the plastic stinger. Had shop adjust the stinger to prevent the rub and possible getting stuck.

\*Was heading out after some avionics work from local shop. While conducting a full travel control check, noticed the glareshield would move up and down when moving yoke back and forth. Had to return to the avionics shop and found the defroster hose un-attached and was causing the glareshield to move. Could have been an issue in flight!

\*After the Cessna 414 was painted and ready for pick up, noticed the aileron trim control was very loose. Looking out the pilots left side window and moving the trimmer did not move the trim tab. Got out of the plane to see what the issue was and found the trim tab control tube disconnected. Had shop correct this mistake prior to departure.

\*Local upholstery shop replaced the entire interior of the plane. During the next flight, noticed the instrument reading were not indicating properly. Upon the return to home base, had shop trouble shoot the issue and found a screw going through a static line inside the cabin.

\*Had the Pilatus detailed by the cheapest service owner could find. Upon taxi out, owner could not get anything but red “X’s” on Garmin G1000. Had no idea what the problem was. The next day, the maintenance personnel found tape over the static port. Oops!

### COMING SOON! OPEN HOUSE OF NEW AEROVILLAS! DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

#### Office Space in Hangar A-1

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COME INSIDE WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT  
TO CHECK OUT  
THE HOUSTON CHAPTER NINETY-NINES  
DISPLAY CASE!



### MEETINGS

\*March 25 @ 7:00 pm—Will be awarding Wright Brothers Master Pilot Awards! Recipients include: Judge Reagan Clark, Gene P. Galka, Felipe Gonzales, Frank Robertson, Jay Martin, Antone Sacker, Dean Rush, and Greg White

\*The Houston Chapters Ninety-Nine's will be having a Safety Meeting held on April 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Klint Calongne of Feathered Edge Aviation will be speaking.

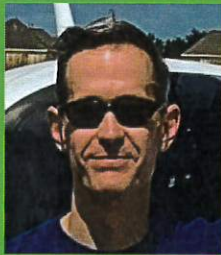


## NEW OWNERS!

Mr. Rhodes and son Joel Roads receiving keys to new plane delivered to Odessa Texas.



### FREE LANCE FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS Make/Model Trainings:



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CE210, SR22,  
Piper PA-24



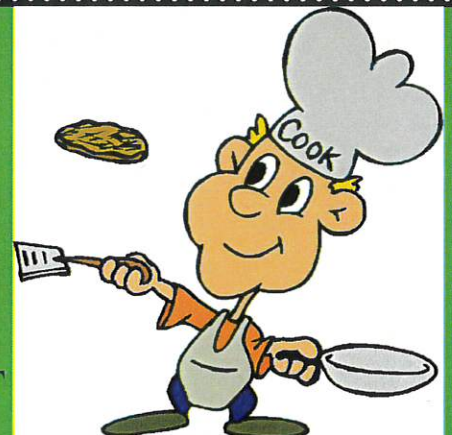
Mark Facer

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FROM 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
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