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CHECK YOUR FUEL, By C.G. "Hank" Henry

You do not indiscriminately take medications without knowing what you are taking. Then, why let someone feed your airplane without you knowing what is being pumped into it.

Take note of the marking or placards on the fuel truck. Do they say 100LL avgas or Jet A?

If you are operating a piston engine, unless it is diesel powered, you know it will get severe indigestion and die if other than Avgas 100LL is added.

After each refueling the sumps should be drained and the samples checked for water (heavier than gasoline and will settle to the bottom), trash or dirt, color and odor.

If the 100LL is contaminated with auto gas the color changes to clear. If contaminated with jet fuel it will smell like kerosene. Some other liquids may cause your drainage sample to smell like a paint thinner. The presence of Jet A will cause the feel to be slightly oily. If you dip a finger in the sample and you blow on the wet finger the avgas will evaporate and leave your fingerprints with a chalky look. Jet A will leave them wet looking. Continued Page 3.



Houston Wing's Lockheed C60 and the Gulf Coast Wing's B-17, Texas Raiders on the way to Open House. (Photo by Sam Bulger)

Improve Groeschke Road Call
311 on your Cell phone to City of
Houston report needed road repair.
(16000 block west of Hwy 6)

# The Houston Wing of the Commemo-

**rative Air Force** hosted its annual Open House on April 18 & 19. The event this year was threatened by stormy weather on Saturday and even though the cloud cover remained ominous all day, we still had a very nice crowd visiting our Hangar, the airplanes on display or taking a flight in a Warbird. But Sunday dawned bright and clear with winds from the southwest. We had a fantastic turnout from our friends in the community. There were many airplanes to see (B17, C-45, C60, Yak 52, Tora, P-51 and P-40 were a few of the visitors). There was even a nice formation display with the departure of the B17, which was joined by an AT-6, T-28 and C-45.

We would like to thank everyone at West Houston that supported our event: Everyone from Woody Lesikar, his entire management team, the great line crew and the wonderful front desk staff that took our many calls for a fuel truck. We would also like to thank all the tenants on the field that allowed us to park airplanes or cars on their lots or in front of their hangars, which contributed to the success of our event.

This event is one of two major fund raisers that the Wing hosts each year with the funds received from Open House going directly to keep the Hangar operat-

ing throughout the year. So thank you from the Houston Wing to all our friends at KIWS!!!!

Sincerely,

The Houston Wing Staff

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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MAY DATES

5 Cinco de Mayo 10 Mothers Day 25 Memorial Day









SPECIAL EVENTS

#### <u>PREFLIGHT Breakfast</u>

Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Pilots/Prospective Pilots Invited. Bring Your Plane! Discounted, full service fuel. *ALL* week-end at the Terminal. *Windshields Cleaned and Tires Aired*. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

#### PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Class started March 23, 2015. Next Class June 29, 2015. Each Class is stand alone come for one or all. Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., West Houston Airport. No prior reservations needed. Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Bring a family member for *half-price*. Don't miss this new and exciting learning experience! Contact C.G. "Hank" Henry, Chief Pilot, 281-492-2130.

#### **INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL**

Sign Up for Spring class, 10 week course 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., call West Houston Airport. Call for details Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Contact Hank Henry, Chief Pilot, for information, 281-492-2130.

#### FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00p-9:00p 2nd Floor Observatory. Email:<u>carolav8@att.net</u>: 713-301-5407.

#### 99'S MEETING

Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., (June Picnic & No meeting in July) Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Women's Organization of Pilots! Contact Becky Nickell 281-859-4923 email nickellb01@att.net, website <u>www.ninety-nines.org</u>.

#### **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., Hangar B-5. Memberships available. Call for tours and flights Contact 281-579-2131 or email <u>info@houstonwing.org</u>, <u>www.houstonwing.org</u>.

#### EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. Terminal Building 2nd floor. For Meeting Information and Announcements Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today.

<u>GHAFI SEMINAR (Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors)</u> GHAFI Quarterly Seminar Check the website for more information. Questions or comments contact Carol Brackley at carolav8@att.net, or visit website: www.ghafi.org

**FBO Connects: April 6, 2015 start using the app** This gives the pilot the ability to manage FBO flight services from the Website, iPad or phone. FBO Connects, Inc. offers an accurate, precise and easy to use application for flight planning which includes a date and timestamp for you and the FBO. Visit the website: www.fboconnects.com. Contact Stacy 281-492-2130

### Angel Flight South Central: Fly in Saturday May 16, 2015

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# **RUNWAY 15**

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1982 Conquest I: Easy to fly!

1981Conquest I: Corporate owned well maintained.

1976 Baron 55: Doctor owned possible 1/2 interest

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1980 King AIR 90: Clean, Well Maintained

1993 Baron: Forget the Airlines own 5% interest.

1966 Piper 180: Loaded

Check your fuel continued.

Fuel colors are: Auto Gas/Mo gas = RED80 Octane = RED 100LL Avgas = BLUE100/130 Octane Avgas = Green Jet A = CLEARVarsol and mineral spirits = CLEAR

Read your invoice glance at the type of fuel you are being charged. You may get a clue if the order was misunderstood. That should cause a big red flag to pop up in your mind. West Houston Airport is using a large stamp on all invoices to identify the fuel your aircraft was serviced with. This is to help inform YOU.

100LL avgas in a Turbine Engine is not as serious as Jet fuel in a Piston Engine.

If it has not already happened to you, don't let it. Make sure you have a normal running engine accompany

you on landing. We do not want to be reading about your landing in the newspapers.



## Fuel Price Comparison for April 2015

JET A	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.22	2.249	4.33
West Houston Airport	4.14	2.96*	3.55
AVGAS (100LL)			
Southwest Region	8.33	3.40	4.81
West Houston Airport	4.50	3.90	4.20
*With quantity discount F	Published on AirNav.com		



Texas Raiders along with little friends, AT-6, T-28 and C45 on departure from IWS (photo by Sam Bulger)

Beech Bonanza and Baron Dual Yokes FOR RENT 281-492-2130

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