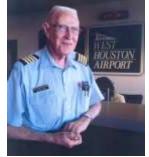
## March 2018 Edition

## **RUNWAY 15**





# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



## Survival Clothing by C.G. "Hank" Henry

As a Navion test pilot in the 60's, I traveled to various places to pick up and deliver airplanes. This particular trip taught me a lesson, as I departed a

warm, balmy, winter day in Houston, Texas on an Airline to Clear Ridge Airport, Omaha, Nebraska to pick up a Navion Airplane. I arrived in Omaha around 2:00 in the afternoon with prefrontal cumulonimbus clouds dumping moderate to heavy rain in blustery wind conditions. People were commenting about "What a beast of a storm this was supposed to be." Snow was expected before midnight.

I was wearing "loafers" for shoes. As soon as I could deposit my gear in the hotel, I went looking for a shoe store, where I could buy some shoes that could be laced up and not be left in deep snow. Each store was closing or already closed. I'm stuck with these danged loafers.

Rusty Pilot Seminar West Houston Airport, Terminal March 3, 2018

EAA FORD TRI-MOTOR ARRIVES AT WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT April 5-8, 2018 The next morning I awoke to about 9 or 10 inches of snow fall. It was a granular and powder snow. The wind had blown hard all night and the drifts were close to 12 feet in depth out in the open.

The Navion owner picked me up and we drove to the airport at about 10:00am. The snow fences along the highway allowed the drifts to shelter the road enough that the snow blowers were able to clear one lane to beyond Clear Ridge Airport. Upon arrival at the T-Hangar, we found the weight of the snow on the roof bound the doors enough that 4 of us could not move them until jacking up the roof. After getting the hangar doors open, I was afraid the roof would collapse when we removed the timbers, used as jacks. That didn't happen. I didn't count the times I almost lost a shoe in the snow.

Lesson learned – Always take clothing appropriate to the weather, especially in case of an emergency landing "off airport". If flying over remote landscapes, be sure to have adequate survival gear.



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## "As The Beacon Turns"

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **MARCH**

12 - Daylight Savings; 17 - St Patrick Day

QUOTE: After a storm comes a calm. Matthew Henry Read more at: https://www.brainyquote.com/

Trivia: The minimum altitude for crossing over any part of a non-towered airport is?

Answer: 500 ft above Traffic Pattern altitude

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#### 99's MEETING

Second Tuesdays 7:00pm more information Meetings International Organization of Women Pilots! Email Kathyclark99@prodigy.net, website <a href="www.ninety-nines.org">www.ninety-nines.org</a>.

#### **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. Call for tours and flights at 936-697-3237 or the hangar at 281-579-2131 email info@houstonwing.org, Open House April 14&15

#### EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m. Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Join Today. C.G. "Hank" Henry recounting his often bizarre tales as a CFI and pilot over his 70+ years of experience

RUSTY PILOT Seminar: March 3, 2018, 9AM - 12:00

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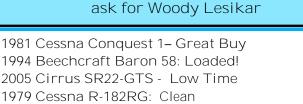


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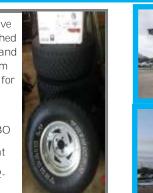
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