



### BREAKING NEWS:

HIGHER GAS PRICES—HIGHER INSURANCE—HIGHER AIRCRAFT VALUES

By Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager

The Good, the Bad and The Ugly, starred Clint Eastwood in the famous western film which sort of relates to our situation today.

**The Good** airplanes have gone up in price substantially. Those with upgrade avionics, paint and interior are bringing good money. This is the first time in many years that I have seen such an increase. The reason is due to several factors. There are very few new GA planes being built. At last count for 2020 that number was just over 1300. That is not a lot of new planes compared to the 70's when Cessna built 1300 Cessna 152's in one year! There are very few good, used planes on the market. Last look there was less than a handful of A-36 Bonanzas for sale between the years of 2005-2020. Cessnas also are sold out. Hardly any 172's, few 182's or 206's. The

manufacturer with the most used planes on the market is Cirrus. That's because they built more in the last 20 years than Cessna and Piper combined.

**The bad** news is that since the new administration has taken office, fuel prices are up 20%. They are expected to go even higher.

The ugly is the way insurance rates have gone through the ceiling! Some carriers are out of business and others are reducing coverages and dropping certain models, and pilots, from their portfolios. This certainly is ugly for the industry. High insurance premiums are bad for the owners and operators and it has decreased the interest by some buyers that are just sitting on the sidelines.

As we continue through this year let's look forward to getting out and flying!

Have a better year! CAVU

## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AeroVillas lots 8-12

Financing Available



For More Information contact Woody Lesikar at 281-492-2130 Woody@westhoustonairport.com www.aerovillas.com or www.westhoustonairport.com

ALL WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT EVENTS/ MEETINGS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

### PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

Register by Sunday @ 7PM by calling us at 281-492-2130

Contact Brandon Carr, bwsmcarr07@gmail.com, once registered

Every Monday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., 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*. Start learning to fly today. Call for verification. 281-492-2130

### FAA SAFETY MEETING,

Fourth (4th) Tuesday, 7:00pm TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

### 99's MEETING

Contact 99's for meeting information.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, <u>info@houstonwing.org</u>. Volunteers and donations welcome.

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### Fuel Price Comparison for December

AVGAS (100LL) JET A High Low Avg High Low Avg 6.58 1.89 Southwest Region 7.19 2.59 4.26 Southwest Region 3.86 West Houston Airport 3.71 2.50 3.63 West Houston Airport 4.58 3.71 4.41

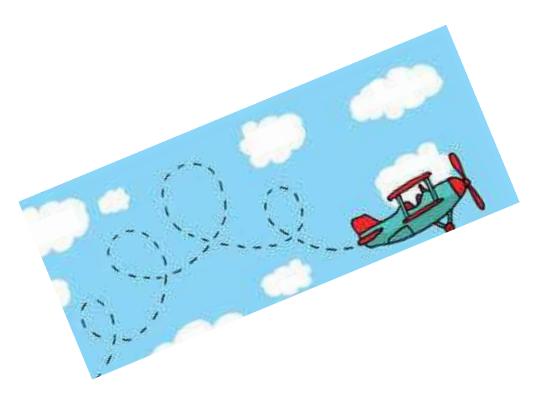
\*With Volume discount Published on AirNav.com

## CONGRATULATIONS!! WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT STUDENTS



Paul Arnold—First Solo Jesse Gutierrez—CFI

OOPS—he went flying before we could get a picture!



Call 281-492-2130 for your next lesson with one of our great instructors. Stay current or get your next rating milestone — and we will proudly publish your accomplishment here in the next newsletter.

WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT
PROPERTIES FOR SALE, RENT OR LEASE
As of March 1, 2021

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT	
D 11	HANGAR / HOME  10,000 SQ FT Hangar / 4500 SQ FT Residence 7,500 SQ FT Hangar Space with Rental Incorporate Lease or For Sale		
D 9, D6	LOT For Sale	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130	
G 10 / C 8 / E	E 4 LOTS FOR SALE From 15,904-19,900 SQ FT Lot Price: INQUIRE	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130	
F1	Largest Lot in subdivision on runway Lots of Ramp Area	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130	
F3	APARTMENT FOR RENT 800 SQ FT	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130	
D 4	Apartment for Rent 1,800 SQ. FT.	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130	
G 15750	Great Location	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130	

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE PROPERTIES CONTACT woody Lesikar 281-492-2130 woody@westhoustonairport.com

# Airplane Inventory and for Sale!









### **INVENTORY FOR SALE**

2003 CESSNA 172S - LEASEBACK AVAILABLE

2006 CESSSNA 172S – LEASEBACK AVAILABLE 1999 BEECH BARON 58 1977 CESSNA 210 M 1967 CESSNA 172 1977 CESSNA 172XP 1979 CESSNA 182RG

### AIRCRAFT RENTALS AND INSTRUCTION RATES

Aircraft	Solo	Dual
Cessna 172S (180HP)	\$195	\$270
Cessna 172S G1000/w/Air/XM Weather/Traffic (180HP)	\$205	\$280
Cessna 182RG 430W with WX and Traffic ADSB	\$235	\$310
Redbird Simulator	\$75	\$150

**INSTRUCTOR RATES:** 

HOLDING: \$75 PER HOUR

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**CANCELLATION POLICY:** 

NON-OWNED INSTRUCTOR RATES:

\$75 PER HOUR

NO SHOW: Charged \$100 per hour scheduled and not

canceled

Less then a 2 hour notice of cancelation: \$50 Flat Charge

**DAILY RATES:** 

\$600 PER DAY + ROOM/ BOARD Business or residential LOTS for SALE BUILD your Hangar
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281-492-2130
woody@westhoustonairport.com



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### \*PILOT SUPPLIES\*

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### FOR RENT

CESSNA 172S SKYHAWK

CESSNA 172S -G1000/AIR, AIRCRAFT FOR SALE,

Buy, Sell, Broker, Trade, Finance For information Call 281-492-2130 ask for Woody Lesikar



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### All comments, complaints, and suggestions are welcome

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### AIRPORT

#### **Aviation Businesses:**

West Houston Airport (Since 1962)		Flight School, Pilot Supplies	Terminal Building	281-492-2130	www.westhoustonairport.com		
	Calkins Aero Service (Since 1985)	Maintenance and Repairs	Hangar #3 Brown East	281-579-6674	www.calkinsaero.com		
	General Avionics (Since 1995)	Avionics Sales and Service	Hangar #1 White East	281-647-9600	www.generalavionics.com		
	Sky Aircraft Interiors	Aircraft Upholstery	Hangar #1 White West	281-682-4454	jenni@skyaircraftinteriors.com		
	Dr. Victor Arellano (Pilot) FAA Medicals (by appt. only) 15410 Ridge Park Dr., Houston, Tx 77095 281-855-2244(o) 281-460-2247(m) ww.tmauc.com						
	Fast Freddy Mobile Detail	Aircraft Detailing	T-Hangar F2	281-330-9813	www.fastfreddymobiledetail.com		
	National Helicopter Solutions	Helicopter tours and charter	Hangar F13	281-795-9995	www.fly-nhs.com		
	VT Aviation Academy of America	141 Flight School	Hangar 2East (Blue)	830-584-7058	https://vt-aaa.com		

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\* Denotes years of service

Please see website for contact and email information





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Jose Villatoro, Weekend Line Supervisor\*\*\*\*



2nd Shift SEAN FRITSCHE, Line Supervisor\*7 MATTHEW KIDD. Line Crew Technician\*\* THOMAS METZ, Line Crew Technician GRANT ORR, Line Crew Technician\*\* DYLAN BAYLESS, Line Crew Technician

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