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Non-Towered Airports: Safe by Design, Successful Through Pilot Responsibility

For many pilots, non-towered airports represent the heart of general aviation. They are where flight training begins, weekend adventures take flight, and local aviation communities thrive. While some people assume that the absence of an air traffic control tower makes these airports less safe, the available data tells a much more nuanced story.

An analysis of confirmed National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) midair collisions occurring between 2016 and 2026 identified just 27 collisions where the airport type could be positively determined. Of those, 14 occurred at towered airports and 13 occurred at non-towered airports.

At first glance, those numbers may seem surprising. However, they become even more meaningful when viewed in the context of the thousands of airports that make up the nation's aviation system.

The United States has approximately 527 towered airports compared with nearly 20,000 non-towered landing facilities, including public airports, private airstrips, grass and turf runways, gravel strips, and seaplane bases. When the collision data is normalized by the number of airport facilities, towered airports experienced approximately 2.66 midair collisions per 100 airports during the study period, while non-towered airports experienced only 0.065 collisions per 100 airports. On a per-airport basis, that equates to approximately 41 times more recorded midair collisions at towered airports. These findings should not be interpreted to mean that towered airports are unsafe. In reality, towered airports generally accommodate far greater traffic volumes, more complex aircraft operations, and a wider variety of aircraft.

The analysis measures collisions relative to the number of airport facilities—not the number of aircraft operations.

The real lesson is that non-towered airports continue to demonstrate an excellent safety record despite relying on pilot coordination rather than air traffic control. Safe operations at these airports depend on disciplined communication, standardized traffic patterns, vigilant visual scanning, and strict adherence to recommended procedures. Every pilot plays an active role in maintaining safety.

Organizations such as the FAA and aviation associations have long emphasized that non-towered airports operate safely because pilots share responsibility for sequencing themselves, announcing their intentions on the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF), and maintaining constant situational awareness. When every pilot follows these established best practices, non-towered airports remain among the safest places to fly.

Whether arriving at a quiet country airstrip or departing a busy metropolitan airport, the fundamentals never change: fly a predictable pattern, make clear radio calls, keep your eyes outside the cockpit, and remain alert for other traffic. Safety at non-towered airports isn't created by a control tower—it is created by informed, professional pilots working together. The data reinforces what many aviators already know: when pilots communicate effectively and follow established procedures, non-towered airports continue to provide a remarkably safe environment for general aviation.

For Best Practices Traffic Pattern Ops at IWS, see page 9.

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Ashley



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Class 1		
May 25	Memorial Day - Break	
June 1	Airplane Systems Airplanes, Power Plant & Related Systems, Flight Instruments Chapter 2, Sec A, B, C	"Textbook"
Class 2		
June 8	Aerodynamic Principles Four Forces of Flight, Aerodynamics of Maneuvering Flight Stability Chapter 3, Sec A, B, C	"Textbook"
Class 3		
June 15	The Flight Environment Collision avoidance, airports, Aeronautical Charts, Airspace Chapters 4 Sec A, B, C, D	"Textbook"
Class 4		
June 22	Federal Aviation Regulations FAR/AIM Part 1, 61, 76, 91, 135, NTSB830	"FAR/AIM Manual"
Class 5		
June 29	Communications & Flight Information Radar & ATC Services, Radio Communications, Sources of Flight information Chapter 5, Sec A, B, C	"Textbook"
Class 6		
July 6	Meteorology For Pilots Basic Weather Theory, Weather Patterns, Weather Hazards Chapter 6, Sec A, B, C	"Textbook"
Class 7		
July 13	Interpreting Weather Data The Forecasting Process, Printed Reports of Forecasts, Graphic Weather Products Chapter 7, Sec A, B, C	"Textbook" & "8083-28"
Class 8		
July 20	Airplane Performance Predicting Performance, Weight & Balance, Flight Computers Chapter 8, Sec A, B, C, D	"Textbook" & "E6B"
Class 9		
July 27	Navigation Pilotage & Dead Reckoning, VOR Navigation, ADF Navigation, Advanced Navigation Chapter 9, Sec A, B, C	"Textbook, E6B, Plotter, Sectional"
Class 10		
Aug-3	Integrating Pilot knowledge & Skills Aeronautical Decision-Making, Cross-Country Flying Chapter 10, Sec B ; Chapter 11, Sec A	"Textbook, E6B, Plotter, Sectional"
Class 11		
Aug-10	Field Trip (To ATC Tower-TBD) Confirm time of departure ~ 5:15pm OR In-Class Review/Q&A @ 7pm	All-Class Material
Class 12		
Next Class Starting Aug. 17, 2026 Call for Confirmation 281-492-2130 Recommended Study Material, See Discount Package options Text Book - Jeppesen Sanderson - "Private Pilot Manual" Jeppesen - Private Pilot Knowledge Test Guide FAA-H-8083-25C Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge FAR/AIM Manual (Current Year) FAA-H-8083-3C Airplane Flying Handbook FAA-H-8083-28, Aviation Weather Handbook **Each class \$45. Pay Cash or check for \$495 receives last class free.		



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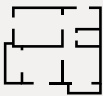
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General Avionics	281-647-9600
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Sky Aircraft Interiors	281-682-4454
Texas Biplane	281-698-7524
Leading Edge Helicopter	281-215-3493
Fast Freddy Mobile Detail	281-330-9813
West Houston Airport	281-492-2130
Aircraft Sales-Flight Training	

IWS based customers are not authorized to
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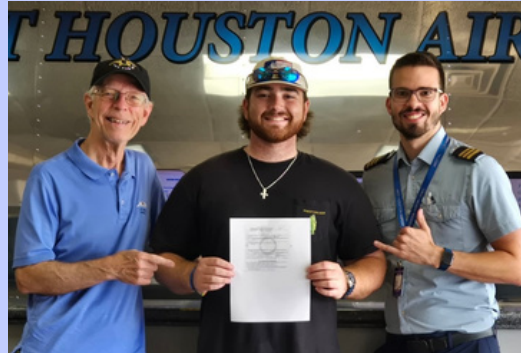
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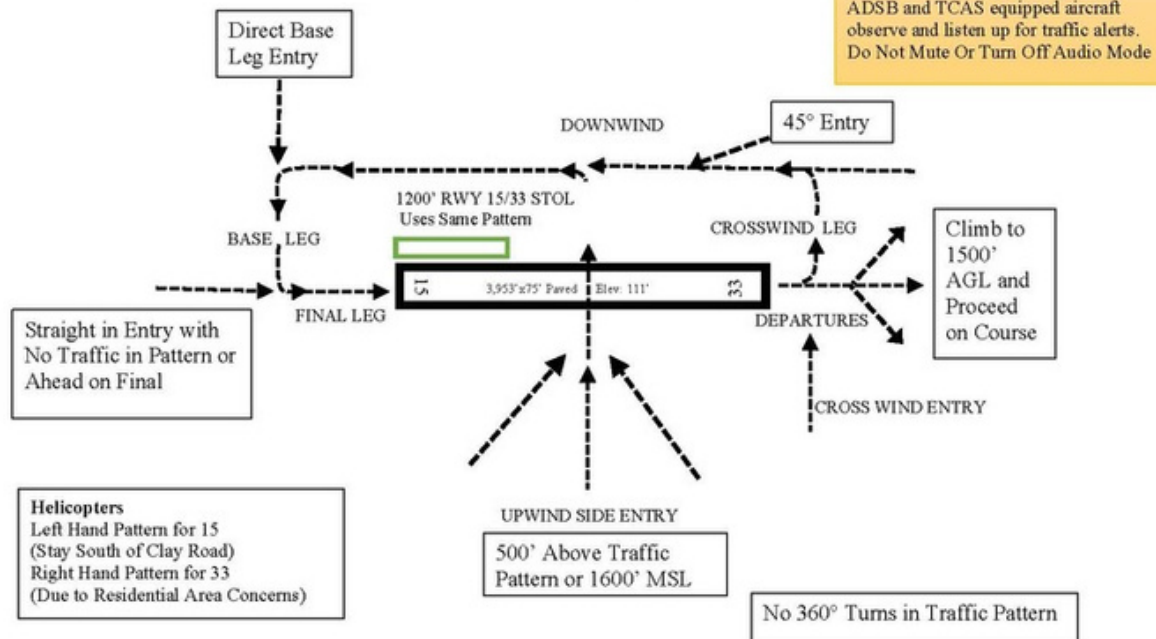


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"BEST PRACTICES TRAFFIC PATTERN"

LEFT HAND TRAFFIC

Runway 15 Landing / Departure

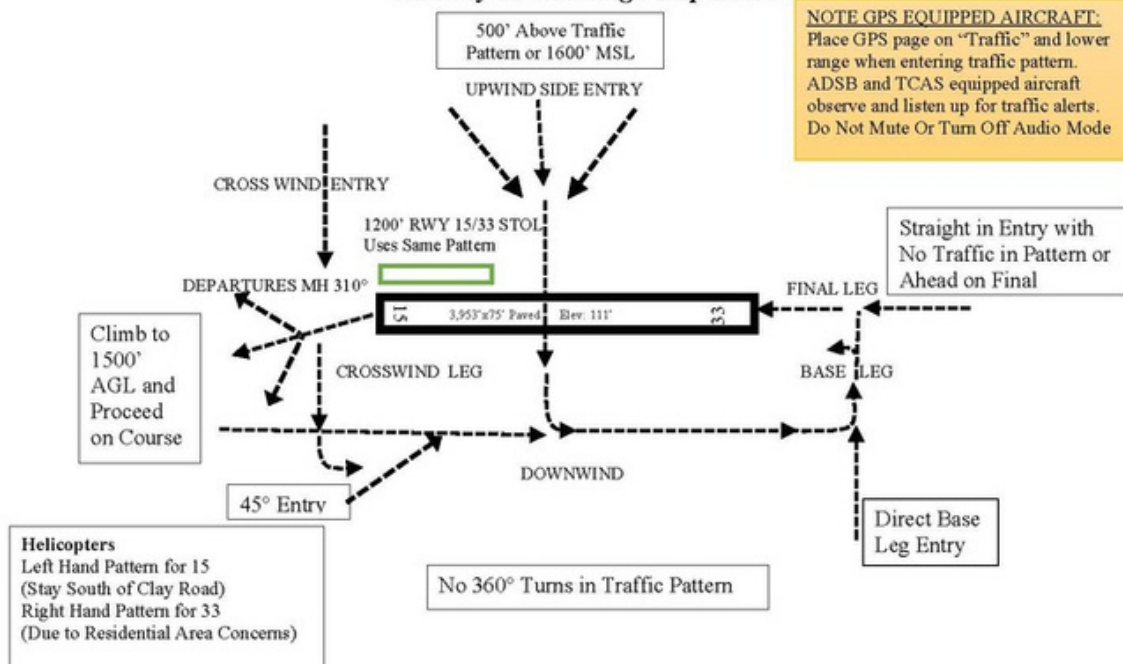


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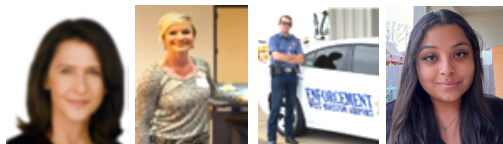
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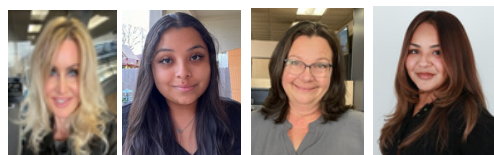
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