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BEACON LIGHT— NOSE WHEEL SHIMMY



**CHIEF PILOT
“HANK” HENRY**

When you experience a very bad nose gear shimmy (a strong vibration felt through the rudder pedals caused by the nose wheel vibrating side to side), the shimmy can be caused by any one or more of the

following: (1) Nose tire underinflated, (2) Nose wheel out-of-balance, (3) Nose strut underinflated, (4) Nose strut not having enough hydraulic fluid, (5) Shimmy dampener low on hydraulic fluid, (6) Connecting bolts or bushings worn or not tight enough, (7) Pilot permitting too much weight on the nose wheel during fast taxiing, takeoff or landing.

Nose gear shimmy can be severe enough to make the airplane directionally uncontrollable on the ground or to break the nose gear torque links (scissors), damage the wheel fairing and/or tire. Many airplanes have been wrecked due to shimmy and lack of pilot attentiveness to avoid it.

To maintain or recover airplane directional control during shimmy, the pilot must apply as much elevator UP (pull back) pressure as possible after shimmy begins, throttle back to idle and apply brakes. It is best to use the alternating-brake method. This requires the pilot to apply one brake, release, and immediately apply the other brake. Continue alternating the brakes, beginning with light pressure

and increase pressure on each stroke until obtaining the desired results. During this process, care should be exercised to avoid moving the rudder. This method prevents causing the nose to lower and place more weight on the nose gear when the brakes are applied, thus causing worse shimmy.

To prevent shimmy, use back pressure on the yoke or stick any time you are taxiing, taking off or after landing touchdown, keeping backpressure on the elevator control and increase it until after the airplane has slowed to taxi speed or stopped. Whisper to the nose gear, *“STE...e...e...ADY Boyö*.

GOOD VIBRATION IS NO VIBRATION.

~C.G. “Hank” Henry



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

West Houston Airport is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. To ensure that we take care of your needs without delay, we would appreciate your call allowing a two hour *minimum* notice when traveling the day before or on Christmas or New Year's Day. All of us here at West Houston Airport appreciates your business and wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

**Don't forget our special fuel prices between
Christmas and New Years!**

Keep your Airport safe.
Report suspicious activity to 281-492-2140.

Special points of interest:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OUR NEAREST COMPETITION
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PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

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. Hankö Henry, Chief Pilot, 281-492-2130.

INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

Every Tuesday Evening, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., West Houston Airport. Call to verify course availability Licensed Jeppesen Video Presentation! Contact Hank Henry, Chief Pilot, for further information, 281-492-2130.

FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 pm. Special Fuel Prices in affect for all Fly-ins/Taxi-ins. In observance of the holiday season, no safety meeting will be held in the month of December. Plan to attend the January 24, 2011, Safety Meeting: **Wanted: Alive!** at the Crown Plaza Houston West, 14703 Park Row, Houston, Texas 77079 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Contact Carol Brackley 713-301-5407 or email carolav8@att.net.

99'S MEETING

Second (2nd) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., Terminal Building, 2nd Floor. Women's Organization of Pilots, Men welcome! Contact Sophie Thibodeaux 281-391-2958. See website www.ninety-nines.org.

CIVIL AIR PATROL U. S. AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

Disaster Relief, Cadet Training, Air Space Education. Every Tuesday, 7 p.m., white hangar, Eastside of Airport. Membership open to Boys and Girls, Men and Women. THUNDERBIRD COMPOSITE SQUADRON; Contact Val Rose, 832-671-1851, email val.rose@tx179.org. See website www.tx179.org.

SABRE SENIOR CAP SQUADRON

Meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Hangar B-5. New members both Pilots and non-Pilots are welcome. Contact Ric Walters, Commander, 281-384-8437 or sabrecc@sbcglobal.net. See website <http://whsabre.com>.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

Historical Aircraft Preservation, rides and meeting facility. Meetings 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2:00 p.m., Hangar B-5. Memberships available. Contact 281-579-2131 or email info@westhoustonsgdn.org, www.westhoustonsgdn.org.

EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

For Meeting Information and Announcements Contact Rick Human 281-463-6769. Great Meetings! Large Turnouts! Join Today.

WOMEN IN AVIATION

For meeting information contact Vicki at 812-989-6653 or email vicki@houstonwai.org. See website www.houstonwai.org.



AIRCRAFT FOR SALE

1980 Beech Bonanza A36: Garmin 430, King Autopilot. Nice interior. New G-36 Paint Scheme and Colors. Fresh annual. Priced to sell!

1986 Beech Bonanza A36: Garmin 530 WAAS, King Autopilot. Leather Interior. New G-36 Paint Scheme and Colors.

1966 Piper Cherokee 180: Garmin 300 XL, Transponder. Priced to sell!

1977 Beech BE 60 Duke: New Avionics! Garmin 750 GTN Touch screen, Century IV Autopilot. Low Engine time, See it here!

1991 Cessna Citation V: Garmin 400 WAAS, Honeywell SPZ-500 Autopilot., Honeywell Primus 870 Radar, AC. New Paint.

1965 Piper Twin Comanche PA 30: Lots of modifications! Make offer.

1978 Beechcraft F33C Bonanza: Luxury Aerobatic 4-Place. Loaded and Beautiful!

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See our website for details
www.westhoustonairport.com

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Hangar B3
New Paint
281-492-2130



Hangar G4/5
281-492-2130

LOTS FOR SALE:

SALE PENDING

Lot: E14.
Will Finance. Call 281-492-2130.

Lot: E-6
E-11
E-13

Buying an airplane? Basing it at IWS? Free comprehensive advise on tax issues, pre-buys, depreciation and more! For a consultation and support materials call Woody Lesikar at 281-492-2130. Check with your professional licensed provider, then call me for money saving ideas that you won't get anywhere else.

AIRCRAFT FOR RENT/INSTRUCTION

On Line Scheduling at: www.westhoustonairport.com

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1986 Beech Bonanza A36: Garmin 530 WAAS, King Autopilot. Leather Interior. New Paint.

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“WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT TEAM”

West Houston Airport (Since 1962)	Flight School, Pilot Supplies	Terminal Building	281-492-2130
Joe Galindo Aircraft Service (Since 1984)	Maintenance and Repairs	Hangar #2 Blue East	281-492-6749
Calkins Aero Service (Since 1985)	Maintenance and Repairs	Hangar #3 Red East	281-579-6674
General Avionics (Since 1995)	Avionics Sales and Service	Hangar #1 White East	281-647-9600
AeroWest Interiors (Since 1997)	Upholstery	Hangar #1 White East	281-398-3821
Aero Clean (Since 1980)	Washing, Waxing & Detailing	Mobile	713-644-6200
Energy Aviation (Since 2010)	Energyaviation.com/Charter	Hangar F-3	281-664-7917
Dr. Edy Hollenberg	Unique Eye Care	Hangar D-2	281-492-8018
Lone Star Rod & Rifle	Purveyors of Fine Sporting Life	Hangar B-1	281-829-3006
Dr. Victor Arellano (Baron Pilot)	FAA Medicals (by appt. only)	15410 Ridge Park Dr. Houston, Tx 77095	281-855-2244-office 281-460-2247-mobile
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