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# RUNWAY 15

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Airport  
Quiet Flying  
is good business!

# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

## FAA ISSUES SAFETY ALERT ON SLOW FLIGHT REQUIREMENTS: By AOPA's Elizabeth A Tennyson

The FAA has published a new safety alert on maneuvering during slow flight. The Safety Alert for Operators (SAFO) is a reminder to the flight training community that the certification standard for performing and demonstrating slow flight in an airplane has changed and spells out how to set up slow flight maneuvers for training and testing.

In the [SAFO](#) dated Aug. 30, the FAA notes that loss of control is the leading cause of fatal general aviation accidents in the United States and that preventing loss of control is a pilot's fundamental responsibility. Because slow flight is a condition that increases the risk of loss of control, pilots should understand how an airplane performs and be proficient at controlling the airplane during slow flight.

In the past, certification standards required private pilot applicants to establish and maintain "an airspeed at which any further increase in angle of attack, increase in load factor, or reduction in power would result in an immediate stall." This required most slow flight maneuvers to be conducted while the stall warning was activated, a condition that "is neither desirable nor intended," according to the SAFO.

New [airman certification standards \(ACS\)](#) that took effect June 15 require the pilot to maintain a speed referenced to the 1G stall speed. And the SAFO recommends one way to set up the maneuver to eliminate the stall warning while still demonstrating an understanding of airplane performance and needed control inputs to safely maintain slow flight.

"We're encouraging flight instructors, designated examiners, and others in the training community to read the SAFO and familiarize themselves with its recommendations," said Justin Barkowski, AOPA director of regulatory affairs. "Many will need to adjust their training and testing procedures to align with the new standards."

In the SAFO, the FAA emphasized that it "still expects a pilot to know and understand the aerodynamics behind how the airplane performs from the time the stall warning is activated to reaching a full stall." The SAFO also notes that the FAA has completed a significant rewrite of Chapter 4 of the *Airplane Flying Handbook* to remove inconsistencies in the guidance on conducting and evaluating slow flight. The FAA anticipates the revision will be available in October.

## FOUR CARDINAL SINS...ARE YOU GUILTY OF ONE (OR MORE)?

Absent a catastrophic failure of airframe or engine, airplanes don't just fall out of the sky. Almost EVERY accident can be traced back to Arrogance, Ignorance, Complacency, or Distractions...the Four Cardinal Sins.

Some of you may remember an accident that happened close to IWS. The pilot landed in a backyard, destroyed his Mooney and walked away.

On that day, the pilot stopped at West Houston Airport to drop off some passengers. He never shut down...something we all have probably done...and then departed for Weiser to pick up others. At Weiser, he made the decision to go around...but that decision was made too late. The airplane struck the trees at the end of the runway. The Mooney burned. The pilot kicked the door open and was able to walk away.

Recently, some 5 years after the fact, that pilot returned to West Houston Airport. His returned triggered vivid memories of his last visit...including his actions AND his attitude toward flying.

That attitude was a bit lax, and it very nearly cost him his life. Today, he no longer takes his flying for granted and works hard to maintain not only currency, but proficiency. He continues to hone his skills, and realizes the importance of the Flight Review.

Do you take your flying for granted? Are you guilty of one, or more, of the Four Cardinal Sins? Think about it for a minute. It might save your life.

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by Rich Whitney

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## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER DATES

10 - Columbus Day, 17- Boss's Day, 31st - Halloween Day

**Quote:** "For years politicians have promised the Moon. I'm the first one to be able to deliver it."  
— Richard Nixon, 1969

**Trivia:** 70% of aircraft in service today are over 70% more fuel-efficient, than the first jets in the 1960s.

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#### INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

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#### FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm 2nd Floor Observatory, Meteorology 101 and Airman Certification Standards by C.G. "Hank" Henry Email: [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net):

#### 99's MEETING

Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., August Business Meeting Women's Organization of Pilots! Email Becky at [nickellb01@att.net](mailto:nickellb01@att.net), website [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

#### 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](mailto:info@houstonwing.org), **32nd ANNUAL CAF WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW Oct 22-23, 2016**

#### EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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.

#### GHAFI (Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors)

Contact Carol Brackley at [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net), or visit website: [www.ghafi.org](http://www.ghafi.org)

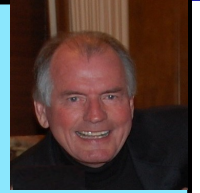
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