

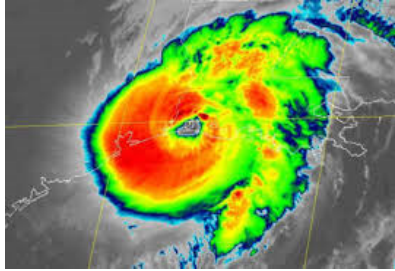
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# RUNWAY 15

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Quiet Flying  
is good business!



# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



## IWS PREPARES FOR HURRICANE LAURA

With a CAT four hurricane traveling towards Houston, IWS took action. Our great CSR's called all the plane owners on tiedown and in T-covers to see if they wanted their planes to be put in a hangar. Our excellent line crew spent all day moving some sixty planes to hangars donated by owners and the Airport and managed to secure almost all aircraft stored outside. Only those that wanted to collect on their insurance or could not be moved due to brake or tire issues were not relocated. A big thank you to our hands as well as these hangar owners: CALKINS AERO, GENERAL AVIONICS, VT AAA ACADEMY, F9 (AARON POOLE), E8 (FERNANDO DONATTI), C7 MAYOR EMERITUS BOBBY JACKSON, C-3/5 ROBERT CLAY (CLAY DEVELOPMENT) and B3 A/C SECURITY.

The Airport did not charge for the hanging of aircraft unless a plane/owner wanted their plane moved in advance of or during the approaching storm.

Thankfully there was no wind or rain so we dodged a bullet again!



## FAA CRACKING DOWN—ON GREY CHARTERS—WHY NOW AND WHO'S TO BLAME?



After decades of looking the other way as to "Grey", illegal charters and "dry" aircraft lease operations, the FAA is finally getting on to the unlawful use of aircraft for commercial flights. The FAA, ever since I can remember, has been shirking its duty to "legal" FAR 135 Air Taxis, allowing private plane owners to get away with making a little money off of their planes. Besides being a safety issue, its also a breach of the insurance policy's terms and conditions. Most "Industrial Aid", usually known as P&B or Pleasure and Business insurance excludes coverage on any aircraft and passengers for which there is a charge.

Big Brother ADSB is the "tattle tell" for all of your crimes. Don't forget it. ADSB doesn't lie—so the FAA says. So if your thinking of making a little money for the use of your plane—think again!

Who's really to blame for this violation of the FAR's by using private aircraft for commercial flights? The FAA is the culprit! Yes for decades the FAA has discouraged obtaining an Air Taxi Certificate. But if you don't want illegal, unsafe operations, make it easier and faster to get a 135 Air Taxi certificate, not two to five years!

Imagine, if you will, that some really bright FAA guru gets the idea that the FAA could eliminate all these illegals in less then six months. How? Simply announce a proposed rule that would give amnesty to all aircraft owners that within six months applied for a 135 certificate and that FAA would guarantee approvals (subject to meeting FAA requirements) within twelve (12) months after applying. If this happened all of the illegals would go away within 18 months and FAA would gain tremendous enforcement, which is what they love!

Just imagine such a "Wonderful life"!

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West Houston Airport	3.46	2.46	2.96	West Houston Airport	4.28	3.78	4.03	

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## The Check Ride: An Amazing Opportunity to Learn!

Mark Facer

8/27/2020

Last week I was fortunate enough to pass my Instrument Check Ride. The experience was both stressful and incredible!

As I was preparing for the event, I experienced a change in thinking: instead of being terrified, I came to view it as an amazing opportunity to learn from an incredibly experienced pilot who wants only to make me a safer aviator. Here are a few thoughts:

### Preparing for the Check Ride:

I cannot sugarcoat this: you have to put in the work for the months prior to your big day:

- Listen to your instructor
- Make lots of notes (I recommend 3"x 5" notecards so you can carry them around)
- Read the books and study guides
- Use a flight simulator (I have X-Plane 11)
- Chair fly

### During the Oral Portion:

- Think of it as a conversation, not an interrogation. The DPE is not trying to fail you; he or she is trying to make sure that you will be a safe pilot
- Make notes of any questions or subjects with which you struggle. This will allow you to go back later and fill in any gaps in your knowledge (it's a learning experience!)
- Don't dig a Check Ride hole: answer the question asked and then stop talking! If the DPE wants more information, he or she will ask for it

### During the Check Ride:

- Slow down! Slow down! Slow down!
- If you are tense and rushing things, take a deep breath, relax your hands, and refocus
- You will be nervous; however, just go back to the fundamentals you learned in your training: aviate, navigate, communicate
- Remember that your Instructor would not have signed you off for this ride if you were not ready: do what you've been trained to do!

### The Debrief:

Be prepared to take a lot of notes. During the Oral and Flight portions, the DPE is not allowed to give any instruction; however, afterwards you will receive an incredible amount of information that will enable you to be a safer and smarter pilot. Write down everything you can, even if it seems inconsequential. As you read through your notes later on you will realize just how much great stuff you have been given!

### Next Steps:

- Enjoy the moment, and breathe a big sigh of relief
- Copy your notes neatly so that you can refer to them forever
- Put your notes into action
- Make a plan to stay *proficient*, not just current!

Any Check Ride will expose your weaknesses. It's up to you whether you work on them, or ignore them.

I'm choosing to work on mine!



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Student Matthew Ward



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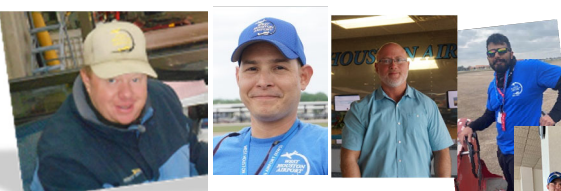
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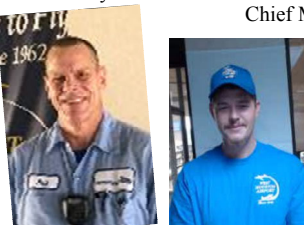
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