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WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT



BREAKING NEWS!

By Woody Lesikar, Airport Manager

Its been some 32+ years ago that a young mechanic at age 26 decided to start up his business at West Houston Airport. That guy was Forrest Colditz.

An A&P who worked under George Calkins at Clover Field Airport, he decided to go out on his own by purchasing Calkins Aero and relocating. For those of you that aren't that old, George Calkins was the crusty old mechanic that ran the shop for King Cruse, Cruse Aviation at Hobby Airport. Calkins knew Cessna products and maintained one of the largest shops in Texas —catering to Cessna Aircraft.

The 80's were filled with hard luck stories of many a well known business or personality going broke. It was a tough time for IWS as the airport lost many planes to the hard times of Houston's oil related business customers.

After opening Calkins Aero at West Houston, it became an FAA Approved Repair Station, which in itself is a colossal feat — and then became a Cessna Service Center which held its own responsibilities and high standards.

An avid skier and auto collector and rebuilder, Forrest Colditz was available 24/7/365. There was never a time in all these years that if I

needed Forrest he was not available. Always there within reach and as needed to help a transient, repair a broken flight school aircraft or pick up an aircraft on the runway after a gear up or damaged nose gear.

Forrest did not get along with everyone, but neither do most people. We all have our personalities and struggle to evolve into a respectable human-being, liked by at least the numbers of fingers on the one hand.

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West Houston Airport Frequencies: AWOS: 125.575, (281) 579-9820 Local Frequencies: CInc 121.150 (281) 443-5844 Apch 123.80
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"As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AeroVillas lots 8-12
• Financing Available



For More Information contact Woody Lesikar at
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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
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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 3rd 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, info@houstonwing.org. Volunteers and donations welcome.

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Fuel Price Comparison for December

JET A	High	Low	Avg	AVGAS (100LL)	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	6.48	1.89	3.79	Southwest Region	7.19	2.59	4.20
West Houston Airport	3.50	2.42	2.96	West Houston Airport	4.38	3.86	4.12

*With Volume discount

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Say what you want about Mr. Colditz, but this for sure is what he was. A man of extreme knowledge of GA aircraft. A man of unquestionable ability to troubleshoot aircraft problems. A business man that did not need to go around figuring out how to add more parts and labor to his good customers work orders and cost them more money.

One of the only mechanics I ever met that tried to keep his customers flying, even with aging aircraft.

One of a kind, not perfect, but unquestionably the most knowledgeable caring mechanic I have ever met.

Forrest Colditz, we will miss you!!

Calkins Aero will be changing ownership as of January 1, 2021. More on the new operation in our next newsletter.

*Woody Lesikar
Airport Manager*



CONGRATULATIONS!! WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT STUDENTS



Double Congrats!!!

Sarah Wistman—IWS's newest Private Pilot!

And **Instructor Christy Graham's** first sign off—congrats to both!!!

Alex Lambros
Soloed 11/24!!
Congrats!!

Bob Gray First Solo!

CFI: Jerry Allen



1st Solo

Robert Eller soloed 12/1
Christy Graham Instructor



1st Solo!!!

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 January 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 Income For Lease or For Sale	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130
D 9	LOT For Sale	Woody Lesikart 281-492-2130
G 10 / C 8 / 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 15/16	Lots For Sale Great Location	Woody Lesikar 281-492-2130

FOR INFORMATION ON THESE PROPERTIES CONTACT

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INVENTORY FOR SALE
2003 CESSNA 172S – LEASEBACK AVAILABLE
2006 CESSNA 172S
2017 CESSNA 172S – LEASEBACK AVAILABLE
2019 CESSNA 172S
(2)1994 A-36 BONANZA
1999 BEECH BARON 58
1974 BEECH B-55 BARON
1977 CESSNA 210 M

AIRCRAFT RENTALS AND INSTRUCTION RATES

Aircraft	Solo	Dual
Cessna 172S (180HP)	\$195	\$270
Cessna 172S G1000/w/Air/XM Weather/Traffic (180HP)	\$205	\$280
2019/2017 Cessna 172S	\$225	\$300
Cessna 182RG 430W with WX and Traffic ADSB	\$235	\$310
Redbird Simulator	\$75	\$150

INSTRUCTOR RATES:

NON-OWNED INSTRUCTOR RATES:

DAILY RATES:

**HOLDING:
\$75 PER HOUR**

\$75 PER HOUR

**\$600 PER DAY + ROOM/
BOARD**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

**NO SHOW: Charged \$100 per hour scheduled and not canceled
Less then a 2 hour notice of cancelation : \$50 Flat Charge**



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**Business or residential LOTS for
SALE BUILD your Hangar
OWN your property**
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AEROVILLAS



D11 For Sale or Lease Hangar / Home / Office
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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)	www.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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Robert Erbrick, President, West Houston Airport Subdivision

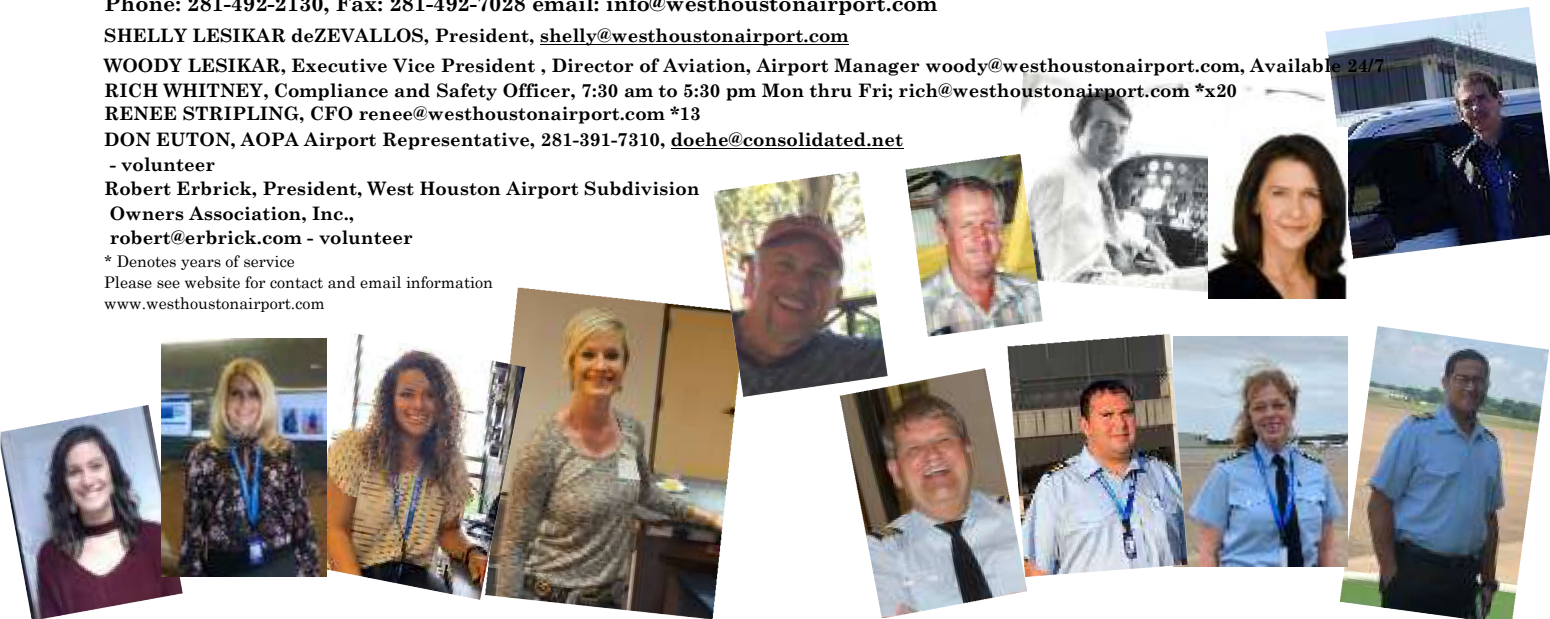
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robert@erbrick.com - volunteer

*** Denotes years of service**

Please see website for contact and email information

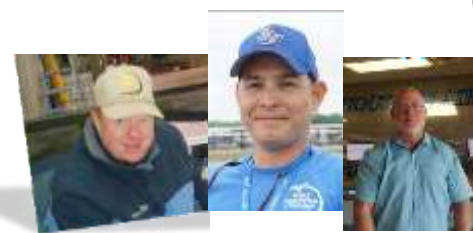
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BELLA PADILLA, Customer Service Representative*

TAYLOR BRADBURY, Customer Service

KRISTI NOSKRENT, Customer Service



1st Shift

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MIKE WHITE, Line Crew Technician *14

TOBY COOKE, Line Crew Technician*6

JESSE PADILLA, Line Crew Technician



JERRY ALLEN, Certified Flight Instructor

JESSE GUTIERREZ, Certified Flight Instructor*****

CHRISTY GRAHAM, Certified Flight Instructor*

ALEJO ECHEVARRIA, Certified Flight Instructor



SAM TURK, Security Officer *16

PHILLIP KMIEC, Chief Mechanic*8

2nd Shift

SEAN FRITSCH, Line Supervisor*7

MATTHEW KIDD, Line Crew Technician**

THOMAS METZ, Line Crew Technician

GRANT ORR, Line Crew Technician**

DYLAN BAYLESS, Line Crew Technician

ROBERTO SANCHEZ, Line Crew Technician



Night Crew

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