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2016 Edition

# RUNWAY 15

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# WEST HOUSTON AIRPORT

## BREAKING NEWS!

Sources close to an ongoing U.S. Department of Justice investigation of wrong doings by area Designated Examiners and FAA personnel say that Grand Jury summons and subpoenas have been issued for documents and testimony from affected parties.

U.S. Department of Justice Officials have requested documents related to charges for examinations, time spent with applicants, pass and fail processes, collusion amongst examiners and much more.

Perhaps this is related to price fixing or giving instruction during a check ride, a No-No under

FAA examiner guidelines. Also, appointments of examiners working for or previously employed by airlines in lieu of appointments amongst highly qualified GA applicants within the region, something the biased FAA has practiced for decades.

FAA personnel, already besieged with reports of illegal drone activity, laser siting's, accident investigations, and FAR violations have their hands full, dirty hands indeed!

Unfortunately, for the innocent by-stander caught in the middle, it is more government heavy handed misguided and misdirected oversight. Only time will tell who gets the axe and who will be exonerated. Keep tuned!

GOT AVIATION NEWS: Send to [Stacy@westhoustonairport.com](mailto:Stacy@westhoustonairport.com) tips, comments, events and ideas.

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## Density Altitude

By: C.G. "Hank" Henry

When the air temperature increases, the air molecules move farther apart causing the air to become less dense. This density is the same as a higher altitude on a standard temperature day, thus, a higher density altitude.

At higher density altitudes, the engine cannot produce as much power as normal and the wings cannot generate as much lift.

When planning your summer trips to the high country, be sure to choose a route that will permit you to fly at altitudes within your airplane's capability. Sometimes, short loading fuel may be necessary. Just make shorter legs. It is not always true that "you never have too much

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## "As The Beacon Turns" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DATES TO REMEMBER: JUNE

14—Flag Day 19—Father's Day

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#### FAA SAFETY MEETING

Fourth (4th) Tuesday 7:00pm-9:00pm 2nd Floor Observatory, June 28 2015 Accident review for our district. Speakers Lance Little and Paul Downs. Email: [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net):

#### 99'S MEETING

Second (2nd) Tuesday Every Month, 7:00 p.m., (No meeting in July) Women's Organization of Pilots! Induction of Officer Picnic June 5, 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 3rd 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).

#### EAA CHAPTER 774 MEETING

Third (3rd) 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 SEMINAR (Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors)

GHAFI Quarterly FIRC and safety seminars for Contact Carol Brackley at [carolav8@att.net](mailto:carolav8@att.net), or visit website: [www.ghafi.org](http://www.ghafi.org)

#### Texas Aircraft Expo

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#### EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH - JULY 25-31





## Fuel Price Comparison for April 29, 2016

JET A	High	Low	Avg
Southwest Region	7.14	2.15	3.78
West Houston Airport	3.62	2.43*	3.03
AVGAS (100LL)			
Southwest Region	8.33	2.98	4.32
West Houston Airport	4.76	4.12	4.44

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## Pilot Examiner Shortage

By: C.G. "Hank" Henry

If you have been having difficulty finding an FAA Designated Flight Examiner with an open slot in their flight test schedules, you are not alone. There has been a shortage of Examiners in the Houston District for more than a year and it has gotten worse lately with three or more dropping out and no new ones being appointed. There seems to be no indication of any relief anytime soon.

At the present time the only relief may be to reach out to other Districts. The Houston FSDO (Flight Standards District Office) covers the area from the Gulf of Mexico, the Texas-Louisiana State line as far north as Nacogdoches and the west side beyond Eagle Lake and Palacios.



## Density Altitude Continued from page 1

fuel unless you are on fire." Choose fuel stops at airports with elevations low enough for you to take off without waiting for winter.

One fellow that I knew purchased an airplane in August. His first fuel stop was at a high elevation airport. After three unsuccessful takeoff run attempts, he had to give up. At least he had the good sense to abort (reject) the takeoffs in time to stop on the runway. He retrieved his airplane in cooler weather near Christmas.



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