

YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS –

SAVE THE DATES!

- Yale Aviation is going to host a fly-in **Sunday, April 15th** to Block Island (Windham or Barnes airports as alternatives). Details to follow.
- Meet at Mory's **Friday, May 11th** for drinks to toast the laying of the Yale Aviation Brick at Mory's. Details to follow.

PILOTS & PLANES –



Welcome to **Amer Nimr**, Yale Aviation's latest member! Amer is an investment manager in Southport, with a career spent mostly at Citibank. He is currently a student of Charlie's, having gotten a flying lesson from his wife a year ago. As he says, "Since I was a little afraid of flying I consider it a joy, a skill and therapy at the same time. I don't get to go out as often as I would like because of my schedule and family commitments, but when my youngest is off to college in a couple of years I should be able to."

Congratulations to **Amy Jeffries** on passing her written knowledge exam!

Congratulations to **Mirai Hashimoto** on getting checked out in 55044.

Charlie Skelton passes along the following Yale Aviation pilot stats as of February 2012:

- ✓ A third of our membership is students, with half of those having soloed. Over a third of the membership is instrument rated, while a quarter are private pilots only. The remaining 7% are CFI's.
- ✓ 17% of our membership is female, and over a quarter is not affiliated with Yale.
- ✓ In the last 12 months, 13% have not flown and 17% have taken 044 away overnight.

Look for the updated Yale Aviation website in April – the team of **Tom Sobocinski**, **Ty Kamp**, **Laura Baldwin**, and **Mirai Hashimoto** on working on getting the information updated and reformatted. Suggestions welcome!

Mike Kamarath flying right seat with his father in his dad's VAN RV-9A. They were doing formation flying



while Mike was taking a bit of a break from writing his PhD dissertation in Minnesota in February. This picture was taken from the other plane (an RV-7).

AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS –

"Don't Roll The Dice!"

Topic: Risk Management Approach to Maneuvering Flight, Approaches, and Landings

On Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Location:

Gama Hangar

800 Great Meadow Road

Stratford, CT 06615

Select Number:

EA6343407

Description:

Don't miss this interactive program that takes a risk management look at the most challenging phases of flight! Most accidents occur during the takeoff, approach, and landing phase of flight, and maneuvering flight accidents are among the most deadly, (26.6%). What can you do to reduce the risks? Attend this exiting briefing and learn how! Presented by David Faile, CFI and FAAS Team Lead Representative. BDR Landing fee info: 203-576-8161.

The New England Aviation Safety Expo has been set for **Saturday April 14th, 2012**. This year's theme will be "NextGen and How It Will Affect the General Aviation Pilot". The EXPO will be held at **Daniel Webster College, Nashua NH** (please note this is a different locations from last year's 2011 Expo).

Check out their web site for a list of 2012 classes as well as information on the Keynote speaker: http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_expo/

PODCASTS & APPS & GADGETS– Please send me your favorite app, tech toy or podcast suggestion to share!

(Thanks to Ty Kamp for sending this great suggestion my way!)

LiveATC.net allows anyone to listen in on tower, ground and approach frequencies around the nation – and it's free! This can be a great way for a student to get his/her ear used to hearing radio calls and discerning key traffic control information, but it also allows the more experienced flyer to listen in how they did when flying the pattern – or doing their solo or checkride. Tower conversation is archived for 50 days, organized by day and 30 min increments (Zulu time), and can be easily downloaded to your computer where you can use your favorite audio tool (such as Audacity) to trim out what you don't want in favor of the those few moments when you were speaking with the tower.

TWEED NEWS -

TSA Badges – Have you renewed? Listed below are the March class times for renewals or first time badges. YOU MUST CALL KATHY GRANT (203-466-8833 ext 109) FIRST to reserve a spot – plus you must have a completed application signed by our current TSA signatory, Charlie Skelton (203-640-3580). Soon that job will be in the hands of Jeff Welsh (thanks, Jeff!).

Friday, 3/16 - 6:45pm.

Saturday, 3/17 - 12pm, and
6:45pm.

Tuesday, 3/20 - 6:45pm.

Friday, 3/23 - 6:45pm.

Saturday, 3/24 - 12pm, and
6:45pm.

Tuesday, 3/27 - 6:45pm.

Friday, 3/30 - 6:45pm.

Saturday, 3/31 - 12 pm, and
6:45pm.

Tuesday, 4/3 - 6:45pm

Wednesday 4/4 – 12 noon

Friday, 4/6 - 6:45pm

Saturday, 4/7 - 12pm, and 6:45pm

Tuesday, 4/10 - 6:45pm

Friday, 4/13 - 6:45pm

Saturday, 4/14 - 12pm, and 6:45pm

Tuesday, 4/17 - 6:45pm

Wednesday 4/18 – 12 noon

Friday, 4/20 - 6:45pm

Saturday, 4/21 - 12pm, and 6:45pm

Tuesday, 4/24 - 6:45pm

Friday, 4/27 – 6:45pm

Saturday, 4/28 – 12 pm, and 6:45pm

SIMULATOR



March 8, 2012 the Simulator was treated to a make-over as Glen Weston Murphy, a pilot who uses a wheelchair for mobility, used the machine to practice his take-offs and landings. The new wheelchair-friendly flight simulator was donated by Jay LeBoff of HotSeat Inc, which has designed the world's first ***Wheelchair Welcome Flight Simulator*** after seeing an article about a returning wounded warrior flying a Paraglider. Also attending were **Ty Kamp**, **Charlie Skelton**,

and Justin Friedland, HotSeat's Sim CFI. The goal is to bring this to a local VA Hospital to be used by the vets there.

Anyone needing simulator access should e-mail Ty Kamp (tahia.kamp@yale.edu) the alpha-numeric code on the back of their Yale IDs. Those without Yale IDs need to enter with Charlie, who has a key to the Simulator Room in Engineering.

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*The Yale Aviation Newsletter will go out to the membership on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please let me know if you have any news, suggestions, or comments: [YASecretary@aol.com](mailto:YASecretary@aol.com)*

*Laura Baldwin, Secretary*  
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