

YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

December 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Annual Meeting: Monday, Dec 17, 5:30 pm** at the WEST ramp. Food, badge renewals, voting, and a presentation on the ADS-B out options for our planes are all on the docket for this evening. RSVP to Laura (lfbaldwin@aol.com) if you haven't already.
- **IFR "Cloud Crowd"** is looking to meet again after the holidays. Let **Laura Baldwin** (lfbaldwin@aol.com) know if you are interested in getting together to share IFR experiences and knowledge with **Ian Green, CFII** as our guide and expert.
- **ATTENTION REGARDING CALLOUT FEES!** We like to encourage our members to take the airplanes and make use of them, but PLEASE remember that if you find you need to have fuel for the planes or take them in or out of the hangars afterhours, this will result in a **CALLOUT FEE of \$150** that will be charged to Yale Aviation and passed on to you. The easiest way to avoid these fees – and work well with the kind line folks at Robinson – is **FOR YOU** to let the Robinson front desk know well ahead of time if you need fuel or wish to use the airplanes early or late. Please be as considerate as you can of their time and efforts. Any questions? Please give **Charlie Skelton** a call and he can go over what does and does not constitute a callout!

PILOTS...

Chris Smarz joined a few months ago, and (finally) sends these words of introduction! Welcome, Chris!!



"I have been flying at Tweed for over 18 years and several years at Groton/New London. I live on Townsend Avenue in New Haven, and it is great to be just one minute away from the airport for those spur of the moment trips for dinner. I enjoy flying to all of the Islands & the Cape in the summer and

winter flights generally practice and head to locations north. I would like to thank all of the members of Yale Aviation for having me as a member and look forward to years of flying with you (and washing/waxing planes as well!) [ed note: I LOVE this guy!!]. I have always had a passion for flying and would be flying more often if I didn't have to work. Again, I look forward to meeting the rest of the members and helping out in any way to continue to make the club successful. Best regards, Chris"

Third-Class Medical reform is getting closer – check out this article on the FAQs at the AOPA website: <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2015/December/09/Third-class-medical-FAQs>

Those of you who've accumulated more hours than you might likely fly please consider donating to the club – it is tax deductible!! **Help keep Yale Aviation alive in the future as it was for you!**

... & PLANES

32028 has completed its annual. Comm 1 is off being repaired – it was not registering correctly. The temporary radio has some issues turning off, so check the sheet in the airplane for the latest procedures. In addition, the left mag suffered a catastrophic failure (see photo at right). Fortunately this occurred at such a time as it prevented the engine from starting!



55044 is doing well, with the following caveats: Watch that the heading indicator's flag completely disappears before trusting its indications. It has been taking some time to do so lately. Also, some of the panel lights are a bit dim, so watch for that when next you fly at night.

Remember; **ONLY remove the cowling when you have at least two (2) people**. Scrapes and chips have already been noted in our new paint job, and this is most probable when you try to remove the cowling with one person only!



LATE NIGHT ARRIVALS - If you arrive after the FBO has closed, be sure to drop the keys in the Key Drop Box shown at left (it is to the right of the hangar doors next to the door to Robinson). Should you have trouble locating the keys for an early morning flight, be sure to check the drop box – the key is at the desk at Robinson!



AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS –

"Hartford IMC Club Monthly Meeting: Mastering the Art of Instrument Navigation"

Topic: Scenario Based Discussion: Instrument Training
On Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 18:00

Location:

Meriden Airport

213 Evansville Ave Meeting Room, Airport Terminal
Meriden, CT 06450

Select Number:

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Description:

DECEMBER meeting of IMC Club, Hartford chapter. Another new Instrument flying scenario to presented and discussed. Through its nationwide chapters, IMC Club provides organized "hangar flying" focused on building proficiency in instrument flying believing that safety and proficiency are developed through education and experience. Monthly meetings use real world scenarios at each meeting to engage our members and allow them to share and build their experience. You do not have to be instrument rated to attend. Following the presentation we will conclude with the question; "What would you Do?". Refreshments will be served. Click the link below and register TODAY!

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, [click here](#).

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAA Safety Team, EA-63 FSDO**

The FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) is committed to providing equal access to this meeting/event for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please communicate your request as soon as possible with the person in the 'Contact Information' area of the meeting/event notice. Note that two weeks is usually required to arrange services.

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

[Click here to view the WINGS help page](#)

Many of you already know and use this service, but as a reminder for those who don't, AOPA has a section of their website devoted to aviation education, with seminars, online course and safety quizzes. A great way to keep yourself sharp during these long weeks of nasty winter weather:

<http://www.aopa.org/Education>

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



Charlie Skelton passes along this article on quite the gadget from inventor Burt Rutan. It is his 47th airplane design, built to go 2500 miles without refueling – and landable on all sorts of terrain, snow, and water! Check it out!

<http://www.popsci.com/legendary-plane-designer-burt-rutan-tests-seaplane>



Due to maintenance, runways 14/32 are CLOSED until March 1, 2016.

TSA Badges – Need a new badge?? Remember that for the procedure you must have a completed application signed by our TSA signatory, **Laura Baldwin** (203-966-8499, lfaldwin@aol.com). Once that is done, you call KATHY GRANT (203-466-8833 ext 109) over at WEST ramp to make an appointment to take training, have your fingerprints taken, pay your fee of \$30 (cash or check made out to "HVN") and have your new badge issued. **The same fee will also apply for renewals this year due to the fingerprinting!** Be sure to have your old badge plus two forms of government issued ID, at least one with a photo. Tweed is becoming quite serious about everyone having and using their security badge – fair warning!

ONLINE -

Yale Aviation is on Facebook - be sure to post photos, ask questions of fellow pilots, encourage those who are working their way through ratings and exams, or see if you can organize a passenger on your next flight. We have opened this group so that your friends (and prospective members?) can see what we are all about.

Remember pictures can also be posted on our Yale Aviation website at www.YaleAviation.org. **Tom Sobocinski**, our Webmaster, has updated the site to include a gallery of names and faces, current Newsletters and the full 12-serie Yale Aviation, Inc History by **Hank Galpin**. Check it out!!! (Suggestions for further revisions welcome)

IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR PICTURE, PLEASE SEND ME A BETTER ONE!

YA MERCHANDISE! Check out our two online "storefronts" for purchasing YA-logged merchandise! One is at located at Customized Girl (<http://www.customizedgirl.com/s/yaleaviationmerch>) and one at Zazzle (<http://www.zazzle.com/yaleaviationstore>).

What you order from these locations will be delivered directly to you, PLUS a portion of the sales will come back to the club.



Contact Laura Baldwin (lfaldwin@aol.com) if you have any questions or have ideas for additional merchandise!





We're taking part in **Sporty's Flying Club Rebate Program** which means we will receive cash back for our club on all your purchases from Sporty's. Every time you make a regular purchase at Sporty's – either online, at 800.SPORTYS, or in their store – we will receive a 5% cash rebate, using your email to link these purchases to our club.

Of course, this program is a great way for Sporty's to steer business their way, but we have an opportunity to also reap the benefit. With your participation, this will be a win-win for all of us. Go to sportys.com or call 800-SPORTYS – no special code needed.

If you have a friend or family member who buys presents for you, be sure to let me know so I can get them added to our club list. Anyone who is NOT on that list will not get us our rebate, even if they are buying for someone on the list!!

SIMULATOR -

The simulator is **currently located in room 211** at 17 Hillhouse Ave., but it will be moving. Stay tuned for its new location!

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 can arrange access.



The Yale Aviation Newsletter goes out to the membership on the 15th of every month. Please let me know if you have any news, suggestions, or comments:

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Laura Baldwin, Secretary