

YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

February 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **IFR “Cloud Crowd”** is going to meet again on Sunday, April 17, 2pm (mark your calendars!), after a fun and informative meeting at the end of January. This completely informal opportunity to get together to share IFR experiences and knowledge includes our CFII guide **Ian Green**.
- **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!

Winter Flying: Winter is here! Frost, snow, ice and freezing rain. When you schedule the aircraft, more than likely it will need to be deiced (frost or freezing rain) and pre-heated.

Pre-heating is a must when temperatures are below 20 degrees. Pre-heating and light de-icing take place outside, however, frequently the de-icing requires the hangar for a meltdown. Even when the aircraft is hangared for de-icing it still needs to be preheated. Robinson has been reasonable about the charges for this service so if your schedule changes call and cancel – their resources are stressed. If in doubt about preheating, ask the person at the Robinson front desk if the flight school’s planes are being pre-heated (AFA preheats anytime the temp falls below 40F, fyi).

Winter flying is indeed something else. Our types of aircraft were not designed to traverse snow covered, iced-over ground so take caution: you are in a new environment (it is not a four wheel-drive!). Some very simple things: the Piper step is a small piece of cold metal, dark in color; it can be iced over even from previously stepping on it during preflight. The black walkway can be black ice. Stepping down from the wing onto ice can be dangerous. *Be sure not to be the next uncontrolled human flight!*

PILOTS...



Correction! The photo at left is NOT a picture of **Raj V-J** (who kindly flew with me a few weeks ago to test out the two Stratux arrangements we have – one made by Raj and the other made by **Seth Kyle**.) The picture I included in last month’s issue was of **Manas Prasad**, who was helping install a loaner radio in 028. My apologies!! FYI, the photo at right is Raj:



David Faile, of Friends of Sikorsky Airport, passes along the following for those interested in making their thoughts known regarding the proposed FAA Reauthorization & Privatization of ATC:

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has introduced an FAA reauthorization bill, H. R. 4441, the Aviation Innovation, Reform and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act of 2015.

This bill includes legislation that **privatizes Air Traffic Control**. This would include an eleven member Board Of Directors that gives General Aviation only two seats. Clearly, this will negatively impact all of General Aviation.

Please contact your Senators and Congressional Representative and strongly ask them to keep the safest Air Traffic Control system in the World within the FAA. You can reach your Connecticut Senators and Representative at these links:

Congressman: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Senator Murphy: <http://www.murphy.senate.gov/contact/>

Senator Blumenthal: <https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/contact/>

Congressman Himes: <http://himes.house.gov/content/contact-me>

It is important that we let our Congressmen and Senators know that aviation is important to Connecticut and all of the United States. Privatizing ATC will negatively impact a multi billion dollar business entity.

Thank you,

David Faile
Friends Of Sikorsky Airport

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!**



55044 is A-OK and waiting for the weather to clear....

Remember: **ONLY remove the cowling when you have at least two**

... & PLANES

32028 is taking advantage of the weather to have some work done on the carburetor heat system (photo below). Soon it should be good to go. (Note **Charlie Skelton's** fine work at left as he works to dig out our airplanes after every snowfall!)



(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!

AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS –

"FREE WEBINAR - Best Tricks Tips and Sites for Self Briefing"

Topic: Tricks, tips and best sites for conducting a safe self briefing.

On Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 12:30 Eastern Standard Time

Location:

ONLINE ONLY--Webinar
16501 Sherman Way

Van Nuys, CA 91406

Select Number:

WP0167383

Description: In this 60 minute webinar, Delia Colvin, aviation weather expert, international bestselling author and 15 year veteran of Air Traffic Control will walk you through her favorite sites and tools for conducting a SAFE self briefing;

- Learn the 8 MUST CHECK points to any brief
- What extremely hazardous weather pilots doesn't qualify as an "Adverse Condition"
- 4 Features of 1800wxbrief you may not know about
- The proposed replacement for Area Forecast
- The best forecast tool available
- Fantastic new tools that could save your life
- Tips for assessing unforecast severe weather

. [Click here to register today!](#)

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

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAASTeam**

"Hartford IMC Club Monthly Meeting-KMMK"

Topic: Mastering The Art Of Instrument Navigation & Instrument Training Scenario Discussion

On Monday, February 22, 2016 at 18:00 Eastern Standard Time

Location:

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

Select Number:

EA6367058

Description: FEBRUARY, 2016 meeting of IMC Club, Hartford chapter. Another new Instrument flying scenario to presented and discussed. Through its nationwide chapters in association with EAA, 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

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"Are You Losing Control? Surprise Surprise!"

Topic: Preventing Loss of Control Accidents

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 19:00 Eastern Standard Time

Location:

Keystone FBO Services
288 Christian Street
Hangar B
Oxford, CT 06478

Select Number:

EA6366475

Description: FAASTeam Rep. Kenneth MacDonald and FAASTeam Program Manager Jim Adams will present this eye opening safety seminar about preventing loss of aircraft control. We will review and discuss loss of control accidents and see how they could have been prevented. Every year countless aircraft depart from controlled flight, unfortunately many pilots do not regain control prior to impacting the ground, resulting in serious

injuries or death. This is an interactive seminar, so bring your questions. See the additional Information section of this announcement. Refreshments provided by Keystone. Click the link below and register TODAY.

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

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Advanced Knowledge 2 - 1 Credit

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"Unusual Approaches-Encore Presentation"

Topic: Learn how to interpret unusual approaches and how plan for and navigate them successfully.

On Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 16:00 Mountain Standard Time (15:00 PST, 17:00 CST, 18:00 EST, 13:00 HST, 14:00 AKST, 16:00 AZST, 23:00 GMT)

Select Number:
CE0967062

Description: The term "unusual approaches" conjures up images of Aspen, CO; Bozeman, MT; Jackson Hole, WY; and just about every airport in Alaska. But unusual approaches are just as common in places like Baltimore, Boston and New York. They're everywhere, and they can turn a standard approach into a head scratcher at the most inopportune time. In our Unusual Approaches webinar, we'll talk about the terrain, obstacles and airspace designs that turn standard approaches into the unusual. We'll show you how to break down several unusual approaches, the keys to planning and navigating them successfully, and give you the kind of confidence that will make a straight-in approach to 200 and ½ seem, well, mind-numbing. This is a live encore (including Q&A) of our popular 2015 presentation!

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

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAASTeam**

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Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

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"LIVE WEBINAR Examining the Loss of Control Accident"

Topic: Avoiding the Loss-of-Control Accident by Learning from the Mistakes of Others

On Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 21:00 Eastern Standard Time (18:00 PST, 19:00 MST, 20:00 CST, 16:00 HST, 17:00 AKST, 19:00 AZST, 02:00 GMT)

Select Number:
EA2367483

Description: This interactive, live webinar will analyze several Loss of Control accidents with a goal of understanding the underlying causal factors and gaining insight on how to avoid this highly lethal type of accident.

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

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAASTeam**

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Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

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"The Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society Safety Seminar"

Topic: Aviation Weather, VFR Charts and Communication, ADM, Power Line Safety, Wings Program, 14 CFR, Flight Planning and Maintenance
On Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 07:30 Eastern Standard Time

Location:
Yale Divinity School
409 Prospect St
Library
New Haven, CT 06511

Select Number:
EA6367220

Description: This is an all day safety education event designed for balloon pilots or pilots interesting ballooning. A fee is required for balloon Pilots; the fee is waived for NON-LTA Pilots. See "Additional Seminar Information" for details. Attend this exclusive event to enhance safety and reduce the risk in balloon operations. This a great opportunity for those interested in adding a hot air balloon rating to attend and learn for free. Lunch donation is requested. Topics include: Weather, Maintenance and Equipment Repair, Pilot and Crew Safety, Aeronautical and Pilot Decision

Making, Balloon Accidents, FARS, Flight Planning. Click the link below and register TODAY.

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit
Advanced Knowledge 1 - 1 Credit

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

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The sponsor for this seminar is: **N/A**

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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>

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Basic Knowledge 1 - 1 Credit

Basic Knowledge 2 - 1 Credit

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

If you are interested, this connects to Aviation Flashcards to practice your airspace while you wait for the airplanes to thaw out....

http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/aopa/flashcards_201310/index.php#1

Jason Schappert of M0A fame goes through the JFK, Jr accident scenario to point out the many ways this accident could have been prevented. (Did you know JFK, Jr had broken his ankle a few weeks before this accident???) <http://www.m0a.com/jfk-jr-accident-analysis/>

TWEED NEWS -



Want to fly in this winter weather? Check runway conditions with Airport Operations before you leave home!

The Insider Threat presentation held by Airport Operations in early February was attended by various Yale Aviation members. **Kathy Grant** expects it will be repeated at least semi-annually – more information to follow!

A Request For Proposal (RFP) is being worked on for the rebuilding of various taxiways and runways 14/32. **Charlie Skelton** has attended the tenant meeting and has more information on this important project, though patience is required! Until the renovations are complete, the runways are CLOSED, probably for a few years.

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, lfbaldwin@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 you, **PLUS a portion of the sales will come back to the** Laura Baldwin (lfbaldwin@aol.com) if you have any questions or have ideas for additional merchandise!



directly to **club**. Contact



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.

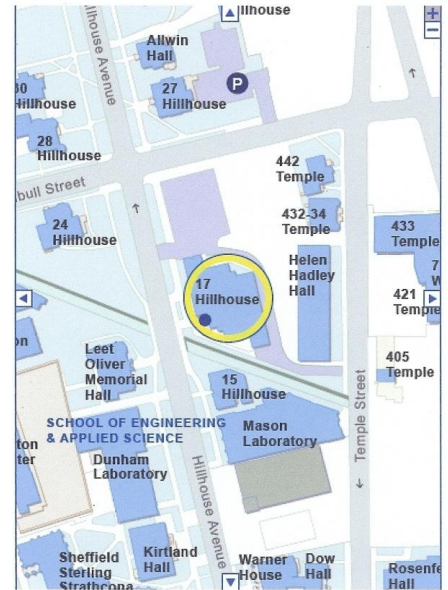
Of course, this program is a great way for Sporty's to steer business their way, but we have an opportunity to also reap the benefit. With your participation, this will be a win-win for all of us. Go to sportys.com or call 800-SPORTYS – no special code needed.

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