



YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER



April 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Wash & Wax** – Saturday, April 27, 9am to noon. Come help us get ready for spring flying with clean airplanes! RSVP to yaleaviationsecretary@gmail.com
- **Cloud Crowd** – Saturday May 11, 2pm. IFR scenarios, conference room at Robinson. RSVP to Mirai Hashimoto hashimoto0514@gmail.com
- Interested in fly-outs? Contact **Joel D'Angelo** (dangelojoel@gmail.com).

New Billing & Scheduling Software

As reported in last month's newsletter, YA is setting free our lovingly crafted billing systems, as well as Flight Schedule Pro. The board has selected **Flight Circle** (<http://flightcircle.com>) to provide YA scheduling, billing and membership services.

Highlights of Flight Circle's features include: online aircraft and instructor scheduling with optional "backup" booking; advance email or SMS notifications of reservations; universal visibility to aircraft status including upcoming maintenance; self-managed dispatch and check-in of aircraft in real time, even from the aircraft; self-managed secure credit or debit card payments in which only the card processor has your information; aircraft maintenance-needs tracking; as well as support for traditional account-based billing. All of these tools are available from both desktop and mobile devices.

The YA Flight Circle implementation team is being led by **Josh Snow** and will proceed next with a "conference room pilot" April 25, in which the team will exercise all the steps associated with ongoing YA operations including the monthly billing cycle, and will finalize our procedures and policies.

Members should expect a link to step-by-step instructions on how to use **Flight Circle**, and a link to set up an account shortly after the pilot. In addition, there will be a demonstration of how the new system works at the **Wash & Wax**, along with the opportunity to ask questions.

PILOTS...

A number of our members are going inactive: **Roberto Gonzales Echevarria, Shep Stone, Seth Kyle & Stephan Simon**. Fortunately we have 4 or so potential members under review...

2018-2019 New England Flying Gourmet Challenge

You have until May 31, 2019 to eat at the participating restaurants, or take fuel from the participating FBOs, listed below. Be sure to mention you are a pilot and scan the QR code to get credit. Post a picture on Facebook! A wonderful way to encourage winter flying and support New England airports!!

Participating Locations

1B9 - Hangar 12	CQX - Hangar B Eatery	HFD - The Flying Monkey
3B0 - Red Baron Diner	- Cape Cod Flying Service	LEW – Mike’s Runway Restaurant
63B – Runway Restaurant	(FBO)	LWM - Dominic's Diner
6B6 - Nancy's Airfield Cafe	EEN - The Flight Deck	MVY – Plane View Restaurant
- Stow Aviation (FBO)	- The Dinner Table	ORE - White Cloud Restaurant
7B3 – The Airfield Cafe	EWB - Airport Grille	OXC - 121 Restaurant
ASH - MidField Cafe	- Sandpiper Air (FBO)	- Atlantic Aviation (FBO)
- Infinity Aviation (FBO)	FOK – The Apron Cafe	PYM – Kevin’s Clubhouse
BAF - 'Sok's Runway	GON - Cafe 511	- Plymouth Airport (FBO)
	- Mystic Jet Center (FBO)	SFM – Cockpit Cafe

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 is AOK, with a recent 100hr/annual. We still have no decision on ADS-B solutions for 028. Those with opinions are encouraged to contact President Jake White jake.white@gmail.com.

55044 is AOK with a recent 100 hr/annual AND a new door latch!



ALSO NOTE:

1. We must be vigilant at keeping water out. **Please, always use the airplane cover when you know it will be raining, as this will really help!** If the weather is sunny or it is summertime, then having the cover off is preferred. When in doubt, ask **Charlie Skelton**.
2. Remember: **ONLY remove the cowling when you have at least two (2) people**. Scrapes and chips can easily occur, and this is most probable when you try to remove the cowling with one person only!
3. The seat-back covers (those “caps” that slip over the top of the seat to prevent wear on the fabric) should be in place when you leave the airplane.

HOW WE TREAT OUR AIRPLANES! When you arrive at the airport, you should expect the aircraft to be in good condition. Remember:

- **TAKE OUT THE TRASH!** Please be sure any spare paper, charts, etc are removed after your flight.
- **CAREFUL WITH THE BRAKES!!** We have had 5 tire changes in the last year, with “flat spots” often seen on the tires of both airplanes. This is most commonly caused by landing while holding the brakes or braking too hard to make the first turn off the runway. PLEASE, be kind to the tires, and watch how you are using the brakes.
- **Tied down securely, with proper knots, taut lines, and no spare length of rope that can whip around in the wind.** Please ask if you need a demo or some practice in this vital area for airplane security.
- **Gust lock is in position, window closed, aircraft locked (both baggage compartment AND door), COVER ON!**

- ALL instruments turned off –*particularly important for doing the hot mag check at shut-down*, since an unexpected electrical surge could fry delicate avionics equipment left on!

If the aircraft is not up to this standard, please let chief pilot **Charlie Skelton** (203-640-3580) know so he can improve matters. ***Be sure to leave our airplanes secure and clean*** – just like YOU would like to find them!

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.

There is a drop box to the right of the doors to the hangar nearest the FBO entrance from the ramp. This is where you can leave airplane keys if you return to the airport after Robinson has closed. PLEASE be considerate of your fellow aviators. Any questions? Please give **Charlie Skelton** a call and he can go over both dropbox use and what constitutes a callout!



AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS -

"WINGS Flight Topic of the Quarter"

Topic: Promoting Proficiency

On Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 13:00 Eastern Daylight Time (10:00 PDT, 11:00 MDT, 12:00 CDT, 07:00 HST, 09:00 AKDT, 10:00 Arizona, 17:00 GMT)

Select Number:

SW1191415

Description:

Continued Pilot Proficiency is as important for the fair weather flyer as it is for the most seasoned pilot. At this informative webinar, we will discuss the new WINGS Flight Topic of the Quarter (TOQ) and how you can easily create your personal recurrent flight proficiency program.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Take an active role in improving safety in flight training! Click on the link below and register TODAY!

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

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAA Safety Team**

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

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

"Hartford IMC Club Monthly Meeting at KMMK"

Topic: Mastering the Art of Instrument Navigation and Instrument Training. (Scenarios and Discussion)

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 18:00 Eastern Daylight Time

Location:

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

Select Number:

EA6391621

Description:

Spring has Sprung! You are invited to the April, 2019 meeting of the IMC Club, Hartford Chapter. At this time of year IFR skills and proficiency are paramount. At this meeting, a new instrument flying scenario

will be presented and discussed. Through its nationwide chapters, the IMC Club, in association with the EAA, provides organized “hangar flying” which is focused on building proficiency in instrument flying. We believe that safety and proficiency develops through education and experience. Our monthly meetings use real world scenarios to engage our members, and allow them to share and build upon their own experiences. 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 and the Bradley 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 - ½ Credit

Basic Knowledge 1 - ½ Credit

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

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

A very pleasant chat with a young captain deadheading on my flight over the weekend resulted in the following suggestions:

- www.smartcockpit.com gives you access to hundreds of jet POHs of all makes and models.
- Captain Evan uses **AeroWeather** as a simple yet complete look at the weather in the cities he is flying from and to. Check it out in the Apple App Store and Google Playstore. The Lite version is free!

TWEED NEWS -



TSA Badges – Need a new or renewed 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 **ALICIA SEREMET** (203-466-8833 ext 109) over at WEST ramp to make an appointment to take training, have your fingerprints taken, pay your fee of \$50 (cash or check made out to “HVN”) and have your new badge issued.

Renewals are \$30, which we all need to do every other calendar year. Be sure to have your old badge plus two forms of government issued ID, and at least one **NEEDS TO BE PASSPORT, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE**. In lieu of attending training next year a renewal packet will be sent out

and must be returned - an FAA requirement. Members will be asked to ensure that we have a valid mailing address and that they complete the form. If someone isn't compliant their badge will be disabled, and they will have to attend a training class to have it re-enabled and usable.

Tweed is becoming quite serious about everyone having and using their security badge – pilots without badges will be escorted from the airport and will not be able to fly!!! Do not be that pilot – get your KHVN badge NOW!!!

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 ONLINE, 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 (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 take 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 now lives in the “Hangar” of the Yale AFROTC suite. The address for the simulator is 55 Whitney Avenue, Suite 450, 4th floor.

For those with Yale Net IDs that would like to gain access to the building and the simulator, send an email to Micah@yale.edu with your name and Yale Net ID. He will work with the AFROTC team to give you access.

If you do *not* have a Yale Net ID, you will need to gain access to the sim through **Charlie Skelton** or another club member with access. YA has priority over use of the sim, so feel free to use it even if cadets are there when you arrive.



On one hand it was a 40 million dollar plane,
on the other hand the spider was
inside the cockpit.

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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