

YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Flyout to First Flight** – weekend of Sept 28-29. **Joel D’Angelo** is organizing an overnight trip to the birthplace of aviation, KFFA, at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. We have 4 pilots already, with space for only 1 more. Contact Joel dangelojoel@gmail.com for more information, or to be put on a stand-by list.
- **Wash & Wax, Saturday, October 12** – From 9 am to noon, we will be cleaning and waxing our airplanes. The perfect time to meet other members and catch up on the latest hangar stories!
- **Poker Run, Saturday Oct 12** – 9am to 1 pm, terminus at KLEW. Sponsored by the New England 99s. For more information, contact piperpilot2003@yahoo.com



Auto-Schedule monthly payments on your account!

So far, our new billing and scheduling system **FLIGHT CIRCLE** is running well, with lots of flexibility to make and cancel reservations. You can even include a viewable note on your reservation if you are looking for company, or a safety pilot, for example.

Remember:

- If your preferred time-slot is not available, we encourage you to make a **BACKUP** reservation instead of a **PRIMARY** one – there is a pull-down menu for “Reservation Type” to change this selection. You will get an email or text notification if your reserved time comes free!
- Dispatch your flight before/during the pre-flight, and check it back in upon returning. Once checked in, your reservation will be grayed out, which will allow other members to reserve the airplane, *even if you reserved the airplane for more time.*
- If the Hobbs or Tach in Flight Circle doesn’t match the actual numbers in the aircraft, please:

1. Note the correct times on the paper log in the aircraft (this is the document of record)
2. Check-in the flight and **enter the correct Hobbs and Tach times shown.**
3. **DO NOT** pay off your account.
4. Notify Josh Snow (text...203-804-4845) with the correct times and ideally a picture of the paper log. He will correct your account and you can pay once it is corrected.

Flight Circle is being used for all billing - dues, flights, minimum flight hours. **Josh Snow**, our billing officer, will send out a statement towards the end of each month to remind you of what you owe. **Please be sure to settle your bill on a monthly basis!** This can be easily done by auto-scheduling payments, which will then be charged to your card on a date of your choosing every month.

Flight Circle is working on simplifying how they display Flight Hour Credits. They are also working on adding a feature that would allow us to easily run a report to show how many outstanding flight credits each member has.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact our Billing Officer **Josh Snow**, Joshua.r.snow@medtronic.com or call/text him at 203-804-4845. You can also contact **Laura Baldwin** lfbaldwin@aol.com or **Jake White** jake.white+ya@gmail.com.

PILOTS...

We have two new members to welcome: **Nicholas Zabel**, and **Phil Irka**



Nick Zabel attended the University of North Dakota for commercial aviation, was a flight instructor out of N87 Robbinsville NJ, flew for Tradewind Aviation out of OXC (flying Cessna caravans, Pilatus PC12s throughout the Caribbean and the northeast, and Citation 500s and 525s). More recently he left his job flying Challenger 604/605s for Executive Jet Management out of HPN for a job flying a Global 6000 out of SWF for Solairus Aviation. "So I am currently flying PC12s, Challengers, and Globals and I just want to top it off with a Piper."

Nick lives in East Rock, New Haven, and Likes to ski, surf, hike, bike the east, west and mid coasts. "I plan on using the club planes for avoiding sitting in I95 traffic or a weekend trip to the Block or the Hamptons. I am no longer an active flight instructor and despite my experience I haven't flown a piston airplane in 14 years but I'm sure I will get up to speed in no time. I would be happy to help aspiring aviators gain experience tagging along on my trips but I just won't be able to sign their log books."

Phil Irka works at Medtronic (with Josh Snow) as a Software Engineering Manager developing Surgical Robotics, and lives in Madison with his wife Cathy and 5 year old daughter Charlotte. He did his primary and instrument training in the mid-2000's primarily flying Piper Warriors and Arrows. Life got in the way with family and house renovations that led to a 10 year absence, but he never lost the flying bug. As for his favorite destinations, he has always loved going flying to Block Island and Martha's Vineyard. "My proudest moment was taking a flight down to Kitty Hawk (KFFA) to see the birth place of aviation."



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.

55044: A new fuel selector was installed at this last 100 hour/annual, along with a new floor rail for the passenger-side seat, AND a new top door latch. 044 will be going over its recommended overhaul time by 10%. There will be a more intensive inspection protocol during these next 200 hours as a result.

ALSO NOTE for 55044:

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 here 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 -

"Communications at Towered and Non Towered Airports"

Topic: This presentation is on communications, mostly in the VFR Tower and Non-Towered environment.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 19:00 Eastern Daylight Time

Location:

Three Wing Aviation
400 Great Meadow Rd
Stratford, CT 06615

Select Number:

EA6395771

Description:

David Faile has been a CFI since 1965. He is a Master CFI Emeritus, and the 1999 National Flight Instructor of the year.

This presentation is on communications, mostly in the VFR Tower and Non-Towered environment. Instrument communications is only slightly covered, as time permits. We will review information in the Airman's Information

Manual, Federal Aviation Regulations and Advisory Circulars.

Also we will review real world examples and discuss best practices that we can use as pilots.

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

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

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

"Hartford IMC Club Monthly Meeting at KMMK"

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

On Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 18:00 Eastern Daylight Time

Location:

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

Select Number:

EA6395851

Description:

Fun flying for Fall. You are invited to the September, 2019 meeting of the IMC Club, Hartford Chapter. At this time of year IFR skills and proficiency are paramount. A new instrument flying scenario will be presented and discussed along with the question of the month.

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**

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

As you know, all flight plans must be filed using the ICAO form now, both for IFR and for VFR flights. Here's a video to help explain how to file out the new form:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/LZPXpbAKShg?rel=0&vq=hd720&autoplay=1>

TWEED NEWS -

TSA Badges – Need a new or renewed badge?? Remember that for the procedure you must

1. Have a completed application signed by our TSA signatory, **Laura Baldwin** (203-966-8499, lfaldwin@aol.com).
2. Once that is done, call **ALICIA SEREMET** (203 907 9818) 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-logoed 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 Michah@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.



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:

YASecretary@aol.com

Laura Baldwin, Secretary