

# YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

June 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Robinson has opened their lobby!** Limited use of the coffee area and facilities, and masks are required, but bathrooms are available for use. (Note Charlie in the picture?)
- **FAA Town Hall** – Thursday, June 18, 1 pm to 3 pm, live-streamed on Facebook, covering COVID-19 concerns for aircraft, operations and infrastructure:



<https://www.facebook.com/FAA/photos/a.179563502085280/3899289653445961/?type=3>

- New England Air Museum is reopening on Friday, June 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. The shortened hours will allow for thorough disinfecting between days. In addition, the hangar doors will be wide open – 10 aircraft outside, and 50 more inside. For more information [www.NEAM.org](http://www.NEAM.org).
- **Next Flyout** – Overnight trip this summer to Niagara Falls is still postponed. We will be watching to see if the Rochester AOPA Regional Fly-In gives us a traveling opportunity – stay tuned! Contact Joel D'Angelo ([dangelojoel@gmail.com](mailto:dangelojoel@gmail.com)) if you want more information.

## PILOTS...

For those with medicals that will expire between March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the FAA has announced that it will not be enforcing the need for a medical certificate until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. What does this mean to you? Basically, if you have a medical that expires in this window (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020), you can continue to fly without updating your medical until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This does not apply if your medical expired earlier than March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. In addition, we've checked with our insurance carrier, and they will honor this same exemption.

## YA Virtual Aviation Library

As part of our committee work, it was suggested that we set up a lending library between members, which we have begun with a Google doc located [HERE](#). This will be a work in progress as we figure out the best way to exchange books without the owners losing track of them!

For now, please feel free to contact the donor of the book directly for exchange. And please add books you are willing to lend!

Questions? Contact Laura Baldwin ([lfbaldwin@aol.com](mailto:lfbaldwin@aol.com)).

# Coronavirus Protocols

Should you decide to take one of our airplanes to go flying, please be sure to remember the following:

1. **Robinson's lobby** is ONLY open 9 am to 5 pm EDT. At all other times, you will NOT have access to the keys, unless you made arrangements DURING BUSINESS HOURS. After-hour requests (such as fuel) up to 8 pm are charged at \$150/hour, more if it is later. Check their website for details.
2. **New Haven Aviation Center** has generously offered to let us use their gate for entering and exiting the airport – a real convenience outside of the hours that Robinson is open. If you need the passcode, please contact Laura ([lfbaldwin@aol.com](mailto:lfbaldwin@aol.com); 203-517-5409 cell).
3. **Please be sure to disinfect the cabin and controls as outlined below.** This guidance will be sent with each scheduling done on Flight Circle. Charlie has supplied each airplane with gloves, but bring your own disinfectant.

## **COVID-19 Cleaning/Disinfection Information**

Please consider the following recommendations when using the club's aircraft to reduce the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 Virus to yourself and all of our members:

- **WASH** your hands or use hand sanitizer (Purell, etc) before arriving at the aircraft
- While wearing gloves, use a Clorox-type wipe to **WIPE DOWN** the door latches and key cockpit controls (yoke, throttle, mixture, flaps, trim, etc)
- **USE** an alcohol pad or spray some rubbing alcohol on a soft cloth to wipe the Garmin screen and all the radio and instrument knobs
- NOTE: **DO NOT** USE CLEANERS THAT CONTAIN AMMONIA --IT WILL DAMAGE THE SCREEN ON THE GARMIN GPS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS
- NOTE: **DO NOT** SPRAY THE INSTRUMENTS DIRECTLY -- SPRAY A CLOTH AND USE IT TO WIPE
- NOTE: **DO NOT** USE HAND SANITIZER ON THE INSTRUMENTS (including the Garmin GPS Unit!) -- IT CAN DAMAGE THEM!

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 bib installed so that the birds will stay out of the engine area. There have been some issues with Comm 2, which is a loaner while our radio gets fixed. Click on this link

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uh9x96mdja85b15/AAAb8V-24fHP7UwO7dEjZGp8a?dl=0> if you want a refresher on how to use our new avionics! The updated checklist is on the website, also.

**55044** also has a bib which must be used, and has just had a 25 hour oil change and compression test. We are conducting a more frequent engine inspection protocol as the engine is over its TBO time. We expect to replace the engine this fall/winter.

### **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: **you MUST have two (2) people to remove the cowling**. 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!

Remember that the bib goes UNDER the airplane cowling to cover any openings into the engine compartment from below. The bungee cords then go over the top of the cowling.



**Flight Circle**

**A few tips/reminders for using Flight Circle, our online scheduling and billing system:**

- If the Hobbs number is changing, **PLEASE use the number it is changing to** in your calculations. More flight time in your logbook! This is a club policy – ANY part of a number showing means that number should be used!
- 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*.

**Auto-Schedule monthly payments on your account for your convenience and ours!**

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

## AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS

### NTAP Discontinued in June

As part of the Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) modernization effort, the FAA will discontinue the Notices to Airmen Publication (NTAP) effective June 18, 2020. The last NTAP will be published on May 21, 2020.

Effective June 18, 2020, International Notices will be available at [bit.ly/NOTAM-Int](https://bit.ly/NOTAM-Int). Links to International Notices and Graphic Notices will also be available on the FAA NOTAM Search website at [notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch](https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch) and on the Air Traffic Plans and Publications website at [faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications](https://faa.gov/air_traffic/publications). More information, including notice submission procedures and submission cut-off dates, will be published on the International Notices website when available. Please also see the feature article "Getting to Yes with NOTAMs" in this issue.

If you have any questions, email [9-ATOR-HQ-PubGrp@faa](mailto:9-ATOR-HQ-PubGrp@faa).

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**Flight Training Experience Project** – For those with a creative bent, you might want to take part in this initiative from AOPA where people are encouraged to tell their stories of how flying and flight training changed their lives: <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/flight-schools/flight-training-initiative/flight-training-experience-survey-and-awards/flight-training-survey>

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

Passenger Briefings: Cute AND informative 6 minute video on what to tell passengers both pre-start and before they arrive at the airport! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVe59Sla8IU&feature=youtu.be>

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### TWEED NEWS -



From Airport Manager Alicia Seremet: "We are currently on track for our annual FAA inspection June 23, 24, 25. We will be doing airfield painting sometime between June and July.

We have planned construction the week of 6/22/20 for the **PAPI installation for RWY 20**. Planned work hours associated

with shutting off the LOC/GS and DME will be 6/22 9:00am to 6:30pm, 6/23 6:30am to 6:30pm, 6/24 9:00am to 6:30pm. Taxiway closures will be coordinated daily with Airport Operations.

Taxiways F and G will not be closed at the same time to allow access and out of the East Ramp. NOTAMs will be published in advance, as permitted by the FAA.

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**A reminder: touch and goes are permitted 0700-2200 Monday-Saturday and Sunday 0800-2200.** We have gotten several noise complaints and are crackin' down on that!

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**TSA Badges** – If you are checked out to be PIC of one of our airplanes, you will need a TSA security badge for KHVN. To obtain one you must

1. Have a completed application signed by our TSA signatory, **Laura Baldwin** (203-966-8499, [lfaldwin@aol.com](mailto:lfaldwin@aol.com)).
2. Once that is done, contact Bryan Hoffman [bhoffman@flytweed.com](mailto:bhoffman@flytweed.com) to organize 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 year in September. Be sure to have your old badge plus two forms of government issued ID, and AT LEAST ONE NEEDS TO BE A **PASSPORT, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE**.

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](http://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-series 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 (<https://www.zazzle.com/s/yale+aviation>). Zazzle in particular has some new items (cell phone grips, ornaments, bag tags) which should go online by the end of the weekend or next week, so check it out!

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](mailto:lfaldwin@aol.com)) if you have any questions or have ideas for additional merchandise!



We 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 – 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](http://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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please let me know if you have any news, suggestions, or comments:

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