

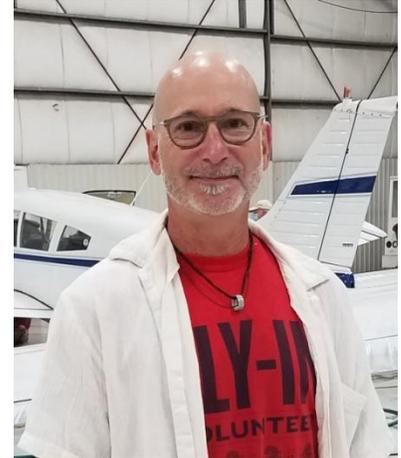
YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

June 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **Mercy Project Musical** - Wednesday, June 23, 5-9pm. Written and produced by Yale Aviation member **Richard Hackley**, the Mercy Project Musical is an original 90 minute, 2 act musical play featuring 17 original songs of rock/pop genre. It will make its debut on at the Fairfield Theater Company, Stage One, 70 Sanford Street, Fairfield, CT.

This will be a workshop performance that is being recorded and is open to the public. Performances will run from 5-9pm. Guests may come and go as they please throughout the recording process. The performers would love to have a large audience for this free event, so spread the word!



- Events at NEAM this summer:
 - **June 20 - Father's Day Open Cockpit Event** - What better way to celebrate DAD, than to share memorable experiences at the New England Air Museum. More open cockpits than a normal day, more docents to share their aviation stories, and more fun than any dad would expect. Don't miss out first open cockpit day in over a year. Stepped-up cleaning and distancing protocols remain in place for everyone's safety.
 - **August 21 - Space Expo 2021** - Join us for SPACE EXPO 2021 featuring former NASA Astronaut Susan Kilrain (one of three women to fly the Space Shuttle) as well as intergalactic characters from the 501st Legion Connecticut Garrison, hands-on activities, and more! [Visit our website](#) for details.

PILOTS...

We bid a fond farewell this spring to **Phil Irka**, **Alex Thew** and **Natasha Pavlinetz**, all of who have moved on to different airports. Natasha starts medical school this fall, and Alex starts work as an instructor at West Point!

Welcome to new member **Stephen Montano**: My wife (Cathleen) and I have been living in Branford for over 25 years and have three grown children. We love the shoreline area and all that it has to offer... I have spent the past 33 years of my career in the hospitality industry, 28 of those years with Marriott Hotels & Resorts. I have always had a passion and interest in aviation since I was a child and feel this is a great time in my life to pursue this dream. Flying will allow me the thrill of excitement, keeping my mind sharp, experiencing the beauty of this area from a different perspective and the challenge and reward of learning every day.



Group Chat for Safety Pilots

Josh Snow has created a group chat/email list for club members interested in being safety pilots for IFR currency flights. The idea is that if a club member is looking for a safety pilot, he/she can send a note out to everyone on the list to see if anyone is interested in helping out.

To be a safety pilot, you have to be at least a private pilot, but you do **not** need to be instrument rated.

Why should you consider being a safety pilot? (1) It's fun to fly with other club members; (2) for non-instrument rated pilots, it's good exposure to IFR flight processes; (3) you are helping club members with their currency; (4) depending on how you decide on PIC responsibility, you can potentially log the time (<https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/learn-to-fly/old-pages/logging-cross-country-time/logging-time-safety-pilot>).

If you are interested in joining the group chat or email, please send the following information to Josh at this email address: joshua.r.snow@medtronic.com

Name:

Email:

Mobile Number:

Wash & Wax – FINALLY! Seventeen joined together last Saturday morning to take 18 months of grime and dirt off our airplanes! A special thank you to **Charlie Skelton** for once again providing all the cleaning materials, **Chris Smarz** and **Mirai Hashimoto** for handling interior cleaning duties, and **Josh Snow** for going above and beyond in cleaning the underside of 55044.





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** has limited 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. <http://www.robinsonaviation.com>
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 (lfaldwin@aol.com; 203-517-5409 cell).
3. **Please be sure to disinfect the cabin and controls as outlined in your confirmation email from Flight Circle.** Charlie has supplied each airplane with gloves, but bring your own disinfectant, being sure NOT to use chlorine-based cleaners on the delicate avionics.

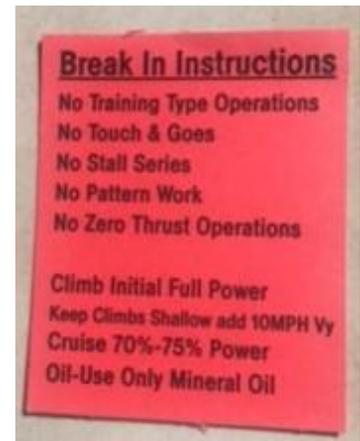
... & PLANES

32028 will have its next oil change up in Barnes this week. Otherwise, AOK.

55044 is continuing its saga. The first flight with the new engine was hampered by an alternator failure. A new one should be installed this week. We will let you know when it is back on line (we still have to finish the initial break-in flight), after which it will need to be flown with NO touch & goes, slow flight, stall series, or pattern work so that the piston rings seat properly.

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. If the aircraft is not up to this standard, please let chief pilot **Charlie Skelton** (203-640-3580) know so he can improve matters.

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!

Be sure to leave our airplanes secure and clean – just like YOU would like to find them!

Updating our Garmin databases –

Remember when you turn on the avionics in our airplanes to always hit the “update” softkey on the Garmins to be sure that the databases are always updated.



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 or call/text him at 203-804-4845. You can also contact **Laura Baldwin** lfaldwin@aol.com or **Jake White** jake.white+ya@gmail.com.

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!**

AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS

On June 16, the FAA is hosting a **Runway Safety Town Hall** for all General Aviation pilots. It will be a live online event that will offer best practices and a lively discussion from GA pilots, air traffic controllers and runway safety experts.

The focus of the Town Hall is to help pilots reduce the risk of airfield errors and lower the potential for accidents. Discussion topics by pilots and air traffic experts will include preflight preparation, situational awareness, focused and clear communications, knowledge of runway geometry and signage, and more.

The Runway Safety Town Hall for General Aviation pilots will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, June 16. The event is free.

Pilots can [register for the event here](#). Participants registered on the livestream will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists and will receive FAA WINGS credit for attending the entire event. The Town Hall also will be [livestreamed on FAA’s YouTube channel](#), but viewers on this channel will not be able to ask questions nor gain WINGS credit.

"Turbulence - Things That Go Bump in the Flight"

Topic: AOPA Air Safety Institute Presents
On Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 19:00 Eastern Daylight Time (16:00 PDT, 17:00 MDT, 18:00 CDT, 13:00 HST, 15:00 AKDT, 16:00 Arizona, 23:00 GMT)

Select Number:

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Description:

We've all probably experienced some form of turbulence during a flight. One moment you're flying along, with everything smooth and calm and then it starts to get a little bumpy or perhaps worse. Turbulence varies

from annoying bumpiness to severe jolts which cause structural damage to aircraft and/or injury to passengers. Join meteorologist and CFII J-P Dice as he shares ways to determine where we might encounter turbulence during our flight and gives us tips and tricks to minimize those encounters.

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

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

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

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

Podcast & Apps & Gadgets –

Shep Stone sends this video about the Impossible Turn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFVFKq3QqXo>

TWEED NEWS -

NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES: The Tweed-New Haven Airport is bounded to the West and East by suburban communities and to the South by sensitive wetlands. Please adhere to the following procedures to help us be the best neighbors and stewards of the land as possible:

- Departing Runway 20, fly runway heading until crossing the shoreline before making any turns.
- Departing Runway 2, fly runway heading to 1,000 feet before making any turns.
- No touch-and-goes late at night (ie from 2200 local to 0700 local, 0800 local on Sundays).



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 access the aircraft. To obtain one you must

1. Have a completed application signed by our TSA signatory, **Laura Baldwin** (203-966-8499, lfbaldwin@aol.com). For that signature she needs to see two forms of ID (passport and driver's license work really well) - **AT LEAST ONE NEEDS TO BE A PASSPORT, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.**
2. With the above completed, contact the Badging Office at security@flytweed.com or 203-466-8833 ext 1004 (speak with Bryan or Alicia) to have your fingerprints taken and organize training. Badging office and training hours (T & Th 9am to 3pm) will have staff on site to accommodate up to 4 people for badging and renewals.

Other days and times are By Appointment Only. Please give advance notice if you can so they don't double book.

3. New badges are \$50 (cash or check made out to "HVN") and renewals are \$30, which we need to do every other year in September. Be sure to have your old badge with you, plus the two forms of government issued ID you showed to Laura.

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-part 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 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 (lfbaldwin@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 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 on the move to end up in the classroom of New Haven Aviation Center! **Jake White** has been working to update the simulator's systems, and we expect it to be reestablished at the flight school in the next few weeks. Flight time on the sim will be organized with Flight Circle. We look forward to working with Chris George and HVNAC owners Jan Dunn and Mark Poole in this exciting collaboration. Stay tuned for more information as we get set up!



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