

# YALE AVIATION NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Friday, September 28, 2012 at 5:30 pm** – meet at the Simulator Room (enter from Dunham Lab, 10 Hillhouse, New Haven) for an introduction to the flight simulator donated to Yale Aviation by Jay Leboff and HotSeat, Inc. Afterwards, we will retire to Mory's to discuss the future of simulators in aviation education over a beverage or two. Please RSVP to Laura Baldwin ([lfaldwin@aol.com](mailto:lfaldwin@aol.com)) by Sept 25 if you wish to join us!
- NE Pilot's Group promotes get-togethers and fly-ins in our area. It was founded 8 years ago to address two issues: The first is to give member pilots good reasons to take to the skies and enjoy the privileges that come with a pilot certification. The second is to encourage member pilots to bring along non-pilots, including family and friends, to demonstrate that general aviation enables us to do things that would not otherwise be possible or practical. Check them out at [www.meetup.com/NEPilotsGroup/events](http://www.meetup.com/NEPilotsGroup/events).

## PILOTS...



Welcome to **Christi Moore**, our newest member: Christi is a semi-retired biotechnology executive residing in Hamden, CT. She is an undergraduate of Southern Illinois University (focusing in chemistry), and Georgetown and University of Massachusetts graduate schools (focusing in immunology and virology). She has developed an eclectic skill set, having managed a variety of biotechnology firms in the Boston and northern New England areas. Her past includes many activities: organic farming and gardening, raising chickens, renovating her home (using a jack hammer was her favorite part!), jogging, playing tennis, and most recently learning how to play the viola. She is excited to be now focusing her efforts on a longstanding interest in flying. Her husband, Craig, and daughter, Ainsley, are looking forward to being along for the ride!

**Charlie Skelton** has completed his Advanced Wings Program. Congratulations!

It's that time of year again – Charlie needs to renew the Club's insurance, and for that he needs each pilot (NOT the students) to send him the following:

- Name, age, current certificates and ratings
- Total hours flying PA28-180's
- Total hours flying PA28-140's
- Date of your last medical & flight review

Please email this info to Charlie ([rbocas@comcast.net](mailto:rbocas@comcast.net)) as soon as

is convenient! (Questions? Ask Charlie!)

Yale Aviation mourns the New Haven flying community's loss of Aaron Mentkowski, a flight instructor at Robinson Aviation. Details of how to make donations in memory of Aaron will be made available at a later date.

## ... & PLANES



**N55044** is now sporting new tires, tubes, and wheels after a spate of flats revealed some corrosion in that area. New aileron last month cost \$3000. Its annual is due in 4 hours.

**N32028** is doing well, having just received a new anti-collision light (\$600).

## AVIATION EDUCATION & NEWS –

The AIM, which is available at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/atpubs/aim/Index.htm](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/atpubs/aim/Index.htm), is updated in February and July of each year. Included in the last February change was an updated description of the "Operation Lights On" pilot safety program and the use of transponders while taxiing, for example. Be sure to check it out periodically!



For more information on seminar locations and dates, visit us at [www.airsafetyinstitute.org/seminars](http://www.airsafetyinstitute.org/seminars) or call 800-638-3101

**No RSVP Required**

**Monday, September 17, 2012**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Hyatt Morristown  
3 Headquarters Plaza  
Morristown, NJ 07960

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Hartford Plaza Hotel  
100 East River Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn Boston/Waltham  
420 Totten Pond Road  
Waltham, MA 02451

**Thursday, September 20, 2012**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Southern NH University  
Dining Center, Banquet Hall  
2500 N. River Road  
Manchester, NH 03106

**Be a safer pilot – today and for years to come...**

*Join us for this fun, fact-filled, FREE seminar!*

Airplanes change, and so do people. We're all different pilots than we were a few years ago – with experience, physical stamina, risk tolerance and mental acuity all shifting over the years. Our latest seminar examines how to maintain the same high level of safety over a lifetime of flying. Join us as we explore these topics and more:

- Simple but effective ways to keep your AME happy
- Why "I feel fine" doesn't necessarily mean "I am fine".
- Why the "conventional wisdom" about age isn't always so wise
- How mood, food, sleep and other factors influence cockpit decisions

**"Can You Hear Me Now?"**

Topic: Radio Communications for Balloon Pilots (All Pilots are Welcome)  
On September 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM

**Location:**  
**Whelan Farms Airport (CT01)**  
**249 Hard Hill Road North**  
**Bethlehem, CT 06751**

Description:  
Radio communications are essential to safe aviation operations,

regardless of whether you are communicating with ATC or operating at non-towered airports. This program will address radio communications for balloon pilots, however, ALL PILOTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Attend this exciting interactive ground training program which will feature active participation from attendees using hand held radios communicating with a simulated tower! This exclusive program will provide practical knowledge that you can use to effectively communicate with anyone in the National Airspace System!

For more information, visit <http://FAASafety.gov>.

**"Meet the FAA New England Administrator at the Annual Simsbury Fly-In!"**

Topic: NextGen and How It Will Affect General Aviation & Transitioning to Experimental Aircraft  
On September 23, 2012 at 9:00 AM

**Location:**  
**Simsbury Airport**  
**94 Wolcott Rd**  
**Simsbury, CT 06070**

Description:  
NextGen is a comprehensive overhaul of our National Airspace

System to make air travel more convenient and dependable, while ensuring your flight is as safe, secure and hassle-free as possible. But how will it affect General Aviation? Meet the New England Region FAA Administrator Amy Corbett and find out! Also, FAA Safety Team Representative Doug Stewart will discuss "Transitioning to Experimental Aircraft". Visit the FAASafety Team and Runway Safety Booths at the event for the latest safety information, meet FAASafety Team Program Manager Jim Adams and FAASafety Team Representatives Nina Anderson, David Faile, Gary Cooke and Terry Keller. Don't miss this exciting event, please see the "Additional Seminar Information" for all the details.

For more information, visit <http://FAASafety.gov>.

**"Long Island Airspace - Hot Topics"**

Topic: Pilot Operations within the Unique Airspace of Long Island.  
On Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM

**Location:**  
7150 Republic Airport  
Republic Airport  
Main Terminal  
Farmingdale, NY 11735

**Select Number:**  
EA1146004

**Description:**  
Review and share practical ideas as it relates to Long Island's complex airspace in a region where every class of airspace is represented in just 1401 square miles. With its numerous airports, controlled airspace, scenic Hudson VFR route, and frequent pop-up TFR's, Long Island has it all. Don't miss this informative and essential seminar

**"Don't Get Caught Out in the Cold!"**

Topic: Winter Weather Preflight, Winter Operations & Decision Making  
On Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM

**Location:**  
Robinson Aviation Inc.  
50 Thompson Ave.  
Hangar No. 3  
East Haven, CT 06512

**Select Number:**  
EA6346354

**Description:**  
Winter weather in New England can adversely affect flight operations. Poor weather conditions with fast moving fronts, strong and gusty winds, blowing and drifting snow, and icing conditions are just some of the issues that require careful planning in order to minimize their effects. So, how should you do your planning? Featured speaker Jeffrey Tongue of the National Weather Service (NWS) will showcase the tools available to pilots to assist in winter flight planning. Don't miss this informative briefing specifically designed to help you make the best decisions for winter flying. Refreshments provided by Robinson Aviation.

**"Take A Look Under The Hood!"**

Topic: Advanced Preflight  
On Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:30 PM

**Location:**  
Three Wing Flying Services  
400 Great Meadow Road  
Stratford, CT 06615

**Select Number:**  
EA6346070

**Description:**  
How can you be certain that the aircraft you are about to fly meets all of the applicable airworthiness requirements? Simply completing a normal preflight inspection is likely not good enough! You don't know what you don't know, so don't miss this exclusive briefing on Advanced Preflight! A more thorough method of ensuring aircraft airworthiness and critical to flight safety. Learn from the experts at this new and informative safety briefing. Refreshments generously provided by Three Wing Flying Service.

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

**Aviation Weather Discussion - <http://www.aviationweather.gov/products/afd/>  
(or what I learned at my last FAAS team seminar....)**

While this might not classify as a podcast, app or gadget exactly, it's still pretty cool. On the NOAA's National Weather Service website, if you click on TAF/FA, you get a number of options including the option to go to "TAF Forecast Discussions". At this section of the site, you click on the part of the map that interests you, and below the map appear the additional comments from the area meteorologists who are creating the TAF. Here you can read about how much faith this guy has over his forecast, or what else he might think might happen, but he isn't confident enough to stick it in the TAF. Fascinating reading, especially in dicey weather. Enjoy!

Oh, and let the guys at Aviation Weather know that you like their weather products (or not). Feedback apparently really helps them out, especially if you like one of their new products. Otherwise, just like at the grocery store, what you love might disappear!!!

**TWEED NEWS -**

**TSA Badges** – Have you renewed? Remember that to complete the procedure, you must have a completed application signed by our TSA signatory, **Jeff Welsh** (203-481-7676, calling between the hours of 10 am to 5 pm is best). Once that is done, you MUST CALL KATHY GRANT (203-466-8833 ext 109) to reserve a spot in the security refresher classes given over at West Ramp.

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**WEBSITE**

Check out the updated Yale Aviation website at [www.YaleAviation.org](http://www.YaleAviation.org). The team of **Tom Sobocinski**, **Ty Kamp**, and **Laura Baldwin** looks forward to your suggestions, as we continue to refine and update the information! The next addition will be a gallery section of names and pictures to help you remember fellow members – please send Laura ([lfbaldwin@aol.com](mailto:lfbaldwin@aol.com)) a picture as we work to include this new feature on the site.

**SIMULATOR**

Anyone needing simulator access should e-mail Ty Kamp ([tahia.kamp@yale.edu](mailto: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 has a key to the Simulator Room in Engineering.

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*The Yale Aviation Newsletter will go 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: [YASecretary@aol.com](mailto:YASecretary@aol.com)*

*Laura Baldwin, Secretary*  
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