

PRESS RELEASE

Vuichard Recovery Aviation Safety Foundation established

On February, 22nd, 2016 the Vuichard Recovery Aviation Safety Foundation has been established in Fribourg, Switzerland. It aims at spreading the so called Vuichard Recovery, which allows a helicopter to exit the Vortex Ring State side wards whilst losing only 20 to 50 feet, compared to up to 500 feet with the conventional method. By applying this method, numerous injuries, deaths and equipment damage can be avoided on a global level.

Vuichard has developed the Vuichard Recovery in 1988. The Method has been adopted by Robinson Helicopter Company as official recovery method in case of a Vortex Ring condition. Also, the American emergency medical services helicopter operator Air Methods has adopted Vuichard's recovery procedure. In August 2015, Robinson hosted the U.S. Helicopter Safety Team Executive Committee and introduced the Vuichard Recovery to the Training Working Group, which then unanimously voted to endorse the Vuichard Recovery.

The Vuichard Recovery will be presented by Robinson's Chief Flight Instructor Tim Tucker at the Heli Expo, in Louisville, KY, USA, on March 1st and March 2nd, 2016.

Claude Vuichard, aged 59, is a Senior Flight Instructor and Examiner, serving as Senior Aviation Safety Inspector at the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA. He has also served as presidential pilot for the Swiss Government for 13 years on turbo-prop, jet aircraft and helicopters. His experience adds up to 16'000 flight hours. He holds current type ratings on the Augusta Westland 139 and 109 as well as on six additional types of Helicopters, including the Bell 47.

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