

# THE SCOOP



---

**Next CLAS Meeting—Thursday, April 17 at 7:30PM**  
**Plainville Police Department, 19 Neal Court, Plainville**  
**Across from the Plainville Municipal Building on Rt. 372**  
*Who knows what kind of meeting it will be—join us to find out and join the fun! ☺*

---

## **CLAS Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2008**

CLAS President Charlie Perreault called the meeting to order at the Plainville, CT Police Station Building at 7:45 PM.

**Members in attendance were:** Charlie Perreault, Mark Sand, Tom Murphy, Penny Christy, Mike Bollea, Garry Guertin, Libby Richardson, Rick Silva, Terry Rollinson, Tony Roswell, Kevin Brielmann, Robert Zirpolo and Mike Wallace.

## **Old Business:**

- **Secretary's Report:** Last month's meeting minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as listed in the March 2008 Scoop.
- **Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report was given.

## **New Business:**

- **Sunshine Committee:** Rob & Lynn Metz's father Francis (Leo) passed away. Tony to send a card on behalf of CLAS.
- **Education Committee:** Several recommendations were discussed.
  1. Review of Safety Seminar video tape
  2. Balloon meister presentationAdditional recommendations can be provided to Penny Christy.
- Beth Miller provided Mark Sand with "Crewing Essentials" book. The book will be passed around the CLAS membership.
- In an effort to increase attendance at the 2009 CLAS Safety seminar, a new date will be considered to help avoid possible conflict with other events happening in March 2009. Penny Christy will provide a recommended new date for the CLAS membership to consider at the next meeting.
- Mike Wallace discussed the BFA website. CLAS members were asked to provide feedback for potential improvements of the current BFA website.
- Libby reminded the membership that CPR and First Aid classes are still available. See Scoop ad for full details.
- Ruth Salberg's basket has been shipped out to the National Balloon Museum.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The Dressels will be bringing refreshments to the April 17th CLAS meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Garry Guertin, CLAS Secretary

---

Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society

# THE SCOOP

---

*From the Editor, Libby Richardson*

Someone once told me if I didn't receive any submissions for the Scoop, to just make something up, so here's is this month's made-up "stuff":

- Derald Young of Dixfield, Maine—could you drive down Route 142 into Carthage and check on my summer house? It's just after Bradbury's Market, on the right after the snowmobile sign. It's the one with the Richardson sign at the end of the driveway. Can't miss it. We haven't been there since October, so it would be nice to know how it's doing. Call or email with an update—thanks!! PS—Would love to fly with you sometime when we're up this summer, will be in touch.
- Did anyone other than me see the ad for 'The Children's Place' that featured the bright yellow hot air balloon? Did you notice anything wrong with the hot air balloon? 1000 points to the first person who tells me what was wrong with the ad. Any good pilot or crew member should see the problem.
- Anyone planning any special flights or trips this summer? Tell me about it so I can feature it here. I know you're out there, but I never seem to hear from anyone---hellloooooo.....

## **Garry Guertin: Thanks for your contributions for this month's Scoop**

### Publishing Information

The Scoop is published on a monthly basis prior to the club's monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Submissions for The Scoop are preferred by email to Editor Libby Richardson at [libby\\_rich@yahoo.com](mailto:libby_rich@yahoo.com). Photos, articles, and ideas are always welcome. Information may be mailed to 380 Hitchcock Road #258, Waterbury, CT 06705 or can be brought to any CLAS meeting. All materials should be to the Editor at least two weeks prior to the club meeting for inclusion.

*The Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society publishes this newsletter for its members and interested parties. Portions of this newsletter may be reprinted if credit is given to the writer and to CLAS. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the organization or members of this organization. For more information contact Libby Richardson, CLAS, PO Box 53, Southbury, CT 06488-0053 Email: [libby\\_rich@yahoo.com](mailto:libby_rich@yahoo.com); Phone: 203-988-6577*

### **Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society – 2008 Officers**

President: Charlie Perreault	860-384-0592	<a href="mailto:bythefireplace@earthlink.net">bythefireplace@earthlink.net</a>
Vice President: Mark Sand	860-536-7393	<a href="mailto:mdsand@snet.net">mdsand@snet.net</a>
Secretary: Garry Guertin	860-919-4175	<a href="mailto:gguertin@cox.net">gguertin@cox.net</a>
Treasurer: Tom Murphy	860-206-5972	<a href="mailto:tmurphyiv@gmail.com">tmurphyiv@gmail.com</a>
Scoop Editor: Libby Richardson	203-988-6577	<a href="mailto:libby_rich@yahoo.com">libby_rich@yahoo.com</a>
Photo Historian: Mike Bollea	860-985-6508	<a href="mailto:mjbwindriders@webtv.net">mjbwindriders@webtv.net</a>

# First Aid and CPR Courses



**!!!Sign ups for April 21<sup>st</sup> course due by April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting!!!**

## **CPR by American Red Cross**

**Monday, April 21, 2008**

**OR**

**Monday, May 5, 2008**

Certification is good for 1 year

Only 12 people allowed in this course

## **Standard First Aid by American Red Cross**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

Certification is good for 3 years

Only 20 people allowed in this course

### **Details:**

- CPR has to be taken before First Aid. If you have current certification from this or another agency, that is good and qualifies you as having the certification.
- Each class will begin at 6 p.m. and will end by 10 p.m.
- Classes will be held at the Waterbury Girl Scout Service Center, 171 Grandview Avenue, Suite 102, Waterbury, CT 06705
- \$12 per course for CLAS members (pilot, crew, etc.); \$6 will be reimbursed to each member who shows up for the course; \$12 fee for non-CLAS members with no reimbursement
- Indicate which course or courses you will be taking and who you are paying for if paying for more than one person; make check payable to CLAS and mail to:

Libby Richardson  
380 Hitchcock Road #258  
Waterbury, CT 06705

**REVOLUTIONARY!**

**IMC TURNS THE BALLOONING WORLD UPSIDE DOWN!**

**•Now Offering•**

- Short term (6-mos) Liability Only Coverage: Sport & Ltd Commercial
- Event 'Additional Insured' packages (with Saving\$) available at issuance
- New discounts for qualifying Balloons, Pilots & Procedures
- Customized policies to meet YOUR flying needs
- Always A+ A.M. Best Rated Companies

**1-800-783-5963**

IMC Balloon Agency  
Visit our web site at [www.imcins.com](http://www.imcins.com)

**IMC is a proud C.L.A.S. Corporate Member**

Celebrating



Years

1981 - 2006

IMC is a proud C.L.A.S. Corporate Member

**2008 Dues Are Due. 2008 Dues Are Due. 2008 Dues Are Due. 2008 Dues Are Due.**

The Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society is a club for anyone interested in learning about, participating in, and improving the sport of ballooning. Pilots, crew, and enthusiasts alike are welcome and ALL can contribute to the safety, enjoyment and education of the sport. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Plainville Municipal Building (Route 372 at Whiting St.) at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact any of the officers listed in this newsletter.

**CLAS DUES** \$20 include membership privileges and newsletter.

Extra voting family member add \$5

Newsletter Subscription Only \$15 CLAS Member Pins \$5 (\$3 members)

Decals \$2 (\$1 members) Landowner Pins \$4 (\$3 members – limited quantity)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Will accept newsletter electronically? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**(Default will be electronically unless notified otherwise.)**

**CLAS Membership Info:**

Single (\$20) \_\_\_ Family (\$20) \_\_\_ Extra Vote (\$5) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Only (\$15) \_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing \_\_\_\_\_

Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Student Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Private Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ N# \_\_\_\_\_

BFA # \_\_\_\_\_ BFA CAAP Level \_\_\_\_\_ BFA PAAP Level \_\_\_\_\_

FAA Wings Level Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Type(s) of Certificate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to CLAS and mail to: CLAS PO Box 53, Southbury, CT 06488-0053**



The Scoop/ CLAS  
PO Box 53  
Southbury, CT 06488-0053  
[www.lighterthanair.org](http://www.lighterthanair.org)

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

*CPR and First Aid Course sign-ups now due. 2008 Dues now due. Details inside!*