

THE SCOOP



Next CLAS Meeting—Thursday, December 18th at 7:30PM
Plainville Police Department, 19 Neal Court, Plainville
Across from the Plainville Municipal Building on Rt. 372

This is our holiday party so please join us for some holiday cheer.
If you have time, bring a dish to share!

Christmas Party at the Farm

To all our good friends in CLAS...

Please join us at "Four Green Fields Farm" for the 11th annual 'Mooney Family Christmas Party' on Saturday, Dec. 13th starting at 5 PM. There will be lots of great food and refreshments plus many other balloonists from GEBA and GSBA. Good hotels, motels, and B & B's nearby. Please bring your favorite veggie, potato, or dessert dish in a disposable tray and any special wine, beer, or whiskey you would like to share. From 5 PM until Bill and Patty go home. Call (203-263-0167) or write (cmooney5@aol.com) with questions. Kids included. "Happy Holidays"
Chris P. Mooney



From The Scoop Editor, Libby Richardson

Our condolences to Rob Macfarlane who's sister passed away just before Thanksgiving. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Thanks for your contributions for this month's Scoop: Penny Christy, Mark Sand, Chris Mooney, and Garry Guertin.

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. 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.

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Connecticut Lighter than Air Society



2009 BFA Safety Seminar Registration Form

NON-CLAS MEMBERS WILL BE ON A WAITING LIST UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2009.

SEATS ARE LIMITED

This year the club has organized its 6th Annual one-day Safety Seminar on Saturday, February 28, 2009. This will be held at the New England Air Museum at 35 Perimeter Rd, Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. (Take I-91 North or South to Exit 40 (Rte 20). Take exit for Rt. 20 onto Rt. 75 North. Follow for 2.8 miles. Take left at Museum sign onto Perimeter Rd. Follow for approximately 1.5 miles. The Museum will be on the right.) The sessions start at 8AM and end at/before 6:30PM. Breakfast and Check-In at 7:30AM, mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks, lunch, meeting the presenters after, and informal dinner out with those who are interested.

To qualify for this BFA Safety Seminar you must attend the following classes:

- Pilot and Crew Safety –** Garry Guertin and Lisa Huck
- Aeronautical/Pilot Decision-Making –** Bill Hughes (Being Confirmed)
- Weather –** Mark Schilling
- Federal Aviation Regulations –** David Tanzer – "Balloons in the National Airspace System or How to Play Nicely with the Other Boys and Girls."
- Open – 1st Half –** Don Piccard - Proposal for an Extremely High Balloon Flight
- Open – 2nd Half –** Don Piccard Tour the Museum and Q&A
- Maintenance and Equipment Repair –** Don Piccard – From Viewpoint of Manufacturer of Type Certified, Amateur and Experimental Built Aircraft
- Balloon Accidents – Panel – CLAS –** Paul Stumpf – Chair of Panel of CLAS members and guests

BECAUSE OF THE POPULARITY OF DON PICCARD AND THE SIZE OF THE NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM ROOM, NON-CLAS MEMBERS WILL BE ON A WAITING LIST UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2009.

First Come First Served

If you have any questions please contact Penny Christy, CLAS Safety Seminar Chairperson, at (860) 857-8757 (cell) or (860) 638-3803 (home) or by e-mail at pmchristy@comcast.net.

NAME	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
E-mail	
BFA Member Number	
Balloon N#	
Insurance Company	
CLAS Member?	Current? Yes_____ No_____ New_____
Pilot Certificate Number	
Rating or Crew Designation (Circle only one)	CP - Commercial Pilot PP – Private Pilot SP – Student Pilot CR – Crew Person O - Observer

Registration Fees:

\$60 = Pilot CLAS Member
 \$80 = Pilot CLAS Member \$60 + 2009 Individual Membership \$20
 or Pilot Non-Member \$70 + NEW 2009 Individual Membership \$10
 \$70 = Pilot Non-Member

\$30 = Crew CLAS Member
 \$50 = Crew CLAS Member \$30 + 2009 Individual Membership \$20
 \$40 = Crew Non-member
 Invited Traveling Presenters are Guests

Make checks payable to CLAS and return with this application to:
CLAS, C/O Penny Christy, 12 Blue Grass Dr., Middletown, CT 06457

Notes:

- If you miss any of these classes you will not meet the BFA's education requirements to qualify as a safety seminar. Make-up classes may or may not be available.
- Your BFA #, Balloon N#, and Pilot Certificate # are required information that must be submitted with your application. Without this information your application cannot be processed by the BFA. Please look them up NOW and insert them above.
- Your seat will not be reserved until payment has been received.
- 2009 CLAS membership is \$20. Become a NEW first time member for an additional \$10 to the non-member price.
- This application will also be accepted at the Jan. 15th and the Feb. 19th CLAS meetings. This registration form must be received by the education committee before the start of the FAA Safety Seminar on February 28, 2009.
- Contact Penny Christy if you plan to stay overnight. We will look for economy accommodations for you near the museum.
- Bring your pilot logbooks for endorsement for the ground school portion of the Wings Program.

From Glo Kehoe in regards to Keith Sproul, as shared with us by Penny Christy:

As members of the balloon family we wanted help with the fundraising activities for Keith Sproul and the family of Steve Lachendro. Below is a list of items with a suggested minimum donation and the person to contact. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY. Friends of the families may designate which family they want their donation to go to unless listed otherwise. If you wish to pay by credit card payment can be made through the Plano Pin Co. Photos of items can be seen at

<http://planopin.com/keithandsteve>

Tribute pin - Wings of Wind minimum donation \$20+
Diane Karlsson diane@planopin.com

Energizer gift basket - Energizer & The Hot Hare Balloon Team donated these Gift Baskets for Keith Sproul. Each baskets contains the following: 1 large stuffed Energizer Bunny, 1 baseball cap, 1 Energi-To-Go I-pod charger, 1 Energizer bunny visor, 1 Energizer water bottle, 1 Energizer beanie bunny, 1 pink , 1 white Energizer ink pens, 1 Keep Going Pink/black bag, 1 Energizer flashlight, 1 Energizer Breast Cancer LED flashlight w/mirror 1 - AA-4 advanced lithium packs,1 - AA-4 Ultimate Lithium packs, 1 - AAA-4 Ult. Lithium packs,1 - 9V-1 MAX PACKS, 1 - 9V-2 MAX PACKS, 2 - AAA-8 MAX PACKS, 2 - AA-6 MAX PACKS, 2 - C-2 MAX PACK. HOT HARE TEAM CREW T-SHIRT & LAPEL PIN (choose size S-3X)

Five (5) baskets available - Suggested minimum donation \$150+ each to go to Keith Sproul

Contact Glo Kehoe ltapilot99@netzero.com

Panda Balloon Team Gift Basket - Pandy Balloon Team short sleeve t-shirt (specify adult s-xl), 2 pins, balloon card, and a Gund panda (like a beanie baby) that resembles Pandy.

Suggested minimum donation \$100+

Contact Shelley Caraway balloonist@peoplepc.com

Pirates of the Canyon Balloon Festival Amarillo, TX gift bag - Pirates of the Canyon pin, Pirates of the Canyon crew t-shirt XL , event t-shirt XL, event poster & program

2 Gift Bags Suggested minimum donation \$40+ each

Contact Glo Kehoe ltapilot99@netzero.com

Kelly & Roger Baldwin/ Lasting Impressions - Tile laser engraved with a photo of your balloon or other favorite photo.

Suggested minimum donation \$135+ to go to Keith Sproul.

Contact Kelly Baldwin KellyHBaldwin@aol.com

Friends of the Kentucky Derby (balloon pins)-

1 Complete set of Kentucky Derby entrant pins (50) 2007

1 Complete set of Kentucky Derby entrant pins (50) 2008

Suggested minimum donation \$100+ ea.

Contact Glo Kehoe ltapilot99@netzero.com

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Minutes – CLAS Meeting of November 20, 2008

CLAS President Charlie Perreault called the meeting to order at the Plainville, CT Police Station Building at 7:39 PM.

Members in attendance were: Charlie Perreault, Mark Sand, Mike Bollea, Erwin Dressel, Ellen Dressel, Garry Guertin, Libby Richardson, Rob Macfarlane, Rick Silva, Tony Roswell, Alfred Theodore, Tom Murphy, Carlos Kebe, Pat Anderson, Bill Colyer & Penny Christy.

Financial Report:

Tom Murphy provided the following Treasurer's report:

Checking Bal.:	\$7,759.09	CD1 Bal.:	\$2,006.61
CD2 Bal.:	\$2,123.26	CD3 Bal.:	TBD

Sunshine Committee Report:

There was no new Sunshine information to report.

Old Business:

Safety Seminar - Penny led discussions regarding the 2009 CLAS Safety Seminar. Mark Sand reported that Don Piccard has accepted an invite as a guest speaker. The 2009 Safety Seminar will be held at the New England Air Museum. It was decided to pay the museum fee in full now to avoid possible cost increases that may happen in 2009. A suggestion was made to Penny to see if the seating capacity could be increased due to the expected draw with Don Piccard. Garry Guertin will contact Ken's Kitchen to book the caterer for the Safety Seminar on Feb. 28, 2009. Tom Murphy will contact Bill Hughes and extend an invite to Bill as a speaker. Ellen Dressel will procure the speaker gifts. Mark Sand will create the guest badges. Penny Christy will create the certificates. Penny will inquire about a possible back up date (Sunday) in case of bad weather due to moving the Safety Seminar date up to Feb.

New Business:

- A motion was made to Donate again to the Plainville Food Pantry with an increase to \$200. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
- Discussion was brought up that the CLAS meeting will continue to be held at the Plainville Police Station for 2009.
- A note was found on Cathy's barn by Al Mack complaining about a balloonist touching down in the reservoirs. The issue is that the reservoirs are drinking reservoirs and balloonist are advised not to land (touch down) in the reservoirs. Penny will follow up with Cathy/Al Mack after Dec. 11 when Al returns to the area to determine which reservoirs are drinking reservoirs. Penny will report out this information at the CLAS meeting to make the information available to all pilots.
- CLAS members were advised that Chris Mooney's Holiday party is scheduled for Dec 13th. Anyone attending should bring a dish.
- Erwin Dressel received a communication from a Cheshire student asking if any pilots may be able to provide him with any extra envelope material for the construction of a parachute. Sizes needed are as follows; 32" Dia. circle, 20"X40" rectangle, 28" square, and 43" equilateral triangle. Anyone wishing to donate some extra envelope material should contact Erwin.
- It was reported that Erwin and Ellen were interviewed and had an article written up in the Cheshire Herald on ballooning. Congratulations Erwin & Ellen and thank you for continuing to provide the community with positive ballooning information.
- Tom Murphy reported that FireFly is discontinuing their polyester fabric line and will be switching over to nylon. Because of that, FireFly polyester fabric will be on sale at reduced rates. Anyone interested in the article should contact Tom Murphy.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM. Everyone is asked to bring refreshments for the Holiday Party at the next CLAS meeting on Dec. 18th.

Respectfully submitted, Garry Guertin, CLAS Secretary

Dues for 2009 are now due. Please send in your dues money now. Thank you!

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 3rd Thursday of the month at the Plainville Police Department, 19 Neal Court, Plainville, 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)

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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) _____

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