



THE SCOOP

Next CLAS Meeting

Thursday, May 21 at 7:30PM

**This will be an educational meeting.
Please note the new meeting location!**

Due to a parking problem at the Plainville Police Dept Building, our CLAS meetings will now be held in the Plainville Municipal Building, where they used to be held. The room has changed, however. Our meetings will be held in Room 302. Our June meeting will be held in another room which will be listed on the bulletin board on the night of that meeting (June 18).

Erwin Dressel will be speaking about Risk Compensation. He writes: ‘Humans have an inborn tolerance for risk. Meaning that as people are made to feel less vulnerable, they tend to take more chances. Bill Hughes speaking during his Ground School course stated, ‘When passengers ask, how safe is ballooning, what do you tell them?’”

From The Scoop Editor, Libby Richardson

Erwin Dressel is pleased to report that he will have a Release of Liability form ready for May meeting. All are encouraged to attend the meeting to review the form as discussed at the April meeting.

Thanks for your contributions for this month’s Scoop: Erwin Dressel, Jim Regan, and Gary 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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Minutes – CLAS Meeting of April 16, 2009

CLAS President Mark Sand called the meeting to order at the Plainville Municipal Building, at 7:35 PM.

Members in attendance were: Ellen Dressel, Erwin Dressel, Bill Costen, Al Theodore, Garry Guertin, Charlie Perreault, Mark Sand, Rick Silva, Libby Richardson, Penny Christy, Eric Albrycht, Tony Philpin, & Thad Burr.

It was mentioned that this was the first meeting since Mike Bollea's passing. The membership provided a moment of silence for Mike Bollea.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Feb. committee reports and meeting minutes as published in the Scoop.

Sunshine Committee: No new items reported

Education Committee: Everyone was reminded that the coming weekend will be the CLAS member Ground School. 19 attendees were reported to have already signed up. Total cost is \$1,500 + expenses. Garry reported that 30 Ground School manuals were printed and will be available for the Ground School event. Attendees are to pay \$10 ea. for refreshments.

Penny will review past CLAS Safety Seminar pictures to establish if there are any pictures of use for future education events.

Nomination Committee: N/A

Audit Committee: N/A

Competition Committee: Report was tabled until the next meeting.

BFA/FAA Committee: Pilots that have signed up for the Wings Program during the CLAS Safety Seminar are encouraged to follow up on-line.

Treasure's Report: Penny reported a checking balance of \$5,044.51. Penny also reported there were 10 new members and 12 returning members added to the current member list.

Old Business: Penny reported that Keith Sproul & Gordon Schrontkowski have agreed to speak at the 2010 CLAS Safety Seminar. Bill Costen agreed to contact the Air Museum to inquire about negotiating a reduced conference room cost for 2010.

New Business: A motion was made and seconded to remove non-members from the newsletter mailing list. Discussion indicated that there was no incentive for past members to remain current as long as they were receiving the monthly Scoop communications. The motioned was passed 13 to 0.

ICM Balloon Insurance Agency Policy changes – Erwin initiated a discussion concerning the new ICM insurance requirements for signed releases from anyone who flies including crew and family. A motion was made, second and passed 13-0 for CLAS to investigate the costs associated with obtaining a common release for all CLAS members. This effort should help all CLAS member pilots avoid individual lawyer expenses. Erwin will investigate and report at the next meeting. Libby provided the name of a Pro-bono legal partnership. All

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.

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