



THE SCOOP

**Next CLAS Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Plainville Municipal Building, Plainville, CT.**

This will be a business meeting for the club.

CLAS Winter Dinner-oh what a night!



Robert Zirpolo, the event emcee



Erwin Dressel presents a crewing award to Bruce Richardson



Mark Sand presents a crewing award to Nancy Russell



Mick Murphy presents an award to Dave and Polly Lasher



The Mike Bollea Spirit Award, and a vintage photo of Mike. For more on the Mike Bollea Spirit Award, see page 3-4.

Photos by Charlie Perreault

CLAS Safety Seminar

Thanks to everyone who attended the CLAS BFA Safety Seminar on February 27, 2010. Crew members and pilots alike from as far as away as Maine, Vermont and New Jersey enjoyed a great day with presenters Gordon Schwontkowski, Mark Schilling, Santo Galatioto, Jim O'Brien, Keith Sproul, and Daryl Smith. Thanks to Penny Christy for organizing a great event. We hope to see everyone next year!



Gordon Schwontkowski



Daryl Smith



Keith Sproul



Presenters with organizer Penny Christy



Mark Schilling



BFA Directors Award presented posthumously to pilot Mike Bollea

Photos by Rob McFarlane

From The Scoop Editor, Libby Richardson

Dues for 2010 are now due. Use the form on the back page of the Scoop to send in your due now.

Thanks for your contributions for this month's Scoop: Rob McFarlane, Garry Guertin, Charlie Perreault and Mark Sand.

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 Feb. 18, 2010

CLAS President Mark Sand called the meeting to order at the Plainville Municipal Building, at 7:40 PM.

Members in attendance were: Garry Guertin, Erwin Dressel, Libby Richardson, Rob Macfarlane, Tom Murphy, Mick Murphy, Charlie Perrault, Rick Silva, Mark Sand, Tony Roswell, Penny Christy, Rich Bouvier, & Ezra Morrison.

- Last meeting minutes were distributed in the Scoop.

Sunshine Committee: Motion was made and second to send \$100 donation to the NE Air Museum in memory of Harvey Hubbell.

Nomination Committee: Erwin reported that all of the nominees for CLAS Secretary have declined. The by-laws prohibit any officer to serve more than two consecutive years in the same office. Erwin has reviewed the CLAS bylaws and found that article XIII, paragraph 13.2 (c) states that the Vice President be responsible for the duties of any temporarily vacated office until such time as a new officer is elected. Based on this, Tom Murphy has been asked to take over as CLAS secretary until another person is appointed to the office.

Audit Committee: No Report

Competition Committee: No Report

BFA/FAA Committee: Jim Adams will provide FAA information at the Safety Seminar.

Treasurer Report: No Report

Education Committee: There was some general discussion on education meeting topics. Mick had made the following suggestion for future education topics; Safety Demos with Fire & Police Departments, Review of Check lists, Use of Airport Radios, & Sectional Map reviews.

Old Business:

- CLAS Safety Seminar is on schedule for next Sat. 2/27/2010. Discussion of some of the final details were made. Local signs would need to be posted. An estimate of 65 people was provided to Libby to communicate to the caterer.
- **CLAS Committee sign up list** was passed around, again. Addition people are still needed to sign up for the Sunshine Committee & Nominating Committee.

New Business:

- **New CLAS Members join the Feb. 2010 meeting.** Rich Bouvier of West Hartford and Ezra Morrison from UCONN learned about the CLAS monthly meeting and are very much interested in helping crew. Any pilots looking for some new crew are encouraged to contact Rich and Ezra for crewing opportunities: Rich Bouvier: (860) 833-0649 (cell); Ezra Morrison: (860) 478-8551
- **Mike Bollea Spirit Award:** Erwin & Ellen have been working on the Mike Bollea Award. The membership reviewed the following list of proposed attributes that nominees of the award should reflect.

A. *An active member of CLAS.*

1. *Attend most meetings,*
2. *Keep dues up to date.*
3. *Work on a committee.*
4. *Take your turn at refreshments.*

B. *Be an active pilot.*

1. *Fly when conditions are appropriate.*
2. *Teach others.*
3. *Be a mentor to current pilots.*
4. *Retain your pilot's license.*

C. *Be an active crew member.*

1. *Be available to pilots.*
2. *Be familiar with several systems.*
3. *Be an asset to the ballooning community*
4. *Be a careful driver.*

D. *Attend a safety seminar yearly.*

E. *Maintain a good relationship with others, pilots, crew and passengers.*

F. *Actively promote ballooning with the public / landowners.*



After some discussion, it was mentioned that nominees for the Mike Bollea Spirit award need only reflect some of the above attributes and do not need to reflect them all. All nominations must be presented in writing to the CLAS President. The award will be presented at the next Winter Dinner.

- **Erwin Dressel made a recommendation to file an amendment to the CLAS by-laws Article 12.2,** allowing officers to hold the same office for a maximum of three years. Erwin will create a formal amendment, in writing, and make a formal proposal to the membership at the next meeting.
- **Erwin Dressel made a recommendation to file an amendment to the CLAS by-laws Article 13.2** Duties of the vice-president, to include being the leader of the Education Committee. Erwin will create a formal amendment, in writing, and make a formal proposal to the membership at the next meeting.



Next month's meeting will be 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 17, 2010 at the Plainville Municipal Building. Refreshments will be brought by Erwin & Ellen Dressel.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Garry Guertin, CLAS Secretary

Minutes – CLAS Meeting of Jan. 21, 2010

CLAS President Mark Sand called the meeting to order at the Plainville Municipal Building, at 7:25 PM.

Members in attendance were: Garry Guertin, Mark Sand, Rick Silva, Kevin Brielmann, Ellen Dressel, Erwin Dressel, Libby Richardson, Santo Galatioto, Lisa Huck, Penny Christy, Robert Zippolo, Erik Albrycht, bill Costen, Al Theodore, & Charlie Perrault.

Sunshine Committee: No Items

Nomination Committee: Erwin is still asking for nominations for CLAS Secretary. If anyone is interested in helping to support the CLAS meetings by acting as secretary please contact Erwin.

Audit Committee: No Report

Competition Committee: No Report

BFA/FAA Committee: No Report

Treasurer Report: Penny reported \$6264 in CD and \$5,428 in checking. Penny received \$100 back for the deposit for the use of the room for the Xmas Party, making the cost only \$60.

Education Committee: An education presentation was provided on Ballooning during the civil war. Mark Sand provided a recorded presentation on Ballooning during the civil war. The presentation was titled “Lincoln’s Air Force”. The presentation provided unique information on the trials and tributes of the use of tethered balloons near the war front to observe the enemy. Communication seemed to be the largest issue. They had worked out a telegraph line wrapped around the tether line but it was still hard to get the information to the right people on the ground to be effective.

Old Business:

- Robert reported that he was expecting approx. 40 people would be attending the Winter Dinner.
- Last month’s Scoop was the first Green Issue, electronic only. Thank you Libby !

New Business:

- CLAS Committee sign up list was passed around. Addition people are needed to sign up for the Sunshine Committee, Nominating Committee, & Competition Committee.
- Mike Bollea Sprit Award: Ellen has creates a plaque with Mike’s picture embossed. Beautiful job. Thank you Ellen. Guidelines for potential recipients will need to be drafted.

Next month’s meeting will be 7:30 PM on Thur. Feb 18, 2010 at the Plainville Municipal Building. Refreshments will be brought by Rick Silva

Meeting was closed at 8:45

Respectfully submitted by Garry Guertin, CLAS Secretary

The Passing of a Friend

HUBBELL Harvey Hubbell, IV, age 80, of North Palm Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday morning, February 16, at home in his summer residence on 6 West St., Newtown, He was born May 8, 1929 in Bridgeport, to Clara (Ham) Hubbell and Harvey Hubbell III. He was a longtime resident of Newtown, and resident of Florida since 1984. Harvey Hubbell IV was the beloved husband of Ann (Edwards) Hubbell for the past 22 years. Harvey was a graduate of the Eastman National Business College and the Babson Institute. He served as 1st Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp. during the Korean conflict. Harvey worked for and later retired from the families business. Being an ardent historian, Harvey was a member and President of The Hubbell Center - a family historical society located in Des Moines, Iowa, as well as a member of the Palm Beach Genealogical Society. He was an avid hot air balloonist since 1978. One of his balloons, the Chanticleer, sports Newtown's "Rooster" logo. Harvey and his crew flew worldwide. He was the Director of the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. Besides his wife, he is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, William Ham Hubbell and Bianca of Argentina; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth Schwerin and Tim of Vero Beach, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Richard Lugovich of Harrisburg, Pa.; son, Harvey Hubbell V of Litchfield. Harvey also leaves behind a beloved legacy of stepchildren, grandkids, great-grandkids, nieces, nephews, and numerous extended family members. **Calling hours will be at Honan Funeral Home, 58 Main Street, Newtown, on Friday, February 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Main Street in Newtown, with burial following at Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport.** Donations in honor of Harvey can be made to the following organizations: Hubbell Family Scholarship Fund 5102 Kenmore Ave. Parma, OH 44134; The Hubbell Center, Suite 422, Hubbell Building, 904 Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa; New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096; Fidelco Guide Dogs, 103 Old Iron Ore Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 (www.fidelco.org) Harvey will be remembered for his incredible faith, and his zest for life. The family would like to thank all those who have shared Harvey's life. and in closing state one of his favorite phrases "This, too, shall pass".

A Thank You from the 502

Today I received a Thank You letter from the 502 ENG. CO. that I want to share. This would never have been possible without the help of all of you!

Dear Mrs. O'Neil,

We want to say thank you for being so generous & sending all those boxes to the 502nd Co. Having a heart that big isn't something most people have. But you took the time out of your busy day & went out of your way to send boxes to us. Knowing that someone is thinking about us back in the states really brightens our day. The holiday season is probably the hardest times during the year to get through & receiving a gift, even for a moment, takes us back home.

Once again, thank you! Happy holidays
502 ENG. CO.

Tanner's unit was only on base for a short time during Christmas, but from what I understand they all had a great time and enjoyed everything. I hope I hear more in the future but for now, know that you made a difference in the lives of 200 Soldiers.

Thank you and God Bless you all!

Arlene R. O'Neil

and the 502 Eng. Co.

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New Balloon Festival

Dear Balloon Club Members:

We invite you to take part in our 1st Annual Golden Benefit Charity Hot Air Balloon Festival, August 6-8, 2010 at the Hemlock Fair Grounds, Hemlock, and NY. The fairgrounds are located just below Honeoye Lake & Conesus Lake and about 40 minutes south of down town Rochester NY .

Founders Mark Farruggia, Retsof, New York, Kay Boothby- Zagorski, Sloan, New York and Dan Starr, Rochester, New York formed the non for profit Friends and Families of Muscular Disorders Foundation. Friends and Families Muscular Disorders Foundation is a non for profit organization to honor those who have a muscular disorder by raising funds and awareness through unique charitable events and actives.

To grant and award money to medical and educational intuitions for new programs to help people with and too help other groups and individuals who may need a helping hand in a need of financial difficulties in Livingston, Monroe , Genesee, Erie Counties and throughout New York State. Funding for a pair of leg braces and even helping with fixing a wheelchair that all cost money. Many families have trouble affording these essential items because of the mounting cost associated with these diseases. Adult Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Ar thritis, Charcot Marie-Tooth Disease, Cerebral Palsy, Diseases of Peripheral Nerve, Fibromyalgia, Heritarity Neuropathy, Inclusion Body Myositis , Lupus, Mitochondrial Myopathies, Motor Neuron Diseases , Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophies, Myasthenia Gravis , Neuromuscular Junction Diseases, Parkinson's Disease, and other Muscular and Neuropathies disorders.

The Neuromuscular Disease Center at the University of Rochester Medical Center offers state-of-the-art comprehensive care to over 4,500 patients affected by neuropathy, ALS, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, and other neuromuscular disorders. The Center strives to provide patients and their families with the tools, resources, and emotional support they need to understand and meet the challenges of their diseases so they can live their lives to the fullest. Physicians and scientists at the Center are actively involved in research to uncover the mysteries of these neuromuscular disorders and to develop new treatments.

Thank you for your time and support and input. We look forward in hearing from you soon. We can be reached at 585-519-1917 for more information.

Sincerely,
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National Balloon Museum Photo Contest Entries Sought

One winning photo will appear on the 2010 postcard. Other photos will be chosen for inclusion in the 2011 Ballooning Calendar. Submissions must be received by May 30, 2010. Entry forms and rules are available at the Museum or on the Museum web page: <http://www.nationalballoonmuseum.com>

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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(Default will be electronic newsletter 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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