

THE SCOOP



**Next CLAS Meeting—Thursday, November 20th at 7:30PM
Plainville Police Department, 19 Neal Court, Plainville
Across from the Plainville Municipal Building on Rt. 372**

Just a little bit of everything this month...it's been a busy month! With love from your editor, Libby



Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your holiday!

Check out Jim Main's collections of "stuff" on sale on his website, www.balloonstuffjim.com.

Jim says, "I've been an pilot since early 80's in Phoenix and have amassed 1000's of items in a lifelong collection of balloon STUFF! Well it's been a while since I retired my rig here in Houston, I am now selling off my life long collection of STUFF -- gifts, collectibles, decorations, STUFF like you wouldn't believe! Thousands of items!"

Balloonist doesn't let disability keep him from living dream

By Michael Wigman — Lake Powell Chronicle

Life can at times deal you a crushing blow or defeat, which at that very moment seems like it will destroy all of your hopes and dreams. Michael Glen faced such a moment head on at the age of 21 when he was paralyzed from the waist down after a car crash in 1996. *To read more visit http://www.lakepowellchronicle.com/fe_view_article.php?story_id=1543&page_id=77&heading=0*



Care Page for injured pilot Keith Sproul: <http://www.carepages.com/carepages/KeithSproul>

An article on the Plainville Balloon Festival:

<http://www.notable-starz.com/newsletter/September2008.pdf>

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From the Editor, Libby Richardson

Thanks for your contributions for this month's Scoop: Penny Christy, and Garry Guertin. All photos this month by me, Libby Richardson.

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Minutes – CLAS Meeting of October 16, 2008

CLAS President Charlie Perreault called the meeting to order at the Plainville, CT Police Station Building at 7:35 PM. Members in attendance were: Charlie Perreault, Mark Sand, Mike Bollea, Erwin Dressel, Ellen Dressel, Garry Guertin, Lisa Huck, Santo Galatioto, Rob Macfarlane, Rick Silva, Tony Roswell, Alfred Theodore, Tom Murphy & Penny Christy.

Financial Report:

No financial report was requested

Old Business:

No old business items were discussed

New Business:

A motion was made by Santo for the CLAS membership to host a ground school weekend event for CLAS members to be provided by Bill Hughes. The motion was second by Lisa Huck. The motion was detailed as follows: The CLAS hosted ground school is only available to CLAS members. CLAS will cover Bill Hughes charge of \$1,500 for the training session. Attendees will each pay \$40 towards offsetting the CLAS cost of the training. There is a maximum of 25 students allowed, first come first serve.



Discussion:

Mark Sand reported that he met with Bill Hughes and discussed the option of having an abbreviated format (1 day) vs. the typical two day session. Bill Hughes declined and is only offering a 2 day session. Santo urged members to consider attending this ground school event. He has observed that although he feels that pilots do have and demonstrate a high degree of flying skill he also feels that the technical skills taught at the ground school could be beneficial to most pilots. It was noted that lunch will be the responsibility of each person. A suggestion was made that everyone could go in on pizza, etc. The date was discussed and locked in with Bill for April 18 & 19, 2009. Penny volunteered the use of her barn to hold the sessions. The motion was brought to a vote and passed based on 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

2008 Photo Contest was held. There were a total of 57 pictures entered. All of the pictures were great and it was very difficult to choose only twelve pictures for the 2009 calendar. The 1st place picture will be hosted on the cover of the calendar.

- 1st prize – (2) Tickets to the 2009 CLAS Winter Dinner
- 2nd prize – (1) Ticket to the 2009 Safety Seminar
- 3rd prize – (1) 2009 CLAS membership

Winning pictures will need to be digital and sent to Garry so that they may be entered into the 2009 calendar. Congratulations to the top twelve winning photos.

1st: Mike Bollea; 2nd: Mark Sand; 3rd: Mark Sand; 4th: Pauline Baker; 5th: Bev Theodore; 6th: Garry Guertin; 7th: Ellen Dressel; 8th: Carlos Kebe; 9th: Garry Guertin; 10th: Ellen Dressel; 11th: Carlos Kebe; 12th: Mark Sand

Runners Up (in the event that any of the above photos fail to appear, the runners up will be called upon to fill in): 13th: Lisa Huck; 14th: Debbie Smith

A motion was made and second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. Rob & Pam Macfarlane are to provide the refreshments at the next meeting on Nov 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted, Garry Guertin, CLAS Secretary

Have you paid your dues yet this year? You will not receive this for much longer. Pay now!

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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