



# The Scoop

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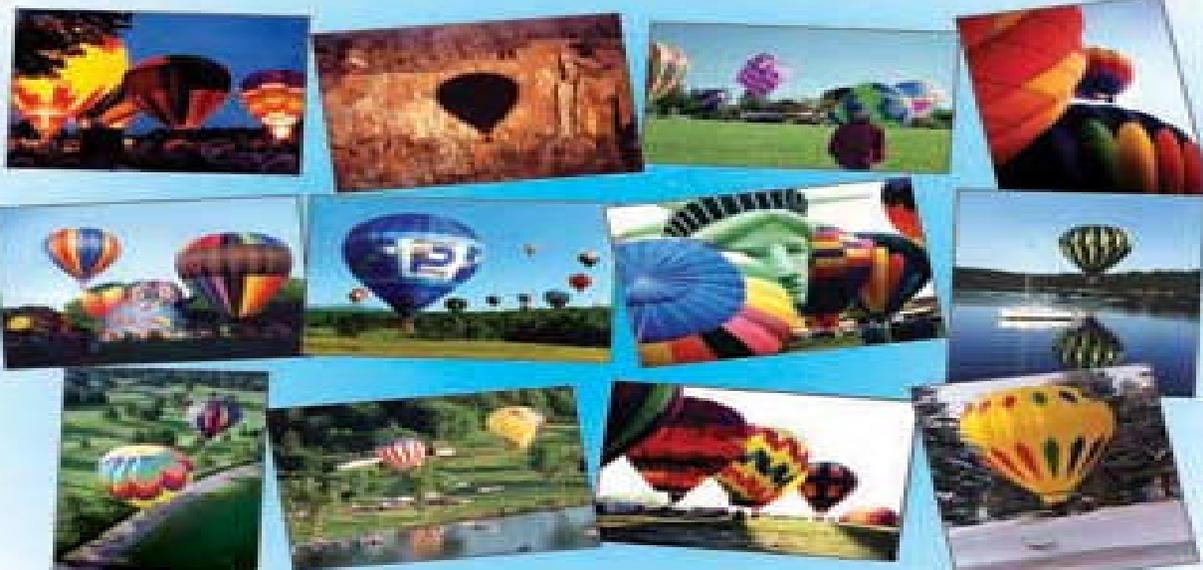
## CLAS 2000 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

Forty-four photographs were submitted for the CLAS Photography Contest. The membership present at the October 19th meeting judged the entries. Congratulations to those who submitted the winning photographs.

**1st PLACE: Balloon Glow – Plainville, CT photo by Bev Theodore**

**2nd PLACE: Balloon in snow scene, photo by Bruce Arnold, submitted by  
Richard Varney**

**3rd PLACE: Balloon over a sailboat, photo by Bruce Arnold, submitted by  
Richard Varney**



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### HONORABLE MENTION

Balloons at Bristol, photo by Ellen Dressel  
Balloons at Skylark Airport, photo by Pete Hyslop  
Two balloons over a golf course, photo by Terri Rollenson  
Three balloons, photo by Carlos Kebe  
Balloon shadow on cliff, photo by Jim O'Brien  
Primary Steel Balloon at Stowe, VT, photo By Jack Perry  
Little girl at Post Mills Experimental Balloon Rally, photo by Jack Perry  
Statue of Liberty Balloon, photo by Cindy Smith  
Balloon ditched at sea, photo by Mike Bollea

## CLAS Meeting Minutes

Dated: Nov 16,2000

Terri Rollinson, Al Theodore, Randy Riley, Stephen Griswold, Dave and Polly Lasher, Daryl and Cindy Smith, James O'Brien, Penny Christy, Frank and Barbara Bart, Peg and Peter Hyslop, Gloria Koczera, Michael Bollea, Ellen and Erwin Dressel, Kevin Brielman, Carlos Kebe, Santo Galatioto, Robert Zirpolo, Kristen Brighenti, Dianna Marcarelli.

**Treasures Report** \$1001.27 in checking. Three CD's gaining interest.

**Membership:** Given the okay for 50 manuals for the new members.

### **Safety Fest:**

**To be held at P&WA hanger as last year. Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2001.**

1. 4 Hours pertaining to just ballooning and to follow the education schedule to obtain the remainder to get BFA sanction
2. 4 Hours to be general aviation
  - Weather by Rich Clark
  - FARs
  - Decision Making
  - Accidents by Mark West
  - Education on a Saturday DTA
  - Power lines at CL&P
  - Repair to be held locally
  - Robert and Kevin



### **Competition:**

Saturday am @691 commuter lot, conditions not looking go. Will try for Sunday.

For the 2001 schedule the Saturdays will be named in advance and no change to Sunday if the weather is non flyable.

**Suggestions for 2001:** a pilot to host a Saturday.

Getting necessary crew to handle the task .

Each pilot to be responsible for measuring his or her own marker.

### **Winter Dinner:** Vote was taken as to where and when

February 23,2001 at Colonial Tavern, Southbury (Exit #16 off I84)

Dinner Choices, Prime Rib and Baked Stuffed Shrimp for \$22/person

### **Election Results:** No write in candidates

President Tony Roswell

Vice Pres. Daryl Smith

Secretary Ellen Dressel

Treasurer Jack Perry

*CLAS Calendars: Photo contest hosted by Jack Perry. Jack has put together a very nice calendar for the club. With prepaid orders we have decided to go for the 250 and get the best price. They will be available at the December meeting so those of you that were not present Thursday will still have the opportunity to purchase yours to give as Christmas presents to your crew, friends and family. Cost to be \$10/calendar.*

## 10-19-00 Educational Meeting

Education Mmeeting, 18 members present.

Daryl Smith lead the discussion on the need for check list. Necessary for Pilot, passengers briefing and chase crew.

The vote was then taken for the club calendar. The photos were each assigned a number and those present decided which they thought should be first, second and third, then honorable mention. Jack then went home to tally the votes and announce the winners. There were some awesome photos to choose from. Now the process is, how many calendars to have printed and can the club sell enough to make a profit on the project? They will make great gifts to be given to associates, friends and family.

Two new members:

Diana Marcarelli, 98B Baths Ave, Bristol 06010

Jonathan Peters,490 Main St. Cromwell,06416

Ellen

## Scoop Advertising Rates

### ADVERTISING RATES

FULL PAGE	\$20.00	8" X 10"
1/2 PAGE	\$15.00	5" X 8"
1/4 PAGE	\$10.00	4" X 5"
1/8 PAGE	\$ 5.00	(business card)

### CLASSIFIED RATES

Classified ads are \$3.00 per line. Each line is approximately 50 spaces. "N" numbers and Total Time are required for all listings. Classified ads are free to CLAS members in good standing!!!

If you have an article or advertisement for the "Scoop", please submit it to the PO Box Address or send it E-Mail to:

Blarney007@aol.com, by July 10th for the July Newsletter.

### **FORSALE!!**

1994 AURORA S-49A N9130C 3 HRS TT, (NOT A TYPO).  
36x42 BASKET BANNER VELCRO, INFLATOR FAN,  
LOTS OF EXTRAS \$9000. OR BEST OFFER. OWNER  
NEEDS TO SELL. 203 250-8441 OR EMAIL  
RZIRPOLO@JAVANET.COM

## **December Meeting** **Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> ,** **7:30pm,**

Thursday at Plainville Municipal Center

Pot Luck Social, bring a dish of finger foods, dips, munchies and some soda or Juice for everyone to Share!! See Ya! There!!!

### **Winter Dinner Awards**

Please submit nominations for this years awards by the December meeting, so we can have time to properly recognize this years recipients.

We need nominations for the following awards.

1. Art Laliberte Crew Award.  
This honor is given to the crew person who has done an exemplary job in performing crewing duties
2. Sh\*t Happens Award. Do we really need to explain why anyone receives this one?

### **FORSALE!!**

1997 Cameron O-77 with 185 total hours. The top 1/3 is hyper-last and there are no signs of porosity or color fade anywhere on this envelope. This balloon was never tethered or put away wet and in fact it looks like new! This envelope new cost \$16,000 in March of 1997.



The basket is a 1992 Aristocrat 42 X 52 with brown suede leather bolster and up-right covers, a padded floor and tool bag. This also includes a blue vinyl basket cover. The burner is a 1984 Mark IV. A real workhorse that never fails! The burner comes in a like-new Stumpf burner bag. There are three aluminum ten-gallon propane tanks. Of the three there is one master tank. Two tanks were hydro-tested in 1995 and 1997 (good for 12 years). One received an external visual inspection in 1997 (good for five years). All are set up with heat tapes and insulation covers.

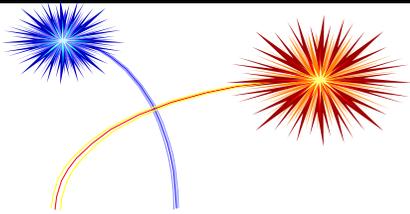
Propane hoses were replaced in Nov. of 1995 and hose end fittings were replaced in 1999 (the chrome plate was peeling on the old ones).

The ball variometer, model 655 was factory re-calibrated in February 2000.

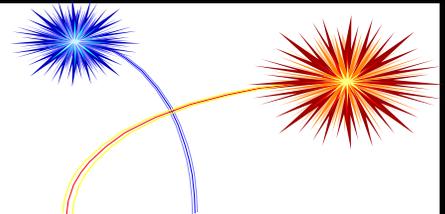
In conclusion, this system is very clean and in excellent condition. Our asking price is \$14,000.

For details and viewing:

[www.castleviewballoons.com](http://www.castleviewballoons.com) or call 203 272-6116.



LET'S PARTY !!!



*CONNECTICUT LIGHTER THAN AIR SOCIETY'S  
WINTER DINNER*

*WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2001  
COCKTAILS AT 7:00 PM DINNER AT 8:00 PM*

*WHERE: COLONIAL TAVERN  
24 HAWLEY ROAD  
OXFORD, CT*

*COST: \$22 PER PERSON (CASH BAR)*

*DINNER CHOICE: PRIME RIB  
BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP  
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU*

*HORS D'OEUVRES, APPETIZER, SALAD, POTATO, VEGGIE,  
DESSERT*

*RESERVATION AND DINNER CHOICE TO POLLY OR DAVE  
LASHER BY FEBRUARY 10, 2001. \$ DUE BY FEBRUARY 16.*

*SO PUT AWAY YOUR JEANS, GET OUT YOUR PARTY  
CLOTHES, BRING YOUR PARTNER, BRING YOUR CREW, PLAN  
TO ENJOY A GOOD MEAL WITH GOOD FRIENDS AND SEE  
WHO WON THE LONG JUMP, THE CLAS COMPETITION,  
THE ART LALIBERTE CREW AWARD AND OF THE S\*\*T HAP-  
PENS AWARD!!*



## Historical Marker to Honor

### Ed Yost

On October 22, 1960, Ed Yost and a 6 man crew, made the "first free flight of a modern hot-air balloon" from Bruning, Nebraska. We feel that the time has come to have this location marked with a historical marker, just south of the World War II bomber-training base where the first flight took place. We have received the approval from the Nebraska State Historical Society, and also the approval and assistance from Ed Yost. We are hoping for an installation and dedication date of May 22, 2001, (this date was chosen by Ed Yost). However, in order to meet this date we will need to get the marker ordered by the first of February. This means we have to get busy and start raising funds for the marker, and this is where the "ballooning community" comes in. We need your help!

We have started an account at the South Central State Bank in Campbell, Nebraska. All money will be handled by the bank. Checks should be made out to:

"Ed Yost Historical Marker", with acct. #206-264 in the memo.

The mailing address is: P.O. Box 186 - Campbell, NE 68932-0186.

If you would please include your name and address, we will be able to acknowledge the contributions.

If anyone has any questions, please e-mail me at: <herhart@gtmc.net>

Thank you for your help,

Peggy Hart

## Let's show CLAS Support!!!!

For those Balloonists who are not on the balloon reflector, a small group in Nebraska is raising funds to create a Historical Marker Commemorating the Historic Flight Ed Yost made on October 22, 1960. As the Father of the Modern Day Hot Air Balloon, I feel that we as the Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society should send financial support to help in this project. That flight has made a significant difference in all of our lives since we all are able to enjoy and participate in ballooning today.

Between now and our next business meeting, please think about and decide how we would like to proceed as a team.

Lets, all remember what the Club has done for our local Air Museum with the purchase and donation of the FAVIA Basket and most recently placing the Memorial Marker for Silas Brooks.



Happy Holidays

Mick

### MORE CLASSIFIED



**1987 Cameron DP-70 Airship.GBNXG**, 22TT.Complete w/box trailer, 2/10-gal.alum.cyls.,2-cylce/4-cyl.Konig radial engine 570cc, banner areas 2 sides, all very good/excellent condition, one private owner.\$25,000.  
Contact 860-678-7921 or delano120@aol.com

**1984 Cameron A-140.N9024B**, 10TT s/n1067,dbl MKIV burners,42x70 Aristo.basket w/cover, 4/10-gal alum.cyls.,6 banner areas, good amt repair fabric,pull test ok 3/2000,flat bad trailer 4x8ft. \$15,500.  
Contact 860-678-7921 or delano120@aol.com

**1999 Firefly AX-8.N7053Z**, 45TT.5.basket,dual Mirage,DT-21,turning vent,two master tanks 25,000.  
1997 FireFly AX-9.N3085Z,140TT.5.5.basket dual T3s,DT-21,6 tanks, \$27,000.  
Both can be viewed at [www.Berkshireballoons.com](http://www.Berkshireballoons.com)



## Flight Manual Up-Date Landing Area Repots

### RED ZONE

Originator: Erwin Dressel                      Subsequent reports: None

Landowner: Afraid to ask

Location: 436 Preston Avenue in Meriden, aprox.4 miles North of I-691 and the Police Academy. It is a large field located on the South side of an old white two-story farmhouse.

Aerial Landmarks: Approximately 1/2 mile East of I-91 and 1/2 mile North of I-691. The only large grass field in that area bordering on Preston Ave. There is one old cinder block barn in the field and a smaller field on the North side of the farmhouse.

Incident/Situation: I touched down Nov. 19, 2000 and waited for our chase crew to ask the landowner for permission to pack up the balloon. A male approximately 40 years old, refused permission and asked for our Balloon number to report me to the FAA. We were in the field for about five minutes and than took off and flew on. When what appeared to be the owner, walked into the farmhouse the older gentleman that had accompanied him told the chase crew that he didn't know what was wrong with the young man.

Fly over recommendation: 500 AGL.

Originator: Erwin Dressel  
Subsequent Reports: None

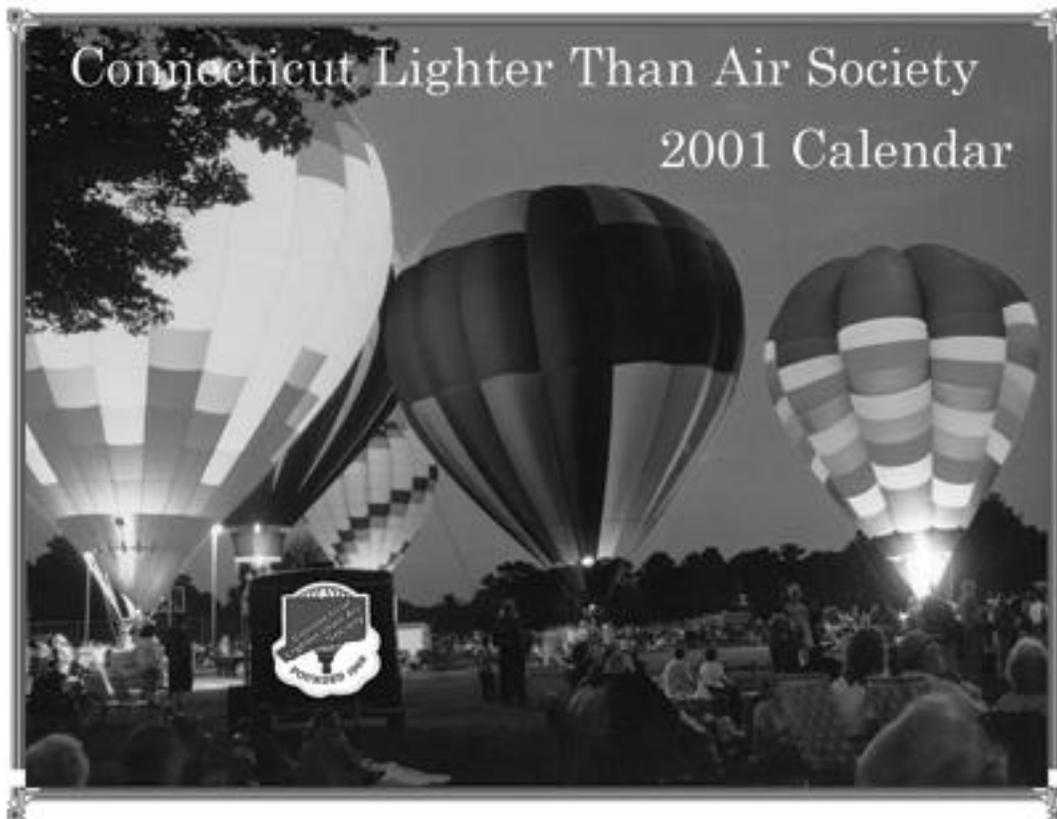
Landowner: Deb Turner

Location: 1531 Kensington Road in Kensington. Which is approximately ¾ mile North of Orchard Road.

Aerial Landmarks: Large barn, about 100 feet long with a white roof. Oval dirt track on East side of barn. To the south there is a hedgerow of trees and about five plastic green houses. There are grass fields all around the horse barn, however, what is unusual is the lack of any fencing of any kind. Kensington Road makes a 90-degree turn on the West and North side of the property. There are residential homes on both sides of Kensington road and the Horse Barn sets approximately 500 feet back from the road in two directions both North and West.

Incident/Situation: Landed on an adjoining farm Oct. 25, 1999 and while packing up Deb. Turner (from the Horse farm) walked over. She said we did not disturb her horses but earlier in the year, (about the time of the Plainville balloon feast) several balloons went over her barn, spooked the horses, and several got hurt. She tried to identify the balloons but we couldn't help her. We promised to bring her barn to the attention of the club. She doesn't want any more balloons flying low over her barn. Based on the fact that she thought all balloonists were rich playboys, don't ever try to land there!

Fly over recommendations: 1000 AGL



**CONNECTICUT LIGHTER THAN AIR SOCIETY**

**2001 CALENDAR**

**\$10.00 EACH, GET ONE WHILE SUPPLY LASTS.**

Contact: Jack Perry, 206 Railtree Hill Road, Woodbury, CT 06798  
203-263-5962, jackp02@sprynet.com

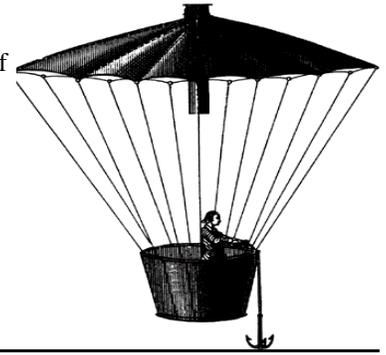
**Congratulations & Welcome**

**2001 CLAS Officers**

**President Tony Roswell  
Vice Pres. Daryl Smith  
Secretary Ellen Dressel  
Treasurer Jack Perry**

## "BE A PILOT" PROMOTES HOLIDAY GIFT OF WINGS:

"BE A PILOT," the non-profit organization that promotes learning to fly, released the results of a nationwide survey of men which found that more than half of those questioned said they've always wanted to fly an airplane. Apparently, that's a good reason for the organization to launch a holiday promotion designed to lure in some percentage of those poor, lost masses. The group is offering a \$35 "introductory flying lesson" that can be ordered right off their Web site if you want to help get a would-be aviator or aviatrix up for their first flight.



AVflash

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Monday, December 4, 2000



### *Annual Mooney Time Christmas Bash*

DECEMBER 16, 2000

3:00pm---Until Bill Pat & the Ushchak's leave!!!!

Bring your favorite dish

Chris & Cindy Mooney

72 Railtree Hill Road

Woodbury, CT 06798

203-263-0767



Living just outside of Albuquerque, the ballooning capital of the world, Thelma Alexander has gotten used to seeing balloons float over her neighborhood. Little did she know that one may someday come to her rescue. Alexander had gotten up in the middle of the night October 18 when a couple of dogs started barking outside her fence. Her own dog, Jessie, began barking back.

"I went outside and picked up a bit of gravel to throw at those dogs, and I fell over," she said. "And so I lay there. I lay there a long time meditating over whether I should call for help."

Alexander said she had crawled to her back door and tried to use a chair to help her reach the door handle, but was unable to reach it. She layed at the back door until dawn, when she saw the balloon approaching from about two blocks away.

"I started yelling at him. I'm not sure if there was anyone else in the balloon, because I was so focused on him", she said. "After he saw me, he started yelling at two of my neighbors who were outside. He told them there was a lady in trouble, and he wanted them to find me NOW!" Before she knew it, the place was buzzing with police, medics and neighbors.

She suffered a broken leg and is home after surgery. Now she wants to find the benevolent balloon pilot who came to her aid. "I'll give him the biggest bear hug in the world", she says. "I don't have any money to give him, but I sure want to thank him." Even after newspaper and television stories about her lighter-than-air rescuer, she still has no idea who he is. "Maybe he doesn't want the attention", she says, "but I still want to thank him!"

## **Bill & Pats Annual Christmas Costume Party**

**DATE:** December 23, 2000

**TIME:** 6PM-TILL SANTA TELLS YOU TO GO HOME.

**WHERE:** 120 FLAX RD. FAIRFIELD, CT 06430

**FOOD:** WE GOT TURKEY, YOU BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT OF CHOICE AND GET JAMMIN.

**COSTUMES:** WHY NOT!

**RSVP:** WE DO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES! TEL-203-255-1929

**DIRECTIONS:** 95 SOUTH TO EXIT 21 MILL PLAIN RD. TURN LEFT GO UNDER HIGHWAY, UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGE TO POST RD. TURN RIGHT AT LIGHT. NEXT LIGHT IS SOUTH PINE CREEK, TURN LEFT, TAKE THE 5<sup>TH</sup> RIGHT WHICH IS FLAX RD., RED HOUSE AT THE BEND.



#### Selecting a Cut Tree

- Step back 5-8 feet and check the tree from several angles. Look for a densely branched tree with good shape, color, and fragrance. The trunk should be straight (or nearly so) and should not be visible through the foliage.
- Bend a branch slightly; it should bend easily and not crack or break. Another sign of a fresh tree is sticky sap on the trunk.
- Grab a handful of needles and pull gently. Few, if any, needles should come loose. Shake the tree and avoid a specimen that drops a lot of needles.
- Check the height to ensure you are getting what you pay for.

#### Selecting a Live Tree for Planting Later

- Buy your tree from a reputable dealer or grower. Check to be certain the variety will thrive in your climate.
- In general, the younger a live tree, the better it will withstand the transplanting process.
- Look for a tree with a single, straight trunk, and a healthy appearance -- good color, pleasing shape, and no evidence of browning or insect damage.

Plan on keeping the tree indoors no more than 7 days.

### **The twelve days of Christmas determine the weather for each month of the year.**

This English weather lore tells us that we should note the weather on each of the 12 days which will then correspond to the weather for the corresponding months. The first day of Christmas is December 25; the second day is known as Boxing Day. In wealthier families, the Christmas feast is on December 25 and the servants have to work to feed the family. The servants then have the next day off and receive their boxes. The twelfth day of Christmas is January 5, the Eve of Epiphany, and decorations are removed on January 6.

This proverb is a bit of Saxon lore. They tell us that if the New Year falls on a Sunday, we will have a good winter, a windy spring and dry summer; on Monday, we will have a severe winter, a good spring and a rainy summer; on Tuesday, a dreary winter, a windy spring and a rainy summer; on Wednesday, a hard winter, a bad spring and a good summer; on Thursday, a good winter, a windy spring and a good summer; on Friday, a variable winter, a good spring; and a good summer; and on Saturday, a snowy winter with a rainy spring. From this, it looks as if Friday is the best day for New Year's Day.

This year New Year's Day is a Monday???????

## **Freeze Your Buns**

**The annual winter fly out at the aqua-Turf Club will take place (with or without you) as usual the first weekend after the New Year on Sat Jan 6 or Sun the 7 in the am only!!!**

**As in previous years.. don't even think about driving onto the lawn as you may sink in and become a very expensive lawn ornament until spring!**

**Plenty of space to unload from the parking area onto the lawn without having to carry more than a few yards or use the parking lot if so desired.**

**Breakfast post Flight as usual at the "Café de la truck stop!"**

**Need directions there or personal guidance???**

**Call Robert Zirpolo (203) 250-8441**

## CONNECTICUT LIGHTER THAN AIR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 during the months of Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May, July, Sept, Nov and Dec on the third Thursday of the month at the Plainville Municipal building at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact any of the officers listed inside this newsletter.

Three types of membership are available - Single, Associate (2nd voting member in same household) and Family. The dues for 2000 are:

New member		Renewing members	
Single	\$29	Single	\$24.
Associate	\$17	Associate	\$17.
Family	\$32	Family	\$27. (Additional Vote \$33.75)

Included in new membership dues is **Flight Information Manual, decal, voting privileges and newsletter subscription.**  
Also available separately:

Newsletter Subscription	\$ 10
Pins	\$ 5. (\$3 for members)
Decals	\$ 2 (\$1 for members)
Landowner pins(members only)	\$ 21.90 (15 pins)
CLAS T-Shirts	\$ 12. And up-Various Styles (Add \$3.00 for shipping)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

New member		Renewing members	
Single	\$29 _____	Single	\$24 _____.
Associate	\$17 _____	Associate	\$17 _____.
Family	\$32 _____	Family	\$27 _____ (\$33.75 for additional vote)

Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Student Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Private Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Pilot \_\_\_\_\_  
BFA CAAP: Level \_\_\_\_\_ BFA PAAP Level \_\_\_\_\_ FAA WINGS Level \_\_\_\_\_  
Newsletter only \_\_\_\_\_ Pin \_\_\_\_\_ Decal \_\_\_\_\_ Landowner pins \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirts. (S) \_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_ (XL) \_\_\_\_

BFA# \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

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