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Thank you.

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# CLAS Meeting Minutes

## June 22, 2013

Attendance: total of 6, Garry Guertin, Penny Christy, Jack Perry, Tony Roswell, Erwin & Ellen Dressel.

Because of the low attendance there was not a quorum. A formal meeting was not held. A general discussion was held regarding Garry and his meetings with the Plainville fire department regarding the upcoming festival.

## CLAS Calendar

### Upcoming CLAS Meetings

October 17, November 21  
Plainville Police Department  
7:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

## July 18, 2013

Attendance: total of 8, Garry Guertin, Mark Sand, Rick Silva, Tony Roswell, Terry Rollinson, Tony Philpin, Erwin & Ellen Dressel.

Because of the low attendance there was not a quorum. A formal meeting was not held. A general discussion was held regarding Garry and his meetings with the Plainville fire department regarding the upcoming festival.

Plainville Balloon Festival, August 23-25.

1. Friday night glow
  - a. Be aware of the new goal posts
  - b. Keep big rigs off the field
  - c. Balloon Glow will be between 8-9 pm
  - d. Fueling 8-10pm behind the fire house
2. Saturday Morning
  - a. Pilot pack with 4 tickets for food & drink
  - b. 6-8 flight, fueling 8-11
  - c. Breakfast 8:30 -10:30am
3. Saturday night
  - a. 5:30-7:30 pm flight
  - b. Fueling 8-10 @ park
4. Sunday morning
  - a. 6-8 am flight
  - b. Fueling 8-10 @ park

Fueling: each pilot will get 3 tickets (3 tanks) color coded for each flight.  
Remember to come full and you can leave full.

## July 29, 2013

4 pilots and their crew met with the Plainville Fire Department to show and explain how the different systems work. Charlie Perrault, Garry Guertin, Robert Zirpolo & Erwin Dressel and their crew were present. Approximately 30 firefighters were there and there was a good interaction between both groups.

**August 10<sup>th</sup> 2013**

CLAS Picnic was held at Panthorn Park in Southington. Weather was beautiful, the food was excellent and the company was superb.

Families in attendance: Guertin, Dressel, Christy, Macfarlane, Perreault, Philpin, Albrycht, Colyer, Naumann, Rohde & Teriaga.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Dressel.

## **From the President, Garry Guertin**

**The Plainville Balloon Festival** was a great success. There were a record numbers of people who attended throughout the weekend. The weather was great and allowed most pilots the opportunity to fly all scheduled flights. Many thanks to all the Balloon Pilots and crew as well as the Firemen and Plainville volunteers for making this a very enjoyable weekend for all.

**The CLAS picnic** was a good time for all. The new location at Panthorn Park in Southington worked out very well. The pavilion, bathroom, and play scape for the kids were all a plus. There was plenty of good food. We all thank Charlie for bringing the Grill and Ellen for bringing some supplies.

**The Plainville Fire Department Awareness Training** session went very well. There was a large turnout of Firemen as well as balloon pilots. Many thanks to all the Pilots & crew who attended and supported the Awareness Session. Charlie and Garry provided handouts and detailed information that the Firemen should know whenever they are approaching a balloon. Charlie Perreault, Robert Zirpolo, Erwin Dressel, & Garry Guertin brought their Balloons to the Awareness session for hands-on questions and answers regarding the different systems. The following note is an email from Phil Brousseau, Plainville Fireman, Plainville Balloon Festival Balloon Committee Leader.

*Hi Garry,*

*Please extend our thanks to the other balloonists that participated last Monday. I found it very informative and exciting, as we never have had that kind of training. It was very good to learn!*

*Regards,*

*Phillip L. Brousseau*



**The 2013 CLAS Photo Contest will be on October 17, 2013** after the CLAS meeting. We are all looking forward to seeing all the great pictures that have been taken during the last year.

**The CLAS Photo Contest rules are as follows.**

1. Three photos may be entered per CLAS member
2. Each photo should be printed to 8x10 or 8.5x11
3. Photos must be labeled with CLAS member name and photo location on the back
4. Numbered, plastic sleeves will be provided for photos at time of contest
5. Scoring will be based on results from CLAS members voting
6. Winning photos will be the 12 photos with the most overall votes
7. Photos must be electronic files
8. Top 12 Winning photos must be provided to Garry Guertin at [gguertin@cox.net](mailto:gguertin@cox.net) so that they may be added to the 2014 CLAS calendar
9. 1st place photo will be placed on the front of the CLAS calendar
10. Photos are not to be more than 1 year old
11. Photoshop editing (pasting) of pictures is not allowed
12. Picture enhancement is allowed, i.e. color enhancement & cropping



**CLAS Photo Contest Prizes are as follows:**

- 1st Place – (2) Tickets to the 2014 CLAS Winter Dinner
- 2nd Place – (1) Ticket to the 2014 CLAS Safety Seminar
- 3rd Place – (1) 2014 CLAS Membership

## News from Our Members

CLAS members: There is a possible session of **Liberty Balloon Ground School** being planned for December 7-8, 2013 at Whelan Farms.

If anyone is interested in attending, please e-mail me to confirm possible number of attendees and or if another date might work better based on schedules.

Thanks  
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Friends, here's something I thought would be a good addition to the CLAS newsletter. **Good reminder to check, double-check and re-check things.**

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/investigations/Mistake-by-driver-kills-father-daughter/-/1719314/20701412/-/bxpbfh/-/index.html>

Thanks,  
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A good reminder for all of us regarding **fan safety**:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-13/woman-critical-after-alice-springs-hot-air-balloon-accident/4818628>

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