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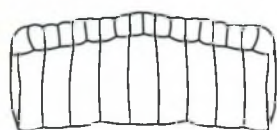
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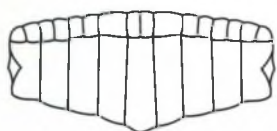
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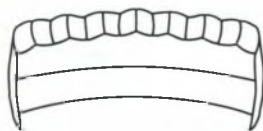
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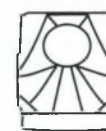
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NEWS & EVENTS

SKILLS CAMP

Pete Allum (National Team 1985-'93), Solly Williams (S. African National Team) and Rob Laidlaw (Skydive University) invite you to a "Skills camp" at Skydive DeLand from November 25th to December 5th 1994. This means top-quality skydiving information to all experience levels. Please contact: Pete Allum, The Free Fall Co, Sibson Airfield, Wansford, Cambs PE8 6NE. Tel: 0832 280055.

AIR-TO-GROUND AT WORLD CUP

1994 FS World Cup and European Championships. The above continental championships and first category competition, and other competitions associated with them, will take place at Empuriabrava, Spain, from September 24th to October 9th, 1994.

The Open European Championships and World Cup will commence in the afternoon of Saturday September 24th and be completed by the afternoon of Sunday October 2nd. The 4 and 8-way events will be followed by the first "Olympic Rules 4-way Challenge", an invitational trial competition, open to the top 12 teams of the world cup 4-way standings, and schedules for October 3rd-5th.

An International 16-way competition on October 7-9th will round off the two-week's formation skydiving extravaganza at the Costa Brava. The Centro de Paracaidismo Costa Brava, will hold its traditional Fall Boogie from October 1-14th, running in part parallel to the official FAI events and the 16-way competition.

For the first time in formation skydiving's history, air-to-ground transmission links will be used as primaries for judging as well as general viewing purposes. A revolutionary elec-

tronic judging system, five scoring panels interfacing with a computer, will make for fastest-ever turnaround in the judging and the scoring of the competition jumps.

The organisers hope that with the employment of such sophisticated hardware, a new standard will be set in converting formation skydiving into a sport that captures the attention of the general public.

The organising committee will make unedited BETACAM footage of the competition jumps available to international television channels at no charge. If you have TV contacts in your country, please refer them to Roland Hilfiker (Meet Director), Centro de Paracaidismo Costa Brava, Aerodrom d'Empuriabrava, Apartado 194, 17487 Castello d'Empuries. Tel: +34 72 450 111. Fax: +34 72 450 749.

PIA INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM '95

The Parachute Industry Association International Symposium '95 committee has begun registration for next year's event. Exhibit booth rental is \$500 for PIA members and \$750 for non-members. Booth space is awarded on a first come first served basis.

The trade show is part of the symposium event which includes three days of classroom lectures and various social events. It provides an opportunity for vendors and end-users to interact. Registration prior to December 15th 1994 will be \$175.00 – a saving of \$100! PIA full and affiliated members receive a further \$25 discount with early registration.

This year the Parachute Industry Association will also provide a roommate service for registrants wishing to share the cost of a room at the Hyatt Orlando Resort complex.

For registration materials and/or exhibitor packet interested parties should contact: Cheryl Zimmermann, 208 E. Rosehill Avenue, Suite #101, DeLand, FL 32724 USA. PIA automated office telephone and fax-on-demand number is (904) 738-6899.

AIR PRESS SYMPOSIUM (SOUTH AMERICA)

Air Press Magazine together with the best and most experienced skydivers in the country will be conducting seminars and workshops all aspects of skydiving to help the less experienced jumpers. It will cover: dealing with students, managing drop zones, packing parachutes and freefalling skills. This Symposium is intended to be a unique opportunity for those who want to learn more about the sport and help the development of it in their own communities.

The Air Press Symposium will be held in a beautiful town named Aguas de Lindoia in the state of Sao Paulo in a luxurious tourist hotel. It will run from September 30th to October 2nd 1994. Registration for the Symposium will cost around US\$150 (depending how soon the registration is made).

Price includes the rooms, the Symposium itself, breakfast, lunch and dinner, all the hotel attractions, T-shirt, material for notes and dinner barbecue on Sunday. For more information, fax: Air Press 016 637-0682.

'94 GERMAN NATIONALS GO OPEN

In acknowledgement of increasing European integration, teams are invited to compete in the German national FS championships. There will be Senior 4 & 8-way and intermediate 4-way categories at the meet which will be held at Balden Airport, Kassel, from August 10-18th.

Entry fees are 75 DM per competitor and videographer. If any 4-way team consists of competitors from the 8-way team, they should be listed separately on the entry form and pay 100DM for both disciplines.

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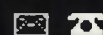
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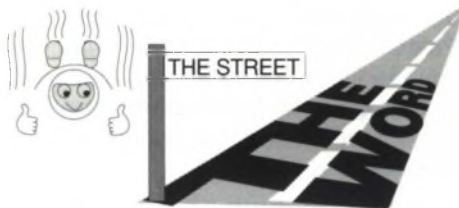
This year's boogie ran from the 18-26 of June and was supported by 375 registered skydivers. Aircraft were a Skyvan, Caravan, Turbolet, Islander and the 206. Tim Moran, Dave Morris, George, Tony Danbury and John Lennon worked hard organising groups between 8 and 33, fun and laughter being of paramount importance. George organised a 22-way "Pylon Race" which was a total blast! (see the video). Many people achieved milestones, Cat 8's, 10's, 1000th jumps etc. There were 2 formation loads, one for a certain organiser's birthday, but unfortunately neither built but were both good efforts. Two blinding parties were thrown on the w/e's: live bands, Keefs disco, bulk beer etc. (They know how to party at Langar!) The 10 Speed was won by "Better off Without You" (something to do with DH axing himself to jump with Dave's mob.) and the 20-way by a Midland Para Centre based team (I can't remember your names, sorry guys). The meet was controversially won on the speed round, with some banter as to whether the aircraft c of g rules had been breached, by launching with the video man on the tailgate. The boogie video (1.5+ hours) is available at £16.00, request the "George Dance Mix", or the "Danbury Rock Mix" sound track. Call 0949 60878 with your order. Same time next year? You Bet!!!!

CHOPPER II THE NIGHTMARE CONTINUES

Chopper returned to Weston on the Green from his jaunt to the USA with his team. He was not on the DZ for too long when the local police called in, found Chopper and asked him to go with them to the local "Chez William" for a bit of help with their enquiries, an Interpol investigation, something to do with jumping bail in the States! Chopper was convinced that this was all a wind up, but his expression changed from HA HA to AGGGHH as "Ancient William" slapped on the cuffs, and 'helped' Chopper to the car. A worried man was he, as they left the airfield. The rest of the DZ was in hysterics, all knowing that this had been arranged by Wayne the boss, to relieve the boredom of another blown out day. Some time later a very relieved Chopper was back in the company of his mates. It had been very amusing to every one, except Chopper! Nice one Wayne.

TURNHOUT 16-WAY MONEY MEET

Rob Colpus put together Symbiosis



Suits once again to go and hold the Brit flag up in Europe and try to come home with the loot. We all arrived at the DZ in deepest Belgium at various stages of the night, some of us having worked till 5.00pm that afternoon (Chicky!) and awoke in the morning to find a nice little DZ.

The locals said it was a tight landing area – didn't look too bad, until you were trying to land with 16 canopies and 2 porters all on finals at once! Concentrates the mind for sure! The comp was over 7 rounds, using 2 porters and at the briefing the CCI said "We jump in almost all conditions here." No kidding either, they do. We don't and would not go on one dive, 20 minutes later it was raining and thundering, good call Cool Cat! Symbi had a couple of bad dives and we were pushed into 2nd by the home team. At the prize giving the winners took their sponsors footwear (17 pairs of trainers) as their prize leaving us to take the money! \$1000 !!

Special mention should go to Tim Mace the first Brit to "Surf the Lake" coming back triumphant with wet booties. This paved the way for No Knees, Berb Thompson, Ian Chick and George to have a go. At the close of play it was Lake 3, Surfers 3. (Tim was wet twice, Chicky once.) A most excellent adventure. If you get the chance to surf a lake, do it, it's a Wicked Buzz!!

BRITTANY FERRIES DEMO TEAM RISE AGAIN

Robin "Drink Up" Mills called his boys and girls together for some demos into an Air show in St Nazaire, France. The team arrived in Plymouth on the Friday night and then sat down on board ship to a 3 course meal, provided by BF. They partied hard for most of the voyage retiring to cabins in the not so wee small hours. It was up at 5.30 to drive to the DZ. (Next trip more sleep time please, Robin!)

Next stop was a DZ called Vannes, where Drink Up proceeded to get us on a lift, which was no mean feat, as we

did not possess a 'doc' between us! The ride to altitude was dominated by "elephants" (thoughts of borrowed kit, no Cypres, no sleep... "the deceased was found to be wearing unfamiliar equipment...") but the dive was remarkably good, all things considered. Then it was off to the display site. A major party was thrown for the team and all the pilots in the display, much alcohol was consumed and it was a trashed team that retired at 2.30 am. The 2 demos were a total success, except for the lack of one stack's flag during one jump, forgotten by the stack leader. 6.30pm started the trip back to the UK, through a spectacular sunset, and we arrived at the terminal at 10.10pm. (Ferry to depart at 10.30pm) "Drink Up" then announced that he could not find the ferry tickets, he was told that they were probably with the flag and that he had better go off and sort it, ASAP! He did and on we piled, last on, Phew! What a TRIP Robin, thanks.

TANDEM SKYSURF !!!

Patrick De Gayardon and Wendy Smith have done 12 tandem jumps over Tahiti, on a SURF BOARD!! The jumps, filmed by Patrick Passe, were not without drama. Deug cut the board away about 5 times, and stability was initially a bit of a problem. Some very spectacular footage is now safely in the can, along with a few stills too. Nice one guys. WoTS reckons that Deug is the *only* person in the world that you would tandem surf with, no one else is qualified!

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ESSON EQUIPMENT CHANGE

Esson, the current Champions of the World 4-way, have changed from Atoms and BT Pro's to Flexon and Stiletto. The reason for this change is not known, but a good score for the new kit manufacturers.

ESPACE BOOGIE DON'T MISS IT!

This year's Espace boogie is to be held at Viche, France. The aircraft will be a stretched Herc. The boogie will run from the 6th - 15th of August inclusive. All the usual facilities will be there that make this THE boogie in Europe. Patrick Passe has assembled the top European load organisers to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. Brit organisers going are Darryl, George, Dave Morris and Derro Thomas.

If you were there last year and jumped on the '50 Million Ways' with George & Darryl we are expecting to see you again, but this time we will combine the groups sooner so we can get on with some 60+ sequential. Don't miss this one guys, coz we're gonna kick some

BOO! If you have not already received the registration form call WoTS or Patrick direct on 01033 9254 0428. (If you are jumping with George & Darryl, don't forget to bring fireworks for the "Pit Beer Party"!!) Hope to see you there for some serious FUN!

ANDY SKYDIVER OF THE YEAR

Andy "Swoop" Pecket of Sward Sky Gear has been awarded the coveted "Skydiver of 1994" by the American paper *Skydiving*. This award recognises the immense skill and awareness that Andy showed last year when he saved the life of another jumper at the '93 Espace Boogie, who whacked his chin on the tailgate, rendering himself unconscious. It's great to see the world recognising an awesome performance. Congratulations Andy, all power to you and your Fridge.

ANDY WOODMANSY SPEED 8

The second annual speed 8 in memory of Andy was held at Headcorn June 4-5. Well attended and as usual with the "Headcorn

Handicap" rules, putting the most experienced teams 1 metre inside the Turbolet for exit, the 'ankle teams' had some floaters and were allowed to launch if they wished. Saturday was all washed out, but after a serious session at a local night club, as usual if you party, the weather on Sunday was glorious. The gold taken by Rhino's team *Differential Exit Criteria*, 2nd *The Cool & Groovy Fridge Co* and 3rd *Wild Women*. Special mention must go to Lisa & Cathy who ran the manifest coz they were courteous, efficient and gorgeous! (OK girls?) Thanks to Headcorn for a great time.

MACHINE EATS TAPE

Would the person who called into WoTS with info about a gathering ring back as the machine ate the tape!

The rest of you call in with what you've been doing, and I'll tell all through this column thanks. **Call or fax 0788 860882.**



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TIME WARP?

Dear Ola

Where has all my freefall time gone?

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Yours wishingly

George Wood B9756

SPACER

Dear Ola

I have been in the sport for some eight months now and following my progression passed Cat 8. I felt it was time that a number of the skydiving community was brought to the front, who to date have caused no more than sheer gut bustin' joy to listen and watch.

There has been a number of occasions throughout the late summer of 1993 to the summer of 1994 that I wondered why I jumped.

While spending many cold wet and sometimes extremely boring weekends down the drop zone during the winter I began to understand the relevance of the word 'spacer' - one who, in the Midlands, is a waste of space in the plane. It (being the word!) was attached to an individual of my ability, but as demonstrated and proved by those fellows at the Midland Parachute Centre in little leather hats, it seemed to me and others to be the word associated to those who for some reason think that the cut point for the aircraft is somewhere over Burford Village, not the drop zone some five miles further west. However, if the BPA safety officer has problems with his spotting after an eternity in the sport, then there is hope for us all.

Just to say a big thankyou to all those who helped me get to Cat 8 - with special thanks to Mick Mathews who without his thought on a certain jump - cheers mate! To the posse - "be well brothers..."

Name and address supplied but withheld by a cooperative Ed.

CYPRES STATS

Dear Ola,

In your Feb/March issue there are two letters (Eno and Martin Lyster) which respond to my article in the December issue. I think there are some points that need to be commented upon:

1. I am not - as Mr Lyster believes - a non member. I have been a member since Aug 5th 1971.

2. (April 26th) seven skydivers have to date died this year (one tandem in the US, one tandem in Cyprus, two solo jumpers in France, one solo jumper in the US), and the season hasn't really started. Two of the involved skydivers were not experienced, three were experienced and two very experienced (several thousand jumps). All of them would be alive today, had they had an AAD.

3. I, Helmut Cloth, do not make the figures nor do I interpret them (26 skydivers saved within three years by Cypres that were in use last autumn; today 11,000 are in use).

I just report these figures, but I can tell you: they are absolutely true. In March 1993, at the PIA meeting in Orlando, we distributed a brochure which listed all saves by Cypres in 1991 and 1992 (17 lives saved, 15 solo jumpers and one tandem pair). What you can find there are facts: the date when each save happened, the place where they happened and details about each life saving action. My offer is: everyone who is interested in this brochure may contact Airtec. We supply it free of charge.

Helmut Cloth D1104

FAMILY JUMP

Dear Ed

The enclosed photograph is of me jumping with my two sons. (Photo by James Wilkinson, see below). I am interested to know whether there are any other mothers who jump with two of their offspring?

The one on the right is Brian Vacher - he is 21 and a student. The one on the left is Julian Vacher who is 26 and a helicopter pilot. I am a music teacher and have recently acquired my Private Pilot's Licence (I am hooked on the air!). My husband likes to keep his feet firmly on the ground.

I have another son Clive, 24, who has done two static line jumps but has not as yet continued his training.

I did my first tandem jump in 1989 for charity and got hooked. Julian did his AFF training two years ago and Brian has just finished his AFF training and at the time of the jump (5th June 1994) was Cat 9. He hopes to get his Cat 10 the weekend of June 25/26.

Yours sincerely

Polly Vacher

BONNY SCOTLAND

Dear Ola

On 29/4/94 fifteen jumpers from all around N Ireland took off for a long weekend in Scotland on our first organised club outing. We would all like to express our gratitude to all at Errol (Skydive Scotland), Kinnell (Paraclan), and Strathallan. To a man we all had a wonderful time.

We arrived at Errol at 3.00am to be greeted by the ever-smiling face of Tamara. However the next face we were to see was that of George McGuinness our C.C. at 7.15am on Saturday morning.

"Everybody out of bed" is how we were woken; screaming in our ears its no fun at 7.15 in the morning, especially if the night before has been a rough one. Still I have to say it was well worth it - 12,000 ft. at 9.00am soon blows off the cobwebs.

What a beautiful D.Z.: snow-capped mountains, forests and of course the River Tay directly below, with Dundee on one side and Perth on the other. The staff and regular jumpers could not do enough for us all. The food, craic, and beer were great.

We had a bit of a competition on the Sunday, the first chance for most of us to show just how inaccurate we can be. Still it was a nice trophy for whoever won it.

Sunday evening we went off to Paraclan. Again another great time, invited to a Pub at the end of the

day to listen to some hilarious jokes from a man who kept disappearing off to keep his wife happy only to return and sell yet another T-shirt.

Next morning we called in at Strathallan on the way home. I was zonked out in the bus but I am sure everyone had a good time there as well. Hopefully we will soon be visited by all our friends from Errol and Paraclan. Thank you all for making it a weekend to remember and hello Grace.

Blue Skies

Tony McConville C8524

REUNION

Dear Ola,

The time slips away and the years pass in to the shade. On Monday 6 June I was in Arronmanches on parade to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the D Day landings; I was there.

And now I too would like to organise a re-union. A re-union of all members of North London Parachute Club and that which followed, The London Skydiving Centre, Cranfield Airport. I have secured a venue here and a buffet will be laid on, however, you will have to buy your own beer. Will all those interested please write to me at the address below.

I remain as always wishing you blue skies and a soft landing.

Donald Evison-Jowett, Laburnum Cottage, 61 Millards Close, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0HL

TANDEM HOOK TURN

This was a letter sent to John Meacock in all innocence - which caused great amusement.

"Dear Mr Meacock

I felt I had to write to thank both you and the instructors for the most exhilarating five minutes of my life!

I would like you to express my thanks to Max who took me on a tandem on Sunday 8th May, (he may remember me - he did a 360 degree just before we landed!)

If there is a 'bug' you catch after a skydive, I think I've caught it. I'll be returning in a month or so with some persuaded friends for another tandem to make up my mind whether to do the AFF course. So until then...

Yours faithfully"

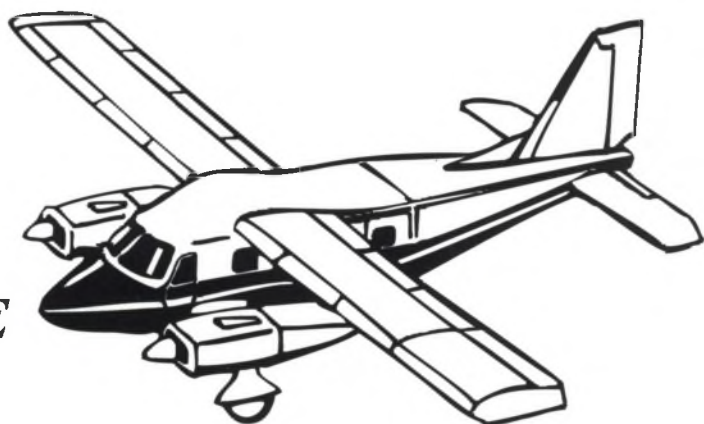


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The Royal Marines Free Fall Team take their ladies underwear to Florida.

Well January was upon us again and it was time for the Royal Marines Free Fall Team to make their annual pilgrimage to Florida for a pre-season training camp at Phoenix Zephyrhills. Off we went with our tails between our legs wishing we could stay in snow-ridden blighty for the next seven weeks...NOT!

We arrived at Zephyrhills and to our surprise the weather was jumpable but freezing, but who cares when you're in Florida because you know it's going to get better, and it did. Straight away we got down to the task of line stretching our brand new fury 220's in their dazzling new neon corp's colours but sadistically fitted with mesh sliders (ouch!). The hard openings made us all candidates for the first Royal Marines all male Soprano Voice Choir.

With the line stretching completed and our voices back to normal we cracked on with our CF phase of the training camp. Two jumps into this phase Mick Worthington experienced the joys of demo CF and gave a real meaning to the exercise "Sudden Impact", he unfortunately broke his leg whilst landing on the bottom on a Bi-Plane, although this was unlucky for Mick, it did provide the team with some good gory photos for the team office, and there are no prizes for guessing who is going to be the main commentary man for the team this year (tough luck Mick).

We cracked on with the CF training, which was a resounding success and not only did we master our usual team formations but we also introduced a new formation to our routine: the "Butterfly" (a Bi-hand on top of a Bi-hand). We then started to sting the bottom of it and renamed it a "Dragon fly".

After completing 65 CF jumps, we moved on to the FS camp. We had

Robbie Spencer (of the S. African National Team) and Derek Thomas as our adopted coaches. They both did an outstanding job of improving the teams skills, so much so, that the team won a couple of trophies at the annual "Muff Bros" meet.

Our efforts were helped throughout the whole training camp by some of the excellent video footage taken by Ian Gough, our new resident camera man whose camera skills have provided us with some of the best video and stills the team has seen in a long time.

Then came the day when the lads of the Special Operations Command at Mcdill USAF Base gave us an invite to jump a C5 Galaxy, the world's second largest plane and a jet no less. We eagerly accepted their offer and didn't mind too much when we realised it would cost us all a crate of beer each and mean us all having to get up at 4am to travel to USAF Base Mcdill. Once there we were overawed by the colossal size of the C5, and what really bought it home to us was the Hercules C130 parked next to it which looked small in comparison.

Once we were airborne we did an hour's low level tactical flying at about 200 feet AGL, then went up to 1,200 feet to throw out about 60 military static liners then it was our turn. They took us up to 10,000 feet AGL and then they opened up the massive back doors and stood before us was the biggest tailgate I'd ever seen. We approached the tailgate all with big daft grins on our faces and prepared ourselves to launch a four man Diamond into the 150 knot slip stream. The dive went well apart from Sean (Buck) Taylor's reserve ride and we got some excellent video footage and stills. One quick tip for future C5 jumpers is... keep your mouth

Diamond over Z-Hills. Photo by Ian Gough



shut on exit – I chipped a tooth as my mouth slammed shut when I entered the C5's immense slipstream.

Our seven weeks flew by and with approximately 140 jumps behind us we felt more than ready for the forthcoming display season and all that was left to do was hold the team party. We kicked the party off by doing a full demo routine at last light and purposely landed our formations on the wrong side of the beer line. A few people were disappointed due to the fact that we didn't seem to jump into the party in fancy dress (this being a yearly tradition) that was until we stripped off our jumpsuits to reveal us all in our glory wearing women's lingerie. Needless to say the party was a huge success and the 200+ people that were there seemed to have a good time.

At this point it seems only fitting that we as a team say a few thank yous especially to the friendly and helpful staff of Phoenix Zephyrhills, and Derek and Robbie for their invaluable FS coaching.

Cpl Grant (Knocker) White

In-place Turns

There must be as many methods of teaching people to turn in-place as there are drop zones. Well, it seems like it, as every time I show up somewhere I hear yet another technique being explained to a puzzled listener. Yet when you ask experienced skydivers how they turn, you will generally be answered by a "Well I just sort of do it."

Next to learning a symmetrical and efficient body position (normally referred to as the "box position"), an in place turn has to be the most important skill if you want to indulge in Formation Skydiving (FS). Nearly all moves in 4 or 8-way require some degree of an in-place turn, or a mixture of turn and translation.

During the inception of *Skydive University* at Deland 92/93, the world's top coaches were asked how they taught an in place turn, so that the most efficient method could be adopted for Skydive U's programme. Pretty much everyone agreed on one method, with slight variations depending on body weight and size.

In order for this to work you must first be sure of your basic body position.

When we are taught to turn as a student we are told to look in the direction of the turn. This is no longer valid whilst participating in FS as it is a good idea to keep your eyes on your team mates, however you should not need to rely on visual in-

formation in order to turn. Turning in place, like your body position, is a skill that should be a conditioned response – a muscle memory. You are falling straight down, you initiate a 360 degree turn by equal effort from upper and lower body; you coast then use opposite action, if necessary, to stop. This does not require continuous visual input. In fact while turning, if you catch a glimpse of something and decide to adapt your turn to fit, you will change the initial balance and no longer turn in place. Surely it is far more efficient for everyone to trust their own ability to turn in place, than to be constantly reacting to outside information. This of course takes an awful lot of faith in your own turns, learning this skill should not be rushed, it should be practised until perfect on the ground, allowing your body to memorise the correct position. It then needs to be practised in the air and if necessary adapted to suit your weight/size. All of this is easier if you have a teacher and if possible a video. Remember to use the video to dwell on your successes not your weaknesses.

Then the skill needs to become natural, in other words you should not need to have to think about what parts of your body are required to turn. In order for this to happen you need to practise the skill correctly numerous times and then next time an in-place turn is required "just do it!"

When coaching a new team of any experience, I generally need to spend a fair amount of time on the subject of in-place turns, starting with 90 and ending up with 540 degree turns. In order to get people to trust their turns I often get them to do eyes closed drills, on the ground whilst creeping and also in the air (for 360s), often people end up doing their best turns while blind, as they have to trust their body position, not their eyes.

Here is some information that might help you decipher your videos: you should be able to put a finger on the screen at your centre point, apart from the turn your body should stay in the same place, if it moves, you either have a video person who is not steady, or you are not turning around your centre point. Put your finger over your upper body – if this is the axis of your turn then you are using too much lower body, or not enough upper. If your axis is at your lower body then you are using too much arms or not enough leg. Now practise, with a slight exaggeration/reduction in the required areas, on the ground before your next jump.

Don't wait until you get to the DZ to try your turns. Use a comfortable surface and start practising right away, close your eyes and picture yourself in free fall turning perfectly in place...

Pete Allum

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Saturday 30th April dawned dry and bright for the first UK Pops meet of the year. Fifteen regular jumpers appeared together with their partners and followers at Ipswich Parachute Centre by kind invitation of Tony Knight and Tye Boughen. We're very grateful, gentleman, to you and your team – Andy, Geoff, Sheila *et al* for giving us such a welcome and a great weekend. Apart from the familiar faces we also welcomed Sigrid Pradel from Hamburg, Michel and Jeannine Van Beirs from Adenkerke, Belgium, Didier, Sylvie and Julien Delcour from France and Al and Sarah Rosenberg from the United States. Dr Glenn and Gail Stephenson also drove down from West Lothian.

We started off with Hit and Rock first followed by two rounds of launch and accuracy. But for advancing clouds our third LAC round would have been completed by 6.00 pm. We took Tye's sound advice

born out of experience of East Anglian clouds and stood down. The following morning, Sunday, all rounds were completed on yet another clear, dry day. Al and Graham, accustomed to accolades as they are, will not object, I know, to a special mention for Glenn. One of our most recent recruits, Glenn recently achieved Cat 8 and 60 jumps. Not least, as I have said, he drove all the way down from West Lothian. Very well done. On Saturday night we joined IPC's barbecue for which we have Dougie to thank. Michael Allum organised POPS dinner on Sunday night, extremely well presented by Laurie Usher. No one could possibly beat the quality, quantity and price, Laurie, thank you – we'll be back.

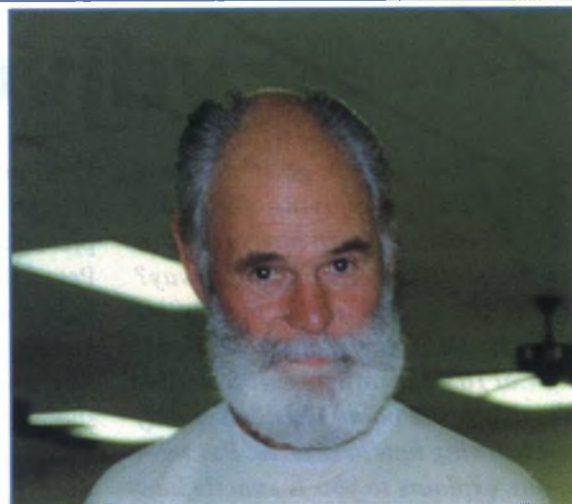
Michael and Inger Allum have definitely caught the Cyprus bug, not surprising really because we all enjoyed our meet there two years ago. They report a great weekend at CCSPA, beautiful weather and a warm welcome as usual. Michael achieved his 600th with the kind assistance of Don Naismith (Pops 614) along with his wife Dorcas (Pops 613), Phil Bell, Eddy Smerdon, James Mawle, Andreas Kyriakou and on camera Steve Munday. Don also made his 400th jump the same day.

A certain gentleman, who insists upon remaining anonymous, called me to apologise for being unable to make it to our first meet. Instead he donated the



POPS PROFILE

John left the Royal Navy in 1958 after several years service. He and his wife, Hilary, went to live in a small Leicestershire village. They missed the adventure of Navy life, and somehow Hilary allowed John to launch into a career as a professional wrestler, in which he stayed for five years. Then following two seasons of motor cycle and side car racing on grass track until broken bones made hovercraft racing more preferable. Not only did John race them but he maintained and repaired them for others as well as for himself. On 30th October 1978 John and Hilary decided on a weekend at PPC – Sibson Airfield and you can guess what happened. Yes, he joined a first jump course under the eagle eye of John Meacock. 500 jumps later Hilary still allows John to skydive and we love them both dearly. By the way, John is now a member of Skydivers Over Sixty.



John Peck (357)



Ray Sheriff (609)

This shows Ray in tandem with Red Devil Corporal Dave Mitchell over South Cerney, Glos 19.10.93. At 73 years of age and blinded at the Battle of Arnhem in 1944 as a young paratrooper, we doff our hats to Ray and at the same time welcome him to Pops UK. Ray has been jumping for charity and in celebration of Arnhem each year for some time. He supports cancer leukaemia in children as well as St Dunstons to name just two. Introduced by "Tex" Banwell (Pops 236) (another Arnhem veteran now 75 years of age and still jumping on a regular basis) Ray undertakes long distance swimming and hiking too. As might be expected there is an equally sterling lady beside Ray, and Betty is her name. Welcome to our fold, we are very proud to receive you in our midst. Ray, in your copy to me you referred to yourself as a blind old codger chucking himself out of an airplane. Don't you ever say that again, a lot of us owe our existence to people like you and Tex. Thankyou.

Next edition of SP I don't know who will be profiled yet, any volunteers?

£200 he would have spent on jumps, accommodation etc. As I advised those present at Ipswich, it will be spent on a tent for Pops meets, a decent size job which will, hopefully, be up in time for Weston 2nd/3rd July. I also intend an acknowledgement on said tent to the London Parachute School – Oops, sorry Dick, it just slipped out. Can't hide your kindness now.

Now a big welcome to our newest members. **Don and Dorcas Naismith** from Cyprus (Pops 613 and 614). **Al Rosenberg** from the USA (Pops 615) – another POPSGOD with 3,000 plus, and **Graham Cloake** (Pops 616).

Finally, my onslaught upon the 50's annual medical in the April edition no doubt will encourage a few sparks. It was meant to. If you have a copy of the USPA's 'Parachutist' – April 1994, turn to 'Letters' on page 7 and a very nice note penned by Oscar J Rolan of California. It is headed 'With Age comes Wisdom'. It is heavily endorsed by Editor Jason B Bell. Read it please, including and particularly the STC. I quote the last sentence – "Although I am only 31 years old, I will gladly copy the habits of older jumpers if it means I

am more likely to reach 40". Add these sentiments to and this is what the argument is about. Thank you Oscar and Jason, at least in America there is some perspective and respect. See you in August.

John Crowhurst
Hon (Treas/Sec POPS UK)

HIT & ROCK

1	2	3
M Allum (Top Pop)	A Rosenberg	C Wood

Michael's been practising - goodonya Michael and well done Al and Chris.

TEAM ACCURACY

1	2	3
G St Clair	S Pradel	M Van Beirs
P Shew	J Shew	D Delcour
J Peck	P Carpenter	R Millard

The launch aspect was won by Team 4 including Michael Allum, John Crowhurst and Chris Wood, but was not part of the award proceedings. Hard cheese!

INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

1	2	3
A Rosenberg	G St Clair	G Stephenson

Skydive University

Where do you go if you have basic skydiving skills but want to learn how to do proficient relative work like four way? This is the question that faces most WARPies when the excitement of getting Cat 10 wears off. As everyone tells you, this is the point when you really start learning how to skydive. But what no one explains to you is exactly how you get proficient. Few experienced people want to jump with you, so inevitably you pair up with other WARPies and spend endless number of jumps (and money) milling around the sky, desperately trying to turn a couple of points. This is a tricky time for fledgling relative workers – and it's also the time when bad habits take root.

Some clubs hold weekend RW seminars which offer classroom and video coaching sessions, but every instructor will tell you that there is no substitute for one-on-one coaching. This is the best and surest way to develop and improve skydiving skills, but most budding skydivers in the UK rarely jump with an instructor once they have gone through the system and achieved Cat 10 – clocking up jumps is commonly seen as the accepted route to gaining RW experience. Ideas and attitudes are slowly changing, though.

Until this year not much was known about Skydive U in this country, but a presentation at this year's AGM by Pete Allum generated a lot of interest, from both potential students and coaches alike. The introduction of Skydive U from the United States should help us take another step forward in skydiving tuition.

Where it began

Skydive University was the brainchild of Tommy Piras and Rob Laidlaw. For those of you not familiar with these names, Tommy was a skygod based at Deland in Florida, with a cosmic reputation of his knowledge and skydiving skill. He was an excellent organiser and coach and had the wonderful knack of getting the very best from everyone who skydived with him. Rob Laidlaw was Canadian team leader and champion many times over who studied sports psychology in depth and is experienced in designing training programmes.

Together, Tommy and Rob devised a training programme designed to equip fledgling relative workers with every skill they need to participate in all forms of RW. Many people contributed to the programme and it was developed through brainstorming sessions with the best skydivers in the world.

The programme

The basic Skydive U Programme is called Skydive 100 and is designed for anyone who wants to learn the technically correct way to skydive, no matter how many jumps they may have. It consists of 21 exercises grouped in six modules and takes the student through basic body flight to advanced RW moves. Strong emphasis is placed on groundwork before the skydive, kinaesthetic drills, mental images, developing memory and anticipation.

This is not a programme to be whizzed through. The objective is to practice each skill until it can be done well before progressing on to the next skill. Instructors are taught to encourage students to not rush progression or accept marginal performances as a pass. Strive for above average performance in order to develop the basic skills correctly and permanently. Performance standards are set out for each exercise to ensure that the student is indeed ready to move on to more complex tasking.

Safety features strongly throughout the programme, from practising 180 degree turns and tracking away, to evasive measures you may need to take. Each exercise is covered extensively, with preparation, inflight, exits, freefall, safety and progression criteria clearly detailed.

The Skydive U handbook also contains a technical knowledge section which puts down in print, for the first time, knowledge that up until recently has only been available to serious teams.

Skydive U Coaches

All Skydive U coaches have been carefully assessed and their teaching techniques evaluated. Pete Allum's presentation on Skydive U at this year's AGM generated so much interest that Chris Allen has organised the country's first Skydive U coach evaluation course. Rob Laidlaw visited the UK to take the course, at Netherton on 6-10 June. Only 8 places were available and they were quickly snapped up. The potential coaches were examined on their skydiving skills, technical knowledge, programme familiarisation, video analysis and debriefing techniques.

An instructor's viewpoint (Allison Cronnelly)

I went through the Skydive U instructor programme when I went to work in Deland for a couple of months two years ago. I was initially of the opinion that we didn't really need another relative work instructional programme but after observing the progress of students as they worked through the programme I saw that, not only did it cover a lot of areas other relative work programmes did not, but the students achieved a higher standard faster than any other programme.

This programme requires you to invest time in your student. A lot of emphasis is placed on the groundwork before the jump, but it pays off when you see their performance in the air and the confidence they acquire in knowing, without a doubt, that not only can they perform any given transition but they know the right way to do it.

When a student has completed the Skydive U 100 programme they are of a good standard and have developed good basic discipline in their skydiving. They will be ready to move onto teamwork and will be keen to jump with other skydivers who have the same discipline.

A Student's viewpoint (Theresa Ellyatt)

I first heard about Skydive U when I was doing AFF In Deland. It looked like an excellent training programme but seemed light years away to an AFF student making her first skydives. A year later I had successfully completed WARP and had achieved Cat 10, but I felt that I still had a lot to learn. I knew what I wanted – I was very keen to participate in all forms of RW, but I realised that until I could improve my RW Skills there was very little chance of jumping with more experienced skydivers.

When Allison offered me the chance to try the Skydive U programme during a trip to Cyprus, I jumped at the chance – I decided that redecorating the front room could wait a few more months! Looking through the Skydive U handbook, I knew I had made the right decision. There was lots of stuff that I had already covered during WARP, but the groundwork and technique were very much more detailed. There was also a huge amount of stuff that hadn't been covered in WARP, so I was looking forward to picking up some new skills.

My first Skydive U exercise seemed easy enough – a simple linked exit with some backloops and front rolls. Allison told me to relax as she basically just wanted to see how I flew. No problem, I thought, but when we started to prepare for the jump I started feeling a little nervous. Would I be OK? Would she be horrified by my position? Would she tell me to forget it and take up knitting?

Allison wasn't horrified by my skydiving, but she did take me right back to basics. We spent a lot of time working on the box position because in my short career of skydiving I had already picked up a couple of bad habits. It took a huge amount of concentration to change my familiar, comfortable position, but under Allison's tuition I could see an immediate improvement.

By the end of two weeks in Cyprus, we had worked through a large chunk of the programme, and we were both pleased with my progress. I have a few more exercises to do with Allison before I complete the programme, which I plan to do in the UK, as soon as the weather permits!

In summary

Skydive U 100 has proven to be a great success in the USA and is now being adopted in many European countries. As a programme that has been developed and constantly updated by some of the world's most experienced skydivers, it is a proven method of teaching any skydiver – newcomer or experienced – the technically correct way to skydive. The minimum qualification for undertaking the programme is Cat 8, but many experienced Cat 10 skydivers could use Skydive U to sharpen their RW skills. Skydive U could also be considered as an alternative to WARP for any Cat 8 skydiver as the programme is far more intensive than WARP, developing the student's skydiving skills to a level much more advanced than Cat 10. And another idea currently being discussed is to introduce the Skydive U coaching course as a prerequisite for the AFF instructors course.

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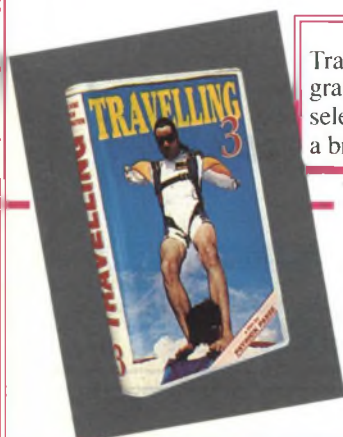
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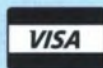
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If you all thought that Raeford was a DZ which catered only to styles and military types then you couldn't be more wrong! True, Raeford is still considered the style training capital of the world. The number of foreign teams I saw training there over the two years was quite considerable. However, when the main aircraft is a Twin Otter and the next one is a Pilatus Porter and the world champions of 8-way, the Golden Knights, train there during the week, there is a lot of RW going on.

Location

Raeford DZ is situated some 16 miles west of Fayetteville (see map) and the nearest International airport, where you can clear customs, is Raleigh/Durham which is only two hours drive from the DZ itself. Fayetteville also has a major airport but only accepts internal flights. If you fly into Washington, then you are looking at a four and a half hour drive south down the I 95.

Weather

Winters here are extremely short and it's pretty much jumpable all year round. However, April to June is like a hot English summer, as is mid-September to the first week in December. The two years I spent here the weathermen were record-

ing temperatures of 70 degrees up to the first week in December. The summer months are unbearably hot and humid with temperatures in the upper 100's and humidity at 100 percent. Not good for training.

Facilities

The facilities at the DZ are second to none. There's a large classroom, equipment store, restaurant, bar, rigging facility and gear sales; a large tarmac area for creepers, aircraft mock-ups, scaffolding for suspended harnesses and all the packing and landing areas are grass covered. There's a gravel pit which has an accuracy tuffet in the middle of it. Gene Paul Thacker is the gentleman who owns the operation and is still considered one of the top coaches for style in the world. Ground-to-air video is available for the styles and there is an abundance of video cameramen who jump there. There's a large bunkhouse, with toilet and shower facilities. There's plenty of camping area and picnic areas too.

The Operation

Raeford is open seven days a week, but in the winter it's only open for six days. The aircraft are running the whole time, as the military jumpers from nearby Fort, Bragg, as well as the Golden Knights three competition squads are always jumping. At weekends it's extremely busy and the Otter will always have at least one load organiser. These are always current or ex- Golden Knights and needless to say they are in great demand.

Aircraft

Gene Paul's fleet is impressive. There's the Raeford Express Twin Otter, a desert camouflaged Pilatus Porter, two Cessna

182's and a Twin Bonanza which is kept on for style competitors.

Team rates and Jump prices

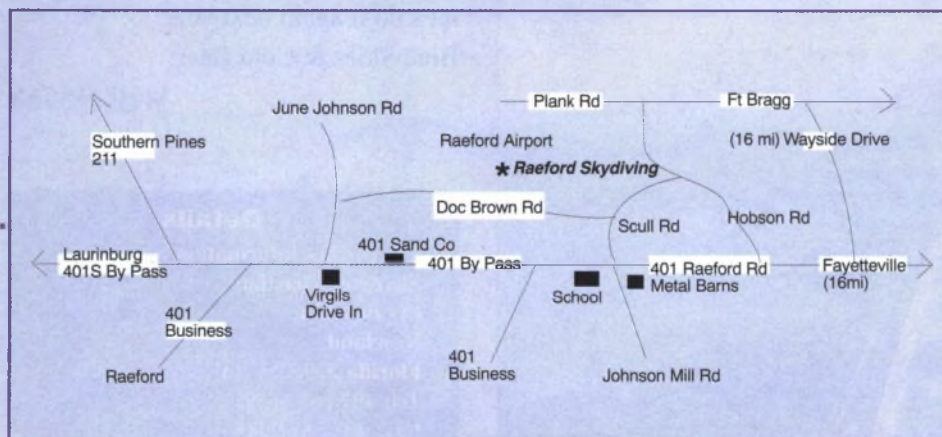
If you are on an 8-way team you will receive a 10 percent discount and free use of the bunkhouse, this is normally three dollars a night. If you are on a 4-way team then you can either have 10 percent discount or free use of the bunkhouse. Jump prices are standard, 15 dollars to 13,000ft.

Raeford Skydiving Services (RSS)

RSS is run by John Tippy, a retired soldier, and he teaches S/L square, tandem and AFF. There are no longer any rounds jumped on Raeford. He uses Strong Tandem rigs, AFF vectors with Manta mains and square reserves and uses old military tandem systems for his S/L jumps. John also acts as the Safety and Training representative, so no low pulls or landing in the packing area! Lots of private AGG and Tandems go on and there's no extra charge by the owner or RSS. Their prices for AFF are very competitive, 850 dollars for the course, if a group of five were to turn up together then they would each get a 50 dollar discount. S/L square courses cost 175 dollars with the 1st jump included, after that each progression jump costs 40 dollars which includes equipment hire. Once the student reaches 10-5 second delays they'll then be converted over to AFF. If the student has just completed ten second delays then he'll start with a level three, if he's done 15 second delays he'll start with a level four. The conversion training costs 25 dollars. The breakdown of costs are as follows; AFF levels 1-3 cost 125 dollars each, and levels 4-7 85 dollars each. Tandems cost 125 dollars.

Flight Line:

This is the name of the rigging facility and gear sales which is run by Skip Summers, a former US national CRW champion. Previously it was run by Right Track but they unfortunately went bust last year, so now Skip has the shop. Also in the shop, jump-suits are made by Wendy and she will make the jump-suits any size or colour. They have quite a large range of new and used gear and test jumping any of it is not a problem.



Restaurant Facilities

The restaurant facilities are run by a very nice lady called Charlene Daly and her team of female workers. She also runs the bar which sells the normal cans of ice cold beer. The restaurant is called Bally's and they will cook team meals as well as the normal stuff on the menu which is pretty good and also reasonably priced. The bar and restaurant are in the same building and they quite often have BBQ's and they'll lay one on for you if you so desire.

The Golden Knights

Everyone who knows anything about jumping will have heard of these men and women from the US Army. The

Knights competition teams all train at Raeford during the week and will probably do 6-8 jumps a day. They're not only the 8-way world champions but the nicest bunch of people you'll meet in skydiving and they have no problems with telling folks how to do all the right moves for 8 or 4-way. Last year the Australian 8-way team trained alongside them prior to competing against them in both the US Nationals and the World Meet in Eloy, Arizona. The interesting thing to note also is that there are currently four ex-Golden Knights in Fort Bragg who coach as well load organise at weekends (when they're not away with their units).

Conclusion

I hope I've given you some insight into what a great DZ this is for all aspects of skydiving. The place was my local DZ for two years with owners and locals who really did make me feel welcome, as they did everyone who jumped there. Try it, you won't be disappointed.

Jim Scarratt D4724

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Skydive Sebastian, Florida, USA

Recently I was invited to join the Black Lanyards (4 Para Display Team) on a training camp to Sebastian, located on the east coast of Florida. With the threat of lots of cold beer and skydives out of a casa, how could I refuse?

The DZ itself is approximately one and a half hours drive directly east from Orlando Airport until you hit the coast. It has only recently come into existence compared to the established DZ's in Florida, but I'm sure word will spread quickly. From a cameraman's point of view the scenery alone justifies a visit – each load going to 13,500ft at a very good jump rate.

Because it is fairly new, the facilities are quite basic with a campsite with shower facilities within a five minute walk of the DZ. Plans are afoot though to provide a campsite on the DZ itself this year. The DZ is only 3 miles away from Sebastian, which is a small town with loads of motels (for those who can afford them). Shaun (awesome dude!) and Wanda who run the DZ make a visitor completely welcome. With Sky-Eye sequential organising skydives, mainly on weekends, the chance to take 'time out' from team training and get involved in some good organised dives is available.

The Tigers Display team led by Ian Cashman were also training out there for a month (only in the Army eh!) and achieved at least 100 skydives apiece. When the *Black Lanyards* returned to Britain I stayed and was introduced to filming CRW (thanks guys, this was definitely a first!).

Every Saturday ended with a Barbecue and every Sunday with a demo onto the beach. It's definitely not for the faint hearted as it's only 15ft wide and the wind comes off the sea.

However it's worth the risk of getting wet for the view alone, as it's in front of the bar on the beach with *babes from hell in bikinis everywhere!*

On the whole apart from a few non-jumping days due to weather, an enjoyable time was had by both teams and especially by myself. Many thanks to Ian Midgeley for the invite and best of luck to the team for the rest of the year, let's do it again next year.

Blue Skies & Cold Beer

Will D8768



The Tigers. Photo by Chuck Karcher

Details

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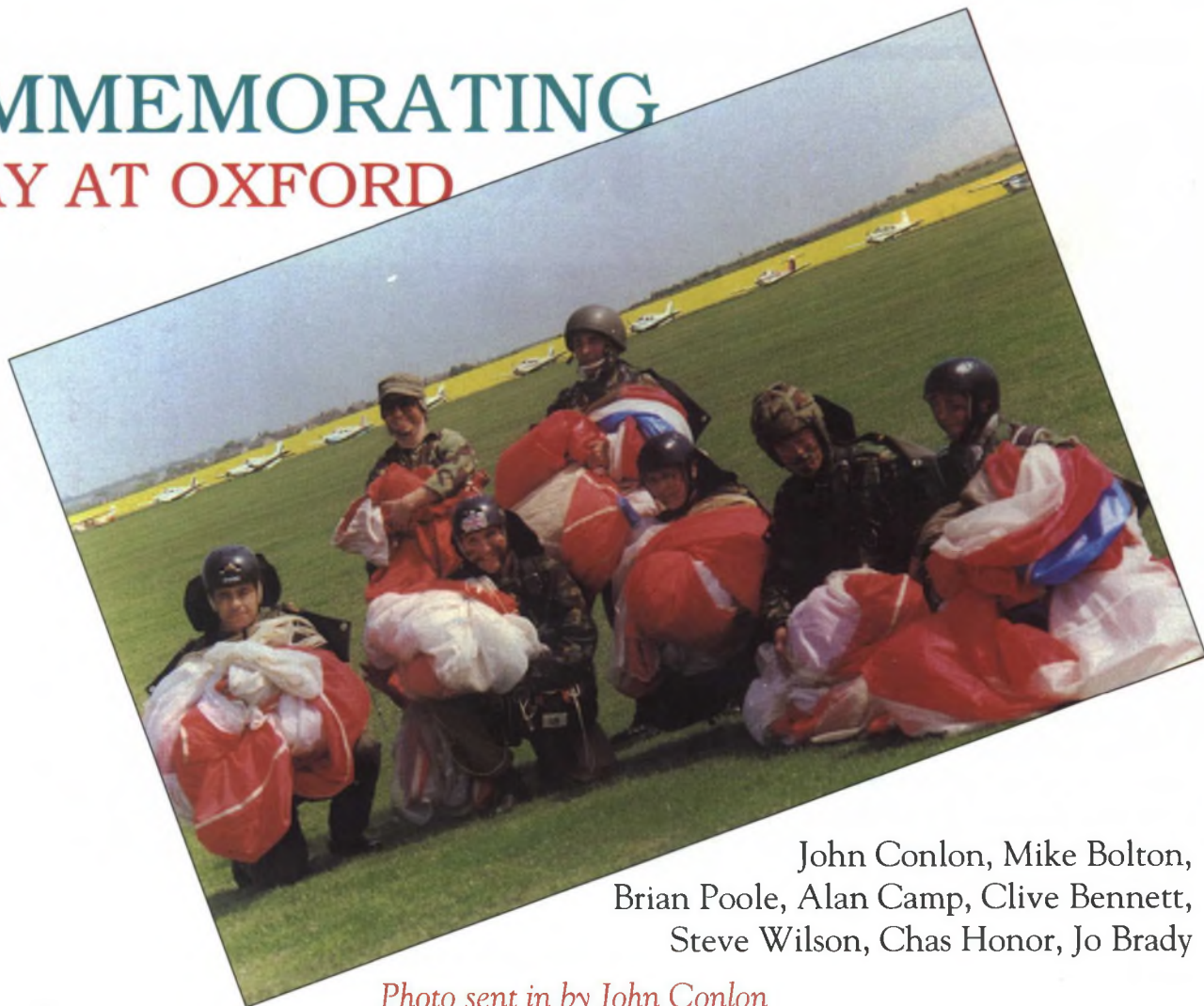
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COMMEMORATING D-DAY AT OXFORD



John Conlon, Mike Bolton,
Brian Poole, Alan Camp, Clive Bennett,
Steve Wilson, Chas Honor, Jo Brady

Photo sent in by John Conlon

COMMEMORATING

Cat 8 - Ian Lanhan, 200th - Steve Keen
and Graduating AFF - Marie Kingston
The lesson... don't do it at Dunkeswell



Photos by Adrian Thornton



North Pole

There we were again in Moscow, waiting for the Iljushin 76 to take us to Siberia. Again, because this was going to be my second jumping expedition to the North pole! What gets into a person to make them want to jump in the North Pole in the first place? And who is crazy enough to want to do it a second time?

Well, I am one of those crazy ones and I'm not sure myself. Maybe it is the adventure and the need to do something unique, something very few people have ever done. To make the ultimate jump on top of the world. Maybe it is the idea of making a trip through Siberia, a country that has always been haunted by stories of exile and hardship, a land of no return...

Maybe it is to meet people portrayed in history books as being unscrupulous, brutal and savage but who have produced an unsurpassed beauty of literature poetry, music and art. Maybe it is for all these reasons.

The second time you know it is for different reasons. The sense of adventure is still there, but you also want to meet those friendly, helpful generous and very hospitable Russians again; you want to see and breathe the clean and crisp air of Siberia again, but most of all you want to see again the vast white moon-like landscape beneath you from the tailgate of the IL - 76! All the preparations at home, during the trip and before leaving for the final stretch to the Pole have brought your heart beat and pulse rate up to that moment - diving off that tailgate onto another planet...

This year on the 15th of April about 80 skydivers from the US, Canada, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany and of course Russia were gathered together under the leadership of Sergej Insarov of the Para Rescue Centre of the Russian Red Cross.



Bill Booth landing his third tandem on the North Pole.

Famous western names popped up like Bill Booth, Dan Poynter, Patrick de Gayardon, Max Dereta and Bruno Brokken.

The five hour flight to Chatanga in Siberia and the two days waiting for good weather on the Pole were spent talking, eating drinking and sightseeing, jumping in villages surrounding Chatanga, and finally, getting your gear ready: four to five layers of clothing - thin and thick underwear, one or two layers of fleece or down, one layer of windproofing, balaclavas and face masks, two or three layers of gloves, double glassed goggles, and bags with all the necessary things for surviving for two or maybe even three days at the Pole. And of course the stuff for taking the most spectacular pictures: cameras, banners, boards (with Elvis Presley for instance...), Santa Claus clothing etc for yourself or your sponsor.

Finally the ground crew, who had left earlier and had waited on Sredney Island to establish a camp on the Pole, gave the green light. And then the moment came: getting on board the IL - 76 with all your gear ready, a three

hour flight to the Pole ahead of you.

The Plane was kept at a zero+ temperature to keep you from sweating your pants off and allowing you to get accustomed to the minus 26 degrees C (without wind chill correction) at the Pole. Half an hour before arriving at the Pole, everybody started to get ready. Three run-ins were planned, and for us it would be ten grand. Six tandems were also planned and there would be smaller and bigger formations.

...the deafening all-consuming sound of the siren that could wake the dead shatters the insides of your brain as the tailgate slowly opens and reveals a breathtaking view of a landscape of white plains crossed with ridges of ice, dark patches, and ribbons of cracks with water or thin new ice - nothing else as far as the eyes can see. As the excruciating sound of the siren is heard again, you take a step, stretch your arms and dive into the pale blue of the polar sky...

In contrast with last year's beautiful stable exit, this time I made a loop when the 300mph propblast hit me, lost my goggles and when I finally found them again I noticed the glass was gone. So

without any eye protection I tried to reach the group in front of me but unfortunately opening altitude came first.

A big flat surface of ice with smoke, a *Welcome to the Pole* written on the ground in Russian, and a first aid tent, gave us a perfect DZ. Although the winds were not as strong as the year before, it was about 8 degrees colder and you noticed it the moment you wanted to take your gloves off for taking pictures. Although my goggles were gone, I did not suffer from frostbite in or around my eyes and the extra pair of goggles Bill Booth had with him were very welcome.

Congratulations all round, pictures before the national flags on the Pole, champagne, nude polar snow bathing, the first reserve ride on the North Pole from a Russian jumper and the beginning of a very bad cold for me were 'highlights' of the next few hours. Then the long journey home for the first group started in one of the two evacuation MI-8 helicopters. A quick 'hello' was said to the extremely surprised members of a Canadian "expedition" to the Pole which landed some distance away with two Twin Otters...

It took an hour by helicopter to the ice airport at the polar circle, where we were transferred to an Antonov 74. Stacked up in layers we flew in three hours to Sredney Island where we had to be re-stacked in an Antonov 26 which took two and a half hours to fly us back to Chatanga.

In Sredney we were accompanied by a Japanese expedition which had to abort their efforts to reach the Pole on foot, after being attacked by a polar bear, falling into the Arctic ocean and losing half of their supplies!

Finally, we reached Chatanga, took a warm shower, had a warm meal, packed our parachutes and got a few hours rest before the second group came back. And when they did, all of us hungry, thirsty, dirty and tired, all agreed on one point: it had been an unforgettable and unique experience which was worth all the sacrifices, financial and otherwise!

At the celebration party commemoration medals and certificates were presented, which will be treasured mementoes of this unique event.

Congratulations also to the German group that jumped on to the Pole one day later. They made a 30-way and dropped a car as a publicity stunt. Surely an achievement to be mentioned in the Guinness Book of Records!

Patrick de Gayardon on his skysurf board over the North Pole.



Flying back to Moscow the next day we exchanged addresses, promising to write and send pictures and maybe even think about joining up again next year!

Would there be anyone crazy enough (besides of course Bill Booth and Sergej Insarov) to do this a third time? Who knows? I will keep you informed!

Nathalie Chudiak, Editor
Sportparachutist – Netherlands



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Simon Ward



Kevin Hughes
(Left and far left)

three thousand

People in the sport:

Rob Colpus

Age, marital status, family etc.

Age 41, single, lives with girlfriend and her 14 year old daughter. Has one brother, father deceased, mother 79.

Job description.

Skydiving equipment manufacturer and retailer.

Time in the sport, qualifications.

22 years in sport, started December 1972 at Thruxton. AFF Instructor since 84. Gave up static line instructor rating last year. BPA Council member 81-87, BPA IPC delegate 85-90, IPC FS Committee 85-present date.

Jumps, malfunctions

4,930 jumps, (Big 5,000 coming up this year) – 7 mals.

Personal kit (past and present).

Chopped down B4 front and back + GQ pathfinder and Navy Conical b) Atom + BT pro 120 + Transfair

Competition experience, medals, teams.

National championship gold medals: 4-way 76, 77, 79, 81, 83.

8-way 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 85, 86, 88, 89, 92.

World meet silver medal 4-way 79 – Team: Symbiosis.

World meet bronze medal 4-way 81 – Team: Symbiosis.

Prince of Wales cup x 2 for best British Aviation Team of 79 and 89.

British team, world championships – 77, 79, 81, 85 and 89.

British team world cups – 76, 78, 80, 82, 83, 88 and 92.

British team, head of delegation, world champs 87 and 93 + a couple of national speed golds + lots of medals in 16-way, 40-way, 10-way speed LAC meets etc.

Also have a few accuracy on my on Pegasus.

Nationals teams – Symbiosis, Blipverts, Mingoes, Mo, Toytime, Toy-Company.

Most memorable skydive (good or bad).

Good – Round 10 of 81 World meet in 4-way, 14 in time – best score for that round and clinched medal.

Bad – 1978 in Australia – dumped low, put pilot chute on back, and around foot,

pulled reserve at about 500ft without a cutaway and was saved.

Favourite DZs (British and world-wide).

Favourite British DZ – until Xmas 93 – Sibson – now no favourite.

Favourite Worldwide DZs – 1, Pope Valley (now closed) 2, Gap 3, Skydive Arizona.

Do you have an ambition?

To keep an open mind and a progressive attitude.

When not skydiving what do you do?

Work.

If there was one person in the sport who has influenced you, who would it be?

BJ Worth – a major driving force in Competition FS, not only as a Team Leader and competitor, but also as a visionary.

Persons or team you admire (past or present).

Persons – BJ Worth, Al Kruger, Bill Booth, Bill Dause, John Meacock, Ken Coleman, Cheryl Stearns, Dave Mitchell, Dan BC, Dale Stewart, Patrick Degayadon, Norm Kent, Patrick Pass, Uwe Beckman, Eilef Ness, Helmut Clothe.

Teams – Captain Hooks Sky Pirates, Mirror Image, Icarus, Coors, Tag, Essone, Golden Knights.

Where do you think the sport is going, what would you like to see?

For the future – DZ's will be forced to go more up-market with better, modern facilities. Faster bigger turbine aircraft with inflight doors will be the norm in most countries. The days of sleeping under the packing table will be over. The sport will appear to be more professional in its approach. I don't think prices will rise in real terms, and I don't think we'll attract big sponsorship. Centres will be mindful of competition and market forces. They will start to compete with other adventure sports, not just each other. Membership of the BPA or its equivalent will not be mandatory to be able to jump at the majority of clubs in the UK. Ratings will be recognised and accepted world wide. I'd like to see Olympic, or Air sports Olympic, status. I'd like to see the BPA or its equivalent departmentalised into 2 separate Autonomous departments: 1) STC CAA and 2) Sports/Membership services, and I'd like it run by a professional full-time Sports management Executive.

What advice do you have for up and coming skydivers?

Get lots of jumps back to back with good coaching. Don't hang around for rainy weekend after rainy weekend. If into FS, get together with three friends and do a team, no matter what level of experience. Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions and get help from the best, but don't forget the only real effective training aid is time in the air. Don't be afraid to compete – our coach before the 89 world meet gave us a quote by Teddy Roosevelt



which read: "It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbles, or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is active in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who, if he wins knows the triumph of high achievement, and if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat".

What is your favourite joke?

Did you hear the one about the agnostic, dyslexic insomniac? He sat up all night wondering if there really was a Dog!

What, if anything winds you up?

The commonly held conception that the US TSO is the only valid equipment testing standard winds me up, when the French and South African systems are more comprehensive and stricter, and carried out by government

agencies and not by the manufacturer, as is the case with the US TSO.

Negative, small minded attitudes wind me up. I hate to hear – "We can't do that because we're not in America" or "I can't afford to" or "I wish I could be a national champion but I can't get the time off work" – The people that REALLY want to, do it!

What also winds me up is the fact that it is taboo to criticise the BPA or its current staff. It winds me up that the BPA refuses to take a critical, honest look at itself, and carry out a time and motion study on it's current staff and activities. It winds me up that anybody who makes suggestions like this, such as me, is branded a trouble maker.

Compiled by Dave Mitchell

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RED DEVILS

LUCIFER'S POSTCARD FROM CYPRUS

As Cyprus suffers its first Libyan dust haze for ten years, I have the opportunity to collect my thoughts into sentences and report on 'Exercise Sky High 5' or Red Devils Team Training 1994 organised and administrated by Captain Terry Carroll and TSM Robert (Bob to his friends) Baker.

Apart from the 35 knot winds and poor visibility of today the weather has for the most part failed to disrupt this year's exercise and CCI Chris Allen's training schedule based on the Skydive University programme has progressed uninterrupted. Pilots Rick Heselwood and Al Barnes left the UK in G-ORED on March 14th to be followed two days later by most of the team via Cyprus Airways. Jumping began on Thursday morning and by the time Debbie arrived on Saturday most of the team had done 10-15 training jumps.

The plan for one month's jumping was to complete an average of five skydives per day over a five day week and therefore allow two days a week for rest and recuperation and the slaking of thirst. The guys hadn't done much jumping in the UK since Christmas (did anybody?) so the programme began with a series of 2-way drill dives to get their knees in the breeze. Everyone swapped slots on the launches and by the second week they were free flown. Week three saw further progression skydives and 8-way demo format exercises culminating in a speed competition for the red and black team 8-ways. Each team had to build a formation from a free flown exit, transition to a second formation and all land in the demo arena set up for the purpose on the DZ. The rule was that if you didn't land in the arena you were also not considered to be in the formation. Each team also had to land a CRW formation. Following three rounds, there was some difference in the timed formations with the red team, led by Steve Judge and coached by Jason Grime, emerging triumphant, and as a result got drunk for free.

A significant emphasis has been placed on building the CRW capability both for demos and competitions and to this end Royal Marine Ron Sharples was seconded to coach the team. Air-to-air radio communications proved invaluable for this purpose although Kev Waterhouse could be



heard from the ground when he was well above 3,000ft. However, he was quieter when the only wrap of the trip gave him and Lofty Mahon two of the three reserve rides of the 2,000 or so descents made. By week three they were demonstrating bi and tri-planes (and landing them in the arena), pendulums, Canadian T's, Bi-hands and down planes and the future looks hopeful for canopy rotation competitions, although 'hopeful' was the least appropriate word sometimes for John Thows' expression.

A night programme was also run successfully with a few of the guys 'getting the beers in' for a first time.

Tandems featured along the way as Chris, Debbie and Dennis Hayes renewed their currency and Dave Mitchell demonstrated his unusual effect on the tandem passenger with 'the kiss emetic'. Romance was proved to be alive and kicking when Wolfie presented his girlfriend with a diamond ring during the climb to altitude for her tandem and the bubbly was flowing on landing. (By the way, she said yes!). Kev Waterhouse was there as well, docking on his fiancée's tandem for the photos, (or was it an effect achieved with a pair of scissors and some glue?).

Both the red and black demo teams displayed whilst in Cyprus, into The King Richard School, 16 Flt AAC and the saddle club three day event, although the demo into RAF Akrotiri was blown out.

Arron Hearsom, who became Cat 8 in Spain, is now Cat 10. Steve Ricketts got his D license and went swimming for his costs, as did Steve Smith.

On the down side Debbie had a hard landing on a CRW bi-plane in nil winds and squashed a vertebrae in the process. It was obvious she would be out for the rest of the trip so the OC authorised her return

home early, but not before she had acquired the sickliest of dark suntans! Others not wanting to be left out were Steve Blee and 10 Paras 'Sabreman' Fin Molloy, who discovered the ring of tyres around Dixie's nice soft pit were well wired together, and Sharky, who is giving up acrobatics as a post army career. All the above recieved minor sprained ankles and were airborne again in a day or two. On the subject of hospitals, Wills was a hero in the middle of the night coming to the rescue of a damsel in distress and her severed finger!

Other points worth mentioning were Pete Stubbs canopy handling... there, I've mentioned it... and that this was Billy Morris' last trip as he is just finishing his tour with the team. Oh, and Tebbis still hasn't passed his driving test.

On returning to the UK the Fred's demo season begins in earnest with teams travelling to Normandy for the commemoration celebrations and to Rhode Island and Norfolk, Virginia in the US. (See next article).

Many thanks to Dixie and Don and crew at CCSPC for making us so welcome, to demon maniferster Neil Richards and pilots Roger Brown, Al, Rick, and Stelios who flew the Cyprus Islander.

If you haven't been to Cyprus to skydive, here are some of the reasons why you should: you get sun, sea, sand, Nissi Beach, 12,000ft, Islander with a door, a fabulous view, a soft pit, a covered carpeted packing area, RAPS, AFF, and tandem, the open championships in October and brandy sours. Call the CCI Neil Dixon for details.

Must go now, my Pimms has just arrived.

Blue skies.



Lucifer.

Kit News

TANDEM FATALITY: ONSITE INVESTIGATION BY STRONG ENTERPRISES

April 2nd 1994 at Belen, New Mexico. While making her second tandem jump of the day, a current tandem instructor with 1500+ free-

falls (25 of which were tandem jumps) and her female student became Strong Enterprises fourth tandem fatality. This jump was from a Cessna-182 at 8500 feet AGL.

After recovering from a barrel roll during the exit the tandem instructor apparently became engrossed in dealing with her student's body position (legs straight and knees locked, bent at the waist, arms extended in front of her chest) as they did a slow turn to the right and fell face to earth. This student had an extreme fear of heights which she was trying to overcome through skydiving and other activities. Neither drogue nor drogue release ripcord was activated. The reserve was activated so close to the ground that the freebag landed 30

metres away in a 15 knot wind, and the ripcord landed 16 metres away. There was no AAD installed on this system.

The equipment was inspected by Walter Tidmore, a rigger rated FAA inspector of the ABQ, FSDO; Richard Bennett, the Valencia County Deputy Medical Investigator; and Strong Enterprises. It complied with the manufacturer's specifications and was properly assembled and packed.

It appears that this tandem instructor lost focus on the priority of drogue and main parachute deployment while dealing with her student, and then lost altitude awareness.

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PARA-FLITE

Product Service Bulletin No: 9401

Products Affected: All Swift Plus reserves with Spectra-lines.

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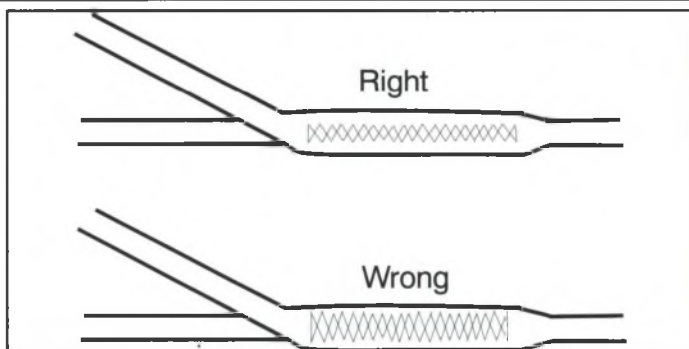
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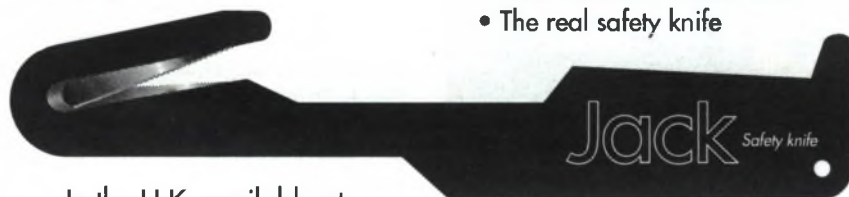
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Northern Regional Style and Accuracy competition

Dave Johnson hosted the first classics regional at Bridlington on the weekend of the 23-24 of April. Many of the competitors arrived on the Friday night to sample the Yorkshire ale at the Star hotel and make final team adjustments.

Geordie Page however, did not arrive until early on Saturday morning to find that his team *Something for Nothing* had binned him in favour of former British Champion Harry Morgan who had negotiated the change over a few beers on Friday night. Nick Johnston, Andy Bremnar, Keith Duncan and Dave Ruffell were however to regret that decision as the weekend progressed; still on paper it looked a strong team.

H troop fresh from their spring Arizona training camp were obviously hot favourites all having completed over 100 training jumps in the previous four weeks. The team comprised Geoff Chandler, Les Carrol, Dave Ballard and Carl Williams, this years British team going to the world championships in May. Their 5th member was Dave Stewart a member of the JSPV staff who filled in for the absent Dougie Young.

The Mustgetbeers however were not very currant. John and Cheryl Smyth did their first jumps of 1994 in round one of the competition. Steve Hastings and Alan Dumbell had only done about half a dozen and the 5th member Tim Andrews had done about 20 jumps to date.

The 4th team *Two Pimps and a Squirt* was Dave Johnston's local team, we never did

find out who were the pimps and who was the squirt.

Saturday morning dawned with Bridlington being the only rain free zone in the UK so straight into the Accuracy. We had three rounds completed before the rain came. Shame about *H troop* getting caught in a downpour under canopy, we didn't laugh much lads honest!!

It soon became apparent that *H troop* were not going to romp it with *The Mustgetbeers* stomping out disc after disc and beating *H troop* on every round. Cheryl Smyth got a 0.00 on Round one, (they say a day off does you good) with Steve and Tim. Alan had a 0.03 It was the same on round two except this time it was John Steve and Tim with the discs and the same on round three.

So by the end of round three *H troop* were on 0.15 with *The Mustgetbeers* on 0.09. *Something for Nothing* were also looking good pushing *H troop* for 2nd place until Harry Morgan decided to go into town and did not get back in time to jump round three. This was not the only time this would happen prompting the chant "*Bring back Geordie all is forgiven*".

Anyway Dave Ruffell made up for it, with some of the fanciest footwork ever seen at an accuracy competition, getting four discs. He was on borrowed kit as well. A real talent if he was to take it up seriously but I think he prefers RW??

The Mustgetbeers were still in the lead in the team event, going into the Saturday night celebrations with the two old cam-

paigners Les Carroll and Tim Andrews 1st & 2nd in the individual with only 0.01 separating them. The next day saw wheels off at 08.30 to complete rounds five and six of the accuracy. Yet again Harry Morgan failed to appear for round five but made up for it with a 0.00 in the final round. We can only guess at what he found more entertaining than jumping?

The final team placing saw *The Mustgetbeers* taking gold with 0.39 with *H troop* second on 1.55 and *Something for Nothing* renamed *Where the Fxxx is Harry*, 3rd on 2.50. The individual placings saw Les Carroll and Tim Andrews tying on 0.02, but Les was awarded 1st on the count back system.

Nicky Johnson came a very creditable 3rd on 0.05 with Steve Hastings 4th on 0.09. The style competition was called on round one – again the old professional Les Carroll took gold. There is no doubt that Les's consistency in both classic events is without equal. We wish him well in China let's hope he brings back a medal.

Alan Dumbell split up the rest of *H troop* taking silver, well done Alan, a great performance. The prize-giving brought a few more surprises, Dave Johnson had arranged a £12 meal voucher at The Star Hotel to be awarded to who he felt deserved it, plus a £40 cash prize to be drawn by selecting a round (1-6) and a score (0-0.06) from a hat. Whoever scored the drawn score on the drawn round won £40. Well it turned out to be 0.09 on round five, which, when he scored it, earned John Smyth much rebuke from his team mates. He was instructed to change his shoes – well the shoes stay, they are obviously lucky.

Young Debra Smyth was awarded the £12 voucher – a good weekend for the Smyth family. Special thanks must go to Dave Johnston and Lyn for laying on a superb competition, Dave has a talent for getting sponsorship and making competitions just that little bit special. We know he has organised a very interesting nationals with the final rounds and/or a separate competition being jumped into an arena in Bridlington. We are all looking forward to this and hope for a good turnout in July. Dave needs all the support he can get as he is still getting hassle from Grindale parish council so let's see you all there. Thanks again to everyone at Brid for a good meet see you soon.

The Mustgetbeers



The Mustgetbeers

Fergie Rennie

It is with deep regret that I have to tell of the tragic death of Fergie Rennie formally of the Parachute Regiment, killed whilst serving in Bosnia in April 1994.

I'm sure that those who knew him would agree that if there ever was a gentle giant with a sense of humour second to none, it was indeed Fergie. He will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him as a friend, colleague or skydiver. Condolences go to his family and his girlfriend Lisa.

Dave Mitchell D8867



Photo by Dave Mitchell

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CAMERA HELMETS

HELLER HELMET

FSW Heller GmbH from Germany has introduced the Heller Helmet III. The shell of the new camera helmet is made from Kevlar-carbon laminate which is even stronger and lighter than the company's fiberglass models. The helmet is available in white, black, marine, red and pink. Prices stayed unchanged.

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Central FS Regional Competition

Weston on the Green Chief Judge's Report

(Judges Present: Jackie Glover, Susan Dixon, Amanda Kenny, Dona Crum – Trainee judge)

On my arrival at RAFSPA Weston on the Green, I found a very harassed looking Wayne Laxton who was to be meet director, engulfed by people wanting to register for what seems to have become the BPA's most popular regional competition. The competition is run alongside RAFSPA's own 4 & 8-way competition and this year it attracted 28 4-way teams & seven 8-way teams

Briefings

The dive sheets, were issued to all teams at 8.30pm on the Friday evening ready for an 8.30am briefing on the Saturday morning and a 9.00am wheels-off.

The aircraft was to be a Ukrainian Turbolet with Islanders where required. The competition was to take place over six rounds and there were no entries in the junior category. During the cameramen's briefing the first problem was encountered; was there enough room for the cameramen to exit first? They didn't think so. The cameramen were therefore to follow the teams out, this must surely be a judges nightmare!

Well the team of judges set up the judging room, we had two monitors, one playback video (provided by RAFPSA), we had dive sheets, stop watches and pens, we even bothered to check out the dive sheets, we did

not however have score sheets! Some quick thinking person rescued half a score sheet from her briefcase and frantic photocopying ensued, was this the organisation (we had been promised as a result of the request from the judges sub-committee?) we were, however, now ready for the beginning of the competition.

The first tape arrived to be judged using the new rules – a maximum of three viewings at normal speed.

I think everyone at first couldn't believe how much we had become reliant on slow-motion, and the first few tapes proved to be difficult to judge. We had problems because of poor angles on the first point because the cameramen were following the teams out. Having no slow-motion didn't help.

The BPA only found two judges for regional competitions, this has now got to change with the new rules. People's opinions differ so much without slow-motion, the third judge's opinion is often the deciding one.

Because the first point in some cases was almost never seen because of camera angle, re-jumps would have almost always occurred. This however, would not have benefited the teams as the circumstances would have been same for the re jump. The same aircraft and cameraman following the team – so a large amount of leniency and artistic interpretation was used to establish if the first point was there or not. However, as this is not the way that a team will be judged should they go to a World Meet, did it really benefit the teams apart from the fact they didn't have to pay for re-jumps? We need slow-motion back!

Wrong tape

Another problem encountered during the competition was that cameramen were putting a team's dive onto the wrong tape. This could have been solved by somebody having control of the cameramen's area, allocating a cameraman to a load, then making sure when he came down he



Game Over 8-way winners – photo sent in by G S Liggins

Competition Round Up

downloaded his tape onto the correct video.

Although the new rules were explained to the competitors at the briefing, it is alarming when on the arrival of the judges chairperson it is presumed she has come to sort the judges out because they don't know what they are doing!

Perhaps if teams had a problem it would be nice if they asked us about it, before slagging the judges off to anyone who is prepared to listen. We are, after all, only working to the new rules – even if we don't agree with some of them.

Hopefully the teams enjoyed the competition, I know some found the new rules hard to understand, and some were not happy with judges decisions. However the sooner teams realise that we don't enjoy taking points away from them, and that we are working with them and not against them, the happier the judging team will be.

The first competition of the season using the new judging rules proved difficult, hopefully things can now only get better.

Jackie Glover
Chief Judge – Central Regional

Competitors view:

The early May Day Bank Holiday witnessed probably the best attended Regional Meet the country has ever seen. It became apparent with two weeks to go that a cut would have to be called and 28 x 4-way teams were allowed to enter. The competition could quite easily have risen to over 35 teams and many were turned away – sorry folks but we only had a week-end.

Despite the glorious weather it was going to be a hard task to complete the intended six rounds of 4 and 8-way, especially as a second Turbine Islander was not available. Timmy Turbolet to the rescue? Sort of. The Let 410 was the last minute replacement for the Turbine Islander but unfortunately it was plagued with transponder problems. This caused a meet directors headache, and the whole of round two was transferred back to one Turbine Islander! Evne "Tango Golf" has limitations.

Then as if the Turbolet problem was not enough, Tango Golf started eating batteries. Thankfully the Turbo Let decided to play again, so it was back to Timmy.

Despite over seven hours of down time, the competition almost com-

pleted and was "called" on six rounds of Intermediate 4-way, five rounds of Senior 4-way and three rounds of 8-way – not bad all things considered.

The eventual winner of the Senior 4-way were RAFSPA who overturned the 1992 nationals result. The Intermediate competition went to a rejump with the RAFSPA team Anthill Mob just pipping 1 Minute Wonders. The 8-way was convincingly won by the rather aptly named Game Over. It has to be said though that they still need their hair cuts – and one day....!!!

All the usual thanks go to the players who made and ran this annual event and RAFSPA looks forward to hosting you all again next May. (Hair cut mode Hutch). Thanks for the flypast Bathy.

Wayne Loxton

RESULTS

Master 4-way

Team	Points	Place
RAFSPA	58	1
Red Devils (Black)	53	2
Silly Games	42	3
Simple Minds	41	4
Red Devils (Red)	40	5
Touch & Go	39	6
Bogs Dollocks	34	7
No Purchase required	33	8
Animation	29	9
Politically Corrected	28	10
Wash N' Go	25	11
Where's Kevin	25	11
Stunning Mullet	23	13
Paratrasch	22	14
Nomads	21	15
Man & His Dog	21	16
Performance Anxiety	20	17
Hog Wash	18	18
9 Jumps Together	15	19
Team Green	11	20
The Management	10	21

Intermediate 4-way

Team	Points	Place
Ant Hill Mob	26	1
1 Minute Wonder	21	2
Team Pilot & Cargo	18	3
Scratch & Sniff	14	4
Wind Wizards	11	5
TDFU	10	6
Them 4 Nuggets	6	7

8-way

Team	Points	Place
Game Over	20	1
Red Devils	17	2
Scotty's Wallet	10	3
No Go	7	4
Mad Mullets	6	5
Para Dollocks	5	6
Wash the Dogs	2	7

THE STORY CONTINUES...

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At the Riggers and STC Meetings of March 17th 1994 it was agreed to lift the grounding of Nova main canopies (Safety Notice 1/94). Below is the text of a Product Bulletin issued by Glide Path International on February 2nd giving details of their reasons for withdrawing their previous Product Grounding and Recall Bulletin of the 13th January 1994.

LIFTING OF NOVA MAIN CANOPY GROUNDING

On January 13th 1994, Glide Path International Inc issued a statement advising jumpers not to jump their Nova canopies until we could discover if there was a problem with the canopy. Since then we have examined in detail all available evidence surrounding reports of accidents which occurred while a jumper was using a Nova. We are unable to determine a correlation between the accidents and the design of the Nova because, in every case, one or more of the following conditions was present:

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Diary of Events 1994

DATE EVENT LOCATION

July

23 - 31	Canopy Formation National Championships	Bridlington
24 - 25	8 & 16-way Competition	Bad Lippspringe, Germany
26 - 30	RAPA Championships	Bad Lippspringe, Germany
30 - 07 Aug	Classics National Championships	Bridlington

August

13 - 14	16-way FS Competition	Netheravon
15 - 19	PI/Adv Instructor Course	Headcorn
20 - 31	Army Championships	Netheravon
22 - 26	Exam/Pre-Adv Instructor Course	Headcorn
27 - 29	POPS Meet	Langar
27 - 29	16-way FS Competition	Weston-on-the-Green
27 - 29	Southern Regional 4-way FS Meet & 8-way Speed Competition	Cornwall

September

03 - 04	Southern Regional Classics Meet	Eaglescott
03 - 05	Labor Day Boogie	Z - Hills Florida, USA
10 - 11	Central Regional Canopy Formation Meet	Weston-on-the-Green
10 - 18	Student progression and Scrambles Competition	Border
17 - 18	14-way Speed and FS Competition	Hlbaldstow

October

08 - 09	16-way FS Money Meet	Netheravon
08 - 16	Canopy Formation World Championships	Koorlaibyn, Australia
28 - 30	7th Annual Halloween Boogie	Z - Hills Florida, USA
30 - 5 Nov	Cyprus Championships	Cyprus

November

07 - 11	PI/Adv Instructor Course	Strathallan
14 - 18	Exam/Pre-Adv Instructor Course	Strathallan
17 - 28	26th Annual Turkey Meet	Z - Hills Florida, USA

December

10 - 02 Jan	Christmas Boogie	Z - Hills Florida, USA
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CLUB REP'S DZ REPORT



Well this is my first year on Council and as club representative, my task is to visit as many centres as possible. After each visit an article on each centre will go into the BPA mag. I will also report to council on topics raised by clubs and their members. I initially wrote to all BPA centres requesting when would be the best time to visit, however, I only received two replies. I had hoped for a better response, so I decided to pick the following centres:

*The Sport Parachute Centre –
Tilstock, London Parachute Centre
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Parachute Centre – Kent,
Peterborough Parachute Centre,
Target Skysports – Hibaldstow,
Sterling Parachute Centre –
Scotland, British Parachute Schools
– Langar.*

I also look forward to visiting other centres that are not listed above. However, my diary is filling up, so if you want me there, call via the BPA office.

The Sport Parachute Centre – Tilstock

Although the weather was not with me this particular weekend (or with anyone else) I had a great time. The centre is located south of Whitchurch and takes about an hour from Liverpool and Manchester in a lovely rural setting! The club house has a rigging, packing, kit store and student training rooms an excellent cafe offering a real mug of fresh tea or ground coffee and a vast menu full of scrumptious main meals or hot and cold snacks. The accommodation rooms which are situated within the house next door to the DZ are warm, clean and cost around five pounds. There's a separate room where one can socialize in the eve-



nings. Alternatively you can book a room at the Doddington Lodge Hotel where they offer skydivers a special rate of 15 pounds a night. There are plenty of pubs not far from the DZ and of course I had to check they offered a friendly atmosphere and they do. There's plenty of people to jump here midweek and Saturdays, however, they are unable to jump Sundays, so it's a good idea to get there Friday evening. Now the summer's here you may get a jump in that evening to set yourself up for Saturday. The land owner and the parachute club paid vast amounts of money in a long battle to get planning permission. Although this was granted there were restrictions, which were no flying or parachuting on Sundays. However the club has found that their midweek operation has increased. The pilot was there on hand eagerly awaiting to get the plane up and joking about frontal systems with the jumpers.

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In between the snow falls six lifts managed to get up, one of which included a tandem. Congratulations are in order to John Slater from Telford, John did the tandem jump with Pete Carroll for his 70th birthday present to himself and in aid of Cancer Research. He said that he really enjoyed the thrill of freefall and was pleased that he did it for the worthwhile charity Cancer Research. John is studying philosophy and religion – not bad going for his age!

If this was Tilstock on a bum weather visit then I am really looking forward to going there when the weather puts a smile on! Thanks go to Colin & Sue for making me so welcome and to all the club members that didn't give me a hard time, as I thought they might.

Colin tells me that he will be looking for a CCI here at Tilstock if anyone is interested and have the necessities give Colin a call.

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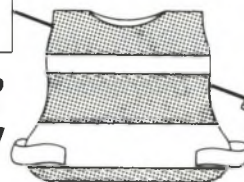
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Should we have a Freestyle Nationals?

The existing recognised competition disciplines in the UK come from the internationally acknowledged areas of Classics (Style and Accuracy), Formation Skydiving (FS) and Canopy Formation Skydiving (CFS/CRW), which are recognised by the International Parachuting Commission (IPC).

Freestyle, an increasingly popular area of our sport with great spectator appeal is now beginning to be recognised as a discipline. Three 'World Freestyle Championships' have been organised to date although they have not been 'official' world meets (run by IPC). In January of this year, IPC issued draft freestyle competition rules, including a classified pool of freestyle figures and judging guidelines. A summary of the rules is presented opposite. It is intended to run an official world meet in the near future.

How then are we in Britain going to treat this new area? Should we fund a freestyle team to represent us internationally? If so, this team should surely be chosen at a Freestyle British Nationals, to qualify for funding in the same way as existing teams. Is there sufficient interest in this area of the sport to justify this? Or would the Nationals be attended by few competitors of a low standard? How would our selected, funded team perform at an international meet?

The BPA receives a special grant from the Sports Council which is to be spent on competition training and expenses, with the aim of promoting the pursuit of excellence in skydiving. This is the source of competition funding – it does not come from your membership! Some of this grant could be spent on funding a British Freestyle team, but this cash would probably have to

be diverted from other areas (Classics, FS, CFS).

The area of Paraski was adopted some eight years ago by Competitions Committee, and British representatives were funded to the World Paraski Meet. However, it was felt after a few years that our standard was so poor when compared to other countries, that the cash would be better spent elsewhere in areas where jumpers are fully committed to improvement. This was not a criticism of Paraski competitors, but a desire to spend the Sports Council grant in disciplines

which are representative of those practised by the membership in the UK.

No-one likes throwing money down the drain and it would be a shame to fund a Freestyle Nationals only to find a similar lack of performance. The counter-argument is that to run a Nationals and fund the winning team to the World Freestyle Meet would recognise this fledgling area of our sport and improve the standard by giving freestylers an achievable goal i.e. to represent Britain at a world meet.

Lesley Gale

(on behalf on the Competitions Committee)

IPC Freestyle Competition Rules Summary

(Copies of full rules available from BPA office)

1. A Freestyle team will consist of two persons; a videographer and a freestyler. There will be separate events for men's and women's freestyle (though the videographer can be of either sex).
2. Each team will complete three jumps:
 - a) Free routine – freestyle figures and moves determined solely by the team.
 - b) Compulsory routine – includes five figures drawn by the judges from the figure pool, performed in sequence during the routine.
 - c) Optional routine – must include five figures selected by the team from the remaining pool. The order in which these are performed must be given to the organiser prior to the jump.
3. The jumps will be judged using air-to-ground video if available (live or recorded) or air-to-air. Five judges will evaluate each routine and their scores averaged.

4. Each routine receives two scores per jump: One for Technical Merit and one for Artistic Interpretation. Both scores are to be given on a units scale of 0-100 for performance during working time.

Jumps will be judged on the following criteria:

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- Body position and form
- Control of headings and angle
- Fluidity, smoothness
- Completion of all drawn Compulsory moves

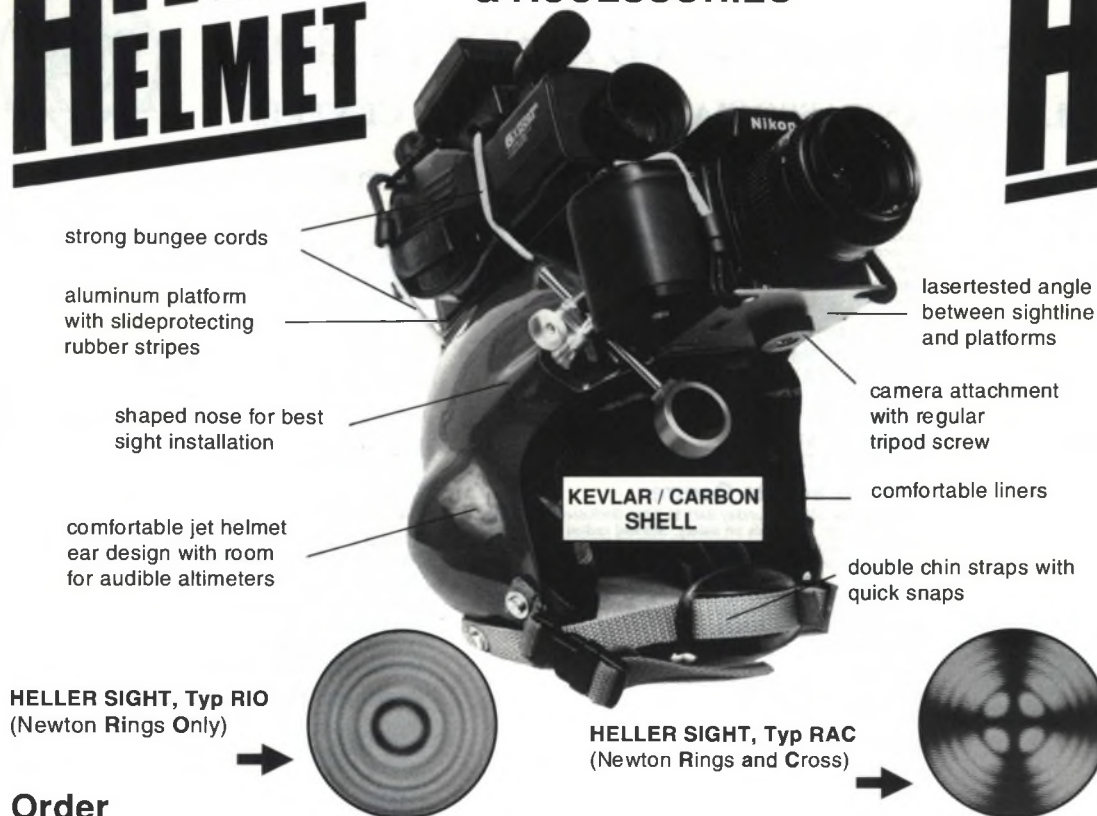
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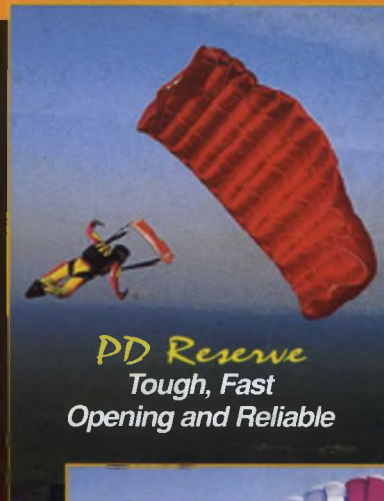
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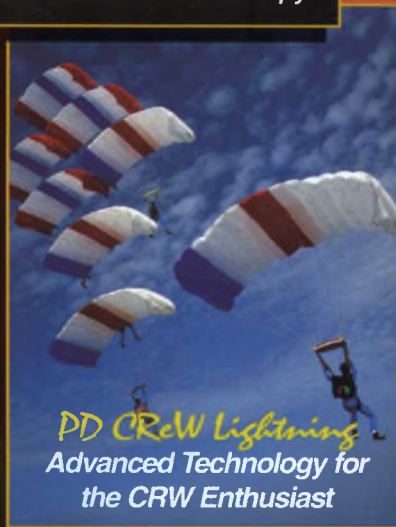
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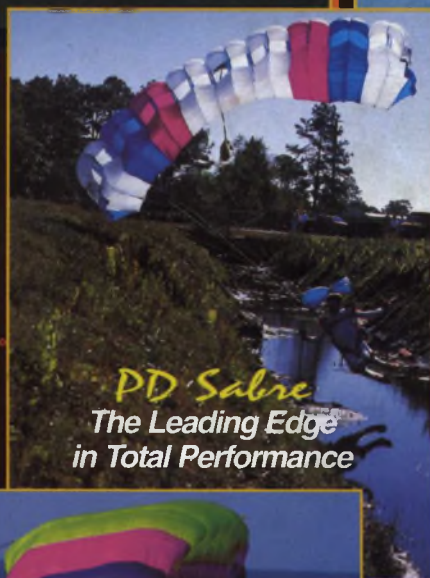
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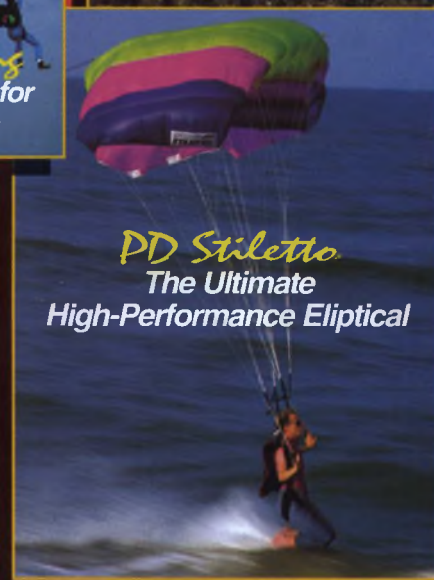
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