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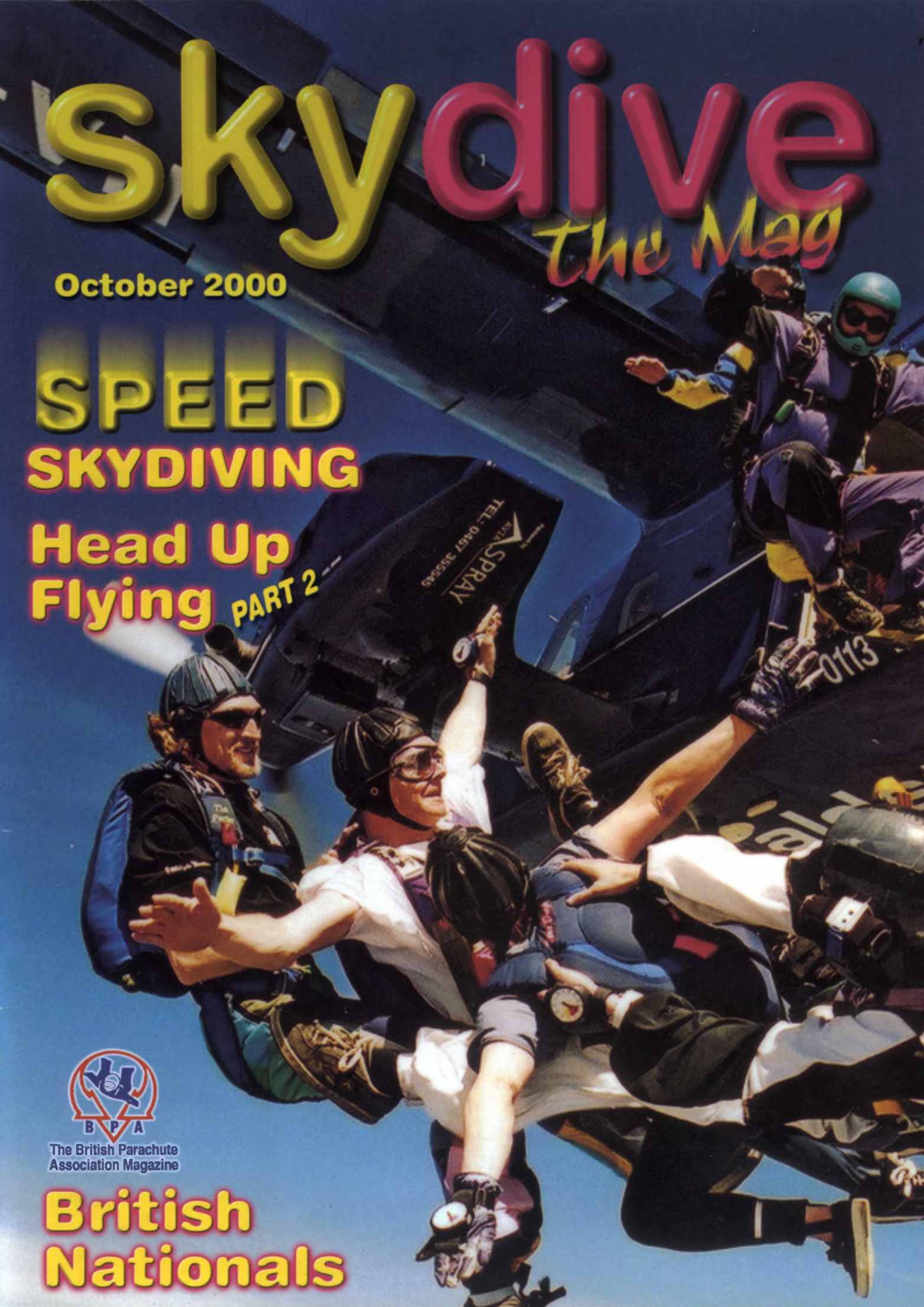
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Editorial

I am not sure I dare write anything! My last editorial sparked up a heated, fiery debate.

Excellent! The purpose of an editorial is to raise relevant issues, promoting discussion and giving food for thought. That's what you see in other mags.

Constructive Debate

Our Council and our Association is founded on the concept of open discussion of ideas. Until an opinion is expressed, you may not even realise that you have an alternative one.

Raising a point about the Nationals in the editorial made for healthy debate and, coincidentally or otherwise, the format of the Nationals has now completely changed. Competitors drafted a letter for Competitions Committee on the future of the FS Nationals. They came up with a better suggestion than mine - to hold the event over a long weekend. Comps Committee responded positively, adopting the idea, see page 19.

You asked for it!

At the AGM 2000, I ran an open forum. One of the action points requested by members was for me to express more opinions in the editorial, as opposed to my previous 'everything's wonderful' approach. Since then, I have criticised lots, I hope constructively, from IPC's 16-way dive pool to the soup at the AGM dinner dance.

Editor's opinion only

I have heard that I shouldn't be writing my opinions here. I am intrigued, whose opinions should they be? Just because I express my view, it doesn't mean I think it is the only view, nor even the one that should be adopted.

Respect different views

Flying in a small plane provides another view of the world. We may see a shadow of a cloud on the ground - this is a completely different view to the chap on the ground who sees the sun going behind a cloud.

We see a different view of a garden when flying over it to the person in it, or to someone looking out of the bedroom window; this is different to the view from the bathroom window or from next door's garden. These views are all valid and correct although they are far from identical. The existence of other views does not necessarily contradict yours. So, next time someone has an opinion which is not yours, spare a thought for the bedroom window and respect their view.

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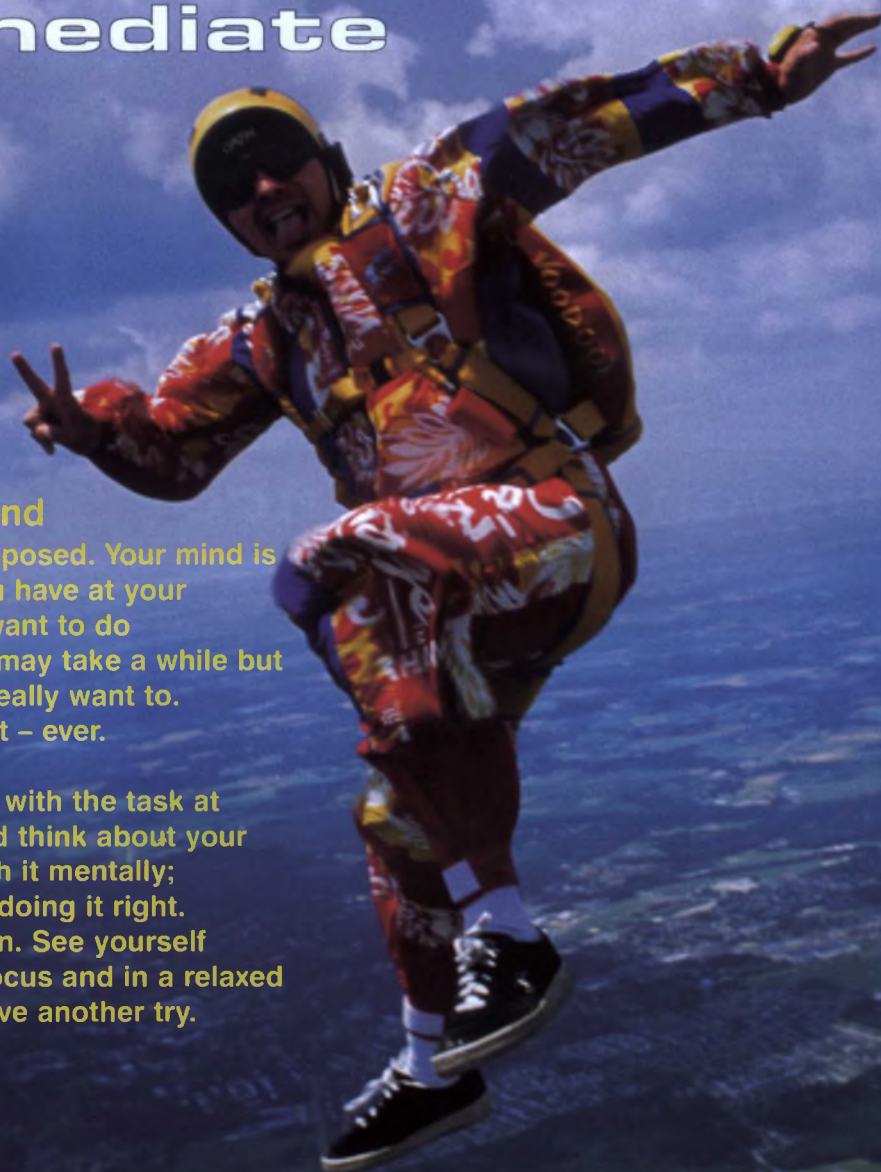
Intermediate

The second part of the Giles Fabris series on stand and sit flying

Principles of the Mind

All limitations are self imposed. Your mind is a powerful force that you have at your command. If you really want to do something, keep at it. It may take a while but you will succeed if you really want to. In other words, don't quit – ever.

If you are having trouble with the task at hand, relax. Sit down and think about your skydive, then run through it mentally; rehearse and commit to doing it right. Focus as hard as you can. See yourself doing it correctly, with focus and in a relaxed state. Now go up and have another try.



Centre Point Exercise

As discussed in the previous article, we fly from our centre point (or centre of gravity). Often when starting freeflying, we learn to fly by holding our body in a series of angles against the relative wind.

We can move onto a new level of awareness next – that wherever we move our centre point (C of G) our body will naturally follow. This will allow us to fly in a more natural way.

Try this

A really good exercise to improve our awareness of moving from this point is something you can do with a partner on the ground:

- stand facing one another on one leg
- try to lead/push the other person off balance with the other leg (raised off the ground)
- focus on your centre of gravity as you gently push and are pushed

Focus on this point in the air, your flying will improve. Many martial arts are based on this understanding of the way we naturally move – for us, this is an easier way to freefly.



Collision Avoidance

Collision avoidance is an essential skill if you want to stay alive! The obvious avoidance tactics are:

- don't jump with people you think may collide with you
- get the basics before going out with others
- develop 'defensive' flying skills (not flying over people, approaching slowly from the start, keeping visual contact at all times)



However, even experienced freeflyers can hit each other:

- the trick is to get out of the way.
- if impact is going to happen: get small; keep fingers, hands and limbs in; protect your face and head. This will stop you 'corking' into anyone else and protect you
- seriously consider wearing a hard hat and an AAD (Cypres)

Group Stuff

No shit, there you were...

At your DZ, someone asks you to do a 2-way. On a 10 minute call a friend of a friend invites herself on your dive. Now a 3-way, you're talking about the exit. Two more friends invite themselves, it's now a 5-way. At 10,000 feet another friend joins. Not wanting to hurting anyone's feelings, you nod. Already slightly worried you hear someone say "Let's just get out and have some fun". It's too late to say anything as the next group is yelling at you to get out. You all exit. By this time you're shittin' your pants – if you're not, you are unaware!

After exit, you lose two people and you don't see them until you've nearly finished packing. The others are both above you and below you. You have three people doing outside video or is that four? You see someone cork past you. Another foot closer and you could both have been hurt!

On the ground everyone does the cool handshake thing and thanks each other for a great skydive...

What's wrong?

Firstly, you could have been killed. To argue against this is pointless. I know someone who died this way.

Imagine this scenario with an FS group, all on different levels, geeking the camera, docking just for fun – I don't think so! This is because belly flyers as a group know more about falling relative than most freeflyers. Ask them, learn from them – only idiots let different disciplines divide people.



Think of your eyes as the headlights of your mind – shine them in the direction you want to go and you will probably get there

Plan Group Jumps

Freeflying appeals to lots of people, sometimes because you may feel that you do not want to make a plan (*George! – Ed*). This can be really fun on a 2-way, where you can always know where the other person is. Any bigger than this and when you lose track of someone, they can hurt you or vice versa.

Organise the load

Have a specific plan when you organise a big way – otherwise how can you reflect on how the jump went? When you don't know what others are trying to do, how can you learn? If you just zoom around it's difficult to understand the way you fly too.

Exit

The exit is a good place to start. If the exit goes pear-shaped, chances are the rest of the skydive won't be as good as it could. Get one person to give the count, one you can all see and hear. You will have a better, safer group freefly if you plan it.

Start small

Starting modestly is realistic. It's better to achieve things and then the group and individuals can improve. If this means four instead of eight, you'll get a much better 4-way – quality not quantity.

Have a leader

Every big way should have a group leader in the sky too. Everyone in the group can fly in relation to the leader who will set the fall rate, give signals and prompt others. Generally one of the best flyers in the group should do this as it requires good skills to lay a solid base without unintentionally moving around. Without a base, no-one has a fixed reference to work from. This is all 'old hat' to belly flyers but something free flyers are just starting to appreciate. That's what I mean about learning from other disciplines.



Hot Tip
Start off small, build slowly on basic skills first, before moving on

"Whether outwardly or inwardly, whether in space or time, the further we penetrate the unknown, the vaster and more marvellous it becomes"
Charles A Lindbergh

Visual Clues

Watch body language in freefall and see how much easier it becomes. For example, if you are the base and everybody else is flying arms flat to their sides and legs together, then perhaps you need to slow down a little. In the same way if everybody is flying on their backs, arms and legs out as wide as they will physically go then perhaps you should speed up.



This also holds true for anticipation. If you can see the flying skills of others, you can usually anticipate the outcome. For example, if you see a low experience freeflyer waving their arms and legs all over the place, there's a good chance that their fall rate is going to change, so keep in a safe area and a safe distance away. To me, this is one of the most useful skills, it enables people to realise and adjust flying technique, whilst still flying relative to others.

Get Running!



Remember about upper wing and lower wing zones and how we fly with them? To take grips we need to reverse this way of flying, something of a balancing act. To start, try moving the lower wing (legs) whilst keeping upper wing (arms) constant. Get a good solid position and start the legs running. This looks very funny!



Practice this until it feels easier. Next, add a little movement from the arms as well, try the full running scene. Now for the really tricky stuff... nice wide position, then lose the arms. This will give you good control when taking grips.



Side Slipping

To move sideways is a really useful skill. Push off the air into the direction you want to go, remember to look where you want to go.

When learning to move sideways be gentle to start with. By being too aggressive you can rotate rather than move sideways.



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Fast Forward



Basic forward movement is described in the previous article. For very fast forward movement try the 'Hang 10' position:

- push heels back to stop your feet blowing up
- keep elbows down and push palms hard against the airflow
- feel the 'solid' air, arch into it and exhale

This position is not passive, it needs muscle tension to make it effective. When beginning it is possible to not move forward much and then, suddenly you go forward fast, so do not point directly at anyone when learning the Hang 10. Aim off to the side.

3D Play Dives

Learning Dives

These are good 2-way dives to really improve your head up flying. Both are very simple. Get the basics and then move onto the 'fancy stuff'. Try these in the lower speed range, then pick up the fall rate.

1 Flying side by side, fingertip to fingertip



2 Toe to toe flying, move, then touch toes, repeat



A great 2-way dive:
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JM's Newsround

Search for the Stone

There are not many skydivers that have not jumped out of a deHavilland Aircraft, whether the Rapide biplane, Tiger Moth, DHC-2 Beaver, DHC-4 Caribou, or the popular DHC-6 Twin Otters of today. Over twenty years ago, Gordon Maskell, the Duck End farmer (of the old Duck End Farm Parachute Club in Bedfordshire) told us that he had spotted a stone in a field to commemorate the first flight of Geoffrey deHavilland who had flown from this field before the first World War.

After judging the Army meet recently, I left Netheravon going south on the A303, east to the A34, north up the A34 and started stopping in laybys. And low and behold there it was, eighty metres into a field at a place called Seven Barrows. The words read to the effect that Geoffrey deHavilland, assisted by a Frank Hearle flew from this spot in a home made aeroplane on 21 September 1910! (four years after the Wright Brothers) - and I was standing right on the spot. How about that? Next time I'll take a camera or maybe someone with real photographic talent could take a picture?

Guest Writer: Bob King

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Brit What'?



Photos: Simon Ward

What's the story?

Well it's come to our attention that Sward (Simon Ward) and Darryl Moran are just considering upping the stakes in the European

record for largest formation. We got hold of Sward who said "We're just toying with the idea of a record with a twist, more of a challenge with the French and maybe a third team. It'll still be the largest formation but if we go for it I suspect we'll go overseas but keep it British (? - work that one out ? - Ed) It would likely be in October 2001"

Simon added that the team had other issues to consider, "We would definitely like BPA support and will be looking for sponsorship. We also need to know that skydivers are prepared to get involved again. We've got the planes, the location, the facilities and

the weather but at the end of the day it's all down to the jumpers and the bigger the formation the more you need to rely on the good guys, especially if we challenge others."



Darryl Moran

Both Darryl and Simon were involved in the World Team 282 world record in Thailand after Brit100 and it's rumoured that other members of the new team were also there. Here at the Mag we reckon that if anyone

can pull it off it will be a team that includes these guys, they always deliver and have gained us great publicity every time, so here's hoping another excellent project will reach fruition!

If you feel there's an appetite for a record with a difference and would like to see it happen, e-mail John Mayo's Newsround on the special address - brits@skyrides.co.uk

European 16-Way Cup

The UK was represented by *Another Mutiny* a mix of *Another Planet*, *Mixteen* and others. The location was Brienne le Chateau near Troyes, France. The event only attracted three teams (11 attended last year) and, despite an early lead, *Mutiny* finished 2 points behind the local French team, *Les Parrots* who scored 33 after 10 rounds. The club has its roots

in La Ferte Gaucher but sadly lacks many of the facilities La Ferte had. The club had even moved from elsewhere on the airfield this year, due to an ongoing dispute with the landowner. Despite this, *Mutiny* certainly had a good time with two days of training dives, three days of competition, and many nights of partying. Thanks to Lesley Gale (and her whistle) for organising the trip and to Richie for the excellent sounds. Here's to next year...



Photo: John Mayo

World Record for VMax

Vmax are claiming a Women's World Record in 4-way FS. Round 10 in the British Nationals was drawn: Donut / Snowflake-Snowflake/ Stairstep-Diamond/ Twins.

Team XL scored a massive 30 points in the 35 seconds working time, a new British National record although not the highest they have scored. VMax scored a personal best of 19 points in time, which they are claiming as a British and World Ladies Record. Well done girls (and Brian)!

www.vmax.org.uk



VMax:- Kate Stephens, Sarah Laughton, Liz Groucott, Claire Jenkinson & Brian Vacher (camera). Sacha Chilton is now replacing Sarah who left due to the high cost of training at this level.

Back off buddy!

This Caravan jumpship was flying in formation & the chase plane got a little close?!



Well, actually it was a taxiing incident, which is just as well!



Paul Dixon 16-Way meet @ Weston

Photos: Simon Ward



This was held over five rounds with three teams entering. The aircraft used were the Islander and the Beaver, each 8-up which made for some great visuals! The meet was won by Another Planet, with XVI coming a close second. Thanks to Dave Wood and the staff at Weston for hosting the meet and to Richard Hamblen for organising it. Richard made up some funky little dives which we all enjoyed doing as a break from the IPC pool.

Net Trawl

These sites update regularly (weekly):

www.skydivedaytona.com
www.skyleague.com
www.ssiptour.com

and check out:

www.darwinawards.com (see DB Cooper)



Icarus new website:
www.icaruscanopies.com
 (NB: If it doesn't look TOTALLY different than the old one then hit the Refresh button on your computer)



www.quiksilver.com for coaching advice,
 4 way photos, and Nationals scores
 from the British Army FS team
teamx.org.uk for CF scores and stuff

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SPEED FREAKS

The search for the fastest skydiver in the UK was on, over the August Bank Holiday weekend at Target Skysports. The second annual Speed Freaks had relaxed rules and lots of prizes up for grabs. The test was simple – dive faster than anyone else!

Speed Measurement

Jumps were scored using data recorded on ProTrack altimeters (kindly loaned by Larsen & Brusgaard), with a PC calculating a jumper's average speed through a vertical kilometre, measured between 2,700m (8,660ft) and 1,700m (5,440ft). Jumpers wanting to make a speed run were issued a ProTrack which was worn on an ankle to record freefall data more accurately. Competitors were recommended to use at least one audible alarm in their headgear due to the nature of Speed Skydiving. Immediately after landing, the data was downloaded and judged with graphs of the skydives being posted for analysis and comparison. The graph can help identify areas in the jump that need to be tweaked.

Slower than Practice

Early speed attempts were relatively slow compared to training, generally in the 150mph range. Not very fast, considering the more serious competitors were balanced precariously on their head while wearing a full-on, skin-tight gimp suit! Others were trying to go faster by falling in a foetal position, in stand-ups, sitting and dives. Phil Beck even tried it topless and clocked a highly respectable 176mph for his efforts. (You can get severe rig-rash on the nipples when you dump, especially if you've got a chrome pull-up holder attached). The weather was very humid and questions were being asked about its effect on freefall speed. We decided that higher humidity makes you go slower! The weather definitely seems to make a difference but I don't understand the technical stuff yet. (More moisture in the air increases air resistance? – Ed)

Saturday's Scores

Kai Sherwood showed his colours on the top of the board at the end of the first day's play with a wicked average



Top Guns: Roger, Will, Gregster, Chappy, Craig & Tim

speed of 194mph, done in a stand-up and wearing shorts. Suits you, Sir! Only a pull-up length behind was Jude Haig with her impressive early burst of 192mph. A major judder experienced just prior to entering the flying kilometre, brought her speed down dramatically – data showed that Jude was travelling vertically at almost 280mph before the incident! You've got to be able to fly that position for a relatively long time. Reports from the packing hangar told of technical problems with her new slick suit and Jude had to continue in the back-up suit. A head cold caused an early retirement for the Londoner but her speed gained the Fastest Chick prizes and 7th overall. Nobody broke 200mph on Saturday.

Stars on Sunday

Glorious weather greeted hung-over jumpers on Sunday morning, with an early wheels-off from the first three lifts manifested the previous evening. My mouth was dry as I managed to make my slot on lift two (it could have been the Tequila!). Some poor souls never made that perilously early journey into the unknown. My unknown turned out to be a rather thick and very grey hail cloud that I flew into, head down! The pain I experienced as I hit the hail cannot be described. It was excruciating with any exposed skin taking hits (I was wearing freely trousers and a vest). Not cool in cloud. My arms looked like they'd been shot-blasted and they hurt like hell for ages afterwards. Top tip: dress according to local conditions to avoid an isolated outbreak of cloud rash.

Scores on the Doors

The big guns, who had been lurking in the shadows of the judge's caravan, began to show their faces. They had been waiting for the right time, studying graphs, covertly listening to conversations in the hope they'd discover a better method. 'Big' Will Bradbury returned from the landing area, grinning triumphantly. "Ballistic", he reckoned. Not a murmur from the



gathering crowd as chief judge and computer operator, Sue Skull, methodically transferred data between instruments... BOOM! There it was in black and white, a massive 221mph! The gauntlet had been thrown. Not content to cruise with his score, Will made several more attempts to go even faster as Aidie Green snapped at his booties with a cool 203mph. Things were hotting up. The chasing group were all bunched up in the middle with speeds ranging from 170mph to 189mph. Roger "who needs a wingsuit?" Bradfield chalked up an average speed of just 112mph – belly down, all 200lbs of him. Roger walked away with a rig bag for being the slowest, not a bad wooden spoon, eh?

Jumping was fast and furious all day with 19 competitors making several speed jumps each. Gregster Reid found his mojo on a dive through the cool evening sky. A ballistic 226mph flew out of the printer. Chomping at Gregster's pilot chute was Craig Poxon, recently returned from a speed meet at Lapalisse where he finished a fantastic 4th place, with 224mph. He was hungry. Could he find that extra something? Wait and see... We left the graphs fluttering on the wall and headed for the bar. Knackered.

Moments on Monday

Wall to wall blue again. Last chance. Competitors still couldn't beat Gregster, try as they might. Could he stay on top? For a breather, a group of us followed a tandem to dock on it. I was the last out after a strung-out exit and had a serious dive to catch up. Ironically, I clocked 234mph in my haste but it didn't count for the meet! And then it was all over. Craig Poxon delivered the goods with a terrific final spurt. 232mph. A big rush to clinch the coveted title of Speed Freak 2000. Prizes galore for the five fastest competitors and the fastest two chicks, who won ProTracks, Jumptrack Software, ProDyters, T-shirts & other goodies.

Thanks for all the Fish

A big thank you to the Smith-Parkinson Ford garage at Brigg for the loan of the Transit van that we used to haul jumpers around the dz. It made a luxurious change! Nice one Sue Skull for the judging and Duncan Hamilton-Walker for computer equipment, both were awarded a slap-up meal for their troubles, kindly donated by the Red Lion Hotel at Redbourne. Thanks also to Craig Poxon the computer whizz and to everyone, especially the competitors, who helped make the whole meet a blast. See you next year at Speed Freaks #3. Go Fast!

Chappy (Ian Chapman)
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Could your knowledge and skills help our sport? Nomination papers for the election of BPA Council Members for 2001 have been sent out to all clubs and are also available from the BPA Office. Get a nomination paper and start lobbying! Nomination papers completed by a proposer and seconder must be returned to the BPA Office by no later than noon on Wednesday 1 November 2000, so don't delay.

Do it NOW!

New Welsh DZ

There will now be a Drop Zone in Wales again. Carl Williams successfully applied for Affiliation for Skydive Wales based at Pembrey Airfield, Carmarthenshire, in Wales. Carl also applied for association of Ace Freefall Adventures to teach AFF. The drop zone will be operating Friday to Sundays and expects to open around December. Call on 01554 891 534.

AGM

The AGM and associated events including presentations, talks, meetings and the always popular dinner dance will again be held at the Hanover International Hotel at Hinckley, Leicestershire. The date is Saturday 20 January 2001, see official announcement below. Accommodation is available at the special rate of £75 per double/twin room, including breakfast, to book phone the hotel directly quoting the BPA special rate. More details in December's mag.

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Nice One Martin!

Competitions Committee Chairman John Smyth would like to say what a 'find' the new Office Manager Martin Shuttleworth is. John wants to express his thanks for Martin's immense help. Well done Martin!

(I thoroughly agree — Martin you are incredibly efficient and I hope you stay with us a long time — Ed)

British Parachute Association Ltd

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association will be held at the BPA Office, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester on Tuesday 12 December 2000 at 6.30pm.

Agenda

- 1 To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Accounts of the Association and the Report of the Auditors for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000.
- 2 To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
- 3 To set the Provisional Membership Subscription for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2001.

For and on behalf of the Council of the British Parachute Association Ltd:
Martin Shuttleworth, National Administrator
13 September 2000

British Parachute Association Ltd

Notice is hereby given of the thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association, to be held at The Hanover International Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire on Saturday 20 January 2001, starting at 10.30 am

Agenda

- 1 To receive and adopt, if approved, the report of the Chairman of Council.
- 2 To consider any items of Special Business*.
- 3 To set subscriptions payable by non-provisional Members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2001.
- 4 To close the formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.
Other items of business
 - a To announce the result of the election for the 2001 Council of the BPA.
 - b To present various annual awards.

*Note: Members are reminded that under Article 13 of the Articles of Association, only such business as is notified to the BPA in writing at least 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (by midnight on Monday 11 December 2000) can be included under agenda item 2, Special Business.

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COMPETITIONS

NEW Nationals - Radical Change

Competitions Meeting — 25 September

Some radical changes were made to the format of the FS Nationals for 2001. The major change is to try the Nationals over long weekends rather than a full week. The idea being to free up more holiday for competitors to use for training and to encourage 'fun' jumpers to attend.

The meeting was well attended by competitors and a letter from FS competitors had been circulated in advance. This letter was a report of an impromptu meeting held during the 16-way meet at Weston, 9 September to discuss the FS Nationals. 21 people were there of which 20 were at the recent FS Nationals. The full letter is available from its author, Craig Cunningham, from 4-Pak, who wrote up the meeting on behalf of all the competitors:

craig@cunningham1969.fsnet.co.uk

What was the outcome ?

The 4-way event will be held over one long weekend (Friday to Sunday) with the following weekend being the 8-way event. This second weekend can be used to 'mop up' the 4-way event if not complete. The rule that no more than six Nationals jumps per day

may be done is being waived to increase chances of completing the meet. The new system will allow competitors to concentrate on one event at a time.

The CF and Classics will also be held over a long weekend, although not at the same time as the FS to aid availability of judges. These two disciplines will be held jointly, this formula has worked well in the past. The Freely, Freestyle and Skysurfing events will be held together over a long weekend — which could possibly be at the same time as the other disciplines. It is considered that the 'off-year' is the ideal time for trying out new ideas. Any input to the Mag or to Competitions Committee is welcome.

This change is a result of feedback from this year's Nationals, direct communication with relevant parties plus the above letter. This included the phrase 'If competitors want change, they need to communicate with Council and not bitch from their armchairs' so it is refreshing to see the committee has responded with open arms to change.

NB: It is intended by the Competitions Committee that the above happens but of course all these decisions need to be ratified (approved) by Council on 17 October.

Competitions report by Lesley Gale

BPA Annual Accounts

A copy of the Annual Accounts is enclosed with this Mag. I'll admit they aren't as interesting as Club News (especially if you're in it!) or as sexy as the Nationals spread, there are no pictures or pretty colours so you may wonder why we include them. It's because we need to tell you, the members, what we have done with BPA funds.

Income

Did you know that over £500,000 came to the BPA in annual subscriptions? Percentages of the BPA's income are shown in the pie chart to right.

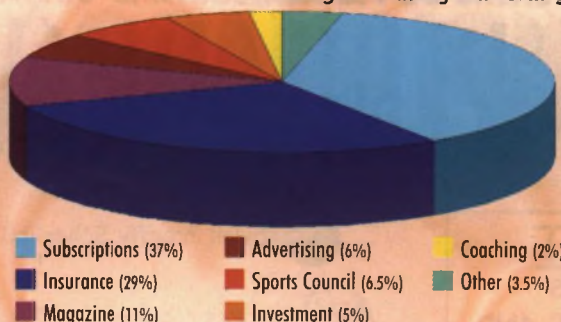
Expenditure

Of this, £216,000 went to our insurers and £131,000 went to the magazine, including the Starter Mag. So, where did the rest go? £140,000 paid for the BPA staff, the nine (now ten) people listed at the front of the Mag, who keep the BPA running. Another £140,000 goes in operating costs. These include the CAA charge (£27,000) and printing/postage costs (£26,000). Staff and Operating costs (as listed in sections IV and V of the accounts) are allocated to safety; coaching; competitions; public relations; and access, participation & retention on the basis of the approximate percentage of work carried out in these areas (as agreed with the Sports Council some years ago).

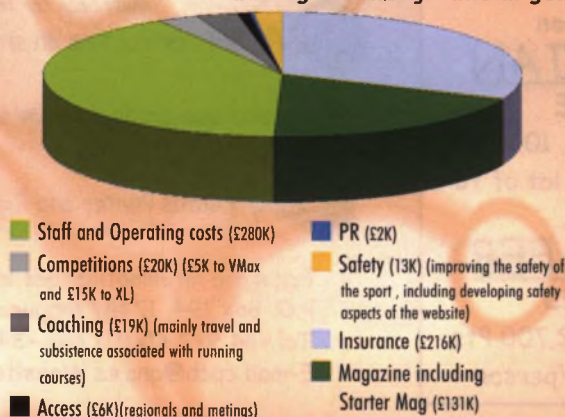
We didn't spend all our income, a surplus of £48K will be carried forward to next year.

Debbie Carter, BPA Treasurer

Percentages of the BPA's income during the last financial year



What the BPA spent money on during the last financial year



BPA council
Web Site

www.bpa.org.uk

The web site is up and running and is 95% finished. Originally the new, revamped site was not due to be put on line until the middle of July this year but, to gain members' opinions and contributions, it was decided to open the site while it was still being worked on. And credit where credit is due to all concerned.

The web site has been designed to improve the range and quality of communication with members, affiliated clubs & centres and the general public. The new full time Development Officer Glen Turnbull has devoted some of his time to the site, eg, The Nationals and Regionals have been added to the site as these meets progressed.

The BPA site provides a stimulating and informative introduction for first time visitors, together with full information on DZ's throughout the UK for novice and experienced parachutists alike. The DZ page carries a link for on line weather reports and contains links to other world-wide parachute organisations and governing bodies.

Many BPA forms are available for downloading from the web site as word documents. One new feature being trialled is a facility for centres and clubs to carry out online checks to verify current BPA membership; particularly useful at weekends and other out of office hours. Safety notices and technical information can now be posted immediately when applicable via the Safety and Training Committee (STC) page.

In addition, agendas and minutes of meetings of the Council and subcommittees are posted on the site, after Council has ratified them.

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THANKSGIVING FREEFLY FESTIVAL 20 - 26th November

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U.K vs U.S. BIG WAY DUAL 1 - 10th December

Organized by Pete Allum, Steve Hamilton, John McIver & Toby Stafford of Sebastian XL and Mark Kirkby of Arizona Airspeed on the British side. On the American side we have Lyle Presse and some secret weapons! Predictions are a treaty will be signed and all will join up for one big sequential blot!

SKYDIVE UNIVERSITY COACH CAMP 7 - 10th December

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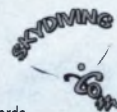
The tradition continues....More to follow...Organized by Roger Ponce!

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People in the SPORT

When did you start skydiving & why?

In 1965 I turned on the television I had just bought, my first ever, a black and white one, and they were showing a kids' programme, *Ripcord*. Captivated by the freefall sequences, I decided to have a go. I contacted North Lancs Parachute Club, operating out of Blackpool Airport, paid £10 for a course, and was dispatched from a Tripacer, on a sleeved deployed C9 with static line assist by Sergeant Frank Leck, also on static line!

Whom do you most admire?

That's easy, Charlie Shea Simmonds. Charlie was the first BPA National Coach and Safety Officer. He wrote the Instructors Manual and devised how best to run courses. It wasn't until I learned to fly, and was appalled by the standard of classroom teaching, that I appreciated just how much Charlie had done to change a Cinderella sport with a cowboy image, into a well governed, tightly run organisation with the finest instructors in aviation. He had a lot of help from his mentor John Meacock. Charlie and John are now old gits like me!

Why did you become a DZ Operator?

The decision to open a new drop zone was forced upon us in 1972, when the old

Cockerham Black Knights folded. So, to carry on jumping, Allan Morris and I threw in £200 each, secured a lease on Cark Airfield and went for it. We bought four C9 rounds as mains on B4 harnesses and four chest-mounted reserves, hired a Cessna 172 and we were in business. With hindsight, we were lucky to survive because we were so naive.

What are the pros and cons of the sport?

There are lots of positives to this sport; team spirit, pulling together (and the leg pulling!) but to train, despatch and debrief a first time jumper has got to take the biscuit. To see them walking back with a great big grin is marvellous, I used to feed off their buzz! The only negative is that it is easy to become cocooned in a world of skydiving and lose touch with the real world. For this reason, I have always had long standing friends outside the sport in order to keep my feet on the ground! I know that not all skydivers will agree with this but I believe it to be true.

What's your most memorable jump?

There are three. The first, my eighth jump in 1966 was a dummy pull and, with the pilot spotting, I was dispatched into Galgate on a demo! Occasionally I drive through Gaigate, look at the DZ and think I wouldn't do that again even on a square canopy, never mind a



The Good Ol' Days! From Sport Parachutist 1971, this picture shows (from left to right) Brian Jærstice, Dave Prince, Stan Palin, Bob Parry, Ronnie O'Brien, Bobby Francis and Phil Cavanagh

C9 round! The second was the first 12-way at Cark in the 70's, all in big suits, out of three Cessna 182's. We dirt dived for all of five minutes, including a second point – real tongue in cheek stuff! Some of the jumpers had never been in more than a 4-way and at least one of the pilots had never flown formation. We exited at 11,000ft and completed the formation by 6,000 feet! We were all so surprised that we just hung on and whooped and hollered down to 3,500ft. We tried it three times again that weekend and never even got close! The third memorable skydive was when I injured my back in Gran Canaria but that is another story, ask John Hitchen!

How has the sport changed?

The sport has changed out of all recognition. When I started, all that was available was military surplus round parachutes. We cut holes in them to get some drive, then along came the Para Commander or PC, wow! When we first saw one, Bob Parry said "Look at all the holes in that, I wouldn't jump it for a gold clock." Of course we all bought one. I wonder what happened to them all? Jumpers gradually moved onto piggyback equipment and along came the ram-air canopy – the dawning of a new era. Manufacturers started to reduce the bulk and rigs got smaller; modern kit is light years away from the old stuff.

Freefall skills have improved beyond belief from 25 years ago, there is better understanding and coaching. I'm not talking *Arizona Airspeed*, I'm talking your average weekend jumper. The aircraft scene has also changed radically. In the early 70's most civilian centres were hiring aircraft but slowly, most centres acquired their own. In the early 80's, a huge boom in student demand funded larger aircraft. Some centres are now operating turbines and lift capacity is enormous.

What don't you like about the sport?

The only thing I don't about the sport today is all the rules and regulations, it's a lawyers' paradise. Sure, we need basic rules but leave the rest to the CCI. The BPA Operations Manual wasn't forced upon us by the CAA or some other bureaucracy, it was self inflicted over the years. Even now people turn up at STC meetings wanting more rules when we really need less.

Why did you become a CCI & Rigger?

When we opened, I was the only instructor so I took on the mantle of CCI – as simple as that really. As for the rigging, I have always been interested in equipment and in the early days self rigging was essential. One tends to accumulate sewing machines and before you know it, you have a rigging facility.

What are your retirement plans?

There are several reasons to retire; not least, I want to enjoy my grandchildren at weekends. My priorities have shifted, I never thought they would but there you go. I will still be around doing a little flying and rigging so I will still be able to annoy people! As for the future, well, I'm Chairman of a small charity in Preston dedicated to providing supported housing and independent living for adults with learning difficulties and I intend to put more time into that.

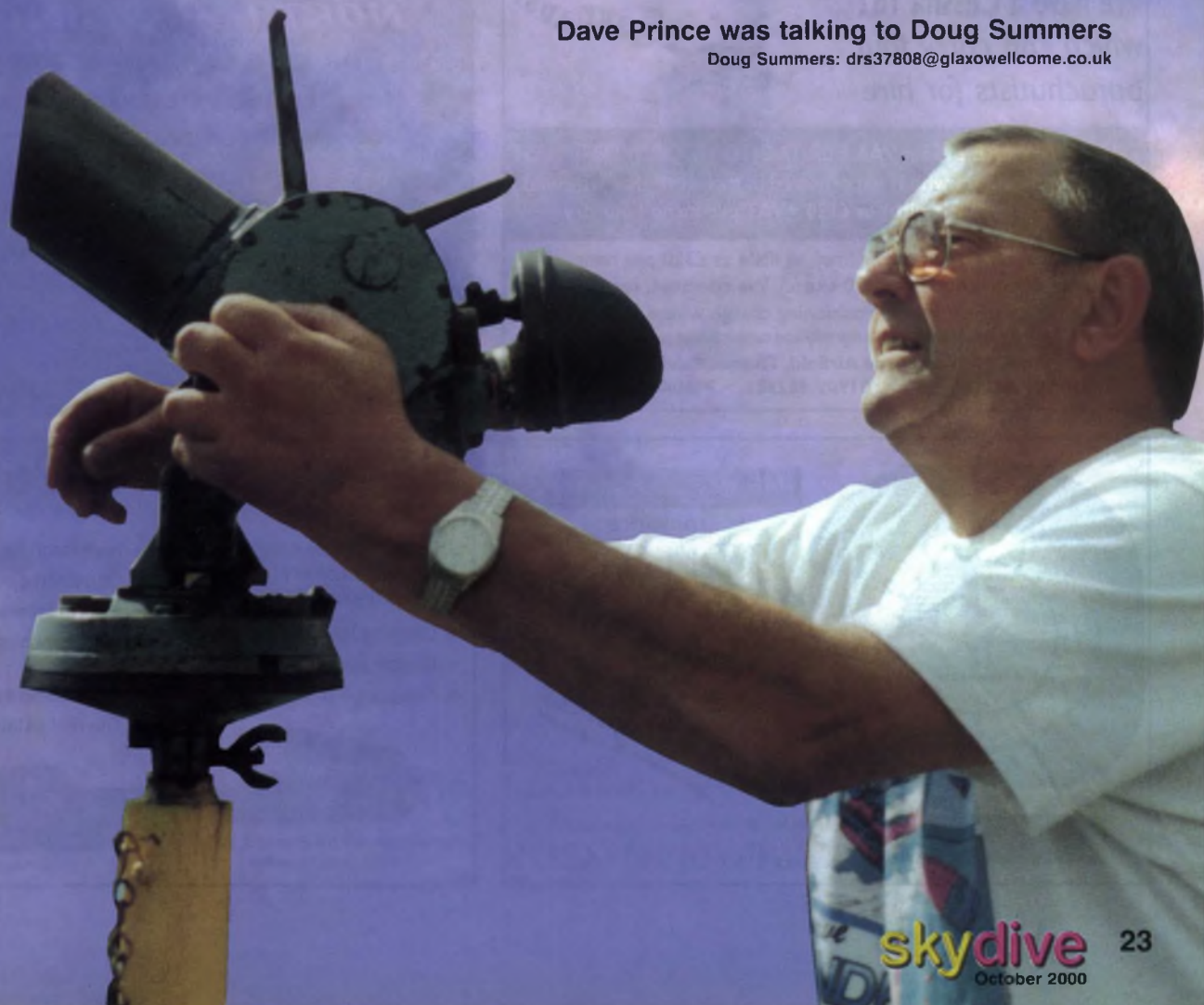
What would you say to someone considering working in skydiving?

Go for it, it's hard work but very satisfying. I've enjoyed every minute of it.

Now get lost and leave me alone, I've got some kit to pack!

Dave Prince was talking to Doug Summers

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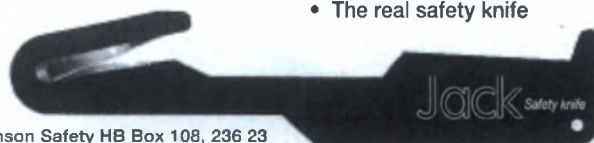
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INCIDENT REPORTS

by Allan Hewitt



Packing Error

A drop zone packer left his packing tool and cord in a customer's container after packing the main. The jumper had a pilot chute in tow and had to deploy his reserve.

Conclusions

This was a mistake by a packer who lost control of his tools. Knowing this is possible allows us to develop a system to prevent this type of incident reaching the aircraft, resulting in a reserve ride or worse. An experienced jumper did the flight line check but not properly. The jumper also had a final check prior to exit.

Recommendations

The jumper should always check their system before putting it on. The flight line checker should have looked for this type of problem and so should the person who checked him in the aircraft. Packers – control any tools you use. When checking kit, look for problems – don't assume it's right.



Photos: Simon Ward

Grommets & Microline

Over past months, this has become an international high profile topic, due to a couple of fatalities in the US. Microline has been catching under a grommet on the main container during deployment, preventing the main canopy from being cut away while trailing during reserve deployment, causing a main and reserve entanglement. In some cases, the caught line ripped off the grommet along with the container flap, which resulted in the main being able to deploy as normal but with a lot of damage to the container.

Conclusions

Some manufacturers have issued safety notices and then issued amendments to them. Others have cancelled the safety notices and some associations have also made mandatory rules, but the overall safety issue is still relevant no matter what rig you jump.

Recommendations

Pack your system as normal, then deploy the canopy slowly, looking for any grommet that could catch a Microline and trap it. If your lines can even come close to a grommet, get it checked out by a rigger who can investigate the correct modification for your particular rig. Remember that your deployment bag can deploy at any angle, depending on body position.

Cypres Batteries

I have received two reports of Cypres batteries burning up and producing toxic fumes, after removal from a rig and prior to disposal. On one occasion, the battery was thrown into a waste paper bin and nearly caused a fire, as well as sickly fumes.

Conclusions

One rigger explained that he had got into the habit of cutting the connector off after removing the battery, so he would not get confused and put the same battery back in again. Another rigger explained that he does not know how the connector came off. However, in both cases the two wires attached to the battery had been shorted. Initially, this would not seem like a problem but if left with the wires touching, the battery slowly gets hotter and starts to melt, releasing the toxic battery acid fumes.

Recommendations

Don't cut the cables off – handle and store them sensibly. Ensure that the battery is disposed of correctly. Airtec recommends disposing of them on a regular basis so you don't build a stock which could cause more problems. Airtec is happy to receive your used batteries and will dispose of them for you. Or, contact your local Council and find out where the local battery disposal unit is.

Connector Link Failure

Three reports have been received reference Rapide connector links which have opened and stretched during deployment. In each case the jumpers landed before realising that the lines were only hanging on by the threads of the links. One jumper reported that the connector link bumper was still in place, which should have prevented the nut from coming undone. Two reports of soft links which have frayed to the point that they were close to breaking have also been received.

Conclusions

We have seen this many times; it's a problem that will never go away and will keep catching jumpers unawares. There is no foolproof system or one that does not require regular inspection when it comes to connecting canopies to containers.

Recommendations

Check all types of connector links very thoroughly at each repack. Failure to prevent this type of incident could prove fatal. So far we have been very lucky and it's very easy to become complacent with this component.

Tip of the Month

Check it Out!

- Establish a system for a flight line check and stick to it
- Having a system ensures you don't miss vital areas, eg hook knife, alti, Cypres
- Look for potential problems, don't be cursory

British Nationals

Formation Skydiving

For once this year our fickle English weather did not hinder a formation skydiving competition! The British Formation Skydiving Championships were blessed with some big blue patches and combined with some brilliant talent, world class coaches and great facilities.

THE VENUE – Swalty Towers

Target Skysports last hosted the British FS Nationals in 1997 and had made some real changes to the DZ this year. A new, carpeted packing hangar, brand new accommodation block (Swalty Towers) and new, improved dual purpose bar were just a few of the investments made by Steve Swallow and his team. The G92 with its lurvely new paintjob and maverick pilot Mr Love were chomping at the bit to whisk the competitors up to altitude in record time. The staff at Target were all polo shirted up and even matched the DZ paintwork – nice! Netty did a styling job manifesting us horrible lot, but the 'piece de resistance' had to be the designer horse box which took us down to the emplaning point – I have to say there was a lot of bleating and stomping, but I suppose we are a bunch of animals!

THE COMPETITORS – Top Talent

The skill level of competitors this year hit an all time high. The amount of money and time invested in professional training this season was apparent; there were some gasps at the Omniscore screens when we all watched the dives. It wasn't a fantastic turn out but still an exciting competition between the teams.

INTERMEDIATE 4-WAY

The Intermediate category was a closely fought battle and the continuing *Expede* versus *Angels* saga rolled on. *Angels* didn't get off to a flying start with a treble bust on Round 1 but both teams waited with bated breath as each round finished neck and neck. *All 4 One* did a fantastic job for their first competition jumping blocks and were over the moon when they took home the bronze with a 7.75 average. *Expede*, a new team this year, were the most consistent team at the end of the 8 rounds, making barely a mistake they scooped the gold with an inspiring 11.13. *Angels* had to make do with silver and a 9.75 average but kept smiling!



Photo Brian Vacher



SENIOR 4-WAY

Everyone was keen to know who the new members of XL were. Steve Hamilton and cameraman Rob Stevenson definitely didn't disappoint! The guys managed to score a fantastic 17.8 average with just 200 training jumps together and a brand new role for Rob – nice one guys! Meanwhile, for once there was some real close comparable competition for the lads from sunny Florida!

Both 4-Pak and VMax showed massive talents throughout the Nationals, both teams had trained really hard and produced dives which were controlled, calm and the best stuff we had seen from them yet! 4-Pak snaffled the silver with an awesome 13.5 average and no busts. VMax smashed their last year's average and took the bronze with 12.5.



Formation Skydiving: 4-way Sequential: Intermediate

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Average	Position
Expede	8	9	10	14	10	12	12	14	89	11.13	1
Angels	2	11	9	8	9	13	11	15	78	9.75	2
All 4 One	7	2	6	7	7	11	9	13	62	7.75	3
Army Black	4	7	7	8	8	4	7	10	55	6.88	4
T4CE	2	5	8	8	4	5	7	9	48	5.50	5
Grip Switch	5	5	5	5	6	5	2	5	38	4.75	6

Formation Skydiving: 4-way Sequential: Senior

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Average	Position
XL	15	17	15	18	15	18	15	20	15	30	178	17.8	1
4-Pak	11	13	13	14	12	12	12	14	12	22	135	13.5	2
VMax	11	11	12	13	11	13	11	13	11	19	125	12.5	3
Quicksilver	9	11	9	12	10	9	8	11	11	17	107	10.7	4
MIG	8	9	9	9	9	8	9	10	9	-	80	8.89	5
4-Play	3	7	7	9	8	7	6	8	8	-	63	7.00	6

JUNIOR 4-WAY *British Nationals*

Sadly there were only three junior teams who entered the Nationals this year. I don't quite know what's happened to the concept of scratch teams, especially when free coaching from XL was on offer but it didn't stop those gold, silver and bronze winners having a blast! *The Carpet Eaters*, who have had an excellent season so far, continued with their dazzling success and scored a cool 12.75 average, a great achievement. (This still didn't beat *Angels'* 12.88 from last year, but I suppose you can't have everything guys!) *Reme Red* and *No Illusion* had a good laugh trying to psyche each other out and launched some styling exits. *Reme Red* scored 3.38 and the fabulous girly team *No Illusion* were over the moon with their 2.13 (watch out VMax – it won't be long now!)



GOLD - Carpet Eaters

Formation Skydiving: 4-way: Junior

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Average	Position
Carpet Eaters	11	6	14	15	12	14	15	15	102	12.75	1
Reme Red	3	4	3	3	5	2	3	4	27	3.38	2
No Illusion	2	2	0	4	2	3	3	1	17	2.13	3



SILVER - Reme Red



BRONZE - No Illusion

INTERMEDIATE 8-WAY

The *Expede* / *Angels* battle continued! *4-Pak to Manifest* (*Angels* & friends), *Speed 4 Play* (*Expede* & friends) and *Big Black One* (*Aide Green*, *All 4 One* & friends) took to the skies to try out the new, revised intermediate 8-way draw, which I have to say was a real improvement from those horrid, complicated randoms of previous years. It was a nail-biting finish with only one point separating gold and silver! *Angels* and friends pipped the *Expede* lot at the post (5.8 to 5.6 average) and *Big Black One* took bronze with an average of 1.



GOLD - 4Pak to Manifest



SILVER - Speed 4 Play



BRONZE - Big Black One

Background image and FS prizegiving photos by Greg Reid

SENIOR 8-WAY

What happened to all of our 8-way teams? Obviously, the new found talents of VNE must have scared everyone away! The guys (and gal) did a great job with very few training jumps and finished the meet on a 9.2 average – well done!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's the people that make the event and even though there weren't as many of us as usual, we still had a blast! It's fine to whinge and moan and blame lack of attendance on the weather. But it is up to you to make the effort to get there – there were lots of good skydivers contemplating putting scratch teams together but these didn't surface – you snoozed! Make the effort next time, I promise you won't regret it!

Words by
Sarah-Jane
Walker
Angels

JUDGES, GUESTS AND SUPERSTARS

Judges Bob & Kate, Karla, Dona and Jackie did a good job keeping us all in order. John, Rick and Trev (the three stooges) also did a great job throughout the week – it was good entertainment listening to their banter! Solly Williams, Dan BC and Rickster Powell braved the chilly British breeze and brightened up the creeper pad with their exotic accents and crazy clothes. They inspired and helped lots of the competitors throughout the competition. Cheers!



Kate
Charters



John Hitchen

Formation Skydiving: 8-way Sequential: Intermediate

Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average	Position
4 Pak to Manifest	6	3	6	7	7	29	5.8	1
Speed 4 Play	6	4	4	6	8	28	5.6	2
Big Black One	1	0	1	1	2	5	1.0	3

Formation Skydiving: 8-way Sequential: Senior

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Average	Position
VNE	9	7	10	9	11	9	11	8	9	9	92	9.2	1

British Nationals Canopy Formation



4-way Rotations GOLD - Team X



4-way Rotations SILVER - CF Team Focus



Intermediate 4-way Rotations GOLD - Spitfire Tigers



4-way Sequential GOLD - Team X

4-way Rotations

The rotations event was first off with two senior teams, *CF Focus* and *Team X*, and the *Spitfires* competing in the intermediate event. With a broken cloud base, there was no way that ground to air judging would suffice and so cameramen Lee Andrewes from the *Spitfires*, and PD Smith from *Team X*, had a lot of work to do. *CF Focus* were concentrating on their fairly fast builds while *Team X*, not having jumped together since their last camp in mid June, were able to practice the set-up for their main event, 4-way sequential. Both teams scored well.

4-way Sequential

This event involved more cloud dodging with lots of corrections to guide the pilot around the cloud to find some clear airspace. Despite the slightly slower than average draw the team were still able to put some creditable results on the scoreboard. The only cutaways of the combined nationals were not by the CF teams, showing the advancement and increased skill of this discipline. In fact the previous week an FS jumper went for this extra freefall time, having a rotating malfunction. Rumours were rife that he was practicing his drills for the CF event the next week, which he was entering!

Wot, no 8-way?

Unfortunately on the 8-way CF event, no teams entered (one less team than entered the 8-way FS the previous week!). The 4-way CF teams that entered being too focused on their disciplines to practice for the 8 way. Additionally, after hanging around the DZ in the bad weather for a few days, there was reluctance to stay on longer waiting for an 8 way event to run. Maybe next year some teams will get together for this fun event.

Combined Nationals?

This year was the first time all events had been combined into one Nationals. FS was first, followed by New Age over the middle weekend, leading up to the Cf and Classics in the second week. The prize giving at the end of the competition was attended by all who were there. However, the combined nationals party on the middle Saturday was poorly attended as most of those from FS & New Age had left and those in the CF & Classics events had an early start in the morning. With the four main disciplines split, two in each week, and both finishing early it can hardly be described as 'combined'. Some FS jumpers remained for the second week, but for most, the thought of having to pay an extortionate extra £50 to enter other disciplines in a competition that they had already paid an entry fee for, then it was just not worth it – even with the offer of another cheap T-shirt!

CF and Classics words by Alastair Macartney

Canopy Formation: 4-way Rotations: Intermediate									
Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Average	Position
Spitfire Tigers	2	2	2	2	4	2	14	2.33	1
Canopy Formation: 4-way Rotations: Senior									
Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Average	Position
Team X	7	7	4	6	8	9	41	6.83	1
CF Team Focus	6	7	6	4	8	6	37	6.17	2
Canopy Formation: 4 Way Rotations: Senior									
Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Average	Position
Team X	3	4	4	3	4	4	22	3.67	1

Photo shows Team X
by Tony Danbury

CF Prizegiving photos
by Phil Parker

Combined Nationals Officials

Meet Director	John Hitchen
Chief Judge (FS)	Kate Charters
Chief Judge (Classics)	Bob Charters
Event Judge (FS)	Bob Charters
Event Judge (Accuracy)	Kate Charters
Event Judge (Style)	Bob King
Event Judge (CF)	John Hitchen
Event Judge (New Age)	Scott Smith
Judging Panel	Karla Cole
	Dona Crum
	Karen Hickmott
CCI/Safety Officer	Trevor Dobson
Equipment Officer	Tony Makepeace

Statistics

malfunctions:	2
rejumps:	5
protests:	none
injuries:	none

check out Team X web page at
www.teamx.org

British Nationals Classics

Accuracy

As the competition started, the weather changed for the worse and the next few days were spent on the ground. The meet director gave plenty of standdowns. Eventually the cloud base appeared to lift and the accuracy event began. Most competitors were in teams and the remaining individuals grouped into teams to aid the competition process. Exit altitude for the first few rounds was between 2,200' and 2,800' with teams then taking two passes with a group of two and then three. The later rounds were able to be jumped from the normal 3,500' with all five out on one pass. The majority of competitors were jumping serious accuracy canopies with the exception of Ian Macdonald attempting his own form of swoop accuracy on his Stiletto with some pleasantly surprising results. Perhaps a whole new swoop accuracy event could be included next year?

Men's Accuracy
BRONZE Nicki Johnson, GOLD Dave Ballard,
SILVER Carl Williams



Team Accuracy Over 8 rounds

Name	Total	Average	Position
Millennium Doom	.70	.09	1
H Troop	1.12	.14	2
Silver Stars	2.20	.28	3
Scratch Pad	2.89	.36	4

Eight rounds of accuracy were eventually completed to call the team event. *Millennium Doom* squeezed in above *H Troop*, pushing the *Silver Stars* into the bronze medal position (photo above).



Intermediate Accuracy –
GOLD to Ian Foreman
SILVER to Jeff Montgomery

The novices also did very well with Mark Hankinson giving an especially meritorious performance.

In the intermediate event a couple of competitors, namely Ian Foreman and Jeff Montgomery, gave some extremely credible scores that, if they had been scored as seniors, would have been very high up the field. Well done to Ian who won the Novice Accuracy gold last year and followed this up with gold in Style and Accuracy in 2000.



Novice Accuracy – GOLD to Mark Hankinson,
SILVER to Nick Malocco

British Overall Champion Katherine Andrewes

This is the first time a woman has won this title since the event began in 1962



Style

Style was from the Dornier with individual passes, the last one out presumably both bored and possibly airsick, but that's dedication to the discipline for you. There were also some problems with competitors in more than one discipline and protests put in where the meet director wanted to change the jump order to get the rounds completed. With in depth consultation with the rulebook the meet director won and the multi discipline jumpers were able to work around the jump order to do their back to back lifts as were necessary.



Men's Style
BRONZE – Dave Ballard
GOLD – Carl Williams
SILVER – Al Macartney



Ladies Style
BRONZE – Esther Reynolds
GOLD – Katherine Andrewes
SILVER – Debbie Curtis



Intermediate Style
BRONZE – Richard Baldwin
GOLD – Ian Foreman
SILVER – Jeff Montgomery

Style: Intermediate

Name	1	2	3	4	Total/secs	Average	Position
Ian Foreman	5.23	6.73	5.24	5.71	22.91	5.73	1
Jeff Montgomery	10.00	7.48	6.46	7.29	31.23	7.81	2
Richard Baldwin	10.00	10.00	-	-	20.00		3

Style: Senior

Name	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average	Position
Katherine Andrewes	F	10.40	9.66	10.04	9.88	9.86	49.84	9.97	1
Debbie Curtis	F	9.40	9.73	10.07	10.12	11.32	50.64	10.13	2
Carl Williams	M	9.81	10.66	10.25	10.71	10.04	51.47	10.29	3
Al Macartney	M	10.96	11.64	10.28	9.86	9.66	52.40	10.48	4
Dave Ballard	M	13.92	10.50	9.81	9.61	9.29	53.13	10.63	5
Esther Reynolds	F	10.27	11.79	10.93	10.85	10.39	54.23	10.85	6
Graham Pemberton	M	13.13	13.66	12.42	11.74	11.12	62.07	12.41	7
J Traisnel	M	14.49	14.24	12.79	16.00	12.99	70.51	14.10	8
Nicky Johnson	M	16.00	12.67	11.69	16.00	16.00	72.36	14.47	9
Glenn Stephenson	M	15.64	14.35	15.15	15.44	14.41	74.99	15.00	10

Accuracy: Novice

Name	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total/m	Position
Mark Hankinson	M	13.80	1.15	0.23	25.00	4.32	19.78	11.90	8.73	84.91	1
Nick Malocco	M	14.16	2.23	25.00	0.12	25.00	6.70	20.79	25.00	119.00	2

Accuracy: Intermediate

Name	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total/m	Position
Ian Foreman	M	0.14	0.15	0.20	0.19	0.11	0.20	0.07	0.25	1.31	1
Jeff Montgomery	M	0.15	0.09	0.10	0.93	0.31	0.10	0.06	0.00	1.74	2
Gareth Williams	M	2.32	1.07	3.26	5.00	1.32	0.14	5.00	1.25	19.36	3
Richard Baldwin	M	5.00	5.00	4.40	1.73	4.80	5.00	1.88	0.25	28.06	4
Paul Cook	M	5.00	5.00	4.40	1.73	4.80	5.00	1.88	0.25	28.06	5
Sarah Bartley	F	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.35	38.35	6

Accuracy: Senior

Name	Sex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total/m	Position
Dave Ballard	M	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.11	1
Carl Williams	M	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.15	2
Nicky Johnson	M	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.19	3
Jeff Chandler	M	0.06	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.21	4
Tim Andrewes	M	0.08	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.26	5
Katherine Andrewes	F	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.30	6
Debbie Curtis	F	0.16	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.37	7
John Page	M	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.46	8
Esther Reynolds	F	0.16	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.06	0.49	9
Andy Peacock	M	0.04	0.03	0.16	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.14	0.01	0.02	0.60	10
Glen Stephenson	M	0.10	0.11	0.05	0.14	0.05	0.13	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.65	11
Graham Pemberton	M	0.05	0.16	0.04	0.10	0.03	0.08	0.14	0.00	0.05	0.07	0.72	12
Andy Bremner	M	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.11	0.16	0.16	0.79	13
Jules Ballard	F	0.01	0.07	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.08	0.04	0.01	0.07	0.05	0.81	14
Tracy Harrison	F	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.09	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.96	15
Rudra Sahi	M	0.16	0.16	0.05	0.16	0.01	0.16	0.05	0.16	0.09	-	1.00	16
Al Macartney	M	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.01	0.16	0.05	-	1.09	17
J Traisnel	M	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.09	0.16	0.13	0.08	-	1.23	18
Ian Macdonald	M	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.01	0.15	0.14	-	1.26	19

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by Greg Reid

British Nationals Freefly

This year was a selection year for the World Championships to be held in Granada, Spain, 2001. But looking at the number of competitors you would not have thought so! There were less than half of the number of teams than in 1999. This was our third Nationals and to see the sharp decrease in numbers was disappointing. However, it was great to see new competitors dedicated to improving themselves through competition. The age range, of 18 to 80, demonstrates that the Nationals are open to anyone.

Photo: Tony Daabury

This event was dominated by the *Playboys* who claimed the title with a whopping 435 points, an average of 87.06. The *Playboys* are Nev Cartledge, Rat (Leigh Carr) and Gareth Pollock. The main battle was for second place, with three scratch teams in the running, all filmed by Tim Porter – a manifester's nightmare! The teams were; *Spazbo* (see skysurf team *Gazbo*), *DDT* with Dave Caldwell & Daniel Parker and *XPortL* with Pete Allum and John McIver from *XL* swapping disciplines after winning the senior 4-way first. Eventually, *DDT* beat *XPortL* into third place with only 1.38 points between them. The achievement of these teams is a tribute to the pace at which this 'new' discipline has become popular and the already high standard of freeflyers within the UK.

Cathy Symonds



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110, the combined ages of freestyle Dylis Price (68) and cameraman Tony Danbury (21-ish) collected a well deserved silver medal. Dylis set an example to other competitors with her enthusiasm and also became a local star when she featured on the regional news covering the Nationals. Roddy Mackay of Team LADventures.com showed to my amazement and ignorance(!), that men can be graceful by winning the men's freestyle with one of many appearances from Tim Porter at this Nationals. With very little pre-competition training they produced an excellent performance, average 75.18. Their scores increased with every round, demonstrating what a difference air time makes.

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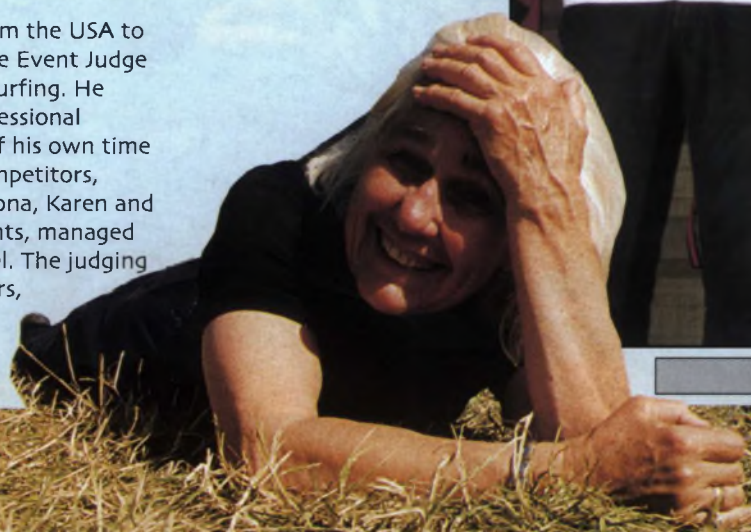
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Freestyle SILVER - 110

Scott Smith was bought over from the USA to run a New Age seminar and to be Event Judge for freestyle, freeflying and skysurfing. He conducted himself in a very professional manner and spent a great deal of his own time coaching and de-briefing the competitors, which was very well received. Dona, Karen and Bob, trainee judges in these events, managed to be trained up to National level. The judging panel put in some very long hours, thanks for giving 100%.

Photo: Dylis Price by Tony Danbury



Freestyle

Name		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average	Position
LDAventures.com	Mackay - Porter	65.7	72.3	77.3	78.3	82.3	375.9	75.18	1
110	Price - Danbury	47.0	39.7	49.3	39.0	51.3	226.3	45.26	2

Freeflying

Name		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average	Position
Playboys	Pollock - Carr - Cartledge	88.0	80.0	81.3	95.7	90.3	435.3	87.06	1
DDT	Parker - Caldwell - Porter	74.3	76.7	75.0	64.3	71.0	361.3	72.26	2
XPortL	Allum - McIver - Porter	71.7	66.7	77.7	71.0	67.3	354.4	70.88	3
Spazbo	Spratley - Southam - Porter	43.7	40.7	34.0	42.7	47.3	208.4	41.68	4

British Nationals Skysurf

Clockwork Orange, my team with Dave Sturgeon, completed an excellent first round, which meant that things could only get worse! Indeed they did, in round two we only scored 75, some 7.3 points less than *Skysurf X*, who then pulled out all the stops! They attempted some difficult moves and gave *Clockwork Orange* a good run for their money. Over the final three rounds *Clockwork Orange* claimed a well earned gold medal with some difficult and well executed moves. *Skysurf X*, made up of Dave Caldwell and Rusty Lewis, sponsored by mbcservices.co.uk, held a steady 69.4 average to take silver, Dave Caldwell's second silver of the Nationals.

Another team making the switch from FS were *Gazbo* with Gary Southam, ex-team manager for *XL* and Bob Spratley, ex British 8-way FS team cameraman. *Gazbo* have only been together since the beginning of this year but against all odds (being constantly followed by a Channel 4 camera team) they achieved a respectable third place. The programme will be part of a series called *The Other Side*, the scheduling has not been confirmed but it should be broadcast sometime this year.

I am proud to be one half of the winning skysurf team but it was a poignant time. Chris Gauge and Scott Wileman were pioneers of surfing in the UK and were sorely missed this year.



Skysurf X by Gary Wainwright



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British skysurf champions
Cathy Symonds and
Dave Sturgeon**Skysurfing**

Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average	Position
Clockwork Orange	82.3	75.0	77.0	80.3	85.7	400.3	80.06	1
Skysurf X	72.3	72.3	76.7	68.7	57.0	347.0	69.40	2
Gazbo	56.3	54.3	48.3	48.0	55.0	261.9	52.38	3



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Great vibes, hot dives, blazing sun, kicking tunes, and an aircraft that climbed like a space shuttle... If you weren't happy here there's no hope for you! ...

Vichy 2000 was a little down on attendees this year but this didn't slow down the pace at all. Around 140 lifts occurred through the week in the



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Antonov (70 jumpers to 16,000 feet in 8 minutes). The take-offs when they let the speed build up before launching up into the blue always drew screams of delight from the jumpers! One jumper timed the first 1,000' ascent in 12 seconds! Most of the time it was Scorchio! Just one and a half days were lost to bad weather.

Patrick and Darryl had a plan for a three point sequential 60-way which was achieved



Photo by John Mayo



on the SECOND jump! That day, the 60-way group made four sequential 60-way dives, completing the first point on all, the second on some and the third on others.

As usual the sound and video systems were superb and the day's video edits were played to everyone in the evening. George Pilkington even brought over his own DJ, Richie, who helped pick up the vibe during the day! The shifting, light winds produced a couple of near collisions but the boogie was relatively incident free.

Highlights of the week included the 60-way sequential dives, tracking dives from 16,000', the free fly / flat fly sequential with Arizona Free Flight flying a tube through a star, Milko replacing a floating reserve handle (huge cheer in the bar when that was shown!), free-fly big-ways, wing suit dives, Skyray dives with the amazing smoke trails. Thanks one and all for the big skydiving party!

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But what about learning new stuff?

Committed skydivers form teams and dedicate their spare time and cash to training by the best in the world. Team coaching has specific team goals as well as personal improvement in mind. You generally work at random and block sequences and have a debrief with stopwatch to check on improvements. It is challenging and frustrating but rewarding when performance improves.

What if you aren't in a team?

How can you get the benefit these teams do without spending all that cash and taking it that seriously? One of the better answers is to sign up for a skills camp. Each year (sometimes twice a year), the British National 4-way team XL run skills camps that anyone reading this could be part of. XL's skills camps are among the best.

What happens at a skills camp?

The emphasis is on you — developing skills to lay the foundation for you to be a great skydiver. You jump with others in a small group (often 4) but the purpose of each jump is to help each individual improve their own performance. So you won't necessarily find any emphasis on stopwatches or how many points were scored. That's not the point. The aim is to improve your formation skydiving skills at a pace you are comfortable with. It's being stretched — but without the tension, heavy commitment or expense!

What other benefits are there?

Skydiving is a special but small sport where the top names are accessible. Through a skills camp, we can jump with the best in the world. Ask any friends who do another sport what they would give to be coached by the highest level sportspeople — say, Tiger Woods or Andre Agassi. They would jump at the chance ('scuse the pun!). XL represent the UK at World Meets. You can jump with them and have their considered input to you, about your skydiving.

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Aren't the camps expensive?

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Anything else I should know?

The Sky Ventures wind tunnel in Orlando is an optional extra, a fantastic facility and through XL, you get great rates as well as flying in the tunnel with one of them. The tunnel is a must — hard work and a little different to freefall, but extremely worthwhile.

Do you need squillions of jumps?

No! XL skills camps are open to almost anyone. In some ways, low experience jumpers who have not developed poor skydiving habits are in the best position to learn. Groups are changed daily to match ability so experienced jumpers get just as much benefit.

To recap, why should I go?

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Nigel Thomas

1 November 1963 – 21 July 2000

Nigel was born in Canterbury to Robert and Maureen, with his brother Paul and sister Rachel born after him. He went to South Bank Polytechnic in London where he did a degree in electronic engineering followed by a PGCE in Maths and then later went on to do an OU degree in Biochemistry. He met Victoria when they shared a house in Derby in 1990 and they were married in '93. He taught maths for a few years before leaving conventional teaching to work as a lecturer at the British Rail school of engineering. He then set up his own business as an IT consultant, which gave him freedom to pursue his other interests.

Boys and toys was Nigel all over. He was a keen scuba diver and an active member of the Channel Divers Club in Hythe. He loved motorbikes and regularly attended track days at Cadwell Park and Lydden. He and Vicky went on several European bike meets where they could put faces to the names of many friends they met on an internet riders group. He enjoyed skiing and snowboarding. He had been learning to play the organ – he could also play the guitar, keyboards, french horn, flute and penny whistle – luckily for their neighbours Nigel and Vicky lived in a detached house! He had a small sailing dinghy and was a member of the local sailing club. He used to go Morris dancing too and even had a go at driving a steam train!

Nigel's greatest passions were flying and skydiving. He had recently obtained his Multi rating and it had been agreed that he would be trained as a jump pilot. He regularly went on little jollies from Headcorn and loved being in the air. Nigel was meticulous in everything – it took him ages to check an aircraft out.

As a member of the Tiger Club he also flew biplanes – there really was no limit to his talents. Nigel got into skydiving because he'd seen skysurfing on TV – from the start he knew that he wanted to jump a board. He went through AFF at Headcorn and in Christmas '98 he and Vicky moved to Headcorn. Although Vicky does not jump, they were both regulars at the club. In March this year a group of us went to Empuria and Nigel started his board jumping, which he loved – he would always be 'on cloud 9' after a jump. He and Daren Bendle (who jumped camera with him) had intended to do the Nationals but Nigel was 3 jumps short of the 50 board jump requirement. His nickname was 'Not Scared Nigel'.

Nigel would do anything for anyone. He offered to get his scuba gear on and search a local pond when someone had lost their free bag – luckily for the fishermen the bag was found! Nigel could often be found at the airfield bar or the George in Headcorn High Street – he enjoyed the company of his many friends. He always had time to talk to people and help them when he could, and was unfailingly cheerful. An overriding image is of Nigel rushing to do something, red in the face – but still smiling. He and Vicky were overwhelmingly generous in their hospitality.

Nigel's last week was at Headcorn on a week's holiday which he spent with Vicky doing the things he loved – he went flying and jumping and was with friends. We don't know what happened on his last jump. His death was a tragic accident and he has left a big gap. Nigel will be remembered with love and a smile.

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Kev Waterhouse



1961 - 2000



Sergeant Kevin Waterhouse's untimely death on 23 July 2000 was a terrible blow to everyone who knew him. Kev's love for life was evident in the manner in which he approached it; the ultimate paratrooper, always on the go, always cracking jokes.

Kev will always be the kind of man that you will remember with a story, "Hey, remember when Kev..." Speaking of which, I'll never forget the first time I met him in '85. We had just been posted to the newly formed Pathfinder Platoon of 5 Airborne Brigade. It was quite a daunting prospect for 30 men, all from different Parachute Battalions to be thrust together to form a new unit. The first day was the usual nods and "Alright Mate" of paratroopers who aren't too sure or don't know each other. Then in walked Kev, bold as brass with a carefully rolled up 6 inch rubber tongue concealed in his mouth! "Kev Waterhouse" he announced extending a hand and letting the tongue spring out! As you can imagine, it broke the ice!

Kev was never shy about getting himself noticed. Whilst with the team he was instrumental in setting up and being the driving force behind the PR department. I'll never forget the sight of him walking around Nethers with Bing, the stuffed Airborne dog, strapped to his front in a tandem harness, or him doing an Elvis impression with Ainsley on *Can't cook, Won't cook*.

Kev had an annoying habit of ringing you up and pretending to be someone else, normally a high ranking Officer. "Hello, Major Bed-down here"! Trouble is when you've known someone as long as I'd known Kev, you get wise to those sort of tricks. But I wish I had a pound for every real Officer I'd upset by telling them to "F*#k off Waterhouse!"

Everybody I meet comes out with some tale of Kev and his antics. Jackie Young recalled him eating all the baby beetroots at her barbecue and then deviously replacing them with barbecue coals – which don't quite taste the same! Kev was definitely a comedian but also had a heart as big as a spacehopper. Nothing was too much trouble for him and you could not want for a more loyal, trustworthy or fun to be with friend and I will always be proud to say he was one of mine.

He was also a very genuine bloke. Everyone, except those that knew him well, were surprised when it was found whilst organising his estate that, even though he didn't have two brass farthings to rub together, he had standing orders to pay donations to the following: The Poppy Appeal, The British Legion, Cancer Research, Guide Dogs for the Blind and the NSPCC.

During his twenty years in the sport he became an Advanced Instructor, AFF Instructor, Tandem Instructor and Category System Instructor. He was also military HALO trained, a Helicopter Abseil

Instructor, a Helicopter Handling Instructor and probably more that I've missed. I can hear him up there now getting the angels to go through their safety count!

Kev crammed more into his short 39 year life than most people have achieved at twice his age. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Sue, his long term partner and his two young boys Ben and Josh. I only hope that they will in time grow up in the image of their father. The world will be a sadder and less fun place to be without the likes of Kev Waterhouse.

Kev will be missed by a great many people, both military and civilian, as was seen by the amount of friends and colleagues that made it to his funeral and the floral tributes and messages of condolence from those that couldn't. The list of thank you's is endless, but thank you all from Sue, Ben and Josh.

"The biggest crime in life is not to take part"

I'll end this tribute the same way our telephone conversations always ended, Kev would say "See ya later" and just as I was about to reply he'd put the phone down! I swore I would get him back for that, but it looks like I'll have to wait.

It is planned to hold an 'Absent Friends' weekend in memory of Kev, Tim Bettin and others that have left us early, to raise funds for their favourite charities. Easter weekend 2001 is looking favourite, more details will be published nearer the date.

Roy Charters
TSM@reddevilsonline.com

Even though we still need parachutes ...(*)



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dear skydive...

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dear skydive...

BALLOON RIDE WANTED!

At the age of 68, I did 3 static jumps in 24 hours to raise funds for the new Children's Hospital in Bristol, raising £3,500 in sponsorship. A team of 24 then did five jumps raising a total of £12,000. This year we have a team of 42 who aim to raise £15,000.

I have now done a total of nine RAPS jumps for charity. I have also completed two jumps from a crane into a net from 190 feet, taken part in a 700ft death slide from a crane onto a pontoon in Bristol Docks and abseiled down the Avon Gorge. My aim is to raise £30,000 for the Children's Hospital by next April. I want to tie this in with doing something special for my 70th birthday on 24 April 2001 and would ideally like to jump from a hot air balloon over Bristol. Can anyone help?

John Wilkin
48 Tuck Mill,
Clevedon, BS21 7XQ

dear skydive...

WOT, NO DROP ZONE?

If anyone is considering setting up a UK Drop Zone, could I suggest SW Scotland? Scottish DZ's are clustered around Central and Eastern Scotland, which seems a bit crazy. The weather here is better throughout the year and there is a very large potential market around Ayr, Kilmarnock, Irvine and Glasgow. This could bring new faces into the sport. I have neither the experience nor the capital to open a DZ but would support anyone who does.

Billy Hamilton,
billyham43@aol.com

PS. This letter is nothing to do with my friends and I having to travel 300-400 miles every time we want to jump!

dear skydive...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This photo was taken in June 1956 at Fairoaks Airport and includes some founder members of the BPA. If anyone can put me in touch or give me any news of these people I would be very grateful. I am also seeking any news of Dumbo Wilians and Jim Basnett, from the same era.



Keith Fuller, Clough Gill Cottage,
Summerbridge, Harrogate, N Yorks HG3 4UR

dear skydive...

NEVER AT NETHERS

I have had the misfortune of attending two military basic freefall courses at Nethers and attempted to progress through RAPS. On all occasions I was treated like a leper by the 'skygods' which was disappointing and disheartening for someone willing to spend a large amount of time, effort and money to progress. On one occasion I, the student, was told off for having the wrong size rig, which I was given by the club! This elitist attitude is in my experience the norm at this club and I am sure would frighten off a large amount of potential customers – perhaps that is the point!! Student lifts should surely be treated as equal to any other lift. I approached a military club willing and able to learn and all I received for my efforts was a cold shoulder and an unwelcome attitude. This sport is to be enjoyed by all. Were the 'skygods' born skygods or did they start at my level?!

Rachel Wallman, russ.rach@virgin.net
(Recently qualified and happy)

Dear Rachel,

Nethers 'rules and regulations' are there for good reasons, to ensure the parachuting operation is carried out in the safest manner possible. The safety record of Netheravon speaks for itself. If jumpers do not want to abide by them, then they are at liberty to find a DZ that is not as conscientious as Nethers.

Why the 'misfortune of attending two' Military Basic Freefall Courses. It couldn't have been that bad if you came back for a second attempt? 'I was told off for having the wrong size rig'. Excellent in my opinion. It proves that the checks we impose on the flight line are working. ('told off' seems a bit immature!)

I remember an editorial in the magazine that dealt with the issue of 'the sky god' and the need for the individual to make the effort to mix. Nethers is no worse or better than any other DZ in this respect. Each weekend a duty instructor volunteers to look after all the progression students. The individual student could make the effort to find out who the duty instructor is. It's not that difficult. Might I add that the majority of our weekend instructors are civilians who do an outstanding job on behalf of the APA.

Gwyn Burton, apa@netheravon.fsnet.co.uk
Army Parachute Association

dear skydive...

NICE ONE TIM (BUT NOT DIM!)

Pete's article on the Scottish Nationals neglected to mention Tim Porter as a member of the freefly teams - such teams have three members of course, and Tim was on all of the teams. Credit should go to Tim as without his enthusiasm and drive the event would never have taken place. I would not have even entered without him persuading myself and my rigger mate Andy to give it a go. Thanks Tim!

Andrew Hilton, Sew 'n' Sew,
andrew.hilton@tinyonline.co.uk

check out www.sspa.co.uk for
Scottish Nationals results – Ed

dear skydive...

NICE ONE PAUL (BUT SAD!)

Hello Foxy Editor!

Do you win a prize if you spot the jokes in the Mag?

Paul Boorer, paul@onestep.co.uk
BPA member, crossword compiler

Dear Paul

Yes, you do, it's in the post.

Lesley

We received a number of letters on the subject of the Nationals. Since then, the Competitions Committee has met and decided on a new format, see page 19. We have therefore not included any letters about the Nationals as most questions have been answered already. Do feel free to write in for the December Mag.

Food for Thought

Have you ever wondered why our opening altitude is 2,000 to 2,500 feet?

Obviously somebody at some time in the past decided that 2,000 - 2,500ft was a sensible height to open a parachute. When they came to this conclusion they probably used fairly logical criteria such as:

- How much time is left before impact in the case of a total?
- How much altitude and time does a canopy use up during a normal deployment?
- How much altitude and time is likely to be used during a typical malfunction?

They seem to have settled on the reasonable figure of 2,000-2,500ft, and this has served us fairly well for the past few decades. But perhaps now it wouldn't be a bad idea to take a step back and ask ourselves:

- Has anything changed?

Well, I think that quite a lot has changed over the last couple of decades. Average freefall velocity has increased considerably with the knowledge that a fast pace aids quick manoeuvres and the introduction of tight fitting nylon FS suits. Skysurfing and freeflying have further increased vertical speeds. Jumpers, even relatively inexperienced ones, are now jumping much smaller and higher performance canopies. These tend to take longer to fully deploy than the average 7-cell of the past and, when one of these canopies malfunctions, it uses up altitude like a homesick anvil!

So, if we were now to wipe the slate of history clean and look again at the same criteria in the 21st century that our predecessors probably used in the past, would we still choose 2,000 - 2,500ft?

Kit News

by Rob Colpus



The Cam Eye's have it!

Yet another little toy is now available to pop into the stocking of your favourite videographer this Christmas. Called the *Cam Eye II*, this funky little gizmo from Sky Tools is designed to replace a videographer's LED indicator, allowing the user to control their camcorder's status with ease.

The *Cam Eye II*'s literature describes the unit as "the first video light with camera control capability". To use the *Cam Eye II* directly, your camera must first be equipped with LANC or Control L capabilities. If not, an adaptor cable is available from Sky Tools at additional cost. The *Cam Eye II* consists of a length of cable with a LANC plug at one end, a LED at the other and a single push button in the middle. The button allows the videographer to switch in and out of record/pause mode, and the starting/record or stopping/record mode with a single touch. The device provides visual feedback of the camcorder's status via its tri-colour LED – a blue light indicates the

camcorder is powered on and in record/standby mode, a red light shows that the camera is recording, a blinking purple light indicates low battery or less than 5 minutes of tape remaining, and a blinking red light indicates the camera is either changing status or is in VTR (photo) mode.

Another nice feature is that the unit functions in parallel to the camera's normal control switches, thus allowing the user to use the Camcorder/VTR switch if they need or want to. In this mode the *Cam Eye II* functions only as an indicator, but still provides more visual feedback of camera status than other indicators on the market.

www.skytools.m.se



Batteries - Handle with care

A rigger in Florida recently found that after removal from a rig, old Cypres AAD batteries should be handled with care. After placing the old batteries on a bench next to some rigging tools he later found the batteries very hot and spewing fumes which, if combined with ambient water vapour, would create a corrosive acid. If the high energy lithium batteries are allowed to come in contact with metal objects that could cause shorting across bared or damaged terminals, some nasty fumes and chemical emissions could result. An Airtec Cypres rep acknowledged that a malfunctioning battery pack could do real damage to a parachute but said that they had received zero reports in ten years and 50,000 units of batteries having shorted once installed in a parachute system.

He went on to say that "each battery pack contains an internal fuse. The fuse is designed to melt if the battery is shorted, preventing the batteries from over heating and bursting. But old batteries sometimes do not possess enough energy to melt their fuse. Therefore shorting a new battery is usually a non-event, but shorting a partially discharged battery often thwarts the fuse and a mess can result, while it doesn't have enough power to melt the fuse it might have enough to burst its case... This is another reason why we insist on battery replacement every two years before they run too low. It's not about trying to sell more batteries."

Airtec – 0049 2953 9899



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A MERITORIOUS SUCCESSOR

After many years as Parachutes de France's intermediate all-rounder, the Merit is soon to be replaced by another hybrid 9-cell – the Electra. The Merit was the first hybrid (half zero porosity fabric, half standard porosity fabric) to appear on the main canopy market in the early 90's. Since then other manufacturers have released hybrid designs, not least Performance Designs with their Silhouette a couple of years ago. The Merit and Silhouette, along with the new Electra utilise the hybrid concept along

with a mildly elliptical aerofoil in order to produce a canopy that has some of the attributes of a zero-P high performance canopy – lots of lift and responsive control but without the radical end of the performance spectrum, allowing them to be used safely by inexperienced to intermediate canopy pilots. The Electra, which is scheduled to be on the market by the time you read this, utilises a new zero P fabric, called ZP-00A, which PdeF is very happy with. It will be available in five sizes from 130 to

210, and will carry the traditional colour option design motif on the lower skin as per the Blue Track 'Look line' range.

PdeF intend the Electra to have a competitive edge over canopies such as PD's Silhouette, Sabre and Spectre, and Icarus' Safire due to a relatively lower price range, and attractive dealer discounts.

PdeF – 0033 1 34 32 77 77
www.Parachutes-de-France.com

Pulling Power

A nifty little tool is now available to those who pack for a living or those who's lily white hands suffer from pull-up cord rash after each single-handed combat struggle to close the flaps of their 150 container over their 170 main.

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closing loop and back onto the rod which becomes a handle for pulling against – very neat and very easy. The Power tool can also be used to replace those painfully small rubber bands, assist in 3-ring assembly or in link buffer installation. It can even be worn as a necklace or ankle bracelet – but please – not up the pub!

Para Gear – 001 1 847 679 8644 or UK Dealers
PS: Don't leave it in the rig! See Incident Reports, page 47



Stainless is not painless

The popular *Javelin* harness/container system from Sunpath Inc is now supplied with stainless steel 3-rings and harness hardware as standard. Once an added option, the inclusion of stainless as standard has not come without a price, as the basic price of the Javelin has gone up to cover the inclusion. Parachutes de France were the first to provide stainless as standard on their *Atom* system several years ago but all other



manufacturers offer it as an option only. PdeF has recently added stainless friction buckles as an added option (see *Kit News* June 2000).

There is at the moment a flaw in Sunpath's plan with the non availability of the large ring set in stainless steel – this means that if you would prefer a large ring set with its safety advantages (see *Kit News* August issue) you will not get it or any of the harness hardware in stainless steel, BUT – you will still pay the same new, higher price.

Sunpath are presently searching for a stainless alternative to the cadmium-plated large RW1 ring, but would have to club together with other harness manufacturers to be able to offer a big enough purchasing base to justify the manufacture of a stainless large ring set.

Kit News has not been made aware of any advantages of stainless over cadmium plating apart from appearance.

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STRONG requires STRENGTH

The Australian Parachute Federation are currently carrying out extensive tests to back up their suspicions that the stainless steel cutaway cables used on the *Strong tandem system* are responsible for hard or impossible pulls at cutaway time.

According to the APF, ten hard pulls, some requiring the assistance of the passenger, have been experienced on the Strong tandem over the last three years in Oz with none recorded on other tandem rigs such as *Vector*, *Atom*, *Stunt* or *Racer*. 60% of the 100,000 jumps recorded were on the Strong system. John Chapman, the APF's Technical Officer strongly suspects the hard pulls are due to the steel cutaway cables used on the Strong rig. The other tandems currently in use utilise the yellow teflon cable as is common on most solo harness/containers. Strong went over to the stainless steel cable to solve the problem of the yellow teflon cable being 'sucked through' the riser grommet after a hard opening – apparently this can occur when 60lbs of force is applied, "but any riser which transmits this kind of load to the locking loop is a concern in itself" says Chapman, APF

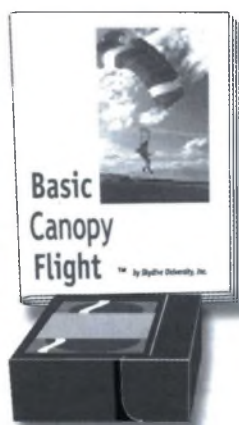
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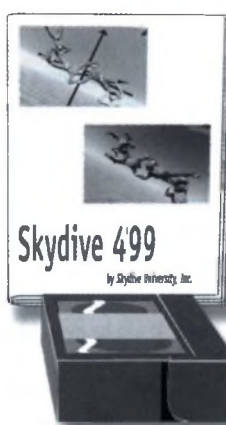
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Sport Parachuting Explained

by *Chris Donaldson*

Rather a strange photograph of the author greets you when you pick up this book, and then you wonder just what it is going to explain for your £15?

The introduction claims the aim is to de-mystify our sport and explain why and how thousands of men and women around the world have managed to pursue this activity regularly and safely. To a large extent the book achieves this aim. It is written in a clear manner by someone with considerable experience and love of the sport.

In 1986 Charles Shea-Simonds wrote *The Complete Sport Parachuting Guide*. Now, Chris Donaldson has produced a similar but up to date version which gives the reader some history of the sport, explains what to expect from a first jump course, and covers what follows as they progress in the sport, through their student days, RAPS or AFF and beyond.

When the author explains the training programme, for the most part he takes care not to be too exact, so as to allow for current

and future variation between centres. The book will be marketed in the US as well as the UK and over several years so this shows forethought and aids instructors not to be contradicted by the written word.

Chris gives a useful insight into the disciplines after student days, providing the reader with an outline of the skills involved in Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formations, the Classics and New Age disciplines.

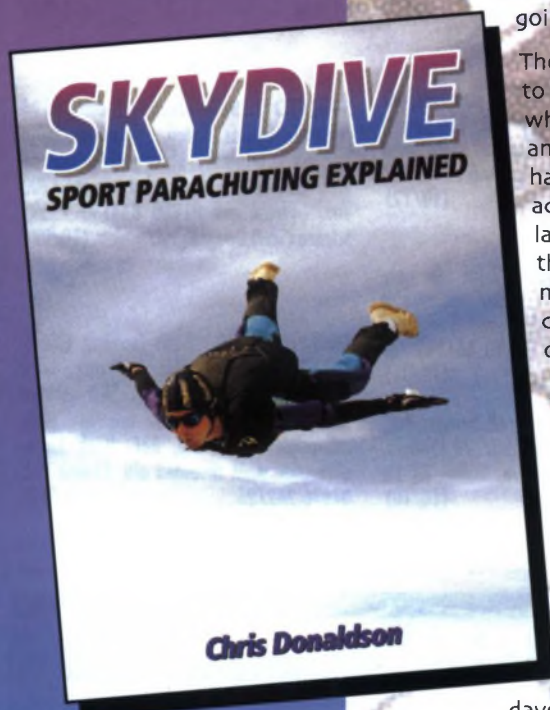
Any would-be student would benefit from reading this book, as would a student with a handful of jumps. Beyond that experience level I think most will gather the same information from their own centre's training manual and from being around the drop zone over a few weekends. (Is it just me or does that happen less these days, students hanging around through the long wet weekends of winter?)

I found the book quite easy to read and to dip into although some of the layout is disappointing, like the drawings to compare types of canopies requiring you to turn the page to note the differences. This is a shame as the line drawings themselves are clear and understandable. To an experienced jumper the choice of photographs is at times uninspired, though to the beginner they probably convey the message intended, and we all know how difficult it can be to find just the right picture – and, anyway, there are none of me!

In summary, as a modern version of Charlie's book this works very well. If you only pick up this book once, then read the 'Afterword' for an explanation of the fun and the 'now' experience of skydiving.

Peter A Sizer

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A camera jumper uses wings to stay above the build-up to a large formation.

Head down at 10,000ft towards a thin layer of cloud.



A 10-way diamond completes over the Peterborough Corniche Centre.

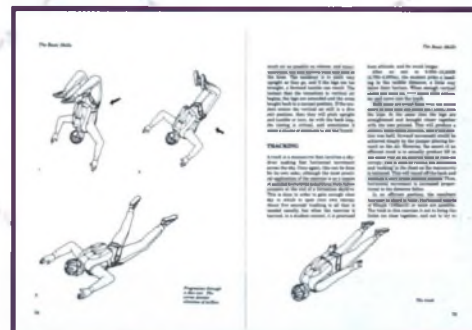


Finishing the sunset and friends.



Professing out at 10,000ft on a summer's day.

Build up to a large air fly formation.



SKYDIVE 8-99

by Craig Burton

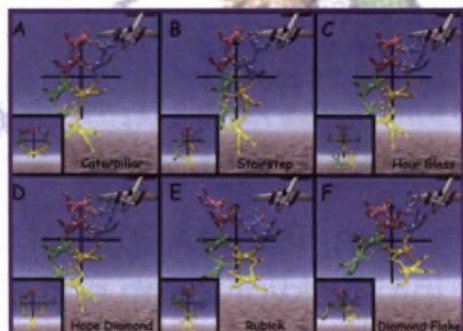
reviews

The latest in a series of instructional video / booklet packages from Skydive University, Skydive 8-99 concentrates on 8-way FS using the game plan US 8-way team *Arizona Airspeed* used to win the last World Championships. The package is largely aimed at serious 8-way teams and offers masses of information. It has a lot to offer other competitive FS jumpers and would be an invaluable tool to any FS coach. The tape is full-on information; it is not 'easy watching' and therefore of limited interest. But if competitive FS is your 'thang', read on...

An impressive booklet, professionally presented with extensive use of computer graphics, it contains a wealth of information on 8-way techniques, all shown in an easy to understand way. The book is very well structured and moves through the various elements of 8-way, giving clear information on simple randoms, quadrant shifts and continuity plans. Each random formation and block move is laid out on a grid, giving clear and precise information on the set-ups and angles that we should be looking for. Additionally each exit is illustrated to show ideal placement and presentation straight out of the door. The booklet finishes with a neat chart which cross references each formation with a 'time elapsed' figure which makes it easy to find relevant video footage.

The one hour videotape extensively uses computer graphics to illustrate the moves with an assisting commentary. The graphics are useful and show 8-way in its most efficient; format; if only it was that easy in reality! Coaches spend days (each day costing \$250) trying to explain these moves but this package makes it so clear for a fraction of the money you would spend on training.

Exits are extensively covered, showing a view from the creepers, then transitioning into a graphical exit perspective from the aircraft. Slick and very easy to relate to. Each random and block transition are then shown on creepers, from exit (sub terminal) and on the level, in full speed and slow-mo.



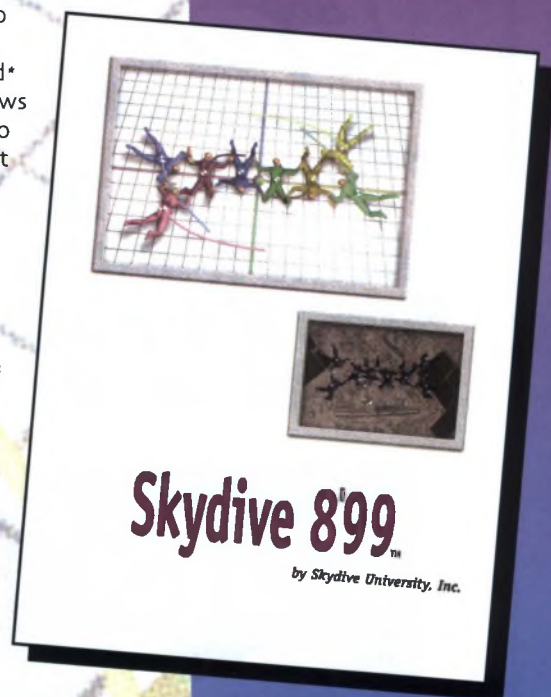
This is 8-way at its best. Some will be too advanced for most teams to attempt, but nonetheless it is superb to watch. Some examples can be taken into any level of competitive FS – if you've ever felt discombobulated* on a 4-way exit, the footage shows the effort you need every time to get the presentation for a perfect launch. It also offers a lesson in 'clean' skydiving; the flashing is second to none.

The tape finishes with a short section of video footage of *Airspeed* in full flow. One 'wafer thin' improvement I can think of is that, after all the in-depth information, a bigger section of superb 8-way would be a nice and inspirational way to finish off.

This tape will not teach you to do 8-way; it complements training by a professional coach. It sets out to present a huge amount of information on the 8-way FS event and it achieves this admirably. It is not for every skydiver but if you are serious about 8-way you will want a copy.

Ian Matthews

(* ref C Girard)



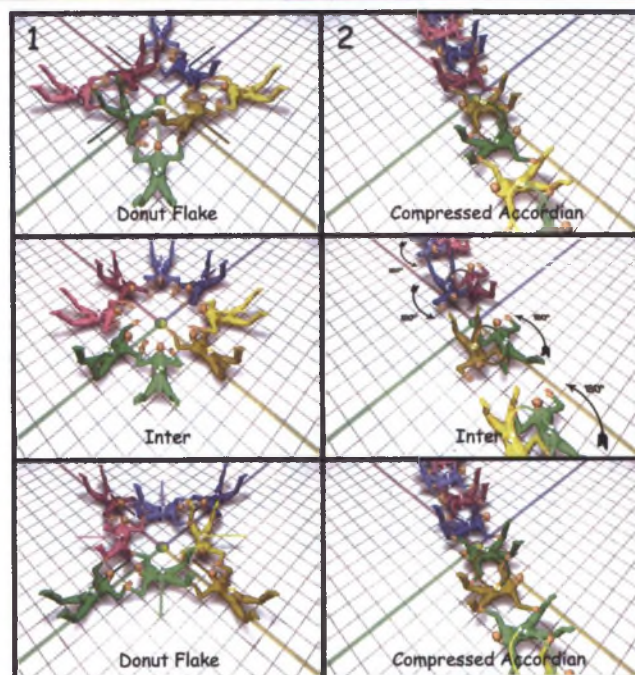
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"A" Slot Blocks

"A" Slot Blocks" shows who goes where in each formation and where the formation is to be built on the grid. In addition the colored lines show the path of each person's center for each of the blocks.

For executing the block moves, an important thing to note is the direction you move at the start of each block and then the place on the grid that you want to stop at the end of the block.

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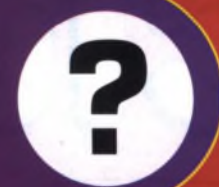
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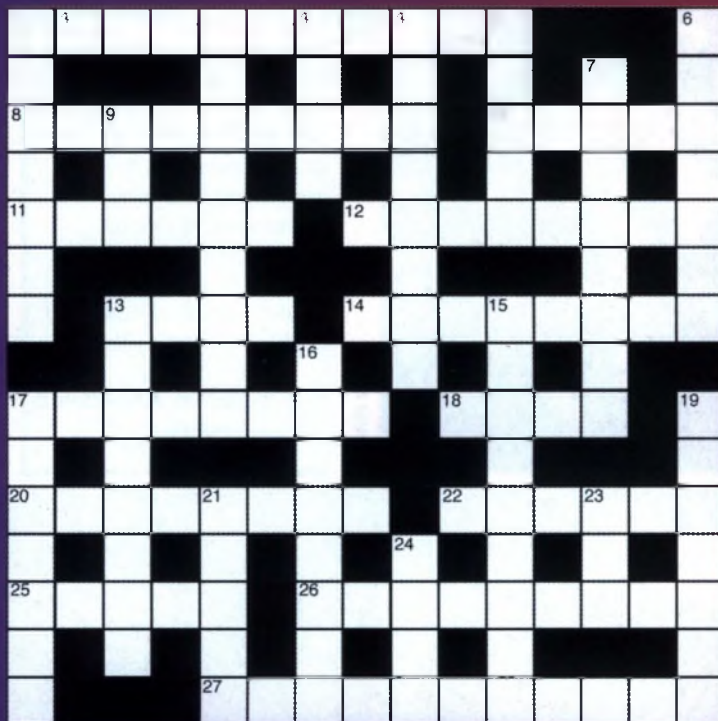
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- or cut away and use the **reserve**

Main clues

Across:

1. Cut apart his woolly jumper (11)
- 8 & 27. AA's Cypres saves (9,11)
10. Steer one into plot (5)
11. Drogues don't launch for villains (6)
12. Sticky stuff is heaved over (8)
13. Pirouette bites back (4)
14. It's pushed and it's licked (8)
17. Bring twisted gag in for mouth (8)
18. Dive underground? (4)
20. Crazy United Nation's list (8)
22. This eight-footer is a natural parachutist? (9)
25. Whoops! Lost aspiration, make swift descent (5)
26. 50th Anniversary? Watch the film (9)
27. See 8

Down:

1. Where's the boogie? Under the 'Little House' (7)
2. Left, short of completing, yet still racing (9)
3. Able copper out manoeuvred (2,2)
4. STC report incorporated one depression (8)
5. Golf supporter takes exercise in tent (5)
6. Very great old tree straddles meridian (7)
7. Californian lake where Hamlet lived (8)
9. Draw and draw up (3)
13. Foolish Stan hops. What a picture! (8)
15. Equally short men in exercise outfit (9)
16. Eg, meal or movie on the wing (8, hyphenated)
17. Gives a singular farewell and dumps jelly (4,3)
19. Tack yoke (7)
21. The first Greek canopy (5)
23. Dew, we hear, forecast soon (3)
24. Great freeflyer distorted oval (4)

Reserve clues

Across:

1. Skydiver (11)
8. Not manual (9)
10. Airman (5)
11. Scoundrels (6)
12. Glue (8)
13. Rotate (4)
14. Letter container (8)
17. Boastfulness (8)
18. Hollow cylinder (4)
20. Out of control (8)
22. Arachnid (6)
25. Sudden attack (5)
26. Bond movie (9)
27. Turnings on (11)

Down:

1. US grassland (7)
2. Vying (9)
3. Can do (2, 2)
4. Occurrence (8)
5. Wigwam (5)
6. Icarus Canopy (7)
7. US DZ (8)
9. Pull sharply (3)
13. Photo (8)
15. Gear (9)
16. During air journey. (2-6)
17. Clear weather (4,3)
19. Rig straps (7)
21. WinTec canopy (5)
23. Expected (3)
24. Mr Zipser (4)

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answers - inside back cover

Club News

Tilstock

The Tilstock crew (right) relocated to Jurby airfield in the Isle of Man taking 80 locals in four days for tandem skydives from the C206. The constant wind didn't allow a RAPS programme. But four point 4-ways were achieved by Pat Walters, Tony Lightfoot, Steve Cooper and John Reynolds, with other experienced people joining us. The event roughly coincided with our Tilstock annual birthday party with Captain Lyn George (thanks for the fish) showing all how to party. He was last seen naked in the bar just before breakfast.

The majority of the tandems were sponsored, so a considerable number of local Manx charities benefited. Local girl Karen Yates helped Colin to organise the event although she was, unfortunately, unable to complete her AFF.

The recent beach party went down a splash, especially the photos of the beach bums (literally!). Special congratulations and welcome to newcomers Tim Powell and Ian Rayner, both deaf, who prove canopy control is better without listening to radios!

Welcome back in the air to Tony after his first jump in two years and congratulations on your recovery – BSBFD.

Achievements

1st Freefall: Mark Loveday, Stephen Reid, Claire Wilkinson, Bryan Teeson, Vincent Martin, Anna Barker
Cat 8: Andy Burgess, Rob Gray, Brian Hughes
FS1: Jamie McCulloch, Hans Donner

Chris Gilmore &
Liz Rimmer



Regulars at Tilstock

Border

Border Congratulations

1st Freefall: Sam Johnson Phil & Fiona on their engagement and the impending new arrival. Mandy and Norrie for eventually making their comeback after moving house – great to have you back!

Katherine Andrewes

Black Knights

MILLENNIUM BOOGIE

Black Knights opened for 10 days at the end of July for FUN and PROGRESSION JUMPING. It was glorious sunshine every day, so the Islander was busy plus occasional jumps from the Cessna 185. We had a full program with all levels progressing. Many tandems were done by Billy Sharples, Danny Smith and Chris Miller plus a successful AFF programme by Ian Chick, Chris Miller, Aide Green and Craig Hill. Daniel Parker was freefly coaching – a superb time.

Craig Kelsall organised a 4-way scrambles. A cash prize was won by Team Fubar led by Dave Gaskell. Tracking dives and hoop dives added to the fun atmosphere. Because of good weather, barbeques with lots of Stella Artois were enjoyed most nights, supplemented with a DZ meal at Mo's Place, cooked by Maureen Ashton and Craig (Green Watch) Kelsall. Video's, good vibes and more Stella – way to go! Thanks to all, especially to those who donated prizes. With the raffles, we raised £200 in aid of the North West Air Ambulance.



Two non-parachuting events were the clay pigeon shoot run by Chris Parry (the landowner) and his family, helped by Chris Taylor, everyone on the DZ took part. Secondly, go-kart racing (karts supplied by Chris Taylor) was enjoyed by the kids, who also spent a lot of time in the open air swimming pool at a nearby caravan park! Both Saturday nights, Mark Massey converted the Islander mock up into his stage for the disco and karaoke. Saturday 29 July was my 50th birthday party so a bonfire and firework display added to the fun.

September 2 was Cliff and Joan Lloyd's wedding anniversary – party, fabulous food and copious amounts of Stella. Mark Massey provided the sounds. If you want to go on our mailing list, send me an e.

Jeff Illidge
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Achievements

1st Freefall: Ian Curragh, Mike Bennett, Karen Bain, Lesley Houghton
Cat 8 AFF: Chris Kent, Lee Rhodes, Albie Ruddock, Billy Blanchard (levels 1-8 in 2 days)
IC1: Gary Crisp, Susan Redfern
100 jumps: Jason Keith, Rob Harris
200 jumps: Sylvia Radcliffe
500 jumps: Craig Kelsall, John Wooton
800 jumps: Jeremy Porter
1,000 jumps: Neil Sharpies
2,000 jumps: Chris Miller

Chatteris

Hello & Goodbye

Comebacks for two people; Jim Pescod broke his leg (on a motorbike) over a year ago, and both he and Dave Harrison (5 year layoff) have been conspicuous by their enormous grins. Good to have you both back. Unfortunately, two long layoffs begin, as both Chris Lyall and Pete Herrick broke their ankles landing recently.

NEW Buildings

The new toilet and shower block is finished now, much to the relief (pun intended) of all, and work begins on the (en suite) accommodation.

No Antonov

Despite the huge disappointment at having our AN28 refused, the owners have not given up. Rumour control has it that turbine fuel will be

smelling in the mornings at Chatteris before long.

Quotes of the Month

"This Stiletto is boring" SW
 "I won't get it dirty" JS
 "I don't weigh that much!" MC
 "The T-shirts aren't too big" MR
 "I can put a Fury down on a sixpence" CL
 "It's not that bad" PH
 "I only did it for the tea" KS
 "I'm covered in jam and I'm stuck to the bed... What happened?" BJ

Well Done:

Cat 8: Andy Kille, C Cowley
FS1: Lucy Wellstead
100 jumps: Dave Lace
First Freefall: Lloyd Quenby, Pat Naylor, Donald Bell
Packing Certificates: Vicky, Lucy, Ivan, Nigel
 George Katsoulis

Topcliffe

Changing Times

4-Para are no longer involved in the main running of the club, so Merlin is now in the capable hands of Bill Rule. Andy Dixon left the post of CCI for a 'holiday' in Sierra Leone, and has been replaced by Nick Harrison. Also our regular tandem master and instructor Mike Jeng has been posted off to Cyprus for two years and will be missed by all. We also have new canteen staff, Kev and Marianne Crosbie (Bill's daughter and son-in-law). Of course the most important change is a new 'real wood' toilet seat in the gents!

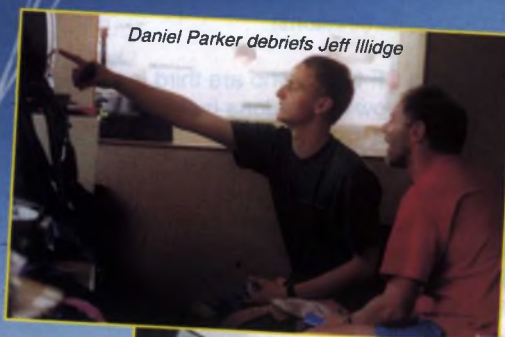
Achievements:

1st Freefall: Lee Meyrick, Marianne Crosbie, Graham, Sue and Sean Armitage (husband, wife and son)
Cat 8: Josh Burnstone
IC1: Ken Wharton
IC1 & FS1: Sammy Cohen
100 jumps: Laura Kenyon, Diederik Groot
300 jumps: Lynne Murray
600 jumps: Andy Wright

Congratulations to them all:
 A special mention should go to **York University** who won the BCPA league, then was awarded *Club of the Year* by the University. Regular club members also received awards for their devotion to the sport:
Certificate of merit: Rob Sharp
Full colours (top award they can give): Andy Wright
Pint of beer! – Paul Hollow 'H'

Dave Hartburn

New Website
www.BKPC.co.uk



Nethers

Carry on Caravanning!

Netheravon's campers are all very happy after a summer of Caravanning and are well and truly hooked! The extra lift capacity may explain the long list of achievements.

The main event of the summer, the first Armed Forces Parachute Championships, 19-28 August, was opened for the first time to both civilians and Armed Forces competitors. There was a spectacular turnout; twenty-eight 4-way teams, eight 8-way teams, five CF teams, and 110 style and accuracy competitors.

Standards were high and competition fierce but mixed with a great deal of fun and enjoyment.

Even the weather joined in, allowing over 3,000 jumps during the meet. The event was expertly run by meet director, John Horne and CCI, Ian Cashman who had their work cut out when two of the *Golden Lions* (Loonies) chopped after a wrap, and the canopies landed on power lines cutting off the supply! The *Loonies* then had the cheek to complain about the warm beer. Rumour has it that they've been booked to turn **out** the Blackpool Illuminations!

The Italian CF team (who are third in the world) showed us how it was done by setting a new record and an 18.25 average. All events were completed and scores were quickly posted on the web. Free FS coaching was on hand from *Quiksilva*, and CF coaching from national CF winners *Team X*, and the *Italian Army* team. A great party on Saturday with a pig roast and disco left many the worse for wear. The prize

giving was attended by a whole host of dignitaries as well as some BPA Council members and staff. It had a CF, accuracy and 16-way (and then swoop accuracy) demo. Next year is set to be even bigger and better with more teams from further afield, including other nations. Why not come along? Put the last week of August in your diary now.

(Most diaries do include the last week of August – Ed)

Judges were Karla Cole (FS) and Bob King and Jules Ballard (style), Ann and Jack Fowler (style & accuracy).



Karla Cole

Rob Kennedy

Kath Salisbury, Barrie Buck, John Horne & Alastair Macartney

ARMIES RESULTS

Overall Winners

FS 4-way

Senior: *Quiksilva*

Intermediate: *Royal Engineers*

Junior: *Red Devils*

FS 8-way: *VNE*

see FS results at www.quiksilva.com

Accuracy

Senior: Dave Ballard

British Record of 0.06cm over 10 rounds

Intermediate: Jeff Montgomery

Junior: Phil Orr

Team Accuracy: *Silver Stars*

Style

Senior: Dave Ballard

Intermediate: Jeff Montgomery

CF

Italian Army team

British Allcomers Record of 19 points

see CF results at www.teamx.org

Achievements

1st Freefall: Roman Kostiuik, James Fraser, Toby Green

AFF Graduates: Jim Gray, Brian McAtear, Kirsty Anderson, Brendan Madey

Cat 8: Chris Payne, Eddie Palfreeman, Ross Drinkwater

FS1: Russ Page, Elaine Major, Gordon McConnell,

Russ George, Nick Wright

100 jumps: Charlie Cross

200 jumps: Tash Higman, Mike Ehlas

300 jumps: Gary Cue, Gordon Mission, John Bagwell

400 jumps: Chris Guntrip

700 jumps: Rick Boardman

1,000 jumps: Fitzy (pictured)



Rob Kennedy



The Golden Lions getting advice from the Italian CF champs

Rob Kennedy

RAPA

Achievements

1st Freefall: Courtney Roberts, Charleston Roberts

Cat 8: Andy Jones, James Greenwood

FS1: Tania Wharton, Matt Sweetman, Ben Bobroff, Joe Clothier, Ian Reed

FS1 / 100 jumps: Jon Beasely, Mac McKay

FF1 / 200 jumps: Dutch Kendall, Andy Newall

200 jumps: Mandy Worthing, Al Wickens

500 jumps: Tomo Tomkinson

NORTH WEST SKYFEST

The first day of the Jurassic Cark Boogie was very busy and volunteer manifestor Jayne Harrison, did a masterful job. The jumpers, very impressed with the climb rate and faster run in speed, produced some impressive team and individual performances, hoping to impress the load organisers for a place on the North West formation record (currently 12).

Sunday arrived with visiting jumpers from Langar, Peterlee, Black Knights, Hibaldstow and Hinton. The load organisers announced the 16 names for the record attempt, from 14,000 feet. A new record was set. The Dream Team were O' Rourke, O' Sullivan, S Peake, T Peake, Hayes, Morris, M Carruthers, Crabtree, D Baillie, Laude, Spedding, Jones, P Findlay, Head, Spruce, Calland, Williamson (video)

7-way Event

On Monday, a 7-way event got underway with three teams over three rounds. Each team had an organiser as team captain. Successes varied but with subtle slot changes, two teams were fighting out the lead. Tension was high as the new owners were on opposite teams, and the air of good-natured competition dissolved into unbridled one-upmanship. Tandem passengers and freeflyers arrived, joining in and keeping the atmosphere alight. The

vibes were good and the place was rocking.

RESULTS

Hire Storm – 25 pts (Morris, Summers, Clayton, MacDonald, Shaw, Meakins, Frost)
Buy a Storm – 24 pts
Have a Storm – 17 pts

The rest of the week was dedicated to progression and hot skydives. Students had the Islander, which sometimes went up light with just 2 students! The planned beach barbeque and cricket match was abandoned as participants would not stop jumping and complained to the owners and CCI about manifest being closed! We explained that we had no choice, it was dark and no, they couldn't do an impromptu night jump!

Ukraine Reigns

The visiting flight team showed themselves to be real party animals and the language barrier was beaten. We no speakee Ukrainian, they no speakee English (except for pilot Velodymin), co pilot Ivan could manage "open zee door, open zee door" and "moo moo runway".

After Hours

Evening entertainment included a wedding party, with karaoke, barbeque and beer for Simon & Ellen Nath, a general knowledge and music quiz, alcohol consumption and skydiving videos to be watched.

A surprise visit from John McIver (Sebastian XL), and freeflyers Daniel Parker, Sean Ellison, and Chris Bennet added expertise. The arrival of Sarah Thomas and Chappy (Original Lizard) to show and sell their

wares, was to everyone's appreciation. The end of boogie party on Saturday combined with another wedding celebration with a blues band and pig roast courtesy of Jan and Steve Crabtree.

There were about 70 lifts in the 410, around 10 Islander lifts and over 1,000 descents in total, 56 being tandems. Everyone left the boogie a great deal happier than they arrived. Thanks to the vision of the new management and the determined effort of instructors and staff, 'next year' echoed on the tongues of everyone, watch out for it: CARK IT'S COMING AT YA!

Doug Summers & Jules

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skydiving and sub-aqua wedding cake for Steve and Jan Crabtree

CARK

Stan Peake, Stuart Morris and Tim O' Sullivan have been running a very productive WARP school together with organised loads and FS coaching for all levels. A welcome return to Chris Whitlock, he plans to incorporate a structured FS school.

Achievements

1st Freefall: Joanne Brass, Colin Higginson, Steve Peak, Julian Deplidge, Drew Cummings, Michael Turnbull, Michael Lloyd (6 weeks)

Cat 8: Andrew Brass (7 weeks)

Cat 10: Ellen Nath

100 jumps: Kay Carruthers

1,000 jumps: Simon Nath

Cat 10: Jack Smith (after 471 jumps, 8 years 9 months & several nervous breakdowns amongst instructors)

Wedding Congratulations:

Simon & Ellen Nath
Steve & Jan Crabtree



Best man Brian Shaw with Jan and Steve Crabtree at their recent wedding

Sibson

The students had their progression week, which started with bad weather and a meteorology lecture and ended with the inevitable party night. There was, true to its intent, plenty of progression but also some more amusing jumps – which, even though not entirely successful, did give cause for a good laugh in the bar.

UK Freefly Festival

This was well attended and blessed with good weather, much to the astonishment of flyers from Norway, France and Austria. Organised jumps catered for varying experience levels.

A good time was had by *Another Mutiny*, made up of *Another Planet* and *Mixteen* members plus friends in Beirut le Chateau, the DZ formerly known as Brienne le Chateau. Silver wasn't quite what we wanted, but after all the champagne and local farm produce, it didn't matter quite so much any more!

Telly Tandems

Watch out for tandem jumps done at Sibson being shown on *The Real Dating Show*, ITV, October and *The Mole*, Channel 5, Jan 2001.

Wedding Bliss

Steve Mikos and Faye Palmer tied the knot in July at Porthmeirion. It was a truly wicked occasion in a beautiful place. Andrea Clifford (Dreebie) and husband Paul Waymouth (right) also married in a wonderful outdoor ceremony of their own words in a lakeside setting.

Babies!

Steve and Karen Woods had a daughter, Madeline and Marcus and Clare Tabberer, a son, Harry

Diary Dates

Halloween 'Serial Killers Ball' fancy dress.
Saturday October 28, be there or be a target!

Cornelia Waymouth-Smith



Congratulations 1st Freefall:

Asif Patel, Michael Peet

Cat 8: Steve Hards,

Lee Sirett, Mo Waka

FS1: Father & daughter
Gordon & Nina Denney;

1,000 jumps:

Mark Harris, David Bailey

3,000 jumps:

Cornelia Waymouth

4,000 jumps and his book,

Skydive, published:

Chris Donaldson

6,000 jumps: Stuart Meacock

Strathallan

Jack Jefferies Week

5-13 August

Who says
FS is dull?

Strathallan had a fantastic time during its annual August open week with plenty of student progression, freely coaching with Tim Porter and tracking dives. Plus FS coaching from two world experts Jack Jefferies of Arizona Airspeed and John McIver from XL...

Much to everyone's delight, the G92 had arrived from Hibaldstow allowing lots of altitude and loads of jumps. Saturday wasn't the most promising start but by evening the wind dropped and the fun started. Formation loads, from 8 to 14-way, open to all, were organised by Jack. This continued through Sunday with sunshine, blue skies and cool dives.

Skills camp

On Monday, 8am, the FS skills camp got underway. Every morning started with a group stretch open to all. Okay, so being Scotland we didn't have perfect weather all week but time was fully utilised. When we weren't in the air, there were seminars on recognising and visualisation, meditation, creeping techniques, exits, remembering the dive and being able to perform at your optimum arousal level. Jack and John answered questions, discussed what worked for them and spent time with individuals.

4 and 8-way with the best

The groups were split by experience level into two 8-way and two 4-way groups, Jack and John taking an 8-way and a 4-way group each. This meant they were able to jump with us all the time. Halfway through the week, the groups switched coaches, giving participants the benefit of all the experience and coaching available. The 4-ways started off with lots of drill dives, using basic skills, progressing to randoms, joining up later to do 8-way.

Sunset madness

Some great improvement occurred over the week, culminating in a sunset 7-way (someone left!), turning pieces. Having turned three points by 7,000 ft, spontaneous fun entered the equation with simultaneous kicking, shaking, shouting and smiling as we impromptuously put the star into a serious spin until breakoff, enjoying the fantastic sunset! Everyone was ecstatic!

Celebration party

With everyone on a high from the excellent dives throughout the week, the end of week party sounded promising. With lots of achievements came lots of beer! It was just as well Sunday didn't start with blue skies at 9am, leaving time to catch up on debriefs, the events of the week and sleep. By the time the weather cleared so had heads and the week finished on a high.

14-way

Although it was a serious coaching week, the emphasis was as much on having fun as performing. Both happened naturally, with opportunities to try out different slots, put skills to the test, pick up tips, gain experience and do some really cool formations. When the groups joined at the end, the benefits of the week's coaching shone through in some fantastic 14-way dives. There

were great vibes and vitality throughout the whole week.

In Summary

We realised that Formation Skydiving need not be about disappointment and frustration, waiting for the base to build, for someone to dock or for the key. On every jump, regardless of ability, each individual can add in some form of challenge or wee bit of fun that will help improve their ability, stretch their skills and make the dive most enjoyable. The week we had proves that FS is certainly not dull and that great skydiving takes place in Scotland too.

Anne Johnson

Danny Branton



Danny Branton

Achievements

1st Freefall: Lousie Drummond, MacDonald, Alex Borthwick
Cat 8: Scott Jackson, John Ruddy
FS1: Robert Bellamy, Gill Service, Rupert Connell
FF1: Gill Service, Jim Stevenson
FF2: Calum Grant, Russell Hollingsworth
100 jumps: Rupert Connell, Alan Russell
300 jumps: Duncan Cockburn, Russell Hollingsworth
500 jumps: Marian McPhillips, Mike Harrower

Danny Branton



London

The LPS crew have been swinging their pants abroad again, this time in sunny France. Lapalisse was the destination and the facilities were fabulous: spacious indoor packing, superb cafe and bar, Skyvan and of course, the swimming pool! For many of us it was the first time out of a tailgate plane (cue beer frenzy). The highlight was 'The pants' dive. The 'pants' flew in with David Tomkinson from Texas, where Danny Ng left them on last year's holiday. Despite careful planning and meticulous dirt-diving, the skydive was literally pants! Chaos ensued as everyone tried to get a grip on Danny's sacred Y-fronts, while Ewan Bent (pictured right) brought a new meaning to the term 'skid-lid'.



The main focus of the holiday was on FS skills, with Woody's new camera keeping us in frame. Anna and Ted both made good progress while Gary and Rob welcomed a return to FS following a busy year of demos and BI training.

Ian Barraclough

Achievements – Family Stuff!

First Freefall: Ricky Frost, George and Caroline Vernon (father and daughter), Stuart Allan, Daryl Henderson

100 Jumps: Bob Hazell

Cat 8: Paul and John Yeoman (brothers), Allan Carter, Jo Snodin, Craig Titchner

IC1: Paul and John Yeoman, Mike Evans, Craig Titchner

Cat 10: Dan Ranson

Cornwall



Cornwall has had a very successful summer with loads of progression and a lot of new people getting the jump bug. With the coast so close we had to take full advantage of sun, sea and golden sand for beach jumps. We managed two weekends out of the three that were scheduled, with the weather beating us on one occasion, the barbeque still managed to keep spirits high. The late night cabaret was the highlight of the evening.

Sarah Withers

Devon

1st Freefall: Jade Hotson, Arthur Hotson, Laura Hotson, Gary Sheppard, Lou Gower, Keiran McCaffrey, Gaven Horrell

Cat 8: Gavin Horrell, Becky Davis, Paul Davis, Tom Parsons, Chris Keo, Fred

Chivers. (Becky Davis, Paul Davis and Gavin Horrell all whizzed through the RAPS system in 2 weeks)

50 jumps: Jeff Limna, Tracy (Tiggs) Markham

100 jumps: Bret Garrett, Bee Davies, Andy Montriou and Jason Farrant both passed 400 jumps this year

Well done Fred Chivers 13 Years and 196 jumps when he achieved his Cat 8

Gary Harbird

Hinton Achievements

100 jumps: Phil Lovell, Sandie Thorne,

200 jumps: Colin 'Rhubarb' Harvey, John Holmes

300 jumps: Pollyanna Lenkie,

400 jumps: Maddie Moore

500 jumps: Pete Stoneman

600 jumps: Dorian Harwood

700 jumps: Paul Adams

1,000 jumps: Bryan Poole

2,000 jumps: Gary Small

3,000 jumps: Geoff Tucker

Cat 8: Jason Bruce, Emma Hammersley, Jamie Shotton, Malcolm Hurst

FS1: Joanna Price, Gus Malyon

FF1: Maddie Moore, John Holmes

Hinton

Some club members went to the Irish Parachute Club for the August bank holiday. They flew over in the AN2, expertly flown by Tiggs and were greeted with an IPC welcome – a 21 bum salute! They had a fantastic time and witnessed an IPC first – Tommy Morrison refusing a drink! Thanks to the traditional bank holiday weather, our tandem record attempt had to be postponed. Dave Luke's birthday party was a highlight of the weekend, featuring the Space Hopper Olympics (well done winner, Phil Bird). **Warning:** Space Hoppers cause more injuries than skydiving!

Caroline White



Photo: Con Ryan

BUM SPOT!

Yet another nomination for this year's much sought after 'Bum-Spot' award, Walter Gillan, for his tandem spot. Don't worry Wally, two miles out ain't that bad!



Bum spotter
Walter Gillan

Door on 182

Thank you Tom for all your hard work on the 182 recently – the new in-flight door is superb (are we getting an in-flight movie for next week?)



Jim Speirs

Back to the Classroom

With low cloud and only a faint glimmer of hope for altitude by Sunday, it was all starting to show on everyone, until we took a few of the regulars to the classroom and back onto static line... Aaargh! Definitely not for the faint hearted, as we only got four willing volunteers back on the rope with a shot at testing their canopy handling and accuracy! A success all round as it raised everyone's spirits and, hey, it even helped to lift the low cloud in time for a few high lifts to finish the weekend off.

Achievements

1,000 jumps: Allan Ramsay
2,000 jumps: Graeme Baxter



The Forfar Flyers display team -
Derek Thorne, Bill Norrie, Tamara Forgie,
Walter Gillan

Words and pictures by Sandra Inglis



Craig Chesworth and
Giles Fabris

Once we got the July 'Trench Foot and Wrinkly Prune Finger Contest' out of the way (bit of rain y'know) the summer finally arrived just in time for August!

Southern Regionals

The BPA Southern Regional 4-way FS competition on 5-6 August was the only FS Regionals to actually complete all rounds for years. Brilliant weekend, with the senior and intermediate teams coaching those with less experience and everybody having a great time. Langar made a good showing, fielding seven of the 14 teams, three of those taking medals. Congratulations to our guys and gals in The Muppet Show and All 4 One (silver and bronze juniors) and Mad Ferrets (silver intermediates). Special mention for Handbags at Dawn who were over the moon to be awarded the Wooden Spoon – literally, and have vowed to move up the ratings at the next competition!

Women's FS Weekend

The Women's Formation Skydiving weekend took place over August bank holiday, although Saturday conditions were not good. But then, neither was the turn-out! Some successful dives were undertaken by the girls with help and encouragement from Stealth who took over the organising at short notice. We'd still like to pursue the Women's Record idea but we'll need some participants – so contact us to get on the email list.

£100 Weekend

Next, the 100 weekend, as mentioned in last issue's Club News. Our offer was, £100 to jump a 11 weekend, not just a day as printed in the headline (Sorry – Ed) so maybe the take-up was reduced because of that. Anyway, a brave few managed to get more than their monies worth despite having just one lift on Saturday! All participants were visiting jumpers – wot, got no bottle, Langar jumpers? Anyway, Andy Ford and Paul Floyd did best by clocking up 11 jumps apiece, making their average jump price just £9.09, which is not bad for 14,000 feet. There were people who did enough jumps at full price to have made a killing on the deal. He who dares, wins, as they say! Watch out for the next Crazy 100 weekend at Langar.

By the time you read this, the Let 410 and crew will have

returned to the Ukraine for the winter – but not to worry, we've got two turbines (Caravan and Porter) on the go throughout the cold months, so it's not too bad. Lots of warm lift capacity, as both aircraft have really good heating systems. So come and join us – especially if you're from one of those 'closed for the winter' DZs; we'll keep you going until the spring.

Packers Wanted!

We need people to pack both student and experienced gear, as our regular packers have changed jobs and moved miles away. Any takers?

Who's Done What:

1st Freefall: Elizabeth Gardner, Richard Malcolm, Oren Harkavi, Mike Henry and Ben Wilkins who has actually got to 15 second delays in just over two weeks. Not bad!

Cat 8: Martin Heywood-Wakeman, Herbie Herbert, Simon Whitmore, Alan Perks, Ric Kent, Gus Brown, Tina Wiseman

FS1: Gary Crisp, Chris Twine, Bob Stewart, Mike Outen, Lucy Welstead

Large numbers of jumps: Bob Stewart (100), Jenny O'Brien (100), Louise Roberts (100), Tamsin Causer (200), Fiona Birnie (300), Alli Armstrong (400), Larry Burton (700), Rusty Lewis (1,000 – going to have to break his legs!), Dr. John Carter (3,000) and Milko has just passed 4,000 averaging 452.83 jumps a year (and his legs, too). Ray Armstrong has completed 1,000 tandems and 24 hours freefall

Alex Lewis has had a good August, clocking up her 100th jump and docking on her first 33-way on jump 103. Louise Smerdon has done her first camera jump. The results on the second and subsequent ones were much better – putting a tape in the camera helped! Been there, done that...

Words and pictures by Tony Danbury
Email: bpslangar@aol.com

SPC(NI)

SPC(NI) has been extremely busy and this is reflected in the achievements. The Irish Eagles display team have had a good year with 12 demos, and as many lost due to our famous weather! We're not exactly the Freds, Taff, but the 'Crack is good!

Achievements

1st Freefall: Rudi Lane

AFF Graduates: Mark McBride, Ian Shaw

Cat 8: Ian Shaw, Andy Ball, Mal Deeley, Robbie McConachie

100 jumps: Dai Davies

1st CF: Dai Davies

1st Demo: Sy Harlett

Fond Farewells

Shane Greene, Graham Carter, Dai Davies, Mai Deeley and Sy Harlett (me) are leaving to pursue careers in other parts. All the very best and come back and see us soon.

Sy Harlett

Headcorn

Door to Door!

Good news! Headcorn's Turbolet has a newly made slide-in aluminium door and is climbing faster than ever! Regulars have been taking full advantage of this and the summer weather.

Headcorn hosted a BPA AFF/Tandem course for the first time in years in July. Seven club members donned life jackets and splashed into Bewl Reservoir for our annual water jump.



photo: Ruth Cooper

Ian Marshall made good use of a cloudy Sunday afternoon by giving an excellent and informative CF seminar. Stu Albon has left Headcorn to pursue freelance work. We have a new boy on the full time staff — welcome Mick Danby.

Andy Kelly 4-way Meet, 8-9 July

Six teams entered in three categories with different draws and a handicap system giving a 2 point headstart to junior teams and 1 point to intermediates, so all the results went onto one scoreboard. Two rounds were done on Saturday, with a barbecue and fantastic party to follow, a live band and DJs who got everyone dancing. We watched our dives



Winners of the Andy Kelly 4-way meet

on screen, partied into the small hours and drank the bar dry! There were no jumps on Sunday.

Congratulations to MIG who won. Silver went to Lets B Avenue and bronze to Zygos. In fourth place (just one point behind Zygos) were the best placed junior team, Turning Turtle, who won T-shirts supplied by The Kit Store.

Vicki Tomlinson

Speed 8 (re-run), 5-6 August

Only four teams entered the rerun but enthusiasm and competitiveness were high. Why Us? got gold with 83.8 seconds (despite an over-enthusiastic docking by a sizeable team member!), followed by Cheesy Green Helmet with 93.9 and The 8 People From Copule with 95.9. The fastest time for a star over the three completed rounds was set by junior team Canine Sphericals — a stunning 22.5 seconds — well done! (What happened to that bottle of bubbly?)

Ruth Cooper

FS Coaching Week

An all too rare FS coaching week was run by Stuart Albon (instructor) and Chris Shaw (Zygos) who gave unfailing enthusiasm, encouragement and support to the five attendees. The week covered a whole variety of topics. The weather ensured we didn't get much air time. Clothes dampened, but not spirits, we got down to some interesting and enlightening theory with plenty of dirt-diving. Chris Shaw's 1,000 word essay on trolley work was an eye-opener. We put it into practice at the Andy Kelly Meet with a team who had never jumped together before. Our enthusiasm didn't go unnoticed and we felt so encouraged that we've kept the team together! More coaching weeks like this please!

Pam Snow



Steve Such, Duncan Tilley, Pam Snow & Vicki Tomlinson



photo: Simon Hughes

CONGRATULATIONS:

1st Freefall: Michelle Theobald, Andy Standen, Danny Chilcott

Cat 8: Dennis McTaggart, Paul Boorer, Wendy Watkins, Phil Allen, Liam Guy, Sean Hart, Steve Chivers, Peter Davies

IC1: Steve Such, Darren Connaghan

FS1 & 100 jumps: Steve Such, Graham Stone, Chris Pillings

100 jumps: Pete Corr, Mireille Chapuis

300 jumps: Daren Bendle, Chris Carroll, Pete Leighton

400 jumps: Vicki Tomlinson

500 jumps: Terri Mellor, Neil Marsh, Paul Stockwell

700 jumps: Baz Smith

1,000 jumps: Paul Finn, 'Marky' Mark Maynard, Mike Dawson

20 years jumping: Congratulations Geoff Peckham who celebrated with a 14-way



Lisa Bryant

photo: Simon Hughes

Wild Geese

We have had a busy couple of months with two club trips. One to the Irish Parachute Club for their progression week and the opening of the new club house and the second to Quincy. The weekend of 18-19 August saw the club host a POPS meet, six jumpers and their partners made the trip from the mainland to the Geese. To swell their numbers, Pete Shew convinced a few of us young lads to join POPS. Everyone had a laugh especially with the Hit & Rock where Michael Allum took the honours, closely followed by Wild Geese in 2 and 3 with

John McCourt and Mick Gook. The target accuracy was won by Pete Shew followed by Michael Allum. The rest of the weekend was spent jumping out of the Caravan with an attempt at an Irish 9-way POPS record. This built to 'a 5 or 7-way depending on your perspective' (sounds pretty Irish to me – Ed).

John McCourt

POPS new members

Jim Paul, Steven Gray, Ian Fleming, Don King, Ken Wharton, Maggie Penny, Gerry McCauley, John McCourt and Bob Connell



Geese Achievements

1st Freefall: Julie O'Neil, Kenny Rooney
Cat 8: Christine Mourgues, Ian O'Conner



Inger Allum

Peterlee

Another successful AFF programme has lead to more successful students, congratulations to Jane Robertson, Ann Shepherd, Paul Ward and Will Steele.

Alan Thompson who is deaf, was successful in completing his AFF course last summer and is now almost FS1. Alan would like to hear from any other deaf skydivers (E mail: blue@track.freerve.co.uk) *If you're not mentioned, it's because it was not written on the Club News notice!*

Achievements

1st Freefall: Dave Scorer, Craig Cooper, Tim Best, Alec Young
FS1: Alex Smith
200 jumps: Glen Staley
1,000 jumps: Phil Howorth

Eric Hall



Winners: Five Nuts and a Squirrel



Second: Oscar Class



Third: FCUK and Jump

photos: Amanda Williams

RAFSPA

RAFSPA SCRAMBLES

The rescheduled RAFSPA Scrambles was 19-20 July, with nine dubiously-named teams and three aircraft at our beck and call. Four rounds were completed by last light Saturday. Party night kicked off with the traditional video debrief; stars were emerging in the form of Team Titanic who seemed particularly averse to occupying the same airspace.

The toga party was rocking – much underwear was removed in the name of Roman authenticity. Interesting exits were blamed largely on sore heads the next day, with Celestial Atheists scooping the Best Funnel award. Team Kwak truly excelled in round two, achieving nil points but securing Most Artistic Skydive. Aiden Joyce showed fantastic promise and was named 'Best Baldrick'.



photos: Bev Ford

Dave Wood by Simon Ward



Lurve City: Congratulations to Jon Hardy and Pippa, and Ben Wood and Sarah on their respective engagements. Also to Freddie and Sam Lewis (left) who married on 3 June. The boys jumped in and impressed the guests.

Fancy Dress Party

The theme for the RAFSPA end of season party is pantomime so get cracking with your costume ideas.

Date: 28 October

Tickets: £10

Includes: Champagne & Disco
Excellent band: GROUNDED

Achievements

1st Freefall: Chris Hyatt, Gavin Baker, Hugo Morris
Cat 8: Spencer Donnelly, Dave Clegg, Rod Price (at last!), Sarah Price
FS1: Sarah Lloyd



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First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Turbolet (Apr-Sept), Beaver (Oct-Mar), Islander

AC WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

8 Hinton Skydiving Centre

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info@skydive.co.uk www.skydive.co.uk

Open: 9am - 7pm Tues - Fri, 8am - 8pm Sat and Sun

First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 206 (all year), Turbolet March - Dec

FS CF FF SU AC WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

9 London Parachute School

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Open: Weekends 8am - dark

First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, tandem

Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206

WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

10 Merlin Parachute Centre

Alanbrooke Barracks, Topcliffe, Nr Thirsk, N Yorks
Tel: W/days 01204 391860 W/end 01748 875 367

Open: Weekends and bank holidays 9am - dark

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Islander

FS CF AC ☛ ☛

11 North London Parachute Centre Ltd

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First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Islander

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12 North West Parachute Centre

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Aircraft: Islander

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13 Paragon Skydiving

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billycurri@aol.com http://members.aol.com/billycurri

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First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 206

CF WP AC ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

14 Peterborough Parachute Centre

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First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206, Turbolet (summer)

LO FS FF WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

15 Peterlee Parachute Centre

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skydiveamy@aol.com http://members.aol.com/skydiveamy

Open: Wedpm, Fripm, Sat/Sun/Bank holiday Mon all day

(tel. Mon, Tue, Thurs). Can open 7 days if arranged in advance.

First Jump Courses: rounds by advance group booking only,

squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 182,

FS CF WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

16 Skydive St Andrews

Kingsmuir Airfield, Saint Andrews, Scotland
Tel: 01224 865 000
skydivestandrews@mail.com
www.skydivestandrew.co.uk

Open: Every w/end & Public holiday 8am - 10pm.

Regularly open midweek (by arrangement)

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna 185 with inflight door

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17 Skydive Strathallan

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Open: Fri 5pm - 9pm, weekends 9am - 9pm

First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, tandem

Aircraft: Islander, 2 x Cessna 206

FS WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

18 Skydive Wales

Pembrey Airfield, Pembrey, Carmarthenshire, Wales SA16 0HZ
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First Jump Courses: tandem. Squares available March 2001

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19 Stirling Parachute Centre

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Open: Weekends 9.30am - 9pm, sometimes midweek

First Jump Courses: rounds

Aircraft: PA-32, Cherokee 6

LO FS CF WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

20 Target Skysports

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First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: G92 Turbine, Dornier Sky Servant, Cherokee 6

LO FS FF WP ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

21 The Parachute Centre

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Aircraft: 2 x Cessna 206

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22 UK Parachuting

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Open: Weekdays 9am - 8pm (best to phone first)

First Jump Courses: squares, tandem

Aircraft: PA-32 (available for weekend displays)

FS ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛

23 Wild Geese Skydive Centre

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parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

Open: Every day, W/end 8am - dark, W/days 9.30am - dark

First Jump Courses: squares, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan

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St Andrews Parachute Centre

Map No
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CCI: Brian Dias
Instructors: Graham Harris,
Mike Strachan, Alan Wilkinson

Aircraft: Cessna 206 (5 place),
Cessna 185 (5 place) both with
in-flight doors

Altitude restrictions: None

1st Jump Courses: RAPS, AFF, Tandem

Jump Prices: RAPS: £30 static line, £25 freefall
Advanced: £18 to 12,000ft, £16 to 10,000ft



Brian Dias, CCI &
part owner of
St Andrews

Local Attractions: Beautiful coastal scenery and the
tourist town of St Andrews (good golf).

Where jumpers go at night if not at the DZ:
There are more pubs in St Andrews (10 mins drive) and
Anstruther (five mins) than even the most hardened
skydiver can manage! St Andrews is a popular university
and golfing town offering all kinds of bars, restaurants and
eateries in a very friendly, mixed and lively community. A
few restaurants already give discounts to skydivers.

Other information: Skydive St Andrews is new. Our
vision is to establish the best facilities and DZ in Scotland.
We intend to promote all aspects of the sport and to
improve the level of skydiving expertise in the area. We
have been running a limited operation since August; in our
first week we had 4 AFF
graduates and
2 FS1's!

Because of
building a
purpose built
centre, we
have been
delayed by
various
planning issues, now resolved. Whilst some building is still
in progress, we are confident the majority will be completed
by the time you read this. For the latest check our website.



A happy John Ingram has
just completed AFF level 7

Other businesses on DZ:
AFF School — run by Brian Dias for Skydive St Andrews
DZ shop

Load Organising/Coaching: CF: Steve Tawse
FS, WARP & Skydive U: Brian Dias (ex 8-way
national champion) and Graham Harris (Skydive U and
Scottish Rep for Brit100),
Free-flying: We are very keen to have a free-fly school,
and are currently interviewing instructors.

Special Events: Beach jumps and night jumps are
currently in the planning stage.

Special Attractions: Bar licence applied for and
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Team rooms available.

Canteen: Breakfast, hot and cold snacks and evening
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Evening: An excellent variety of foods are available in the
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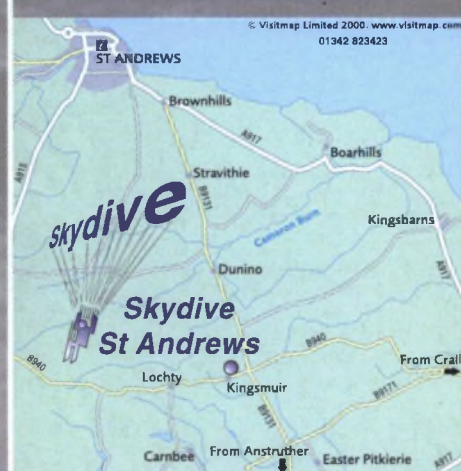
DIRECTIONS

Directions from the South: Leave the M90 at junction 3
(not 2a) taking the A92 signposted Kirkcaldy. At the
North end of Kirkcaldy take the A915 signposted for
Leven and follow this road through Leven, Upper
Largoln. In Upper Largo turn left and still following the
A915 (signposted for St Andrews) drive through
Largoward. Approx 2 miles past Largoward turn right
onto the B940 (signposted for Crail). Skydive St Andrews
is located on the left 4.2 miles from the A915 / B940
junction. If you reach the junction of the B940 and B9131
(signposted St Andrews and Anstruther), you have gone
too far so back track 0.6 of a mile. Proceed along farm
track into copse of trees and follow track round to right
past house and farm buildings. Follow track 300m to car
park and centre.

Directions from the North: Cross Toy Bridge at Dundee,
take A914 to Leuchars. Take A919 and then onto A91 to
St Andrews. Go through town centre following signs A917
to Crail. On leaving St Andrews you go up a hill with a
caravan park on your left. Shortly after take right fork
on the B9131 to Anstruther. Go through Dunino. Approx.
1 mile later turn right at cross roads junction along B940
to Cupar. Skydive St Andrews is 0.6 of a mile down the
B940 on the right hand side. Beware, you are near a
blind turning. Proceed along farm track into copse of
trees and follow track round to right past house and farm
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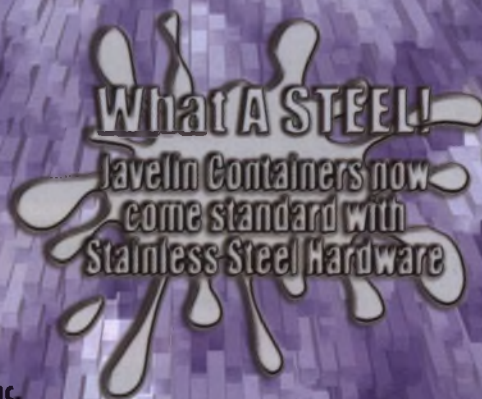


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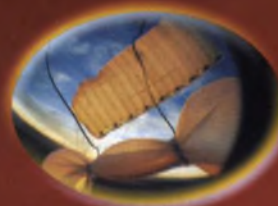
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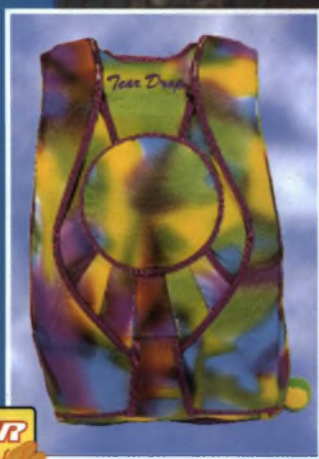
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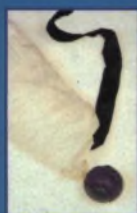
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