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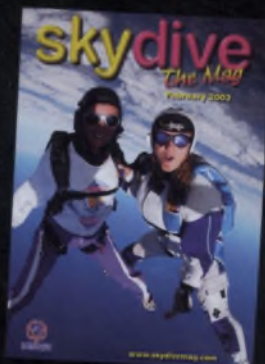
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editorial

The Mag open forum at the AGM provided a lively debate as usual and we have some positive suggestions to act upon.

It seems the friendly, more detailed approach Rick Boardman is taking on incident reports is liked, although people were calling for more specific details (eg, age of jumper, type of equipment, number of jumps etc, as in the USPA's system of incident reporting). It was explained that many reports are submitted through the confidential system, which encourages jumpers to include more details. We must protect these people by preserving confidentiality.

The discussion highlighted some misunderstandings about the way incidents are reported to the membership. The *In Confidence* section is only the tip of the iceberg; the vast amount, including fatalities, are covered in the STC minutes enclosed with the magazine (see page 52).

Gary McGuinness wrote to us (page 31) asking about thank you letters as there were eleven in the last magazine. His point, that it was our policy a few years ago not to publish thank you letters unless they were particularly deserving is very true. He is also right that we should not have relaxed our policy without letting you know. We have warmed to the inclusion of thank you letters because:

1. There are lots of good reasons to thank people since countless jumpers put in unpaid time and effort for the good of the sport.
2. We receive a fair number of thank you letters, so there must be a desire from the membership to have them published.

We used the forum to canvass views on this and, although there were some who didn't want them, there were many happy to leave it to our editorial judgement. One suggestion was to separate the thank yous into a different small section on the letters page, so you can choose not to read it if you're not interested.

The above points were all that were raised. Since most magazine issues seem now to be sorted, we were thinking next year of ringing the changes by not doing a forum. A presentation on how the Mag is put together might be more interesting, with an opportunity for questions at the end.

If anyone has any views on any of the above we'd like to hear them.

Lesley

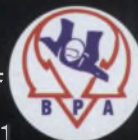
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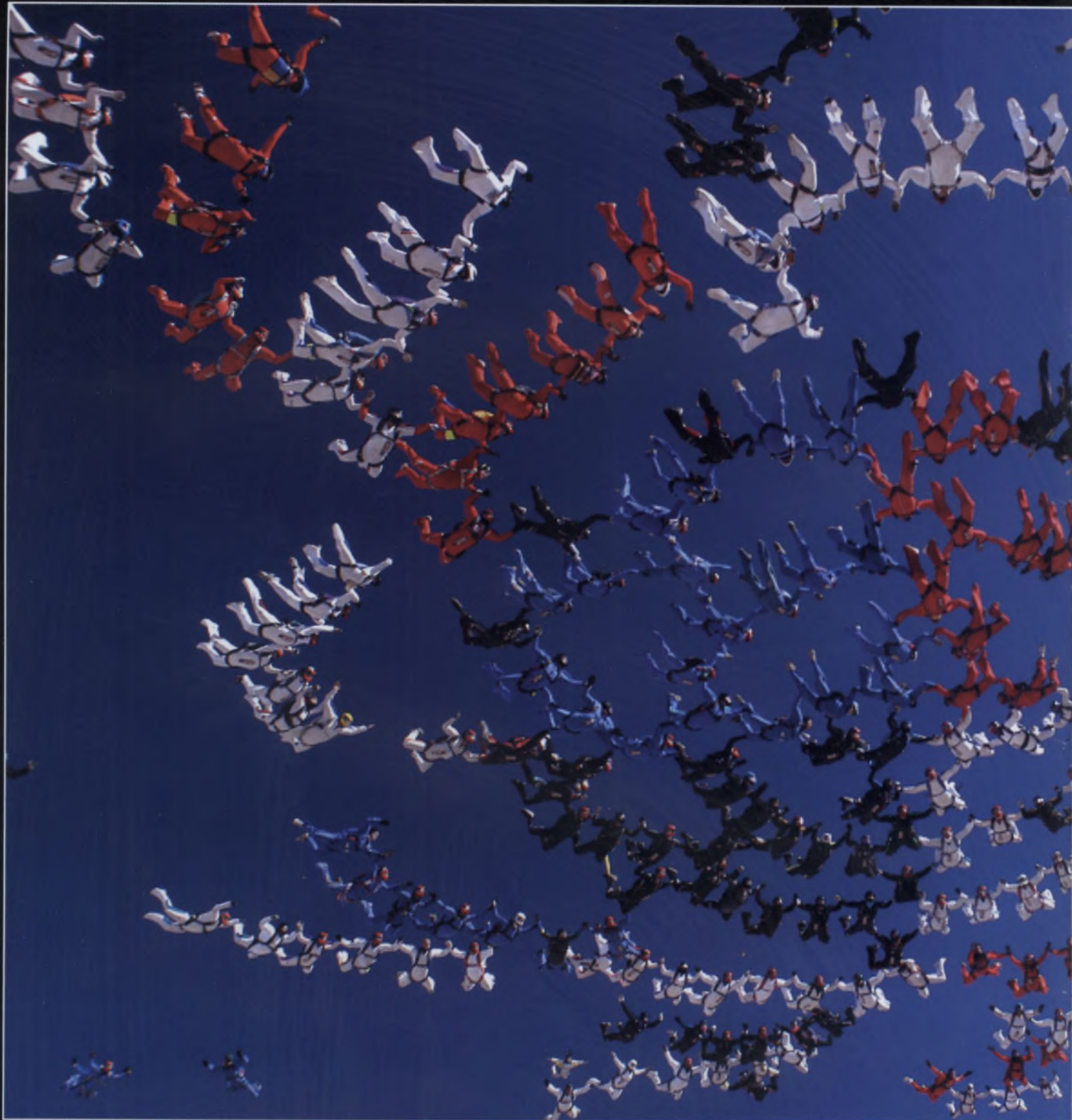
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Kate Cooper

131-way Women's World Record Organiser
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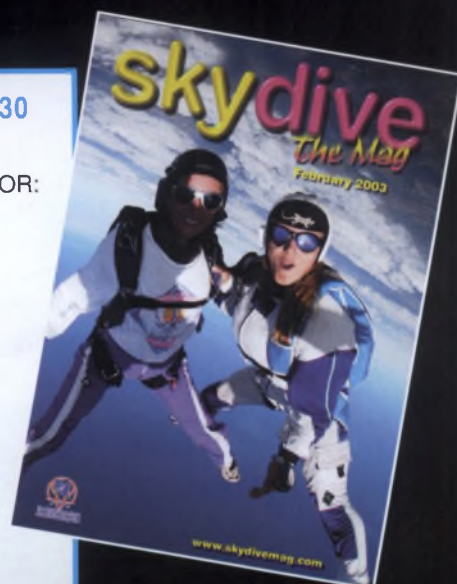
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OLYMPUS Spotlight

These fabulous photos and the stunning front cover were taken by Eli Thompson of the Flyboyz at the Sibson Freefly Festival, in September 2002. This was an event with a touch of magic – Flyboyz style. Eli, Charles Bryan and Fritz Pfnur brought fantastic weather from Perris for ten days of no-gloves happy skydiving.

Coaching was the name of the game with hordes of Sibson regulars and visiting skydivers taking full advantage of the Flyboyz, courtesy of Skydive Sibson. 2,000 descents were completed over the festival, from one-on-one coaching dives to sunset big-ways and tracking dives.

“The Flyboyz have really helped me improve my sit and flying skills, it was a brilliant week.”

Thomas Buettner (participant)

Next year's freefly programme at Sibson kicks off with those Babylon boys over the spring bank holiday, 22-26 May. Babylon were a storming success at their first visit to Sibson last June and will offer a similar programme of coaching, organising and fun. There will be another Sibson Freefly Festival in 2003 but dates and freefly organisers are still being arranged. Of course you don't have to wait for visiting freefly coaches at PPC; their very own Stuart and Alex Meacock plus Giles Fabris are there all summer to coach and improve your freeflying – start now and hone your skills for the events to come.

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Skydive Space Center

The Skydive Space Center at Titusville, Florida has had a change in management, pilots and planes, including a new King Air which goes to 15,000ft in six minutes.

www.skydivespacecenter.com

A unique international event is planned this year; a 120-way competition where the aims are to build a new national record and to be the first team to achieve this. Four teams are participating; British, German, Scandinavian and Holland. The Brit team is headed by Darryl Moran with supplementary organisers Lesley Gale, Rob Colpus, Dane Kenny, plus the full team of *Sebastian XL*. Invitations to the Brit team have been sent out. The German team is run by Dieter Kirsch, the Scandinavian team is organised by Pål Bergan whilst Herman Landsmann is putting together the Dutch team. The event is planned for 16-27 September this year, in Umm Al Quwain, part of the United Arab Emirates. The event coordinator is Pete Marsden who plans to use an AN12 tailgate aircraft, this will take the full 120-way team plus camera.

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Tunnel 4-way Meet

An indoor FS competition at Aérokart wind tunnel, Paris is likely to be held on 29-30 March (yet to be finalised). There will be a 3-way competition for everybody with randoms and rotations only. There will also be a 4-way competition with a limited dive pool for teams flying 9 average or above. The number of teams will be limited.

The wind speed in the tunnel is generally ideal for FS. Once a month, Aérokart will turn up the airspeed to be fast enough for freeflying, the relevant weekends are shown in our diary of events (inside back cover) as 3D-Pro weekend.

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www.forcesreunited.org.uk



Photo from Swedish Herc Boogie 2002, by Hans Berggren



Dylis Price, OBE, and freestyle partner Tony Danbury

Dylis Price OBE

Skydiver Dylis Price who jumps at Langar in Nottinghamshire received an OBE in the new year honours list for her services to people in Wales with special needs. Dylis turned 70 in 2002 and when not perfecting her freestyle skydiving, she is the energy behind the Touch Trust charity in Cardiff.

British Canopy Swooping Championships



Al Macartney, left and under canopy

Chris Lynch and Alastair Macartney would like to hear from anyone interested in participating in a British canopy swooping event. Previous swooping experience is definitely required for competitors and entrance will be strictly controlled (by invitation) in the interest of safety. The tour is very much in the early planning stages and we are looking for potential competitors as well as judges, assistants and potential venues. Get in touch!

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RAeC Trust Photographic Competition

Here is the overall winning entry of the Royal Aero Club Trust photographic competition. A large number of well-known national companies and organisations donated prizes ranging from flying lessons to a digital camera donated by Olympus. More prize-winning entries and details of the 2003 competition are on:

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'Flight at Dusk' by Eleonore Roberts

Algarve Spring Boogie



Date: 1 March – 21 April (sic)

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In addition to the boogie, there will be a freefly festival at the end of March run by a European freefly champion. Accommodation, food & drink, and jumps are all cheap, load organising is free. Flights to Portugal are also cheap.

www.skydiving.co.uk
www.skydive-algarve.com

New Sebastian XL Website

British national 4-way team Sebastian XL have a new website and a full programme of coaching and skills camps for 2003



www.sebastianxl.org

Rob Stevenson



Wing Tips



Chris Lynch's highly rated and much needed canopy seminars will now be run under the title of *Wing Tips* canopy pilot coaching tour. The events will be held over three days with the following programme but some regional variations. The Friday session is free to full time instructors.

Friday, 9am: Canopy pilot fundamentals seminar. Classroom in the morning including video sessions. Jumping in the afternoon. £20 per person, free to full time instructors.

Saturday, 8.30am: Canopy swooping seminar. 10 people maximum. Classroom in the morning, jumping by late morning. £20 per person.

Sunday: One-on-one coaching, canopy or freefly. Two slots plus £20 per jump.

Events for May are lined up at Peterborough, Headcorn, Hinton and Hibaldstow (see diary). If you would like a seminar at your drop zone please get in touch with Chris, who thanks to Performance Designs and Skydive The Mag for their support of canopy pilot education.

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30 May - 1 June

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28 - 29 June

5 - 6 July

26 - 28 July

2 - 4 August

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25 - 26 October

Valentines Weekend

Night Jumps - please check

Easter Bash

FS 4-way Scrambles Meet

Wing Tips Canopy Pilot Tour

Summer Boogie

Pre-Nationals FF Competition

FS Coaching Roadshow - VNE

Speed Skydiving World Cup

POPS Meet

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BPA Vice-Chairman	John Smyth
Chairman of Competitions Committee	John Smyth
Chairman of Development Committee	Kieran Brady
Chairman of Communications Committee	Eddie Jones
Chairman of Safety & Training Committee (STC)	John Hitchen

The 13 voting members of Council for 2003, selected without the need for a ballot are listed on page 1 of this magazine.

Renewal Time!

Your BPA membership renewal form for the year 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 is enclosed. Please complete and return the form to the BPA office with your payment before 1 April 2003, to jump after this date. The form may be downloaded from the 'documents online' page of the BPA website. Renewal forms are also being sent to clubs & centres.

Royal Aero Club Awards

Ronnie O'Brien, CCI of Skydive Sibson has been awarded a Royal Aero Club Diploma for his tireless contributions to the sport over many years. Debbie Carter, who has served the Association for more than ten years as Treasurer, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for her outstanding voluntary contribution.



BPA Staff Take to the Skies



Sue Waterfield and Jon Gretton from the BPA office, after their first two static line parachute jumps, both Sunday 5 January at Langar. "We had just the best day ever, it was lots of fun and we can't wait for our third jump," commented Sue. And when will that be? "Maybe when the temperature's more than two degrees above freezing!"

by **Martin Shuttleworth** BPA Secretary-General

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COMPETITIONS

Junior & Intermediate Pre-Registration

Junior and intermediate teams can register their jump numbers with the BPA office on or after 1 March, to qualify to compete in the junior or intermediate FS category for the season. This will be useful if the team's jump numbers may be over the limit by the time of the first competition. Pre-registration with the BPA office does NOT register a team for a particular competition; that must be done direct with the host centre in the usual way. The pre-registration form is downloadable from the 'documents online' page of the BPA website or you can call the BPA office.

Teams who pre-register with the BPA office and satisfy a basic admin check will be issued with a pre-registration number which must be quoted on the team's first entry for a domestic competition (regionals, nationals or grand prix). Each team member must submit his or her logbook to officials at this

competition to prove their jump numbers were as stated on the day of pre-registration. Any disparity will render the pre-registration invalid. Eligibility (or otherwise) to register will then default to jump numbers at the time of the first competition registration of the season. The criteria for junior and intermediate teams in FS are shown below, for other events contact your discipline rep on Comps Committee, via the BPA office.

FS Criteria Junior 4-way

3 team members' jump totals combined must not exceed 900. (No limit on 4th member.)

Intermediate 4-way

3 team members' jump totals combined must not exceed 1,800. (No limit on 4th member.)

Intermediate 8-way

3 team members' jump totals combined must not exceed 1,800. (No limit on the other five members.)

The above jump numbers are from when FS1 was reached.

Gus Wing

VNE Coaching at 8-way Grand Prix



8-way Grand Prix

There are three dates in the planned 8-way regional circuit (see diary). There will be no separate senior and intermediate events; all teams will enter one event, which will use the intermediate 8-way dive pool to make it easier on the brain for all the teams. VNE, our national team are planned to be on hand to coach. Some VNE members may even be available to make up teams, so it will be worth turning up, even without a full team as every effort will be made to make teams out of the available competitors.

Competition Dates

Several FS and classics roadshows have been arranged since last issue, see diary for details.

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Hinton, Fri 20 - Sun 22 June

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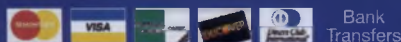
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15/3 - Night Jumps Saturday Night
15-17/3 - St.Patrick's Day & Muff Brothers Reunion.
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12&19/4 - Night Jumps both Saturdays
11-20/4 - Annual Easter Boogie and Spring Meet.
Last bash before it gets warm up North.

12/4 - 8-way competition.

16-19/4 - 120-way world record dives.

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AGM

For those of you who have never been to an AGM you may wish to know what they are all about. I would sum it up with the following four points:

- 1 The Meeting
- 2 The Seminars
- 3 The Exhibition
- 4 The Beer!

If you have had enough of one, you can go to the other. Most people tend to go for option 4 for most of the day!

The Hanover Hotel isn't that hard to find but for us, trying to get there for the 2003 AGM was a nightmare. The route we had decided to take just didn't work, yep we cocked up somewhere. I swear we had a full tour of the East Midlands on route.

1 The Meeting

We wanted to get there for 10am and left in plenty of time too. We arrived at 10:50 – mid speech, how embarrassing! Chris Allen, BPA Chairman, had already started the AGM and was mid sentence when we ushered ourselves into the Paris Suite.

Okay so we were a little late. If you, like me, were late or simply couldn't make it at all and you want an update on his speech, it's included as an insert to this Mag with the STC and Council minutes.

I just about managed to catch the tail end of it and then came the awards. BPA Vice Chairman John Smyth handed these out, awarded to people who either excelled in a discipline or had been nominated for a personal achievement.



& Annual Awards



Mike Forge Trophy (New Skydiver of the Year): Chris Harris from Peterborough



Instructor of the Year: Geoff Mason from Peterlee



6,000 Jumps & 72 Hrs Freefall:
Jim Scarratt



6,000 Jumps: Jane Buckle

3,000 Jumps & 36 Hours Freefall: Phil Gibbs
84 Hours Freefall: Ian Cashman

BPA Certificate of Appreciation: VMax
Sarah Laughton,
Claire Scott,
Brian Vacher,
Liz Groucott &
Sacha Chilton



2 The Seminars

I have been to four BPA AGMs and they all take the same format – because it works. Yellow flyers can be seen all over the hotel with information on the seminars and forums. They are a handy timetable so you can plan whom you want to see and when. The seminars are always packed so get there early, you may even end up sitting on the floor.

The only thing with the timetable is it usually ends up that there are two seminars on at the same time and you want to go to them both. Tricky! Each seminar is as interesting and informative as the next. You need to decide which is more important to you.

The ones I selected turned out to be good choices:

Brit Chicks Project

Lesley and Kate both took to the stand and showed us what Brit Chicks was all about; the project, the fund raising and the record. Being a Brit Chick myself it was only right that I should attend this one. A tear came to my eye as she showed us the final run of the video that none of us had seen before. It brought back all the memories of what it felt like actually being a part of it.

Two Canopies Out

Kai Korner from Airtec talked us through scenarios that may occur when having your Cypres fire at the same time as your main. He showed us some very hairy footage and then advised us on how to handle these situations. It made me laugh when he referred to one of the chap's reserves as quite "Sporty"! Although a serious seminar, this was light-hearted at times which proved a success.

Tunnel Bunnies

I found the tunnel training seminar by VMax very interesting, both for people who have used the tunnel and those that haven't. It's always handy to get some tips from World Champions! VMax's seminar was very informal and relaxed and quite humorous in places. Even the handy tip of what not to wear (referring to jewellery for safety reasons) and how to prepare beforehand was useful.

Skydive Mag Open Forum

This was an opportunity for people to air their views on the Mag and its content, layout etc. As Club Rep for Cark I try and attend these; it's worthwhile hearing people's opinions. Open forums are useful in one respect but they do tend to be an invitation for people to get on their soapboxes. Lesley (Mag Editor) had opinions thrown at her from a distance but as ever she remained calm and approached the subject like a true professional.



REGIONAL Award WINNERS



Presentation photos:

Simon Ward

Montage photos:

Simon Ward & Rob Colpus

Bar photos:

Nigel Holland



Senior Accuracy and Style: Glenn Stephenson

Intermediate Accuracy: Gordon McConnell

Junior Style: Lara Jordan



Skysurfing: *Guns r Us*
Tony Goodman & Tag Pulham

National FS Judge:

Ruth Cooper

National CF Judge:

David McLagan

Freestyle B: *Byzantium*

Martin Smith & Simon Ward

Freestyle A:

Fatboy and Slim

We don't know who the team members are - please come forward!



Freestyle A: *Euphoria*
Grant Meekey, Chris Guntrip, Gary Sweeney (pictured)
& Alec Cotton

Intermediate CF

4-way Speed:

Golden Lions A

*Roy Bannerman,
Alan Hamilton, Steve Millar &
Jamie McNamee*

Intermediate CF

4-way Rotations:

Golden Lions

*Roy Bannerman,
Alan Hamilton,
Darren Brown & John Mikkellse*



Senior CF 4-way Speed: *Take Me*
Yolanda Lee, Pat Hammond, Sylviane Herrick (pictured),
Eugene Brennan & Adam Johnson



Senior CF

2-way Sequential:

Take Me
Yolanda Lee &
Pat Hammond

Intermediate CF

2-way Sequential:

Golden Lions A
Roy Bannerman (pictured)
& Alan Hamilton



3 The Exhibition

Between seminars there's enough time grab a beer (or five) in the Snooty Fox bar and to go to the exhibition in the London Suite, have a quick scout round and spend some of your hard-earned cash. You will find various companies trading their goods and you can get measured for a new suit / rig and buy various items of skydiving equipment from camera helmets to altimeters. It's definitely easy to spend money in there! But at the same time you have free key rings, pull-ups and stickers handed to you!

4 The Beer

I didn't stay for the dinner dance or the party but I think the pictures below tell the whole story!

Summary

In a nutshell it's a really worthwhile event to attend. The AGM is only once a year yet encompasses so much information and is a great opportunity to have a good chat. As our Chairman himself said in his speech *"The Annual General Meeting is about learning, meeting with old friends and most importantly, having a good time"*. If you have never been, then you have 11 months to buy yourself a better map than mine and find your way there!

Michelle
Meakins



REGIONAL

award

WINNERS



Senior FS Champions: *Relative Breeze*
Andy Cliff, Aaron Faith, Julia Foxwell, Sacha Chilton,
Julie Woodrow (pictured) & Bernard Devine



Intermediate FS Champions: *Quest*
Stephen Rossall, Andy Wright, John Goodyear, Simon Brentford,
Lynne Murray & Jean-Philippe Reynard

Intermediate FS Silver: *UBI*
Craig Bailey, Shane Wood, Chris Ivory, Ben Wood & Gary Ivory



Intermediate FS Bronze: *MissChief*
Sally Beck, Lesley Gale, Beth King, Alex Stone, Gary Wainwright (pictured)
& Martine Howland



Junior FS Champions: *Sky Pirates*
Christian Hinchliffe, Terry Wright, Stephen Rossall, Amanda Truman,
Chris Southworth & Damian Fereday

Junior FS Silver
Chaos
Gary Watson,
Stuart Brown,
Maria Russell,
Ivan Betts &
Madeleine Moore



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Zero Tolerance for Hook Turns

What is going on in skydiving, do we have a collective deathwish? When I started sport parachuting in 1974 the BPA put out a warning notice on the dangers of low hook turns on high performance round canopies such as PCs. By today's standards these were very slow turning canopies, however, if put into a tight hook turn just before landing, they were more than capable of breaking your ankles – and they did! I do not recall any fatalities, just several nasty accidents. In the mid seventies the first squares came into general use, using a porous F11 type fabric with a generous volume which gave a much faster forward speed (up to 20mph) and softer, flared landings. Hook turns did not go away, they became more dangerous and with the added canopy speed caused far more damage to the luckless individual out to impress. Major injuries to everything below the waist increased in frequency and recovery took much longer. The odd fatality cropped up, mostly from stalled canopies. Jumpers were still warned about the dangers of low turns; many continued to ignore the advice and paid a moderate to heavy price.

Through the eighties the situation remained fairly static, only gaining momentum towards the end of the decade, with the advent of the small zero porosity (ZP) canopy. At the start of the nineties it was possible to land a canopy at speeds of 40mph plus and by the end of the decade up to 60mph. Illogically, low turns on such canopies seemed to become even more attractive and suddenly fatalities became a depressingly regular occurrence, combined with massive neck-down injuries. And so to today, where the situation is such that at my own DZ this year a highly experienced jumper inexplicably hooked in for one final time leaving a grieving widow and children. This is the harsh reality of the current jumping environment, can we allow it to continue?

Why do a low hook turn? Quite simply, because it feels good, because we can and we all love to show off; it's only human nature and as such is most prevalent in the extrovert parachutist of today. Also, we never think it can happen to us, so we are prepared to take a chance; after all the very sport of parachuting is a controlled risk. The major factor in all of this must be the availability of a generation of canopies that perform to thrill at high speed and will allow the ultimate in hook turns, who can resist? It is of course an inherent human trait to trust our own abilities in avoiding trouble!

Consider the hook turn: a canopy turning in less than half a second, whilst dropping up to 200 vertical feet, the pilot flung out parallel to a canopy's leading edge facing the ground below. Now the pilot will swing down below the canopy at up to 60mph and attempt to partially brake in order to glide parallel to the surface at maximum speed with only a foot or so of clearance, for as far as possible. The question is, if you get your calculations wrong, how high can you lift your legs? The margin for error is so tiny, I would suggest a maximum of four foot. A large number of jumpers have not been able to, so have crashed and burned.

I have used maximum speeds but anything over 20mph can be just as problematic; the same speed x drop x turn x experience equation comes into play. Despite my mentioning 'experience' for the first time, do not be fooled. A large percentage of major landing injuries are to experienced jumpers. The old adage about old and bold jumpers still applies, there are very few old-bold jumpers about. One of the most experienced UK jumpers is Bob Charters, whom I have witnessed land a Fury canopy on a 4ft high table top on many occasions, yet Bob never found it necessary to show off with a hook turn.

Hook turns are very dangerous no matter who you are or how experienced you think you are. In my opinion the margin for error is so slim, all such low turns should be greeted with an immediate grounding. There are very few sports where such a dangerous area of exposure would be tolerated. Motorcycle racing was the most dangerous of all sports in the sixties and seventies, according to insurance statistics. The main cause of death up until the eighties was the lack of run-off at critical points on the circuits, following a spill. By the end of the century this statistic had dropped massively as circuits were redesigned and safe run-offs installed. Nowadays there are very few deaths in motorcycle racing. I use this as an illustration of my point that change is possible. In the way that we do not tolerate low-pulls in the sport, I believe we should no longer tolerate low turns.

There is a building groundswell of official opinion that the future lies in compulsory AADs. It is a fact that currently more jumpers are dying from low turn impact with the ground than die through failing to deploy their canopies. At the end of the day the question has to be, 'Is such showing off really worth the candle?'

Chris Devine
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LETTERS

Thanks but No Thanks

There were 15 letters in *The Mag*, December 2002, 11 of which were thank-yous. Some were covering things that have been covered in past editions (Brit Chicks and Freely Wiggaz). On page 11 John Smyth thanked the teams at World Cup, then below the teams thanked John Smyth, then again on the letters page, the teams thanked John Smyth again. Some people work hard on behalf of the sport and I'm sure all the teams thanked John personally; his effort is what the sport needs – but is the magazine a place where everybody keeps slapping each other on the back?

I was under the impression that *The Mag* would only publish thank-you letters or first jump stories if they were out of the ordinary or of a deserving nature. USA's *Parachutist* and *Skydiving* have similar editorial stances. The more thank-you letters you publish the more people will send them in and the same with first jump stories. The letters page should be there for education, discussion and debate. The only letter of any real substance was Craig's letter. It was informative, interesting and to the point and FP Beaumont's response never addressed his points as a customer; in summary the sort of gritty thing the letter page should be there for.

People who have recently started may be aghast by my comments but after 15 years in the sport I can see precious magazine space used for better things. The letters page was full of thank-you letters when you first took over the magazine and you got rid of it... and now it is full of thank-you letters, have we moved on?

Gary McGuinness, gary@surfteam.co.uk

(See Editorial, page 1)

Go Directly to Hinton

The very British problem of poor retention in our sport is caused by two factors – our climate, about which we can do nothing and the outright unfriendliness of so many of our drop zones. A committed few go to America and are embraced by the all-inclusive camaraderie of skydivers there, just as I was at Skydive Orlando. My subsequent quest for a British DZ with a similar genuine welcome has caused me great frustration. Then I happened upon Hinton and my prayers were answered. The moral of this tale is two-fold – students get off your knees and down to Northamptonshire. Rival DZ operators, send your seconds-in-command to gather some intelligence.

Mark Rostovsky

Touched

What a great response the trustees have had to the article in *The Mag*. I really do appreciate the generosity of readers, most of whom don't even know me, and was very touched by the sentiments on the cards. I will let you know how I get on with the treatment in the US.

Penny Roberts

Cockerham: No 1

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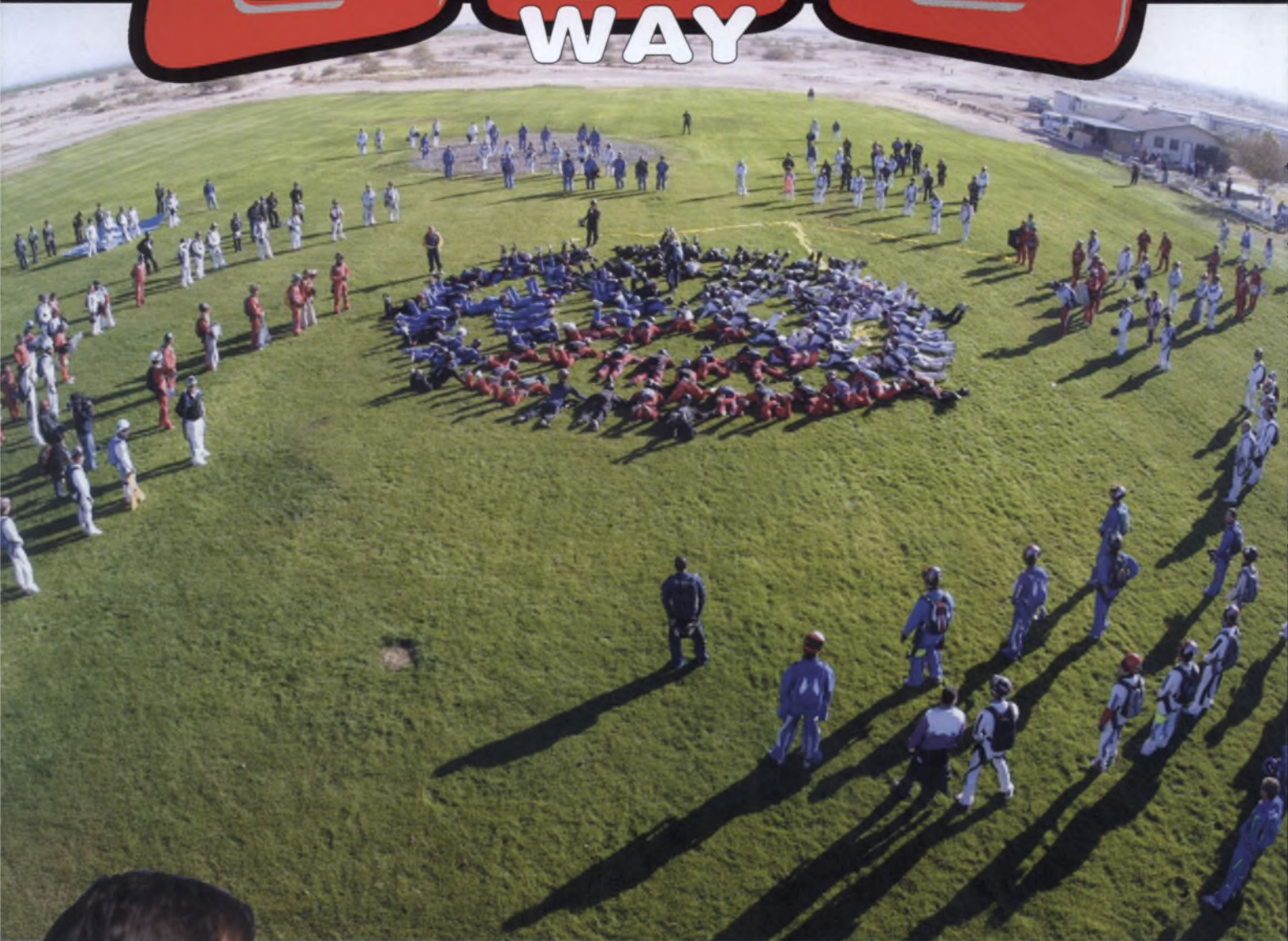


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WORLD RECORD 3000 WAY





There's a moment in a large skydive when you realise that it might, just might, be complete. You look up and only see cameramen. You look underneath the formation and there's only one person there – Norman Kent doing the photos from underneath. You're pretty damn sure but how the heck do you check 300 people?

By the time you're landing you can see people already celebrating on the ground. Jumpers leaping up and down, hugging anyone who comes within a 25 meter radius. You don't hear the screams of jubilation to begin with, because you're too busy shouting inside your helmet – relief that you didn't screw up, pathetic excitement about possibly having broken a world record, and incredible pride at being a tiny part of a huge team of obscenely qualified skydivers. Two hours later it was officially confirmed by the FAI judges – a new

Formation Skydiving World Record – everyone in their pre-determined slot, all grips taken as announced beforehand and the entire formation held for three seconds. 300 people simultaneously over-stressed their vocal chords for the second time that day.

We'd been at Eloy, Arizona for almost a week by this stage. Most of the Brits showed up a day early, keen to clear the jet lag and to get through the (considerable) paperwork. Veterans of several World Teams appeared, led by Rob Colpus, and the rest made up of an odd assortment of FS competition jumpers. Notable by their absence



Photos: Willy Boeykens





Willy Boeykens

were any of the top current British 4 and 8-way jumpers, most of whom have already previously abused their annual leave quotas to accommodate training and international competitions.

Training for the record had started the previous Saturday, with Jack Jefferies and Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld leading the skydiving proceedings, backed by George Jicha. The sector captains read like a 'Who's Who' of skydiving, so the rest of us tried to keep our heads down in 'Inadequates' Corner', hoping not to be noticed for the duration of the event.

The base 104 took a few jumps to get it right (I'll be honest, I haven't ever heard the words 'base' and '104' used in the same sentence before.) The target time of less than 45 seconds looked... challenging, as many of the substantial sized jumpers in this section were not particularly used to docking on the outside of a 100-way. The eight 'Whacker' teams split in half and threw together some warm-up 96-way dives.

By the third day we were trying the first 300-ways. Everything from this point on was on a giant scale – dirtdives took a football pitch and a loudspeaker, the aircraft line consisted of one SkyVan and thirteen Otters, all equipped with the necessary oxygen systems for 20,000ft skydives and there were nine cameraflyers on the jumps.

Planning throughout the event was incredible. An aircraft failed to start properly and it took just eight minutes to get the replacement aircraft up and running. Most of the jumpers were unaware that there had been an aircraft change.

Even before the start of the event we all knew the exact slot we would be in, our line-up position in the aircraft and how the break-off plan would work. 22 countries were represented and the Russians even brought an interpreter with them.

Breaking off 300 people is an engineering feat in its own right. It started at 7,000 feet in four waves, with amazingly few close calls, and the



Norman Kent



Willy Boeykens



Brent Finley





Norman Kent

only injuries occurred on landing. This might have had something to do with being forced to have straight-in approaches from 250 feet, all in the same direction, even if it was slightly downwind.

As the dives built up there were the normal problems that you expect of large scale jumps. Personnel changes were made, line-up positions in the aircraft altered and everyone was very conscious that one mistake could cost you your slot. No pressure then.

The pilots did a sterling job all week. They tried to get us a bit of extra altitude on one of the jumps, dropping us at 21,000 feet. The result was chaos – the extra time at altitude was uncomfortable for most of the jumpers (you try being in an Otter for an hour with 22 other base guys), and the temperature was -34°C (-29°F). Visors iced over, swathes of the formation never even got close, and the best of intentions failed to produce any benefit.

The result of that jump was typical of the organisation. 300 pairs of goggles were produced within an hour, courtesy of Go Fast (who sponsored the event by

providing helmets for the use of every participant). Anyone who wanted to have visors removed had it changed before the next jump. Pilots were politely thanked but asked to stay down to 20,000 feet.

By the fifth day it was clear that it should complete. One of the jumps came very close, with only a few grips missing. We still had four days left to finish the job, but that didn't prevent more personnel changes from continuing, particularly in one section of the base. The result was that some people who hadn't made any serious mistake were removed from the team. Still no pressure then.

Thursday 12 December was a good day. The first two jumps both built to over 290 and the third jump turned out to be the one that mattered. 7.2 seconds after the 300-way built, George Jicha deployed from the centre of the formation as the signal to leave.

We had a few drinks that night.

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300-way FAI World Record

Date: 12 December 2002

Place: Skydive Arizona

Organisers: Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld, George Jicha, Jack Jefferies

Countries represented: 22

Youngest jumper: 21 year old Max Thiele

Oldest jumper: 63 year old Larry Elmore

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CF at Empuria

Is there anywhere more beautiful to build and fly a canopy formation?

In its usual stylish way, the Centre de Paracaidisme Costa Brava (CPCB) was a superb host to a week of canopy formation jumping in October 02. The CRW seminar run by Richard Hayden took a year to put together and was attended by skydivers from 11 countries, who were enthusiastic in their praise.

Sponsors

Captain's Cabin, the well known skydivers' bar in Empuriabrava, sponsored a 4-way competition and a CF big-way trophy. CIMS, the parachute manufacturer provided eight demo parachutes, launching their Quantum CRW canopies onto the arena. The Quantums [Quanta? - Ed] were to be seen docking on the bottom of the largest stack, winning the Captain's Cabin Challenge. They were also flown in the Spanish record-breaking 10-way diamond.

Coaching

CRW coaches from Britain, Belgium, Holland, Ireland and Spain collaborated in a unique way, by adopting the BPA's system for coaching the novices who attended to CF1 standard. The more experienced CRW jumpers were treated to coaching from national team members, ensuring that everyone's skills would be challenged.

What Language Barrier?

Organising any international event presents a big communication issue, the 'language barrier' but this was no problem, thanks to our coaches who collectively spoke seven languages.

Skills Matching

The week long seminar started with matching people's skills. A core coaching group worked with novices on a 1-to-1 basis, another team worked with 2-way, a third group of coaches developed 4-way skills and two coaches were tasked with the big-ways. With the 4-way and big-way competitions starting on Thursday, the coaching objective was to have everyone ready.

4-way Competition

The jumps in the 4-way were designed to allow beginners to compete but still present a real time challenge for the more experienced. One coach captained each 4-way team, giving guidance for the novices

and each coach the opportunity to compete. The scores were surprisingly competitive, a tribute to the coaches. All seven teams completed each round successfully.

Results

Gold went to *Garbi*, captained by Marc Calluy. Alan Donny's team *McFly* took the silver and bronze went to Roel Roeloffzen's team, *Desperados*. The 4-way medals were the largest and most beautifully presented CRW medals I've seen.

Big-way Competition

The big-ways divided into two formats; straight stacks for novices and diamond formations for the more experienced. The first 9-way diamond flew with ease and Marc Calluy knew he had a good base for even bigger formations. Pat Hammond's students built an 8-stack on the first attempt, now everyone wanted to join in the big-ways! Marc's next diamond group consisted of a core of CPCB instructors and they successfully made a new record by flying a 10-way diamond in Spanish skies, on the first attempt!



Gustavo Cabana

Spanish Record 10-way diamond

Bruno Brokken showed his skill by brilliantly calculating the exit point for Ian Marshall's Captain's Cabin Challenge winner. The wind changed directly from the northwest to the southwest at a critical height on the dive and, under competition rules, all challengers have to land on the drop zone to qualify. Ian

piloted the winning stack of his team *Codo*, working mainly with novices giving them the opportunity to experience the sheer scale of a big stack and the breathtaking view from inside one. The exceptional Captain's Cabin Big-way Challenge trophy was masterly designed and engraved.

Video

All the jumps were videoed by Gus Cabana and Sarah-Jane Smith with Bruno Brokken getting some beautiful photographs over one of the most picturesque DZs in the world.

Award Ceremony

Max Monod, Manager of Captain's Cabin, presented the awards on the terrace outside Captain's Cabin, with a live band getting the festive atmosphere going. Looking on was his proud father Michel Monod, who engineered the collaboration of sponsors to make the event an Empuriabrava classic. CPCB took a very professional interest in the seminar, because CRW is one of the largest growing disciplines in skydiving.

Belgian team captain Marc Calluy and Dutch Hilfiger sequential team member Roel Roeloffzen coached some of the CPCB instructors in sequential. Ian Marshall took two former British team members through the BPA's CF coaches system and they subsequently qualified for their BPA CF Coach rating.

Complete Success

In addition to learning new skills and having a terrific fun week, everyone was given a poster and sweatshirt depicting one of Gus Cabana's spectacular 25-way diamond photographs. A complete success, the Empuriabrava CRW seminar and the Captain's Cabin Challenge trophy is featured on the world's most popular DZ's calendar for 2003.

Repeat Performance

The event will be run again in late September or early October 03, contact me for details.

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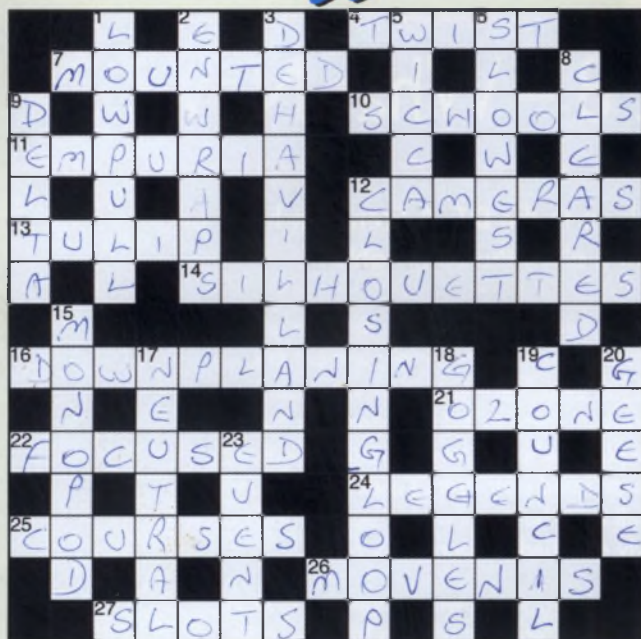
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Puzzle



A skydiving related crossword with two sets of clues giving the same answers; use the main or the reserve!

Main (Cryptic)

Across

- 4 Dance like Oliver? (5)
- 7 Tom travelling with nude on horseback (7)
- 10 Teaches groups of swimmers (7)
- 11 Turning up in air with me in European DZ (7)
- 12 What all freeflyers seem to have and, as we know, they never lie (7)
- 13 Bulb lit up flickeringly (5)
- 14 Outlines of canopies (11)
- 16 Flying contrarily from plot in PM's street (11)
- 21 No dropping area protects us from sunburn (5)
- 22 Fed with half portion of couscous scrambled and concentrated (7)
- 24 Prehistoric rigs! (7)
- 25 Concoction of sucrose leads to runs (7)
- 26 Irish field spotted in regurgitated ursine vomit (7)
- 27 Positions for many aboard (5)

Down

- 1 Depressed Yank is bad but better than none (3,4)
- 2 New spar, new shrouds (7)
- 3 Source of comet! (2,9)
- 5 Black magic of one cricket club in Western Australia (5)
- 6 Stronger? At first! Higher? No! Faster? No! (7)
- 8 Found innocent Shakespearean King in last month's revolution (7)
- 9 Model tank displays position of track (5)
- 12 Final aerobatic trick is where the pin goes (7,4)
- 15 The point of a flamingo at rest? (7)
- 17 Nervous about time, but not charged (7)
- 18 Old giant with broken legs looks amazed (7)
- 19 Sound advice for committee (7)
- 20 Silly skydivers from 26? (5)
- 23 Electronic outlet for competition (5)

Reserve

Across

- 4 Line tangle
- 7 Climbed
- 10 Colleges
- 11 Spanish DZ
- 12 EG box brownies
- 13 Dutch flower
- 14 Portraits of profile
- 16 Flying two canopies
- 21 Gas
- 22 Unfuzzy
- 24 Myths - rigs
- 25 Race tracks
- 26 Irish airfield
- 27 Grooves

Down

- 1 Late deployment (3,4)
- 2 Swaddles
- 3 Aircraft manufacturer (2,9)
- 5 Witchcraft
- 6 Least quick
- 8 Became unclouded
- 9 River mouth
- 12 Circle of line (7,4)
- 15 4-way FS formation - one foot
- 17 Unbiased
- 18 Skydiving glasses
- 19 Governing board
- 20 Birds
- 23 Occurrence

Solutions:
Across 4 Twist, 7 Mounted, 10 Schools, 11 Empura, 12 Camgras, 13 Tulip, 14 Silhouettes, 16 Downplanning, 21 Zone, 22 Focused, 24 Legends, 25 Courses, 26 Movements, 27 Slots.
Down 1 Neutral, 2 Goggles, 3 Council, 5 Wicca, 6 Slowest, 8 Cleared, 9 Delta, 12 Closing loop, 15 Monopod, 17 Focused, 18 Legends, 25 Courses, 26 Movements, 27 Slots.

Dive Doctor



I'm stuck at level 4

I can't stop my left turn. I start the movement and to stop it I brake hard to the right but instead of stopping the turn, I start to orbit. My instructor says I have a good position and all I need to do is to relax but I think that something else is missing. What do you think?



Several combinations of body position or movement could cause this situation. If you are orbiting to the right while braking from a left turn then I'd say you are over-braking and possibly dropping your right shoulder, extending your left leg or dropping your right knee as you brake. If you are orbiting to the left, perhaps you are not so much braking hard but extending your right arm out and extending your right leg, possibly also dropping your left knee or shoulder as you do so.

I'd suggest you have video taken on your next skydive. Problems become so much easier to understand and solve when you can see what's happening. Having your instructor debrief you using the video may solve several minor body positions which will advance your skydiving skills greatly, at a small price compared to making several more AFF jumps.

I'd suggest your instructor is correct and that it's a relaxation situation. Fluidity with the air really is the secret to good skydiving. I know that might sound a bit Zen-like but it's true - and I'm about the least 'new age' thinker you could meet so take that for what it's worth!

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What's it like jumping a wingsuit?

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For Starters

Cat 8 – What Now?

Ok, so you rock up to the DZ, A-licence in hand and think you've got it all in the can, right?

WRONG! It's only just begun. What hit me most on gaining my Cat 8 is how vulnerable I suddenly felt, without the security blanket of my own instructor on hand for guidance. I'd always had someone there to hold my hand – and even boot me out of the plane when necessary! Now it was all down to me. If I hadn't had instructors I counted as friends to push me, I may well have bottled it at that point. This is a time so many newly qualified jumpers walk away.

But be aware you're not on your own, people are always happy to help and advise, you just have to be a bit more assertive about asking.

It's also at this point that newbies run the risk of having an accident. I went down the 'scared girlie' route, but I've seen others go completely the other way and turn cocky beyond belief. "How cool was I, sit-flying on my 20th jump?!" Well, yep, but then I broke my leg. I was broken with a parachute, my leg was broken, and I was in a hospital bed for a while.

1. Be Safe

We're all in this sport because we love what we do and what we can achieve. But we can only have fun if we know we're being as safe as we can whilst doing it.

Know your own limits and don't let others push you into anything. If you're not happy with the wind, just don't jump. Stuff them if they think you're a wuss! Ignore peer pressure from slightly more experienced jumpers who try to rush you, pooh-pooh your checks or sneer at you for not having the smallest canopy on the market.

Don't be lax with your checks now, be extra vigilant. Allow plenty of time to kit up. Get a check from someone you trust. It's a good idea to check yourself before exit or at least make sure your handles are in place. Practice your reserve drills. Think up possible surprises and work out how you would deal with them – if in any doubt, ask.

2. Don't be Afraid to Ask

This is the single most important thing – not to be afraid to ask. Instructors are there to hand out advice and keep us safe, so use them. They don't (generally!) charge for a few words of wisdom. Remember, even very experienced jumpers were once where you are now. Ask away! With the confidence knowledge brings, you will progress faster.

At a little over 100 jumps now, I've still got a billion more things to learn and ways to improve. But if I hadn't plucked up the courage to ask, I'd have sacked it way before now. I don't care if I look like a dim chick because I ask – at least that makes me a chick who can fly!

Ask the right person, one with experience in the field you're interested in.

Bruno Brakken

Simon Ward

Mike McGowan



3. Go to Other Drop Zones

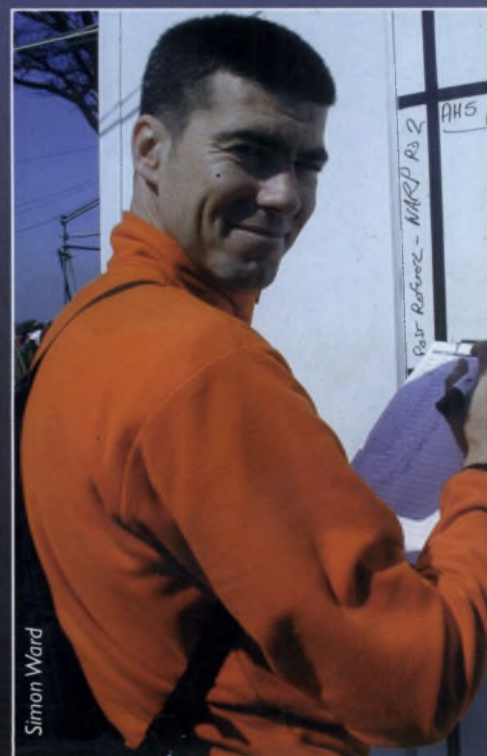
Occasionally make the effort to go to other drop zones especially for an event like a roadshow or competition, it's worth it! It can seem pretty daunting turning up at any DZ under your own steam, especially you're used to regular home DZ with all its familiar faces. You soon learn each one is different and the people have their own special ways! Where do you go first? Who do you speak to? Where and what gear do I hire? Will they shout at me if I approach them? These are questions we've all been phased by. Well, head for the manifest and ASK! Even if it seems to be the most stupid question to you, it's far better to ask than to freak out in the door because you were too scared to double check. You've already thrown yourself out of a plane, approaching an instructor is (usually) less scary than that.

Find out about local rules, any hazards, no-go areas, places of turbulence, the aircraft and any other questions you may have. Take all your documents and expect to have your docs and rig checked.



Simon Ward

Check at manifest who to ask about what. Don't copy blindly! You may see something that looks like a good idea, but which could be inappropriate for you or it may simply be a daft idea.



Simon Ward

4. Get Coached



Simon Ward

I got a bit complacent after getting my cat 10. Then, once I started doing some bigger formations, I realised that I'd got into such bad habits, I needed urgent coaching! A few coached jumps down the line and I know I'm over those bad habits, but it's VERY easy to slip back. Having someone jump with you gives you a target to work against, a good point of reference.

Once you're settled in, hone the skills you've learned getting to Cat 8 by getting individual coaching from an instructor and working towards IC1 (Individual Canopy, Grade1). Here you'll learn more advanced canopy skills, landing in pre-declared areas, learn how to spot (where to drop to land safely on the DZ), and flight-line checks i.e. what to look for on your gear before you jump, etc. It's after this that coaching is SO important. Your FS1 (Formation Skydiving, Grade1) qualification will probably come next. A series of coached jumps with other people will culminate in a four point 4-way, giving you more freedom to jump in bigger formations with who you like.

It may seem more expensive but in the long run, coaching will save you time, money and lower your chance of injury (see last issue). If you only have enough money for ten jumps over a weekend, do five instead, paying out on the other slots for a coach to jump with you. It'll be money well spent in the long-term. With 400 mainly solo jumps you'll probably be not nearly as good as someone with 200 jumps but most of them having been coached.



El Thompson

5. Choose a Discipline

It's probably best to start with FS1 as the skills will transfer later to freeflying should you want them to and your progression is likely to be quicker. You will then need to work out whether FS is for you, or whether you want to move onto another discipline such as freeflying, freestyle, accuracy, skysurfing or CF (canopy formation). Try some safe experimentation at this stage, rather than launching into one discipline without thinking about any others.

Canopy formation should only be tried with an instructor holding a BPA CF1 coach rating; don't experiment with friends! You can only start skysurfing with 500 jumps so it's too early for that but learning freely and freestyle skills, especially those of head-up flying will be a real benefit.

6. Buying Kit – Not Too Soon!

This can be another important stage of your skydiving career – a time to think about buying your own kit. It can be tempting (if

you've got the cash!) to want to buy all your own kit in one go on reaching Cat 8. As nice as it is to have your own gear and the independence that brings, DON'T run before you can walk. You could make an expensive or painful mistake so easily.

I started out small, buying my helmet, alti and then my jumpsuit. (Get this made to measure if possible, strangely enough, it does help a lot!) By the time that had all arrived, I'd notched up around 60 jumps – a good time, I was advised, to start thinking about buying my own rig. By then I had my IC1 and FS1 and knew what size canopy I was capable of flying and landing safely. A canopy bought at that stage should last a couple of hundred jumps before you start downsizing. DON'T do that too soon. You won't look very cool smacking in on a small canopy just because you've seen the more experienced guys jump them!

Ask Advice When Buying Kit

If you can afford brand new gear, great! Second hand gear is also a good option but don't listen to the person selling it! Whether new or second-hand, ASK advice from an instructor or rigger and get any potential rig checked out thoroughly by an expert before you part with any money. A rigger will spot problems you would have no idea about.



Simon Ward

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James Stevenson



Go Freely-Friendly

On the subject of gear, it's a good idea to get a nice, tight, freely-friendly rig straight off. This will be great for FS too. If you then want to try freely at a later stage, you don't need to worry about modifications to your rig to make it safe – and there is no temptation to try 'just one sit jump' with an unsuitable rig to see if you like it. It's just not worth the risk – premature deployments can and do happen (even in FS) so generally the tighter the rig the better. It makes sense to carry a spare closing loop so you can replace it at the first sign of wear.

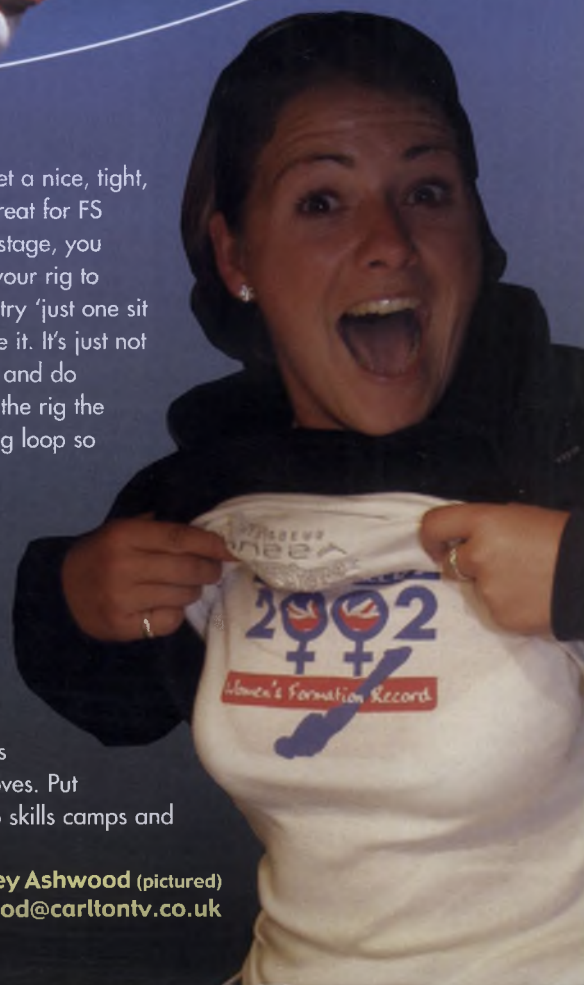
7. Stay in the Air

Another tip is to not leave it too long after getting your Cat 8 to jump again. A layoff can lead to all sorts of problems, not least actually losing the nerve to jump.



Eli Thompson

You can take the view "Oh well, I've done it now", but there's SO much more to achieve. The fantastic thing about this sport is that there's always a next stage – more qualifications to gain, stuff to learn and room to improve. It's NOW that you need to make the right moves. Put the effort into gaining your next grades. Then go to roadshows, get some coaching, go to skills camps and you'll be surprised by what you learn and what you can do.



Lindsey Ashwood (pictured)
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"Give you Part-Ex on a used Cypres, pal"

Very soon the earliest built Cypres AADs will be celebrating their 12th birthday. As the system has a 12 year life cycle this means that the end is nigh for many Cypres units and owners will be digging deep into their pockets for a replacement.

Airtec have explained that many of the components of the high tech device have a finite life span performing within the strict parameters set by the company. Airtec have from day one set a very high standard for their creation and have never been prepared to water down their high quality control standards in order to extend an individual unit's life. The company originally thought a 10 year life span would be the system's maximum but after testing hundreds of units at their 8 year service period found that a 12 year life was attainable. But after this period the unit literally goes in the bin.

Previously we have reported in Kit News that no trade-in deal would be forthcoming from Airtec the German manufacturer but recently the company have announced that indeed a small trade-in discount of 60 Euros is available on the purchase of a brand new unit. The 60 Euro discount will be knocked off the purchase price of a new Cypres by any recognised Airtec dealer within one year of the expiry of the 12 years and 3 month maximum life span.

Each traded-in unit must be complete with a non-activated cutter. If the unit is without cutter or the cutter has been activated the discount will amount to only 40 Euros. Only one expired Cypres will be accepted against each new unit purchased.

Airtec: 0049 2953 1293

Z1 EVO-lution

As though there wasn't already a bewildering choice of open-faced hard helmets on the market, Parasport Italia have added to the list with the introduction of their Z1 Evo.

Replacing the old Z1 Alpha which was discontinued about a year ago, the Evo is based on technology used in the company's popular Z1 full-faced helmet.

The Evo shell is formed from 3mm injection moulded polycarbonate, which although providing good impact protection, still remains relatively flexible and therefore is comfortable to wear. The Evo's sides are fairly flat to allow for the fitting of a side located camera mount.

Available in ten colours, including some metallics and 'soft touch' velvet like matts, the Evo is equipped with a comfortable liner and a sturdy chin strap. As with the Z1 full-face, the shell comes in a fixed single size but the liners are interchangeable in order to set the size.

An internal pocket will take most types of audible altimeter and Parasport also produce a version called the STI (Skytronic Inside) which is specially designed with custom cutouts over the ear which expose the controls on one of their own Skytronic audibles.

The Evo retails at around £125.



Parasport Italia: 0039 0121 69692
www.parasport.it

Hooked Again!



A small US company calling themselves The Benchmade Knife Co are offering an alternative to the ubiquitous orange plastic Zak knife which we have all come to know and lose. Called the Model 5, this small hook knife is reportedly razor sharp and will cut through any fibrous material, "like a hot knife through butter", so claims a company spokesman.

Unlike other hook knives on the market which feature two razor blades set at an acute angle to each other, the Model 5 is machined out of a solid piece of 440C steel, creating a lightweight but very strong and extremely sharp cutting tool. The handle even doubles as a bottle opener for when the beer light is lit.

The Model 5 comes with a small nylon stow pouch and retails for around £20.



Benchmade: 001 503 655 6004
www.benchmade.com

Protection Racket

Gath helmets have come up with what they think is a solution to the problem of 'riser slap', ie, the tearing off of your most prized *Pro-Dytter* or *Pro-Track* from the side of your head and sending it freefalling all on its own.



Gath's solution consists of a simple aerodynamic protector cover for the Pro-Dytter base plate which should save your baby from peril. The unit can still be easily calibrated without removal and battery access is possible with the opening of only one screw.

Gath: gath@gathsports.com
www.gathsports.com

Cyber FS

If you're a committed hardcore 4-way FS addict or even a member of a budding novice 4-way team, a new product from Craig Buxton of Gravity Pilot Productions will probably be more than you'll be able to resist.

Called *Arizona Airspeed Mind Maps 2003*, this CD-ROM allows access to live-action video of every current 4-way exit and block transition.

Using the 'Virtual Videographer' mode you can fly around the formations and see the FAI dive pool from every angle. Utilising the 'Tracer Technology' you can see the path you need to follow for each block, including 3D transitions. You can also use a colour coding scheme to follow your slot and your piece through each formation and transition.

You can run a demo of the software from their website and the CD-Rom retails at around £55.

Gravity Pilot: 001 386 738 5914
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Food for thought!

Some discussion has been taking place in BPA circles recently in respect of Cypres AAD service and battery dates and how they might conflict with the reserve's repack cycle. Recently a rig was refused an inspection tag at a DZ because the Cypres batteries were out of date but the reserve itself was, in fact in date.

To me this scenario opens a Pandora's box of questions: We all know that AADs are not mandatory for intermediate or experienced skydivers, right? Right – therefore we can happily and legally go jump our rig if it doesn't have an AAD inside. But what about if it has an AAD inside but you choose not to turn it on – is that not the same thing?

Therefore if you have an AAD inside and choose not to turn it on, then surely it's irrelevant if the batteries are out of date or indeed even if the unit itself is out of service – it's exactly the same as not having one at all – which don't forget is okay and legal.

Taking this logic further – why couldn't Mr X's rig be tagged if he has the option of never turning the AAD on? Just food for thought...

Bellymounts

Vertical Visions in the States are producing a nice range of bellymount camera platforms for the skydiving market and other applications. If you'd like to watch your own feet as you track away from a 300-way or film that AFF or WARP student for debriefing, or would just like to watch your own face as you cut away from a CREW wrap, then a bellymount is for you.

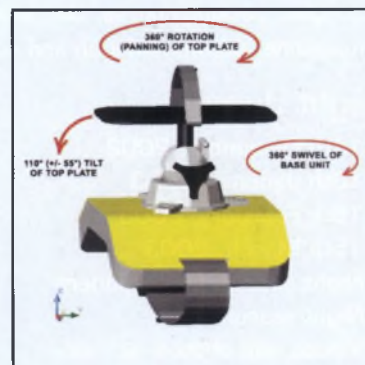


Vertical Visions bellymounts are constructed from a strong yet lightweight, powder-coated aluminium, and come in a choice of three types and four colours. They are compatible with a wide range of digital cameras such as the Sony PC series, the Canon GL1 and other similarly sized cameras. A 35mm stills camera may also be fitted.

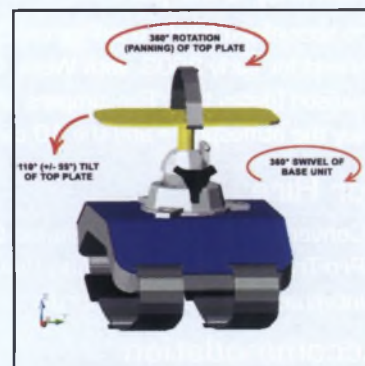
The simplest model is the *Flat Top*. This comes with a non-adjustable mounting plate and single body strap and weighs only 1.6lbs. The middle model is the *Raptor* which features a special ball and socket system allowing the camera to tilt at 55 degrees and swivel and rotate at 360 degrees providing all the camera angles your heart desires. The *Deluxe* model is called the *Dual Raptor* because it is equipped with double body mounting straps for extra camera stability and weighs in at 2.6lbs.



Flat Top



Raptor



Dual Raptor (also pictured above)

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Those of us who are a bit longer in the tooth may remember a TV advert from the 1970s that had a cartoon father holding an insurance policy that miraculously grew and turned into a metal shield around his family. The father, arms around his wife and children inside the shield, tapped the outside and to its reassuringly solid resonance proclaimed, "Get the strength of an insurance policy around you!". That 20 second flash said it all – well, nearly all...

An insurance policy is simply a fund into which a number of people pay some money (a premium) for a precisely defined purpose (the policy) to build up a pot of money. If one person has an accident and needs money, then providing he or she is covered by the policy, it pays out. Or as the comedienne Hylda Baker would have said, "You've got something coming". (Why am I so obsessed with 70s television?)

BPA Liability Insurance

BPA Members benefit from third party public liability insurance cover, (within the limitations of the terms of the policy). For example, if you accidentally landed on someone's car the BPA insurers would be responsible for paying for repairs. The premium for this is included in the membership subscription, be it full, provisional or temporary. **But what the policy doesn't cover is medical insurance, personal accident (compensation in the event of injury or death), or cover for travel, equipment or baggage.**

Ensure you Insure

Skydiving is variously described as an 'extreme sport', an 'adrenaline activity' or as Grandad might say from the comfort of his armchair, '****ing dangerous'. Although statistics prove skydiving to be nothing like as high risk as some non-skydivers may perceive, it can never be entirely risk-free, as with any action sport. The risk is reduced to an acceptable level by strict operational procedures but can never be entirely eliminated. Skydivers must therefore voluntarily accept an element of risk, which it is prudent to always insure against.

Medical and Repatriation

Over the last few months at least two British jumpers have been seriously injured skydiving whilst they did not have repatriation cover. The cost and kerfuffle of getting a seriously injured person home to a UK hospital is surely more than anyone would wish to impose on their partner, family or friends (who will already be stressed enough!). We all pay into the NHS but this won't get you an air ambulance should you need it. These cost thousands of pounds. The whole medical and repatriation bill can be tens or even hundreds of

thousands. Okay, this is a worst possible scenario but it does happen. It's happened twice recently. It could happen to you.

Medical insurance cover including repatriation is the absolute minimum that any skydiver should have whilst parachuting abroad. This should include cover for non skydiving medical emergencies too. See the leaflet Health Advice for Travellers from Post Offices or telephone 0800 555 777.

Paying the Bills

There's also the compensation side of personal accident insurance for which – you guessed – an additional premium is payable. This sort of policy pays out for serious injury such as the loss of an eye or limb or in some cases, death. Some policies may also make a contribution to lost earnings – say you are a driver and your leg ends up in plaster. Who is going to pay your bills and those of your dependents, with no money coming in?

Travel, Equipment and Baggage

There's also travel, baggage and equipment insurance. If you have a household policy, it may already give baggage cover or be extendable.

Single or Multiple Trip?

Typically, insurance is available for single or multiple trip, in various parts of the world such as Europe, USA or beyond. An annual multi-trip policy may be better value compared with a separate policy for each holiday. Note that most general insurance policies don't cover skydiving. Start with the skydiving and add personal accident, travel, equipment and baggage cover as required. Be wary of any offer of free travel insurance, eg, on a credit card as it is highly unlikely to include 'high risk' activities such as skydiving.

Form E111

When travelling within Europe, it's a good idea to get a Form E111 – the passport to free or reduced cost emergency medical treatment in most European countries. Pick up an application from the Post Office – this gives further information on a country-by-country basis. Remember that the E111 is intended to cover illness and emergency medical treatment. **It doesn't cover repatriation to the UK if you have a serious skydiving accident** and it doesn't give longer-term cover after the immediate emergency is over – when things can get very pricey. An E111 is good to have and can help you out but don't depend on it to the exclusion of a proper insurance policy, or you could end up seriously out of pocket.

ME!

According to the 2002 BPA survey, 12% of the membership have had a skydiving injury in the last 3 years. 82% jump abroad. How do your odds stack up, jumping abroad without adequate insurance?

Photo: Steve Utter

Shop Around

Insurance premiums for everything have hiked up a lot following the events of 11 September. But a premium is still a small price to pay for the peace of mind that a good insurance policy brings to you and your kin.

Some travel insurance companies are listed in the box below. These are not recommendations, just options. There are more companies providing travel insurance than we have space to list. If you shop around you can still get comparatively good deals – but watch the small print to make sure you are getting what you want. Be aware there may be an excess, ie, an amount of a claim you have to pay yourself before the policy will pay out.

Checklist

Make a checklist and go through it with the insurance company as it can be easy to forget something that later turns out to be important. There's a suggested checklist here but think about what is important to you and make your own. Never be afraid to ask, however silly a question may seem. Few of us are insurance experts so if you see a jargon word or phrase, ask what it means in plain English. Getting the policy that's right for you is your own personal responsibility, not the insurers!

Ask Around

It is said the acid test of an insurance policy is when you make a claim. Find out from other skydivers about any claims they have made, how easy it has been, whether they have had problems with exclusions and so on.

Keep Your Policy Handy

If you do need to call on an insurance policy, remember that you may not be in a fit state. **Keep your insurance details somewhere obvious**, such as in your log-book holder, wallet or purse and tell others so they can find it easily in an emergency. If you are in a coma, you can't tell anyone where it is! You might think this doesn't bear thinking about but we can assure you that from recent experience, it's only sensible to plan in this way. It is also worth making photocopies of all your documents to carry with you, just in case your bags are misplaced or stolen.

We hope you will never need to call on your insurance. But, unless you have the strength of an insurance policy around you, you could find yourself – and your Nearest and Dearest!! – in quite a pickle indeed.

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CHECKLIST

1. Is it a one-off trip, or am I planning to make others?
Ask about multi-trip policies – it might work out cheaper
2. For medical cover:
 - ✓ Does it cover skydiving accidents?
 - ✓ Does it cover non-skydiving medical emergencies?
 - ✓ Does it include repatriation?
 - ✓ How much is the premium?
 - ✓ Is there a discount for BPA members?
 - ✓ What is the duration of the policy?
 - ✓ Are there any conditions / limitations?
 - ✓ What is the maximum cover? (£2m+ is advisable)
 - ✓ Is there any excess?
3. What other cover is included or can be added?
 - ✓ Travel delay or cancellation; loss of deposit
 - ✓ Personal accident cover (compensation)
 - ✓ Parachute equipment insurance
 - ✓ Baggage insurance
 - ✓ Personal liability / legal expenses

In Confidence

by Rick Boardman



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Reports are a little thin at this time of year, as the jump season becomes too cold for some. If you've had some adventures that we could learn from, let's hear from you. Here's hoping we have a safe season once it kicks in.

Note: Reports on this page are compiled partly from official Incident Reports, submitted to the BPA after every UK incident and partly from the Confidential Reporting System, a voluntary method of reporting directly to Rick Boardman, in complete secrecy. We therefore do not give details of when and where incidents have happened, to protect the confidentiality of people who use the system. Rick extracts specific reports for analysis where he considers there is much to be learned.

But be aware that this page is only a small part of reporting incidents to the membership. A resumé of all incident and injury reports, on an ongoing basis is contained within the BPA's Safety and Training Committee (STC) minutes, enclosed with each magazine. In the rare case of a UK fatality, a Board of Enquiry is immediately formed and convened. The Board investigates the incident and makes a full report to STC with conclusions and sometimes recommendations. These fatality reports are covered in the STC minutes enclosed with each magazine.

Wingsuits and cutaways again!

Following a wingsuit dive I deployed my canopy at about 3,800 feet. I immediately had twists and the canopy (very high performance) started to turn and dive. My left arm wingsuit zip jammed and the turn had accelerated so I cut away my leg in order to try and kick to stop extra twists occurring. Without holding the risers it was useless so I cut away the arms next and went for the risers. I got to them and kicked hard but the canopy continued to accelerate, dive and twist up.

It was time to get off it (probably a late call!). I reached in and took hold of both pads, peeled the velcro on the cutaway and punched down. It only moved about 1.5 inches and the force was too great for me to pull it any further. I added my left hand to the cutaway pad and pulled again and when there was no further movement, I REALLY didn't like it!

I relaxed the pull and then pulled hard with both hands once more. This time the cables slowly withdrew, and I was free...

There was no RSL. I grabbed the reserve pad and banged out the reserve. I'd been belly to earth for the last couple of rotations and being catapulted free hadn't flipped or spun me. The reserve opened quickly and on heading.

When I landed I checked and my AAD had fired but hadn't cut the loop. I guess I just beat it!

I know ellipticals aren't ideal with wingsuits, however I'd done most of my wing jumps on this beast or my Stiletto. Only occasionally have I had turns or twist problems with them on deployment. I now have a Sabre 2 and riser inserts on order.

I think now that I should have deployed higher, I'll be opening above 4,000ft for the future.

Being low didn't spook me when I looked down at first. I was working through my planned drills. It was when the cutaway

didn't go according to plan that I got scared. I saw a bit of ground where I would impact, if I stopped working the situation.

I might amend my thinking regarding two handed reserve drills. I'd always dismissed heavy pull forces as a problem for the slighter man, or the smaller women!

I may also return to using an RSL, it was quite strange to have used my left hand in the cutaway and then to have a 'further task' to perform. By this stage I was no longer performing a drill, I was having to work things out to save my life which again, was not part of the plan.

Most of the key factors to be pulled from this report are already quoted by the jumper. He had a plan and calmly worked the problem as it presented itself. But do you detect the rising stress levels as that plan heads out the window? This guy did well to recognise that fact whilst some others might not have stayed so cool. It doesn't stop there. He's also sat back and analysed the whole situation after the fact and made some deductions about how his mental and physical preparation needs to be altered.

I personally am delighted by this story for two reasons. Firstly, I believe it is a superb example of how to recover from a mistake, using a pre-prepared plan as a start point and controlling the situation even when the plan almost goes out of the window. If it's our turn for some stress this weekend, may we all handle things so well. Secondly, the victim has debriefed himself, looking at every aspect of his behaviour which he could have changed. This particular story all but wrote itself!

Note: Students and intermediate parachutists **MUST NOT** change their reserve drills. If you have any doubts, speak to your instructor or CCI.

Any experienced parachutist thinking of changing their reserve drills should only do so after careful consideration and a lengthy practice session, which should be often repeated.

Education, Education, Education!

I was asked to look at some 'expert' (ie, non student) club hire kit because the low experience jumper who had just used it had major problems flying it. When I spoke to the jumper, he was quite excited by what had just happened.

The canopy had seemed to fly well at first but when the jumper brought the brakes down below hip level, he had been very alarmed to see both ends fold back until the tail touched together. Jerking the brakes up had caused a radical diving-forward effect. Turning the canopy left a minute later, he was even more alarmed when he found the canopy pulling him violently left and back until again he brought the toggle back up.

The canopy was found to be fine. The jumper was long armed and tall and had come up through the AFF system. He had only recently completed his consolidation jumps and was somewhat surprised when I told him that he'd been experiencing a stall!

I sat with him for about fifteen minutes and over a cup of tea, told him how a canopy stalls!

Of course nowadays students generally jump large, docile student canopies whilst they train and most of them are very hard (or dare we say, nigh on impossible) to stall. Jumpers rapidly get on to higher performance zero porosity squares and then, sadly, some learn the hard way about what else parachutes can do. A few of those individuals get dented along the way.

Things used to be different. Before the advent of RAPS and AFF, students would transit onto squares after a long apprenticeship on rounds. The briefings and early jump programme that your CCI put you through to fly a square were pretty heavy. If you didn't perform well on your ram-air, you could even end up back on a radio talk-down! I can certainly remember being ordered to get in and out of the stall. Nowadays these things are not taught to the same level. The BPA is looking hard at more education for jumpers and an IC2 (Individual Canopy 2) rating is in the offing.

Prevention

When you jump something new get a briefing. If you're giving the briefing, don't forget to cover the obvious. What's second nature to you could be alien territory to someone else.





Dave Wood has been Club Chief Instructor of RAFSPA for nearly six years and is now CCI of Cyprus Parachute Centre.

Popular, friendly, opinionated but fair, Dave has greatly developed the efficiency, facilities and social life of RAFSPA. He will be sorely missed.



People in the **SPORT** Dave Wood

When did you start jumping and how many skydives do you have?

I did my first jump in 1973 at Weston, a military balloon descent from 800ft. It was the most frightening thing I've ever done in my life. Having said that, the second one was even worse! I was keen to learn more so I did the military parachute course, followed by the military Parachute Training Instructors course. In 1978 I came back to the Parachute School at Brize Norton and started sport jumping again at Weston in 1979; I now have over 6,000 jumps.

What disciplines have you tried?

FS and accuracy. I'm afraid to say I only tried accuracy because I had to whilst I was at Nethers! The sport today offers such diversity, but FS has always been my passion.

Why did you start instructing?

I got into sport instruction because I wanted to broaden my horizons and experience a change from military instruction. I qualified as PI (now BI) in 1989 and went to Nethers with my CSI in 1990. That year I also got my AFF and tandem ratings.

Have you entered any competitions?

I was in a 4-way team in the Cyprus Championships and the Army Championships at Netheravon three years on the trot, '90, '92 and '93. My partners in crime were Pete Lamson, Keith Skelley and Skippy Morris – we had such a laugh. I loved those competitions and the sense of camaraderie; it really fired me up and got the adrenaline going. However, I have an appalling memory so my team nickname was Marvo the Memory Man – I was constantly forgetting points! It doesn't take a genius to work out that's not a great trait in competition.

What's your most memorable demo?

The most memorable demo was into Wembley Stadium, for the England v Germany European Football Championship around 1996. I flew the George Cross flag on a 2-way CF jump into the arena; it was awesome. Unfortunately, we lost the footie.

Do you enjoy working on a DZ?

It is without question the most enjoyable and most demanding experience I have ever had.

Who is your mentor in the sport?

There is no one individual who has influenced me, more a succession of people. For example, Roy Willis, who has been in the sport for many a year and is ex-CCI at Weston, Joe France and Bob Soutar. I listened to those guys talking about representing Britain in 4-way and that impressed and inspired me.

Also Lennie Mobbs, Weston's longest serving club member. Lennie used to watch the military jumping at Weston, and as a result started skydiving in his teens. At 73 he still remains incredibly active in the sport, skydiving pretty much every weekend. He loves it and I so admire that (I apologise if I have got your age wrong, Lennie!).

Describe yourself in three words

Arrogant, demanding, fair.

Tell us about your family

I've been married to Chrissy for 29 years and have two sons, Shane who is 27 and Ben who is 25. I also have a grandson, Fletcher.

Did you teach your sons to skydive?

They made their first few jumps with me and they are now committed skydivers. Ben is an instructor in the RAF and Shane enjoys all aspects of the sport and just loves to jump. Their team *UBI* won the Intermediate 4-way at the British nationals this year (pictured).



Team *UBI*: Craig Bailey, Lucy Robinson, Ben Wood, Chris Ivory & Shane Wood

How did you feel about that?

Very, very proud.

Have you done a 3-way with your sons?

I have been known to step in with Ben and Shane's team on occasion.

How did you and Chrissy feel after Ben's canopy collision?

Chrissy watched it and says she got 50 more grey hairs from doing so! Generally we don't worry too much about their safety. I'm really happy about their jumping as they're both very confident.

Tell me something that skydivers are unlikely to know about you

In 1999 I cycled from South to North Wales with a guy called Chris Gee and a back-up vehicle. We started by running up the highest peak in South Wales, then cycled to North Wales and ran up Snowdon. It was bloody difficult but we managed it all in two days and raised over £3,000 for charity.

What trait do you most value in people?

Loyalty.

Of all your achievements, which means most to you?

Seeing both my sons, Ben and Shane pass their AFF courses and qualify as skydivers. I'm not sure my wife Chris would agree with me!

What winds you up?

Women drivers and slow jump pilots.

What has been the highlight of your time at Weston?

A very successful season with the Twin Otter. So many people didn't believe that we could make it work, and we did.

What makes a good CCI?

Not one thing as every CCI brings their own particular style, skills and idiosyncrasies to the job. What personally motivates me is getting people in the air and watching them enjoy their skydiving, whether it be team members, students or tandem passengers. Big smiles, hand-claps and hollering under canopy – that's what makes the job worthwhile.

What's your favourite food?

Grilled tuna steak with mayo and salad.

And your personal motto?

Positive Mental Attitude.

What was your most memorable skydive?

Without doubt, one of the rounds of the Cyprus Championships when I was in the team with Pete, Keith and Skippy. We had to rotate two compressed accordions but we didn't know how to so we just kind of made it up, with comical results. Bob Card watched from the ground as these two pairs were spinning out of control in the air above him, and made the comment, "Oh my God, are those four guys really my senior staff?".

Describe your perfect day

That's easy – blue skies and 65 safe lifts with me running the show!

Who do you admire in the sport today?

Team *UBI* for the pure enjoyment that they get from skydiving and, let's be honest Craig Bailey is no spring chicken at 39! [Do I detect some bias in this choice?!] Just because both my sons are in this team – nah!

What are your ambitions for the future, both personally and for the sport?

For me, it is to enjoy running the Cyprus parachute centre as CCI! As for the sport, I wish there was a way of making student skydiving 100% safe.

Dave was speaking to Bev Ford
beverlieford@aol.com

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Club News

EDITORIAL



Nigel Holland

Give your rep a hug!

Do you know who your club rep is? Do you ever thank them for sending regular updates about your club? Well you should – they work really hard!

Do tell us what you've been up to, through your club rep or directly to us. We're not psychic, you know. If you want a mention, tell your rep!

If you are submitting items to us directly, indicate which club you jump at. Even if we don't have the space for a separate article in its own right we can often find another slot for your piece.

For example, this Club News includes an XL Challenge write-up from Hinton and a report of the Military Skills Camp under Netheravon. So if you make the effort to tell us what you've been up to, we'll make the effort to include it.

The best diary in the world

I spend a lot of time collating dates from adverts and other countries' skydiving magazines. We think we're the only skydiving magazine in the world to include such an extensive range of international diary dates. Each entry has a phone number and contact info. Check out the inside back cover for details.

Ben



NETHERAVON



Military Skills Camp

At the beginning of December, 40 members of the British Armed Forces went to DeLand, Florida for an intensive skills camp organised by Dave Tyler and Alastair Macartney. Skills levels ranged from AFF students, to those with over 1,000 jumps.

Coaches came from across the Army plus *DeLand Majik* and *Freedom of Flight*. Performance Designs provided demo canopies and coaching, as well as giving a tour of their factory. A number of seminars were given including break-off, tracking and canopy flight. Due to bad

weather in the second week most people left with 20-30 coached jumps and about 16 hours in the wind tunnel. It is planned to repeat the trip in November 2003 with a smaller group so if you're interested and in the military, contact:

skillscamp@quiksilver.com

Al Macartney

Get Well Soon

Best wishes to Bob Soutar who's recovering in hospital from an accident in January. We also wish Julia Northcott a speedy recovery from her recent accident in Spain. Apparently she's in good spirits and is doing well.

Netheravon Achievements

Cat 8 Beth Relf, Ed Bowyer
3,000 jumps Arthur Gibson, Phil Gibbs



Photos: Simon Ward

BORDER

New management and support made last year very successful. The transformation of the canteen is complete and is so impressive we had to have a party to celebrate! The Christmas bash was just as popular and we all had a great night. Thanks to those from other centres who came along. John Hillam and Alice Gillies received awards for achieving their instructor ratings. Louise Cliff, Helen Brewis and Laura Johnson also received awards for their continued support.

Awards

Student of the Year
Jump Hog
Ooops Award
Dipstick Award
Cutaway King
Club Chief Pilot
General Dogsbody
Award for Trying
Bum Spot Award

Rob Lay
Ed Murdoch
Chris Francis
Ian Bottomley
Terry Wakenshaw
Glen Gotland
Geraldine McGuinness
Harry Minty
John McCourt

Jump Numbers

400 Ed Murdoch

In December David McGuinness was diagnosed with cancer. Keeping his usual high spirits, he did a tandem dressed as Elvis (pictured right) prior to his operation. Everyone at Border would like to wish him a very speedy recovery.

Laura Johnson



CORNWALL

Once everyone had arrived for the Christmas party, we trundled off to the pub for a good ol' pub quiz to start the evening, followed by a raffle organised by Belle and Kat. A few hours later in the lobby, the suits and dresses came out to play and everyone looked fantastic!

After dinner Fran gave the announcements and commendments. A well deserved thank you went to our packers, Bob and Katrina Hazell; also to our resident cameraman and president of Plymouth Uni Skydiving Club, Dan Ranson, who has made a big effort to introduce students to CPC. Alex Burr (Student of the Year 2001) presented this years' CPC Student of the Year award to none other than yours truly! (pictured below)

We then took to the floor which proved that we have some good little movers, namely John and Fran Fisher who were great! Along with the hotel lifts, the swimming pool, the food fights, the fire extinguishers, the portable stereo and 'Medium Pace'(!), the broken bed, the three-in-a-bed (twice), the jacuzzi, the flat roof, the kids' playroom and the alcohol; it was a good couple of days!

Cheryl Marks

Alex Burr



SIBSON

Lots of jumping was to be had in November and early December from our warm and toasty 206 so we eagerly await its return in early March. The usual end of season party at Birdland Bar ensured a hangover or two. Sibson reopens this month.

On 29 November Kate Cornell exchanged vows with Golden Knight, Brian Krause and became Mrs Krause (pictured right). This was a fantastic wedding, with not a dry eye in the house when Brian pledged his love to Kate. Good health and happiness to you both.

With the chilly winter weather here, lots of Sibson regulars and staff took the opportunity to travel to DeLand, Elsinore, Eloy, Grenada and Venezuela to name but a few. In DeLand Lee Matthews managed a paltry 13 points on his first 4-way (FS1 qualifying dive) and finished by 5,000ft. There was much buying of beers!

Lizzie Harris

Sibson Achievements

Graduated AFF

Cat 8

FS1

Mark Hall, Alison Chaplin, Bob Owen

Bob Owen

Lee Matthews, Lizzie Wright



Kate Cornell & Brian the Golden Knight, aka newlyweds, Mr & Mrs Krause

Since the season drew to a close in November, members had to find something else to occupy their time — so they got fit and community spirited and entered the infamous Cyprus 'Dhekelia Dash'. This involved fifteen people running fifteen miles in relay which was great fun. They somehow scooped a silver medal in the club team category (pictured right)!

2003 sees a big changeover in 'da management' for the new season. We welcome new CCI, Dave Wood (see page 60) and his wife Chris. We also welcome our new senior instructor Greg McKenzie, his wife Helen and kids Lia and Locklian.

The DZ re-opened on the first weekend of the year and the plane flew in promptly at 7am. Jumping was rounded off by the first barbecue of the season, a sign of great things to come.

Helen Mills

Jump Numbers

3,000 Greg McKenzie

CYPRUS

Ann Doust



RAPA



RAPA assistant staff – Fozz, Lee, Dutch, Barney & Nick

RAPA staff travelled to Empuria in November to do some training. We were fortunate to have Steve Thomas come along prior to his trip to the 300-way World Record, everyone benefited from his knowledge and expertise.

Highlights of the trip included 'Swoop' Scobie forgetting his container was open and walking across the manifest, dragging his canopy behind him; Nick Culligan's 200th which was a nice 10-way with two cameramen; Dutch Holland had his first mal (subsequently told the whole DZ about it); and the most fun was trying to get a picture of all the assistant staff together in the same piece of sky! (pictured left)

Due to bad weather we only carried out 30 of the planned 40 jumps each. I bumped into Jorris from Icarus at the DZ, and we bagged a guided tour of the Icarus factory at Barcelona. He is very enthusiastic about his product and really looked after us.

The last weekend in November saw the RAPA Christmas party, with a barbecue (yes, in November) and free (yes free!) beer. A lot of jumpers made the trip to the party and had a great time. Some even enjoyed my attempt at an end of year vid which was played in the bar on a big screen (thanks Bish).

Goodbye to the assistant staff who have now returned to their regiments to do some proper soldiering. Hello to 'H' Harrison who comes to RAPA from Weston and takes over from Steve Blee. The centre has reopened giving just about enough time for us to recover from the APA and BPA AGMs.

Words & photo: Buzz Busby

CARK



Helen Shaw collecting the Commitment to the Sport Award



Skydiver of the Year, Julia Baker

Christmas Party

2002 ended with a bang at the Swan Hotel. It's the one night of the year we get to see the fellas in dinner suits and the girls spend the previous six months looking for 'that frock'. The meal was superb and was again served by the head waiter with an uncanny resemblance to Basil Fawlty and a penchant for shouting, "Turkey?" then walking off before you have time to answer!

Awards

Helen Shaw collected the Commitment to the Sport award on behalf of all the instructors and boy, did the girls clap! Outstanding Achiever was awarded to Wendy Lloyd, an AFF student who has come a long way since watching husband Mick jump whilst she ran the canteen. Wendy now packs and helps get students in the air during busy periods. Trish Hayton was awarded Student of the Year for her dedication and patience. Skydiver of the Year went to Julia Baker who, this year graduated AFF and got her FS1, achieved 8 and 15-ways, and still only has little more than 50 jumps! Brian Shaw was commended on completing 2,000 tandems. Many mentions were read out and thanks were given to all the staff, instructors and jumpers at NWPC for their hard work and support.

CCI Dennis then took to the floor with his material compiled by events throughout the year, aided by two puppets, 'Parvo' and 'Whets a Christmas bonus Daddy?'. His sketches included one about pilot, 'Monkey boy' Tim and how he must be the smallest Let

pilot in the world, not forgetting to mention his range of highly windproof clothing.

New Year

The new year saw Jane and Jason tying the knot, congrats to them both. Proud parents, Martine and Stuart Morris christened baby Georgina Alicia in January. Just as the vicar asked us not to send in any videos of him to 'You've been Framed', he tripped over and almost landed in the font! Little G was applauded by us for her good behaviour and for not laughing at him. NWPC is now open for jumping and the next event is our Easter Boogie, which is just round the corner, dates tbc.

Nine do the USA

Over Christmas we headed for the SkyVenture wind tunnel in Orlando and were put through our paces at the Airspeed Tunnel Camp. We were all amazed by the skills of our coaches, the progress we all made and the unbelievable pain of the two hours of 'freefall' in three days! The tunnel was amazing fun – unlimited freefall and no packing. Alas all we have now is our memories (of Chad and his pants!), oh, and also the nine hours of video. After the tunnel we went to Sebastian and soon realised that tunnel training does nothing for your canopy skills! Firsts for the group included helicopter jumps at Sebastian and Casa jumps and a 21,000ft lift at Lake Wales. Thanks to the Airspeed and Sebastian XL for their time and patience and to SkyVenture for their hospitality and the free trip to the Sky Coaster, the world's largest swing.

Michelle Meakins & Karen Bain

Photos: Duncan Stott

Cark Achievements

Graduated AFF	Andy Butterworth
4 hrs freefall	Steve Hagan

Jump Numbers

50	Julia Baker
200	Rachel Stott, Karen Bain
300	Amanda Baillie
400	Carol Sutton
900	Darren Baillie



Mick & Andy with their Dafta awards



Martine & Stuart with baby Georgina at her christening

WILD GEESSE

The club held its Christmas dinner dance in the Bushtown Hotel and as usual, it was good to see so many old friends and retired jumpers. Congratulations to Wendy Simpson and Ted Jensen who shared the honour of Student of the Year. The club reopened in January with clear crisp blue sky, let's hope that's going to be the trend for the rest of the year. CCI Maggie thanks everyone for their help and support during the past year.

John McCourt

Achievements

First freefall

Wendy Simpson, Ted Jensen

LONDON

It has been a quiet couple of months due to some very bad weather so we have a small backlog of students waiting to do their first jump when we open again at the end of February. See Drop Zone Focus, page 74. We had a good festive season with a Christmas party that everyone enjoyed. We also went to the Christmas party at our sister drop zone, Border Parachute Centre where a thoroughly good night was had. Due to such bad weather down south we have been arranging trips up north quite regularly so that we can keep jumping. We hope to recruit more enthusiastic students in the new year and look forward to seeing both the new blood and all the old regulars again.

Rob Lay

Achievements

Cat 8

Joggi Bolma, Rachel Hinde

FS1

Martin Harris

TILSTOCK

We had a good end to the year at our Christmas do at the popular venue, the Hawkstone Hall Hotel. We had great food and great accommodation, nice one Liz for that. During the night all the usual awards were given out, some of which remain unpublished due to legal reasons!

Gravel

Awards

Student of the Year

Tye Grundy

Nick Ervin Memorial Plate

Ben Skellern

Crater Award

Martin Wilshaw

Party Animal

Claire Wilshaw

Achievements

First freefall

Tom Gateley

IC1

Steve Shone

FF1

Tony Houlton

Jump Numbers

200

Jamie McCulloch, Rob Grey

3,000

Simon Davenport

CHATTERIS

Thanks to everybody for making our first BPA course a success. The club Christmas bash was well attended and was used as a final meeting place for the thirty or so club members who flew out to Eloy on Christmas day. A great time ensued with over one thousand descents between us and lots of firsts being achieved throughout the holiday. Lots of sympathy to Sharon Dawson who broke her leg, landing awkwardly on day two, not so much sympathy to Russell Smith who broke his nose in the bar on the last night! (No he wasn't fighting, yes he did start the tequila frenzy.) Eloy is thoroughly recommended with an awesome line-up of aircraft, facilities, weather and the cheap dollar. On the busiest day of the boogie we did 98 lifts!

Goodbye to Ben Harrison who leaves us and hello to Phil Speight, our new duty Nomad pilot.

Steve Wilkins

Chatteris photos: Russell Smith

Chatteris Achievements

First freefall

Marc Godfree

Cat 8

Mark Price, Martin Pitts, Caroline Dent, Sue Hyde, Tristain Webb, Kay Williams, Justin Douglas (Dudley)

FS1

Pete Benjamin, Karl Chapman, Stuart Young

IC1

Dave Phillips, Russell Strong, Thomas Hurst

FF1

Justine Shotton

36 hrs freefall

Steve Wilkins, Sharon Simonian

Jump Numbers

100

Ian Carr, Chris Christou

200

Dave Phillips

400

Ivan Peters

500

Rich Parker

700

Ian Robertson

800

Yo Lee

1,000

Mac McLaughlin

2,500

Mick Cooper

Chatteris & Cark jumpers in Eloy's 60 year old DC3



BRIDLINGTON

Classics Regionals 28-29 September

Wasp Accuracy

The central regionals in classics proceeded normally at Brid until round four in accuracy when five jumpers, a pilot and a wasp boarded a Cessna 206 bound for 3,300 feet. During the climb several of the jumpers reported seeing a wasp but all agreed that, much to their relief, the stripy stowaway completely disappeared shortly before running in.

Dave Saville was first to exit, but most unfortunately for Dave, he had neither seen the wasp during the climb, nor realised that the insect had sought refuge down the back of the neck of his jumpsuit. Dave was two seconds into his dive when the wasp announced in the way that wasps always do, that:

1. It was down the back of his jumpsuit... and
2. It did not enjoy freefall.

Dave's canopy deployment served to shake the wasp further down his back, inside his shirt, an action that seemed to only to antagonise the already angry little passenger.

I have been in this sport for a considerable number of years, witnessing many, many accuracy target approaches. Most jumpers employ the technique of hanging motionless in the harness in order not to upset the glide of the canopy. Dave, however seemed to be pioneering a new and very radical approach. His new technique was both noisy and vigorous, involving agile contortion of the upper torso whilst bellowing some intelligible mystic chant which went something like, "Aah ah ahhhh ah ahhhh".

This new technique resulted in a 25 metre zap, which to our astonishment, he celebrated with a wild, rowdy dance, hurling away all of his kit and tearing off most of his clothes, imploring both judges and spectators to join in and help him.

Whilst I have been assured that Dave has now permanently abandoned this technique, the incident has given both judges and officials some cause for concern. We judges have been completely through both the FAI and BPA rules for accuracy landing and are unable to find anywhere, rules covering competitors who jump with wasps inside their jumpsuits. Sue Waterfield was worried that the wasp may not have been a member of the BPA and Nicky Johnson was concerned that Dave Saville may have been tandeming a wasp without a tandem instructor's rating.

Putting this aside, the competition was won with a brilliant performance by Nicky Johnson, totalling 6cm for the six accuracy rounds and our thanks must go to British Skysports for hosting such a friendly and enjoyable competition.

Bob King

Dave Walker has devised a new way of scaring off seagulls humanely; jumping in full Elvis attire, singing the King's greatest hits and swooping in over them. It doesn't sound humane to me! It did however create interest in the Sunday Mirror.

The latest must-have fashion accessory at the DZ is a brand new Javelin Odyssey. Paul Scott went one better and gave his an earthy look, giving a whole new meaning to the phrase 'dirt dive'. Welcome back to Rob Mitchell and get well soon. The word is they want you to go back to the USA and re-build the wall.

Dave Saville is a hat; he's just come clean. Pig Airlines are now flying over Bridlington. The fact that Andrew 'Baggy' Collins has just passed his Cat 8 has nothing to do with it!

Calling all the 'ladies': the two bronzed/chiselled Adonises (masquerading as Simon Cathrine and Alan Westerman) are planning to do a nude jump. Free sick bags and smelling salts come with every jump ticket. Bets are odds on that they want to do a rodeo!

Paul Simms

Bridlington Achievements

First freefall	Peter Hardaker
Cat 8	Paul Scott, Helen Moon, Lindsay Potter Andrew 'Baggy' Collins
FS1	Lara Jordan, Vicki Hasler
2 hrs freefall	Tracy Bartley, Paul Simms

Jump Numbers

50	Jason Ellam
100	Lara Jordan
200	Vicki Hasler
900	Phil Lyall (out of the mock-up!)



Baggy, Colin, Phil L, Vicki, Simon, Christine, Paul S & Phil R on their trip to Wild Geese Skydiving Centre



BLACK KNIGHTS



The close of 2002 saw another sell-out BKPC Christmas party hosted at Thurnham Mill. Many awards were presented from Freestyle Packer of the Year (gratefully accepted by Rob McVey), to the prestigious 2002 Turf-surfer Award (to Neil Sharples and his tiny pocket rocket canopy). We're pleased to see Dean Thorpe recognised as the Student of the Year for his enthusiasm and progression. Dean received a trophy and sponsorship of WARP progression jumps (pictured left).

Dave and Mo in the canteen turned out an excellent Christmas meal at the end of December, which everyone enjoyed. We were glad to see that discounted turkey sandwiches were not on the menu in the new year!

We only closed the centre for two days over the holiday period by request so enjoyed a very busy start to 2003. All those mince pies and drinks certainly seemed to have improved everyone's fast fall skills! Preventive maintenance on the runway has been paying off with us able to keep flying despite the wet weather.

Jeff Illidge

Black Knights Achievements

Cat 8	Michael Bridge, Michael Romanek
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Jump Numbers

200	Chris Ince
2,700	Jeff Illidge
1,000 tandems	Billy Sharples

HINTON



Rob Stevenson

XLerate your skills

Along with other Hinton jumpers I've just completed the XL Challenge, an intensive coaching week with British National 4-way Champions, *Sebastian XL* in Florida, combining jumps with tunnel time, pictured above and below.

The challenge was tailored on a jump by jump basis to meet our individual skill levels. If the rest of the group advanced at a different pace to you, this wasn't a problem. *XL* worked with us one-on-one or two-on-two. They videoed and fully debriefed each jump, picking out the good points in a jump and then adding new skills, boosting confidence.

XL have over 26 years of skydiving experience between them and it shows. They talk with authority and their advice works. They thoroughly enjoy what they do and their enthusiasm is contagious. For myself, as the least experienced jumper, the learning curve was ballistic and I had a jaw-dropping transformation in my skydiving skills.

Words and group photo below by Colin Hicklin



Rob, Patrick, Beryl, John, Ben, Gibbo, Emma, Dave, Phil, Colin and XL's Pete, John, Thomas & Steve

Christmas & New Year

December saw most of the club regulars fly off to warmer climates. Maddie Moore wins the 'Who can say the most stupid thing to USA customs' award, with a quip about an AK47 which cost her over £700. (We all know what a good sense of humour Customs have!) I think just about every Kalashnikov/machine gun joke has been used but if anyone knows any more, let us know.

Christmas saw a fantastic bonfire and fireworks party at Steve and Elaine Parks's house where I think we must have set off most of the fireworks in Northamptonshire! Steve and Elaine are currently apologising to the neighbours. If anyone in the Northants area sees a silver, remote-controlled blimp could they please return it to Steve. (Ivan liberated it by accident.)

Congratulations to Dave Luke and Nicola Dwyer on their engagement. The Nomad is back and will stay until the Beaver takes over at the end of April.

Caroline White

Hinton Achievements

FS1 Sam Matthews

Jump Numbers

300	Mike Sheehan
	Steve Stringer
400	Elaine Parks
5,000	Geoff Wood
2,000 tandems	Dave Luke



ST ANDREWS



Adrian Asbury...

As a surprise for the regular jumpers and to prove that the cold didn't affect him, our CCI organised the first ever night jumps at St Andrews. All the regulars and some new faces gathered anxiously. Once the day's jumping had finished everyone helped to set up lights on the runway and landing area. When it was sufficiently dark jumping commenced. We started with jumps from 5,000 ft for first timers then did formation and freely lifts. Most people did at least two jumps and everyone thanked Alan in the usual manner with drinks at the bar!

Photos: Freddy



...and Sofia Kirkham over Empuria

After enduring moans of the regulars at the centre being closed over Christmas, Alan finally caved in and agreed to stay open. So 2002 ended with our new year party, giving an opportunity for everyone to thank Alan, Brian and Sandy for their hard work in building the centre to what it is. It was a great night's drinking in front of the fire that Andy kindly kept going. Our chief pilot, Sandy is currently on his way to pick up our new, eagerly anticipated Cessna 206.

Gordon Morison

PETERLEE



A door for the C182 is in the pipeline and a bar still a possibility by Easter. We're also hoping to get a Let for early April. The centre may close on 30-31 March for the aircraft's C of A. A special mention goes to Andy Howe for his boxing prowess, apparently he's being lined up to fight Mike Tyson next!



Three British deaf skydivers, Alan Thompson, Stuart Wilson & Tim Powell

Annual Awards

Most Progressed Student
Most Persistent Student
Most Entertaining Landing
NE Uni Parachute Club

Paul McCormick
Richard Head
Dave Taylor
Durham University

Achievements

IC1
Paul McCormick
Richard Head
Guy Radcliffe

Jane Robertson

TARGET

Achievements

First freefall Caitlin Rogers
Laura McDermott
Matt King
Graduated AFF Laura McDermott
Cat 8 Julie Hutton
IC1 Will Powell
Kerry Short
FS1 Liz George
Will Powell
Kerry Short

Jump Numbers

100 Geetha Naranayanan
200 Tom Hibberd
300 Calvin Blacker
600 Alan Russell
1,000 Tony O'Leary
1,400 Noel Purcell



We had an excellent Christmas party and dinner; thanks to Nick Battles for singing and Dan & Co for DJ-ing.

Algarve Winter Boogie

Those who went to the Algarve had a fab time. It was nice to see so many Brits out there; it was like a mini Hibble on tour. On Niki's first jump she managed to land in a small field surrounded by an 8ft barbed wire fence (but it was Buzz Lightyear who rescued you, wasn't it?) We can't forget her unfortunate landing either (see left). She says she landed standing up but do we believe her?! Poor Tom had a mal after a 30-way carnage jump but we'll blame Tony for that. Noel and Tony were tandem students for the first time. Geetha and I had the funniest 6-way ever with Tim Carter and Danny Jessop falling belly to earth — worth seeing, believe me, thanks to Emma and Ben too.

We nearly got the boozier closed down but I think the Strath clan had something to do with that. The Crow's Nest's favourite customers were

our karaoke kings, Chris Southy and Roo (yes, I have photos). I never want to hear 'You've lost that loving feeling' again!

We adopted Kerry the South African (the poor girl didn't know what she'd got herself into), we'll see you soon at Hib. Derrick fell down a 4ft drop into a ditch full of dirty water outside the car park. Ruth said she would've helped but was laughing too much! He rescued his phone and his beer, so that's ok.

Algarve Spring Boogie

We hope to see you all there on 1 March to 21 April when we'll do it all over again.

Hannah Swallow



LANGAR

NRG by Gary Wainwright



Langar Christmas Party

The Langar Christmas party attracted a record 130+ people and had all the required ingredients: alcohol, food, alcohol, music, alcohol, presents for everyone, and, of course, alcohol. We had a fantastic time and were particularly pleased that the charity raffle in aid of Cancer Research UK raised over £2,000. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes including Sunpath, Bev Suits, SkyVenture, Shannon Pilcher and BPS Langar.

'Never The Bride' played for us again and were as brilliant as ever. Everyone got into the Christmas party spirit including organisers Sally, Martine, Alex and Jill who managed to relax and let their hair down once things had gone to plan. Thanks girls!

Showers Promised!

Dave Hickling's end-of-year address summed up a record-breaking year for Langar and we're expecting even more from 2003. Dave announced the imminent construction of a hangar at Langar (volunteers needed!) and in an unguarded moment, also promised new showers (must have been drinking...)

Honoured

The Annual BPS Student of Year award went to Paul Monaghan (pictured bottom left) and well deserved it was too. Our very own Dylis Price received an OBE in the New Year Honours list. See page 14.

Alex Stone & Tony Danbury

Langar Achievements

First Freefall	Chris Britton, Sam Jackson
Cat 8	Paul Rimmington, Clare Wilson David Garretty
FS1	Paul Cropper, Laura Hillas Michael Wilson-Roberts
IC1	Darren McGing
FF1	Andy Pike, Rich Wheatley

Jump Numbers

100	Angela Hickling
9,000	Dave Hickling



Photos: Tony Danbury



HEADCORN



Paul Stockwell

In December our illustrious chief instructor Pete Sizer had a bit of a surprise (surprise) when he took Cilla Black on a tandem jump (pictured above) for a new TV programme.

On our last day jumping in 2002, Jane Buckle managed three jumps even though she rarely ventures out in the cold! The staff organised an excellent Christmas dinner at a local pub which surprisingly had few casualties until the hangovers kicked in the following morning. We saw the year out as we saw it in, with a party in Wings. Those who can remember anything of it enjoyed it (even Alex doing his Frank Sinatra in Skid Row at 2am!). Congrats to Marky Mark and his girlfriend Jo who will be having a baby and to Polly Parrott and Maria who became engaged.

Ruth Cooper

Achievements

100 jumps James Wilson
FST & IC1 Michelle Theobald

A jubilee 15-way at Headcorn
Photo: Malcolm Darling



POPS



Louise Hawkins over Langar
Photo: Tony Danbury



The AGM has been and gone so there is a new top POP, Nils Hansen. I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last three years and expect to continue to see you at DZs and POPs meets in the future.

Last year was pretty full with a world meet and a new record as well as the usual local meets. This year we have a different format with main meet at Hibaldstow on the last weekend in June and an introduction to freefly at Sibson on 17-18 May. For this you will need to ensure that your equipment is suitable for freefly use, your rigger can advise on this.

Following on from the 27-way record last year, we will try to make it even bigger this year. Jack Felstead has agreed to organise it again and, if you want to take part, you should start to think about practicing in groups. It may be a long way off but we are starting to think about the 2004 world meet in Switzerland. Check the info on our website.

Pete Shew

New TOP POP – Nils Hansen:
0117 973 8341

Jack Felstead:
jack.felstead@connectfree.co.uk
www.thepops.org.uk

SSPA

The SSPA's Last Act

On Sunday 10 November 2002 the final act of the Scottish Sport Parachute Association (SSPA) was carried out by acting chairman Bunny McGeechan. Bunny handed over a cheque for £1,632, the total amount remaining in the SSPA coffers, to Billy Gollan of Paragon Skydiving to help alleviate difficulties brought on by an arson attack.

History

Members of the Scottish Parachute Club, Para Clan and the Golden Lions founded the SSPA in 1975. It existed to assist and promote skydiving in Scotland, a task it carried out over 27 years with various grants from the Scottish Sports Council. The vast majority of skydivers in Scotland have benefitted at some time from the SSPA. New jumpers will continue to benefit for many years, through equipment provided by the SSPA and from instructors whose training was sponsored by the SSPA.

The decision to wrap up the association was not taken lightly and was unanimously supported by the current members. It had become clear over the last four years that funding from the Sports Council was no longer available, mainly due to the way that grants are now awarded through lottery channels. Thank you to all the people who served on the SSPA, giving their time and expertise freely to help others. It was fitting that the last act of the SSPA was to help a Scottish drop zone.

Eddie Jones

SILVER STARS

What a year it has been for the team, we lost our plane but thanks to Tiggs and his Islander we finally got off to a flying start. We said goodbye to CCI Andy Paddock and hello to Steve Jelf. Carl Williams moved his operation from Wales and up to South Cerney to work along side the team, which at times has been interesting but still fun. Goodbye to Jeff Montgomery who leaves us for the Black Knights display team. Replacing Jeff is Rob Brown – mind you, no sooner had he arrived, he disappeared with our CCI to DeLand! The last operating weekend saw another successful night jump programme. Some of us tried some FS in the dark. All went well and we had a great night.

Stuart Miller-Hall

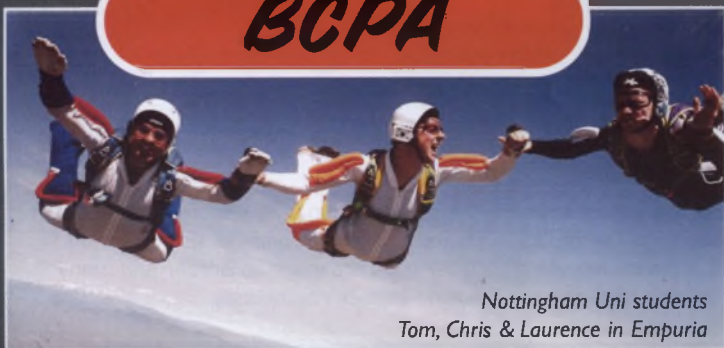
Achievements

FS1 Rob Brown
400 jumps Vancent (Big Al) Allen

Photo: Craig O'Brien



BCPA



*Nottingham Uni students
Tom, Chris & Laurence in Empuria*

November saw the first BCPA meet for this academic year, Freshers 2002 at Langar. Friday night passed in a blur as a result of the brilliantly low prices at the bar while skydivers drank themselves into oblivion, comfortable in the knowledge that barring an act of God, there would be no chance of jumping the next day. True to form, cloud-base the next morning was at approximately 2ft, so everyone was given plenty of time to wake up and come to their senses for refreshers and dz orientations.

Presentations on skydiving were prepared to while away the daylight and to stop the collegiates turning on each other out of sheer boredom. It appeared to work but the major event of the day was still ahead – the opening of the bar (again). Whilst most people were fighting to be the first at the bar,

the club captains met with the BCPA committee; an opportunity to find out what the clubs need, share ideas and get to know each other.

The party continued with a DJ who knew exactly how to please a group of glow-stick-wielding collegiates! Thanks to Steve Newman who did a fantastic job running the bar and thank you very much to Langar for helping get the academic year off to a successful start (despite no jumping whatsoever).

Many collegiates were lucky enough to jet off to sunnier lands for Christmas to beat off those winter blues! Spain, Portugal, and New Zealand all had British collegiates falling from their skies. Check the diary page inside the back cover for 2003 BCPA events.

Will Powell

Non BPA Affiliated centres

TEAM PUMPKIN

Christmas was spent in Elsinore where Steve 'Toxic' Tiller and Simon Webber both achieved more than 75 skydives on their trip. Steve has now started jumping camera and is filming everything he can, his best so far being the helicopter jump at Elsinore. TP welcomes new members from the winter AFF and Sky U courses, get your info into Sarah for the TP website asap! Congratulations to Jo Brookbanks on achieving her FS coach qualification. She was very busy on this trip, dealing with FS students as well as her assessment course.

Martin Williams

Charlie, Simon & Steve in Elsinore



Simon Webber

Drop Zone Focus

London Parachute School

DZ located off J6 of M40 in Oxfordshire
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Directions

From London (M40)

Exit the M40 at J6 and turn left, take the first right turn, signposted Lewknor and follow the road through the start of the village and take the first left turn. Follow this road and keep going through an S bend. The DZ is down a track on the left, which can be spotted looking power lines and a transformer box mounted on a pole.

From Birmingham

As above, except at J6 turn right.

Recommended Local Accommodation

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(Postcombe)

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Instructors

Val Slattery, Rob Zealley, Dick Barton, Dave Skinner, Los Cross

Pilots

Jason Bishop, Mike Westwood

Aircraft

Cessna 206	5 places
BN Islander on call	7 places

First Jump Courses

RAPS, Tandem, AFF

Jump Prices

Tandem	£220
RAPS continuation	£40
10,000ft	£18
5,000ft	£14

Altitude Restrictions

Maximum altitude is 10,000 feet.

Coaching

WARP, FS, CF

Load Organising

Load organising is free. Simply turn up, report to manifest and speak to Martin or Rachel.

DZ Attractions

LPS is a small, friendly club that places an emphasis on having fun. We welcome any visiting jumpers and all have a good time. Owner, Operator and CCI Chris Francis is also owner of Border Parachute Centre in Northumberland. Regular trips are made to Border and many students complete their training here and they have no altitude restrictions.

DZ Accommodation

You can camp at LPS by prior arrangement.



Food & Drink

A catering trailer offers hot and cold drinks, burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, crisps and snacks. There's the pub, the Leathern Bottle nearby which offers really good food at reasonable prices. Most Sunday afternoons after jumping are spent here! We have barbecues on bank holidays too.

Local Attractions

The DZ is right near the Chiltern Hills which forms a ridge making an impressive walkway. High Wycombe is 15 minutes away and has a great shopping centre.

View from a visiting jumper

"When I arrived at London PC, the first thing that hit me was how friendly everyone was. Load organising was simple and I didn't have any trouble finding someone to jump with. I had a great day and was made to feel very welcome even though I'd never been there before. I've been going back ever since."

BPA Affiliated Drop Zones



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W/days/Fax: 01772 717 624
www.bkpc.co.uk info@bkpc.co.uk

Open: W/ends, bank hols, mid week by arrangement 8am - 8pm
First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 185

FS WP

2 Border Parachute Centre

Brunton Airfield, Chathill, Northumberland NE67 5ER
Tel: 01665 589 000 Fax: 01494 444 326
cjlpara@hotmail.com www.borderparachute.co.uk

Open: Tue-Thu by arrangement, Fri-Sun, 9am - dark
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206, Islander

LO FS CF AC WP

3 British Parachute Schools

Langar Airfield, Langar, Nottingham NG13 9HY
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Open: Every day 9am - 8pm (or sunset), 10am start Sun
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Turbolet (summer), Cessna 206, Grand Caravan

LO FS FF WP

4 British Skysports, Bridlington

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Aircraft: Cessna 206

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5 Cornwall Parachute Club

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Open: Oct - April W/ends, May - Sept Wed-Fri 8.30am - sunset
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna 206 or Islander

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6 Devon & Somerset Parachute School

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First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206

FS CF WP SU

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AC	accuracy		bar
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7 Headcorn Parachute Centre

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Open: Tue-Fri 9am - dark, (winter Mon 1pm - dusk)
W/ends & bank hols 8.30am - dusk

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Turbolet (May-Sept), Beaver (Oct-April), Islander

LO FS CF FF AC WP SU

8 Hinton Skydiving Centre

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Open: Tue-Fri 9am - 7pm, W/ends 8am - late
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206, Turbolet

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9 London Parachute School

31 Green Street, Hazlemere, Bucks HP15 7RA
Drop Zone located off Junction 6 of M40
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info@londonparachuteschool.com
www.londonparachuteschool.com

Open: Weekends 9am - dusk
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem, AFF
Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206

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10 Merlin Parachute Centre

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Aircraft: Islander

FS CF AC

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12 North West Parachute Centre

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Aircraft: Turbolet 410 (Mar-Dec), Islander

LO FS CF FF AC WP

13 Paragon Skydiving

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Aircraft: Cessna 182

WP

14 Peterborough Parachute Centre

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LO FS FF WP SU

15 Peterlee Parachute Centre

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FS

16 Skydive Redlands

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Aircraft: Various

LO FS

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First Jump Courses: tandem, squares AFF
Aircraft: Cessna 182, Islander

AC WP

18 Skydive St Andrews

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First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 185, Cessna 206, Turbine & Islander by arrangement

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19 Skydive Strathallan

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Aircraft: Turbine (Summer), 2 x Cessna 206

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20 Target Skysports

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21 The Parachute Centre

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First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: 2 x Cessna 206

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22 UK Parachuting

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23 Wild Geese Skydive Centre

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First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan

FS WP

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A Army Parachute Association

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