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editorial

It's been such a busy summer this Mag is almost entirely devoted to the exciting stuff that's been going on. We've seen record turnouts at the Artistic and FS Nationals – fifty 4-way and ten 8-way teams! It's been such a pleasure to work on these articles this year as we've been sent loads of photos. Keep it up, it's fabulous to see the interest – even though it's a lot to wade through, I have 450 images in my Artistic Nationals folder and 800 in FS!

We've saved some as possible images for the BPA Calendar. It's not too late to enter – closing date is 15 October, so get that CD burned and in the post. Even better, email your entry, as the post strike played havoc with this Mag, we had to make various alternative arrangements at the eleventh hour.

Peterborough Paracentre very wisely sent Mark Harris in personally to deliver their women's wingsuit record pics so you can feast your eyes on them. Congratulations to all involved. One of our smaller clubs, the Black Knights at Cockerham had a Monster Month in July with Mike Fitzgerald's Porter 'Godzilla' so we've a round-up of their many activities.

We also have drop-dead gorgeous images from the two most popular large aircraft boogies, Espace and the Swedish Herc Boogie. I wasn't going to include both but the pictures were so lovely I couldn't deny you the pleasure of looking at them!

Next issue we'll cover the Langar Boogie where all manner of records were broken, including Milko's 2-point 50-way (largest UK sequential) and the Brit Chicks 60-way. We didn't have time to turn that around for this issue so you'll have to make do with the cover, featuring our very own Al and Swifty, now famous all over the world but here enjoying life at home at Langar.



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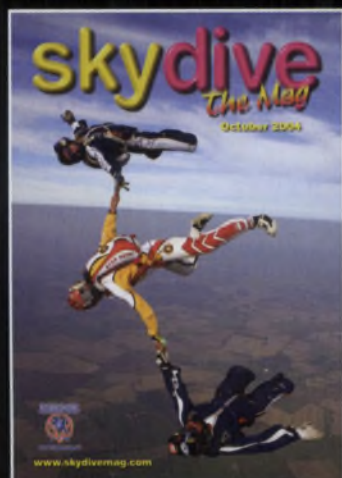
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One for the Girls...



Mike Evans

Two exceptionally persuasive sweeties (Jude Goodman and Jo Malone) used their charm on Mr BirdMan Himself, Jari Kuosma, to convince him to come to Sibson and coach our very first wingsuit festival in mid August.

Obviously, the added incentive of organising the first UK women's wingsuit record (unofficial at the moment) meant he could hardly refuse! Fortunately the weather was wingsuit wonderful and over two days a total of 144 BirdPerson jumps were completed; 81 by the boys and 63 by the girls. Sarah Hall and Dan Witchalls experienced wingsuit flying for the first time and Mark Harris earned his BirdMan Instructor qualification.

It was a fantastic weekend with great vibes and a super chilled atmosphere. Big thanks to Jari for his fantastic coaching and non-stop smiles, Mark for his great photos, Sue and Stuart who sponsored one of the girls' jumps and the Red Bull girls who gave us that energy boost when it was most needed!

Sibson plans this to be an annual event with Jari's support. By next year it's anticipated an official FAI ratified women's wingsuit record will be possible... so all you chicks with suits or aspirations, watch Sibson Club News for record-breaking dates!



Jari Kuosma and Winnie Chang



Jude Goodman, Sarah Hall, Vicky Kilby and Caroline Allen



Jari Kuosma landing at Peterborough Parachute Centre





From the Wingsuit Virgin....

I'd had my wingsuit for a few months but not got around to jumping it yet – like quite a few on the drop zone, not mentioning any names! It wasn't that I was scared as such (no siree!) but, as with anything new, I wanted to be sure I was ready. I guess for me it was the deployment that put me off, I was worried that I was going to go unstable. At Sibson's Wingsuit Festival, after due consideration and a thorough briefing, I borrowed a suitable rig, hooked up my wingsuit and off I flew...

Everything went perfectly and the deployment – which I wasn't looking forward to – was fantastic! It was certainly a different experience. I had just the biggest smile when I landed!

On my second jump I decided to join the other girls to see if I could keep up. Jari was base and the plan was to fly in a line as close to him as possible. There were a few of us a little high or low but we were all pretty much there. On the fifth jump I succeeded my goal of a hand dock with Jari.

The next day the plan was to fly slot perfect. Caroline and I were to hold a solid 2-way base for the BirdGirls to fly to whilst Jari would whizz round the sky watching each of us to give us any advice on technique. On the first jump Caroline and I held a dock for most of the jump, which flew great, but we didn't have enough forward speed for the other girls to get to us easily. So on the next jump we did the same but without the dock. I looked to my left and right and could see that we were all there, six of us flying in a line. So we've now got the unofficial girls' record – well done chicks!

Congratulations also to the boys, who did some fantastic flocks of their own, led by David Haygarth and Mark Harris.

Sarah Hall

Bird Men and Women

Adam Macateer
Caroline Allen
Dan Witchalls
David Bailey
David Fish
David Haygarth
Jari Kuosma
Jo Malone
Jude Goodman
Jules Hoults

Mark Harris
Paul Lomax
Rob Silver
Sarah Hall
Simon Larcombe
Simon Webber
Steve Tiller
Vicky Kilby
Winnie Chang

Caroline Allen and Sarah Hall



Images: Mark Harris



Is Wingsuiting For You?

It's actually more accessible than you may think. The BPA guidelines set a minimum of 500 jumps. Speak with your CCI first, get a thorough briefing, a properly fitting suit and off you can fly.

It's reassuring when you realise that you can reach your handles and carry out your emergency drills whilst fully zipped up. With a break-off at 5,500 ft and dumping out at 4,500 feet there is plenty of time to unzip your legs and sort everything out before making a landing approach. I've had some hairy twists sometimes but, because they've all been at a reasonably high altitude and under a consistently performing canopy, I've managed to kick them out whilst completely zipped up. And, although I haven't used the quick release system, it is comforting to know it's there if needed!

I hadn't really thought of trying wingsuiting until I saw the BirdMan stand at the last Eloy Christmas Boogie. They had some demo suits and instruction available so I wandered over. Before I knew it I was laced into a suit, waddling like a penguin to the emplaning point and running over my drills as I climbed to altitude. Of the nine jumps I did there, the first few were a bit wobbly as if I was balancing on a beach ball but I soon got the hang of flying the suit. It's always great to try something new in the sport, a different perspective, a new skill – I thoroughly recommend it!

Caroline Allen

Jari Kuosma, Adam Macateer, Dave Haygarth and Winnie Chang



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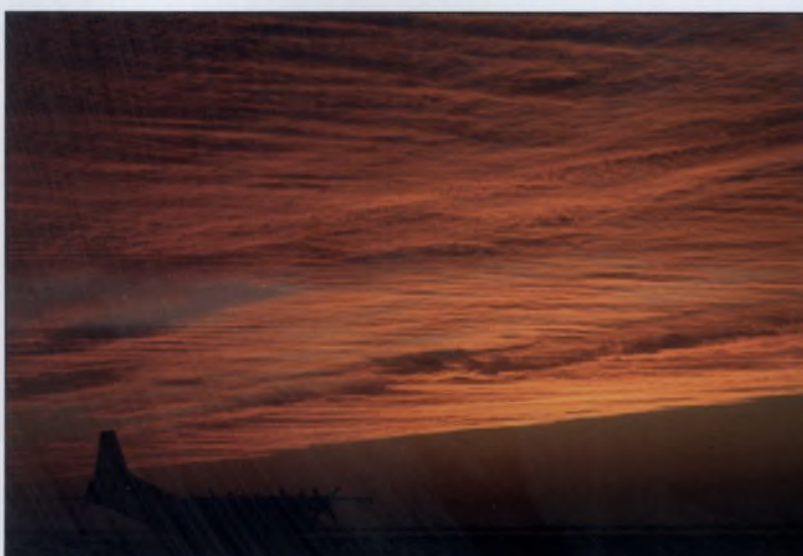
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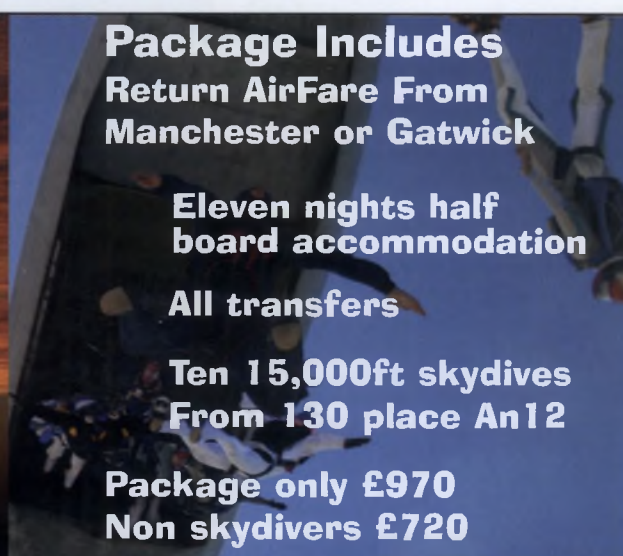


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Agenda

- 1 To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Accounts of the Association and the Report of the Auditors for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.
- 2 To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
- 3 To set the Provisional Membership Subscription for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2005.

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1 September 2004

BPA Ltd



Notice is hereby given that the thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at The Hanover International Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire on Saturday 22 January 2005 at 1030.

Agenda

- 1 To receive and adopt, if approved, the report of the Chairman of Council.
- 2 To consider any items of Special Business*.
- 3 To set subscriptions payable by non-provisional Members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2005.
- 4 To close the formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

Other items of business

- a To announce the result of the election for the 2005 Council of the BPA.
- b To present various annual awards.

***Note:** Members are reminded that under Article 31 of the Articles of Association, only such business as is notified to the BPA in writing, at least 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (by midnight on Monday 13 December 2004) can be included under agenda item 2, Special Business.

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The AGM with presentations, talks, meetings and the BPA Dinner Dance will again be held at the Hanover International Hotel on the A5 Watling Street at Hinckley, Leicestershire. The AGM is free. Dinner tickets cost £23 from the BPA Office, by credit/debit card or cheque. Overnight accommodation costs inc breakfast and parking are:

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Competitions

YOUR OPINION WANTED!

4-way FS Categories

We would like your views on whether to amend our system to make it more like the European Skydiving League (ESL). With ESL we have the opportunity to compete on an international scale whilst still at home. You jump local aircraft but use the same draw as other countries at the same time. ESL compares results and culminates in a final where the top three national teams per class meet up and battle it out. (The venue is bid for by participating countries.)

Lesley and I met with representatives from Finland, Belgium, Norway, Germany, Holland & USA at the recent Herc Boogie to discuss if and how we could align our structures. The differences are not major.

ESL gives prizes in each class – this year trophies, medals and tunnel time. ESL/NSL does not do logbook checks as they have a system of trust; teams enter the class which is most appropriate and are encouraged to move up. All classes are working towards AAA (senior) using the full FAI pool.

The ESL/BPA format can be compared in the table to the right. (NSL is America's National Skydiving League which uses the same system as ESL)

Exhibition Space

There will be an exhibition of services, equipment and clothing, etc, for the enjoyment of skydiving in the UK. Exhibition space is free but you must book in advance with the BPA Office. We look forward to welcoming back regular exhibitors, as well as meeting some new ones.

AGM Seminars

We're planning the afternoon seminars that are such a popular feature of AGM day. If you have any suggested topics let us know by email. We can't guarantee anything but aim for a balance of information, education and entertainment.

Interpreters

We're looking for people who can sign to interpret for deaf BPA members at the AGM and seminars. If you can help, or know someone who can, please contact the BPA Office.



GRAND PRIZE TABLE

As of 10 Sep 04

Senior	Place	Points
4 Motion	1	44
Double Vision	2	41
Wizards	3	40
Yes, Yes, Oh Yeah!	4	31
V2	5	24
Swingers	6	20
Spank the Champ	7	15
Spank	7	15
NRG	9	11
Misstral	10	10
Pot Noodle	11	9
Army 4	12	7
Dunno	13	5
Jinx	13	5
Heat	15	4
NSP	16	3

Intermediate	Place	Points
South Parc	1	90
Optic	2	66
Evolution	3	39
Orbital	4	21
X Chicks	5	20
S Sense	6	16
Last Resort	6	16
Let's Get Horny	8	15
Dynamix	9	14
Helix	10	11
ENV	11	7
Damn	11	7
Blurred Vision	11	7
GrrBed	14	5
Beaver	14	5
Pot Noodle	16	4

Junior	Place	Points
Spanish Fly	1	51
Quake	2	35
4 Better, 4 Worse	2	35
Aspect	4	25
No Angels	5	20
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Airworks	9	11
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Fat Boys	15	7
Escondido	15	7
Flying Circus	17	5
Shadow Peaks	17	5
Submarine Business	19	4
Frog & Rasbits	20	3

Beth's Award

BPA member Beth Richards was awarded a bursary by the Royal Aero Club to improve her freeflying. The awards are aimed at young people wishing to upgrade their airsports skills. Beth, a law student from Lancaster University only started jumping last year, but took control of her uni skydiving club growing it from zero members to over 60! Her love of the sport rubs off on all around her.

Thanks to the award Beth, now with over 150 jumps, has done one-on-one coached jumps with National Freefly Champion Tim Porter at the Black Knights at Cockerham. Beth was delighted saying "I hope this is just the beginning as the last 12 months has truly been the best of my life".

Trudy's 25 Years



Trudy Kemp, PA to the Technical and Safety Officers, has worked at the BPA for 25 years! She was awarded with a crystal decanter and glasses and a music centre by Chairman Chris Allen at the August Council meeting – plus a Certificate of Endurance! Trudy, who joined the BPA from college in 1979, is now looking forward to her next 25 years!

Stand for Council

Could your knowledge and skills help our sport? Anyone can stand for election to next year's Council – get a nomination form and start lobbying! The Nomination Form is available from the BPA website, the BPA Office or your local BPA centre. It must be completed by a proposer and second, and returned to the BPA Office by noon on Monday 25 October 2004.

Photo from the Espace Boogie by Laic Jean-Albert

ESL / NSL	BPA
AAA – 5-6 points All 16 random formations All 22 blocks 35 seconds working time	Senior – 5-6 points All 16 random formations All 22 blocks 35 seconds working time
AA – 4-5 points All 16 random formations 16 blocks – 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22 35 seconds working time	Intermediate – 3-4 points 12 random formations 12 blocks – 2,4,5,6,7,9,11,13,14,17,19,21 35 seconds working time
A – 3-4 points All 16 random formations 8 blocks – 2,4,6,7,8,9,19,21 35 seconds working time	
Rookie – 3 points All 16 random formations No blocks 50 seconds working time	Junior – 3 points 12 random formations No blocks 35 seconds working time

Similarities

AAA / Senior

Here parity is clear and has enabled competitions to be run using a shared draw already.

AA

This class perhaps does not align too well with current categories.

A / Intermediate

This class is close, with only a few differences (four extra randoms and fewer blocks with one block new).

Rookie / Junior

This class is similar (four extra randoms and a longer working time.) The Rookie class can be subject to home nation rules (35 seconds and maybe a set of defined first formations for launch) to help host DZs.

At the moment ESL nations wish to proceed with AAA and A class for the ESL meets, keeping AA out of it and Rookie being non-international.

With this in mind winning teams at the senior and intermediate Nationals were invited to Spa, Belgium to represent UK in the ESL finals. Intermediate UK Champions Optic went over – and won! Well done!

What do you think?

Send your thoughts in this format please:

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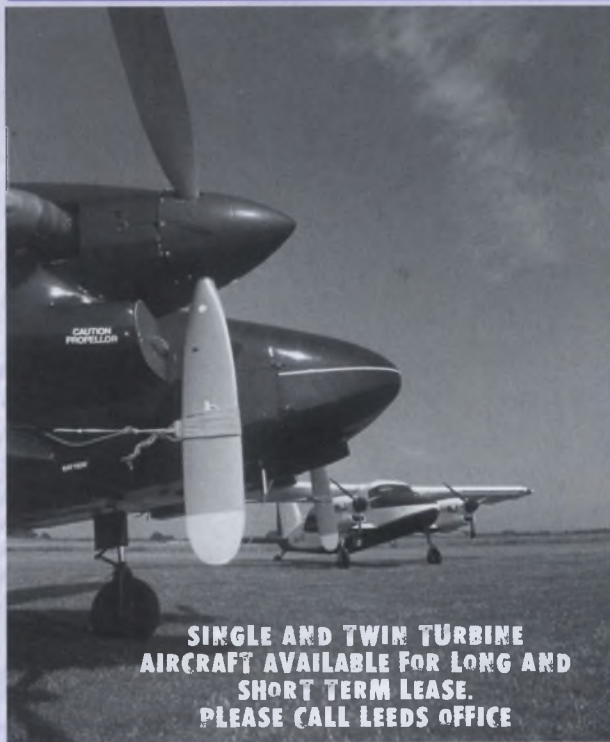
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FS Nationals

4-way



Darren Birkin

Wow – what a meet! It was the biggest and best FS Nationals yet with 50 teams turning up to compete at Target Skysports. Three Dornier G92s and pilots battled the weather all weekend and managed to get all of the teams jumped. It took 141 G92 lifts to complete the competition, with 2,060 individual descents in 18 hours of flying time over the three days.

The week running up to the competition saw the drop zone gradually fill up as teams arrived early to familiarise themselves with the DZ and get some last minute training in. Coaching was available from John McIver and Steve Hamilton from XL. The camping area was a sea of tents by Friday 30 July with barely a blade of spare grass to be seen anywhere.

Over the weekend we ate and drank our way through 100 loaves of bread, 600 evening meals, 40 cases of water, 8 bottles of vodka, 6 bottles of Sambuca, 5 bottles of Tequila, 32 cases of Becks and 40 cases of Corona!

The staff at Hibaldstow drop zone worked around the clock to ensure everything ran smoothly and everyone was up at the crack of dawn on Saturday to get the competition started. However, the morning was overcast and we all waited and waited and waited with mounting frustration for the mist to clear... which it did at about 2pm and we were off.

Junior

The junior category was hotly contested from the outset. Always the largest of the three categories there were 23 teams this year and at the halfway mark just two points separated the top three teams.

Inter

Intermediates was no less competitive with 14 teams battling it out. Round 3 proved to be a high scoring round for the intermediate teams and South Parc notched up an impressive 18 point score giving them the lead at the end of the first day.

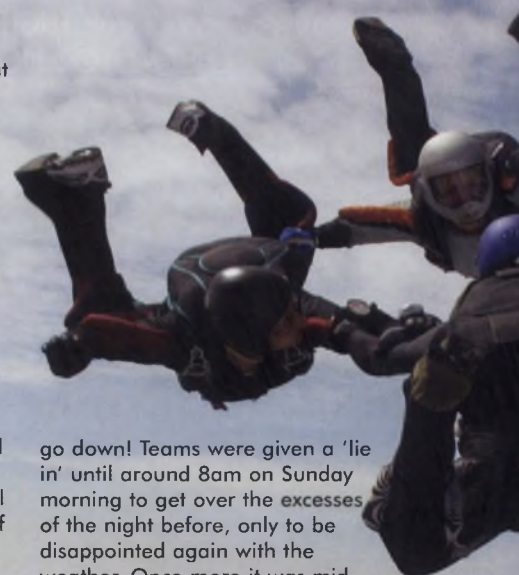
Senior

With the absence of top teams XL and VMax, the senior category was wide open with several teams posting some impressive scores in the first round and Spank, V2, Wizards and NRG all in close contention for the medals at the end of day 1.

Jumping continued as long as the light would allow in order to catch up the time lost at the start of the day but most people still managed to find time to wind down in the bar with a beer at the end of the day, even if it was just while waiting for the queue for the showers to



Background photo: Bingo Wings by Nick Clarke



go down! Teams were given a 'lie in' until around 8am on Sunday morning to get over the excesses of the night before, only to be disappointed again with the weather. Once more it was mid afternoon before we were able to start jumping.

Once the weather cleared the Dorniers were taking off thick and fast and all teams managed to



Greg Reid



Optic by Andy Wright



Quake by Gary Wainwright



Senior Gold – Wizards



Senior Silver – Spank



Senior Bronze – NRG

Prizegiving photos: Colin Bridges



4-Motion by Gary Wainwright

get within one or two rounds of completing the competition by the time we had to shut down on Sunday evening. One or two lucky teams managed to complete their rounds on Sunday and were able to really let their hair down in the bar with the band that was booked to entertain everyone well into the small hours of Monday morning.

Exceptional

The skydiving was exceptional and the competition in all categories only got closer, giving judges Kate, Bob, Karla, Liz, Frank, Ruth and Dona a run for their money as teams were fighting for every possible last point.

Senior Results

Monday started much the same as Saturday and Sunday, but cleared a lot quicker and the nail-biting finish was on. Six teams progressed to the final two rounds of the senior competition, with just four teams qualifying for round 10. The final score saw Wizards take the gold with Spank hot on their heels in second place and NRG just beating V2 to the bronze medal position.

Intermediate Medals

The final intermediate round couldn't have been closer with just three points

separating the top four teams. In the end Optic took gold with South Parc in silver and Let's Get Horny in bronze medal position. X-Chix were just one point behind in fourth place.

Junior Finish

No Angels took the junior gold with some impressive scores and a double figure average, Quake and the Red Devils battled it out in a close fight for second and third place respectively.

Electric

The atmosphere was electric all weekend and I didn't speak to anyone who hadn't had lots of fun and learnt loads – whether it was from the experience of competition, the coaching from the abundance of hugely experienced skydivers, or just learning how mad the post-Nationals party really is – it's worth going just for the social!

That's it for another year but I look forward to seeing you all at the Nationals in 2005, let's see if we can break all the records again!

Karen Bain

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V2 by Gary Wainwright



Inter Gold – Optic



Inter Silver – South Parc



Inter Bronze – Let's Get Horny



Wizards by Andy Wright

4-way Results

Senior		Ave
1	Wizards	14.70
2	Spank	14.40
3	NRG	13.20
4	V2	13.10
5	Army 4	12.22
6	Jinx	11.78
7	NSP	11.13
7	Heat	11.13
9	4 Motion	10.88
10	Misstral	10.50
11	2K-4	8.50
12	PDQ	5.75
13	Dominatrix	5.50

Intermediate		Ave
1	Optic	10.60
2	South Parc	10.38
3	Let's Get Horny	10.38
4	X-Chix	10.25
5	Damn	9.38
6	Helix	9.13
6	Beaver	9.13
8	Orbital	8.88
9	Evolution	8.75
10	S-Sense	8.25
11	Dynamix	7.88
12	Boolean	7.50
13	Pot Noodle	7.13
14	Magic Roundabout	5.63

Junior		Ave
1	No Angels	10.38
2	Quake	9.13
3	Red Devils	9.00
4	Tex & Beavers	8.00
5	Escondido	6.75
6	Shadow Peaks	6.25
6	Submarine Business	6.25
8	Frog & Rosbifs	5.88
9	Psychosis	5.75
10	Aspect	5.63
11	Spanish Fly	5.50
11	1 Non Blonde	5.50
13	eXile	5.00
14	Tom & Jerry	4.50
15	Rene Gold	4.25
16	Murphy's Law	4.00
17	Oblivion	3.63
17	Pigsty	3.63
19	Cautious	3.50
20	Phatt Boyz	2.38
21	4 Better 4 Worse	2.13
22	Kit on Call	1.88
22	Bingo Wings	1.88

Full scores: www.bpa.org.uk

European Skydiving League

A new addition to our competition calendar this year is the European Skydiving League (ESL) which links meets held in different countries. (See Page 13). The top teams from the intermediate and senior categories in the Nationals were invited to attend the ESL finals in Belgium on 3-5 September. Congratulations to Optic who won the Single A (Intermediate) category!



Background photo: Army 4 by Gary Wainwright



Junior Gold - No Angels



Junior Silver - Quake

FS

Nationals

8-way



Om by Craig O'Brien

As the first frame's video of the deciding jump-off appeared on the Omniskore, tensions were at breaking point. Some people muttered. Some started shaking. Others wore out worry beads or hopped from foot to foot while perspiration glands went into overdrive. The judges pulled themselves together to make a call to finish off the tightest competition in the history of British skydiving.



Darren Birkin

This was new ground for 8-way – a competition arena that brutally exposes a team's slightest weakness, and traditionally results in a lot of very rounded numbers on the scoreboard! To get a competition finish with so much a stake – including a place at the World Cup next year for the winners of the intermediate competition – and so little to separate the teams is exactly what the sport required.

For ten teams to show up for the two classes of 8-way is also a bit of a result. Three in the seniors, seven for intermediate... some 90 competitors, many fresh and competition-ready from the the 4-way Nationals held the weekend before.

Background photo: VNE



Senior Gold – VNE



Senior Silver – Om



Senior Bronze – Box of Frogs

Ashley Keates

Senior

Clever money was on VNE walking away with the seniors. Even brain dead stupid money was on this result, as VNE are so far ahead of any other 8-way team this country has ever produced, they are capable of slaughtering the opposition even when under-prepared, hungover and over partied... a trick they've been rehearsing most of the year! Om, in second place showed that the judges giveth, and the judges taketh away. When the busts start, the hard fought 8-way points disappear faster than you can say "That was never a high grip". Many useful tips were learnt in preparation for the World Championships in Croatia in September, which will hopefully reduce the tendency to tiny scores in an otherwise respectable sequence. Box of Frogs finished the seniors in bronze with just the slightest hint of tension in the team by the end of the meet.

Intermediate

It was the intermediates that ripped the weekend up, with scores that showed the awesome progress made by these teams during the last year. Last year a 1 point average got you a bronze medal; this year a 4.4 average would only win you a jump-off for the same prize.

Neck and Neck

Six out of the seven competing teams were in medal-winning positions during the meet. *International Space Kettles (ISK)* and *Tequila* had slow starts, lying in fifth and sixth spots after the first round, while *Sounds Grrr8* got off to a cracker. The next three rounds saw *ISK* claw back to the top of the standings with a three point lead, with *Tequila* putting up a blinding 8 in the fourth round. *Vision* put up consistent scores, despite being hit hardest by busts from judges Karla, Bob and Liz, all overseen by Kate.

Round 5 saw tension. *ISK* delivered their lowest score of the meet, reducing their lead to zero, giving *Sounds Grrr8* an opportunity to fight out for gold in a jump-off. The bronze medal was also desperately tight, with *Vision* and *Tequila* both just one point behind the leaders.

Jump-offs

Jump-off 1 saw the gold settled with *ISK* scoring a very solid 5 points, one ahead of *Sounds Grrr8*. It's really hard to look pleased with a silver when you've been that close to the gold, and with the right to jump at the World Cup next year going to the winning team. *Grrr8* tried really hard to look chuffed. Nobody believed them for a second.

The bronze was still undecided. Both *Vision* and *Tequila* scored an unimpressive 1, but lived to fight another round, so along came jump-off 2. By now this was the only game in town, with even the freeflyers taking an interest.

Complete room-fulls of people yelling at the TV screens as the jumps were judged. Competitors watching through fingers as the results came through. Agony on screen. Can't watch, can't not watch. 5 points to *Vision*. 5 points to *Tequila*. Jump-off number 3!

Nail-biting Finish

The two teams had exactly matched each other's scores for the last three rounds, everyone knew it was going to be close... 5 points to 4... *Vision* finally overtook *Tequila* to take the last medal, with the hardest-earned metalwork, closest battle and most nail-biting finish that anyone can remember. Who says 8-way isn't fun?

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8-way Results

Senior	Ave
1 VNE	13.00
2 Om	7.00
3 Box of Frogs	4.90

Intermediate

	Ave
1 International SK	4.67
2 Sounds Grrr8	4.50
3 Vision	4.13
4 Tequila	4.00
5 Them 'n' Us	3.60
6 Shatterproof	2.00
7 Plum 8	1.80



Inter Gold – International Space Kettles



Inter Silver -- Sounds Grrr8



Inter Bronze – Vision

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Monster Month at BKPC



This year the Black Knights Parachute Centre celebrates 40 years of skydiving over Cockerham, Lancashire. From the days of jumping out of Edgar Bibby's Cessna 182 at max 7,000ft on unmodified C9 rounds to the sport as it exists now, we have experienced more changes than anyone could imagine. To mark this event, the centre was opening for the whole of July. We were lucky enough to get some publicity from the local media with BBC radio coming down to do a five minute feature and a few regional publications running articles.

For a special aircraft we chose Mick Fitzgerald's Turbine Pilatus Porter F-GODZ 'Godzilla' that operates at Gap, France. This modified 750 horsepower Porter outpaced all the others at the 2003 World Meet, living up to its name. Mick, who started jumping at Cockerham, re-built this awesome jump plane from the ground up, not only is it fast – getting to 15,000' in around 12 minutes – it's finished beautifully and looks awesome.

BKPC Cockerham is one of the smaller BPA centres, so we had hitherto only offered seminars and coaching on a small informal level. Now, Jeff planned a raft of events for July. We wanted to enjoy ourselves so equal efforts went into ensuring the DZ would deliver post jump entertainment, good food and drink and all facilities.

With frightening speed July was upon us. Jeff had somehow managed to book the whole of the month off from his difficult job of tasting beer at Interbrew in Preston. His biggest worry was not suffering withdrawal symptoms from a month without beer; God only knows we had enough at the centre to float a battleship! But, as co-coordinator of the month, he wanted everything to go to plan.

1st July arrived and what a beautiful sight it was to have the Porter in the skies above the centre! Unfortunately we only had time to unload the kit and tie the aircraft down before the wind and rain arrived. Not the start we'd planned! But soon we were enjoying the Porter's stunning performance with other aircraft we spotted on the climb to altitude seeming to drop out of the sky as we powered past.

8-way Grand Prix

The first weekend saw the BPA 8-way Grand Prix, Karla Cole had flown over from Germany and got the train to Lancaster where Cliff picked her up. His briefing included telling her to look for the two ugliest people on the DZ and you will have found Phil and Jeff. The upsetting thing was that she found us straight away!



The fun had started and Karla did not know when there was a wind-up going on. From being shown the meagre six trays of beers we had bought for the weekend to meeting Jeff returning to the centre at 8am after his 'five mile run', she had to think twice about everything that was said. Monday was her birthday as we found out in the Manor Inn late Sunday night. She kept telling us she didn't drink and had to leave early in the morning. A birthday is only once every year so who are we to let a little thing like that stop us. Back in Cliff's caravan she couldn't stop laughing every time Jeff came in with his 'magic coat' filled with bottles and shots clinking with every movement. The night ended when Cliff measured his length on the floor knocking over the pyramid of shot glasses we had built!

Karla Cole

For those in the sport who have not met Karla, it is worth having a competition just to get her there. As well as being a great judge she brought a real energy to the DZ, for instance she organised a hangar creeper 8-way competition when the weather was too bad to jump which kept everyone busy and having fun.

After two rounds on Sunday medals were presented. Our home scratch team BKPC 8 came last in FS but they blew everyone away when it came to accuracy; unlike VNE & Om they seemed to be able to land on the drop zone. For the first time at an FS meet, medals were presented for accuracy. Well done the team and thanks to winners VNE & silver medallists Om for helping the local lads with plenty of coaching advice.

It was great to see Ian Matthews of VNE back on our DZ where he started his skydiving life. At the end of the meet he organised a 'no pressure' dive for Jeff and Phil to jump with members of VNE and Lesley Gale. Nice one Ian, enjoy yourself as a married man.

Coaching by Tim Porter

Tim Porter and his partner Tracey took time out of their busy schedule to spend nearly a week with us. His coaching is top notch and should be taken on right from your first attempt at freefly not 'I've done 20 freefly jumps, now I think it's time to get some advice'. Freefly is no different to any other aspect of our sport in this respect so invest the time and money and progress more safely and quickly. Beth Richards from the Lancaster University Skydiving Club won a bursary from the Royal Aero Club through BKPC, the first skydiving recipient (normally they go to other flying activities). She wisely spent the award being coached by Tim and saw fantastic progression, well done Beth.

The Red Bull promotion girls came in their Red Bull Mini can car and provided samples to keep everyone active during the busy times. The Porter can really move and we were backing up four lifts at a time.

Wing Tips

Chris Lynch's Wing Tips courses made us sit up and re-evaluate our canopy handling. Over the two day course, as the weather started to deteriorate, the canopy handling just got better. 22 people attended and everyone came away having learnt a great





deal. The one unfortunate incident was Danny Rowlands on the first day (and the start of his holiday!) who broke his ankle on what looked a perfectly normal landing. He ended up having it pinned and, to everyone's surprise, he was back on the DZ a few days later.

A slightly less debilitating landing was performed by our own Dean Thorpe who managed to swoop in with deadly accuracy to hit a highly explosive cow pat! Lucky Chris was on hand filming our landings for debriefs so we were able to enjoy Dean's 'crap' landing time and time again. Since the course we've noticed a few digital altis appearing and people making more consistent swoop approaches whilst staying out of the 'corner'. Chris's visit ended with him organising a cool sunset tracking dive.

Flight Simulator

Danny had spent months preparing a flight simulator programming the DZ and F-GODZ aircraft perfectly in every detail. This was projected onto a big screen and used to run a landing competition. Danny had not envisaged spending the month looking after the PC but he stuck with it and raised quite a bit of money for a local charity. The CD is available in the BKPC shop for anyone who wants a copy.

Canopy Formation Roadshow

The CF roadshow had been an area of concern as not many BKPC jumpers had experienced canopy formation. We needn't have worried. The three days were excellently organised by Steve Saunders, Ian Marshall and their team from Hinton. These guys are so into this aspect their enthusiasm rubs off on everyone. Awards were made at the end of the course and we look forward to seeing them all again. We were all impressed by Biff's new found interest in Morris dancing. I think he has as much chance of getting Ian or any of the BKs to take part, as hell freezing over!

CF and Classics Grand Prix

Their party skills were rewarded when they were presented with a bottle of pink champagne at the CF and Classics Grand Prix weekend 70's party, which saw some brilliant fancy dress. Rumour has it that pictures of some of the University girls in their mini skirts now adorn the walls of the club in Gap thanks to one of the French pilots (a dead ringer for Ice in Top Gun).

Tandems

The lure of the Porter tempted a few family members to make tandem skydives. Ian & Julie Green's daughter Rachel made her first jump with mum and dad joining her. Rachel enjoyed it so much she now wants to do AFF. Three jumping family members – sounds expensive! Billy Sharples, one of our tandem instructors took his daughter Louise on a tandem too. Every spare camera helmet on the DZ was included as the rest of the plane was filled with jumpers coming along for the fun. Billy was clearly buzzing as was Louise who summarised the jump as 'Top banana!'

Students

The most important people in this sport are our students and at Cockerham we always give them the attention and encouragement they deserve. A look at our club news achievements list speaks for itself. One happy student was Gavin Clark who came down from Errol with his young family and was four jumps short of his Cat 8.





The next day he was a well pleased qualified intermediate parachutist. They came out with us and the pilot for a night at Blackpool pleasure beach. Afterwards we were making our way up the promenade, in three vehicles covered in skydiving adverts when about 200 yards short of the tower, two base jumpers opened up right in front of us. It was nothing to do with us but the timing couldn't have been better to have enjoyed a grandstand view of the freefall rebels. Of course the next day, the centre was crawling with the press!

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Rob McVey & Mike Pascoe

The Joke's on Ben

Behind the scenes there is always a lot of work going on to keep a DZ running smoothly. Every day was an early start for young Ben Henshall. Come rain or shine he was up at the crack of dawn preparing the runway for use. I don't know how many miles he put on that tractor throughout each day but he was always on the go. He didn't always get a good night's sleep due to a spate of DZ practical jokes which escalated over the month. He found cooked onion rings in his sleeping bag, mattress, kit bag, pillow and any other place we could find; pepper and mustard powder on pillows and broken crackers in his bed. His answer was to fight back with bread on top of the caravans so that the feeding seagulls woke all the occupants!

Social Events

The DZ was upgraded with additional showers hired and washing machines plumbed in for people who stayed for the whole month. The large barn was cleared out and became a secondary creeper area. It was also decked out with lighting and seating for around 60+ people where the big meals, Sunday roasts and barbecues were held. The first disco was also held in here but later events moved into the hangar with all of the tables arranged outside. PC Roadshows entertained everyone well into the nights and were later rewarded with a tandem skydive each. Maureen Ashton opened Mo's Cafe everyday for breakfasts, meals and drinks. In the evenings, Hilda Henshall and Anne Taylor provided the food so no one had to leave the DZ. With the lovely Stella always on hand, the evening get-togethers were a winner.

Record Breaking

The maximum number of lifts in one day was 27 which, with 18 the previous day broke the record for the number of jumps in a weekend at Cockerham. We broke this again on the final weekend when we did 46 lifts, all to 15,000ft (with crew on oxygen). Despite losing seven days to bad weather we managed to do over 2,500 descents from the Porter. Many people came to visit from every part of the country and we've been astounded by the number of emails, website guestbook entries and personal letters (& 24 packs, thanks Gavin) that have been received. It was hard work to set up the Monster Month but such rewards make the effort worthwhile. A big thanks to all of you out there and watch this space as we'll be back next year, bigger and better.

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Brian Vacher has been appointed as an AFF Instructor. Brian has a wealth of experience as an instructor and International FS competitor.

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Artistic EVENTS Nationals



Deb Clarke of Tumbleweed by Jim Weir

A record number of 24 teams entered this year's Artistic Nationals at Target Skysports, Hibaldstow, held alongside the 8-way FS Nationals. The three-day event saw all disciplines completed in two days – despite some poor weather – with some familiar names once again collecting medals and a memorable party led by DJ Doom on Sunday night. There were a total of 80 Dornier loads with 1,150 descents from the first wheels off on Saturday morning to close of play on Sunday, when some teams opted to end the meet a round early so the prizegiving and partying could begin.

It was an exciting meet this year with serious juggling for medals at the top while other teams entered mainly for competition experience. The Nationals is pretty much the only competitive event for artistic disciplines in the UK, so is one of the few times teams can meet to compare and evaluate their performance. It was once seen as a place only for elite skydivers, but now jumpers view it as a genuinely progressive event giving us all something to aim for and work towards. It's also a cracking social weekend!

Compulsory and Free Rounds

Two of the seven rounds for the A classes are now mandatory, with teams performing specific

freeflying moves in a set order with the number of points totted up, just like FS. It meant, as one member of 8-way FS team Om commented, that finally flat flyers had an idea of 'what this stuff is all about.'

Other rounds were free rounds, giving teams the chance to show what they could do. While the compulsory rounds mean teams can be compared, point for point, the free rounds are when we discover just how inventive freeflyers, freestylers and skysurfers can be. This year saw the unveiling of some moves new to the UK, particularly from third time freefly A winners *Free Jive* who showed us back to back carving – something not even imagined let alone tried here before.

Freestyle

The free rounds also gave dedicated freestyle A team *Tumbleweed* its first ever score of more than five (out of ten). So while it was beaten to silver place by *Style Jiver* (featuring two members of *Free Jive*), this personal best sent it off happy and with added confidence to the World Championships. In freestyle B members of two teams showed their versatility and competition enthusiasm, putting forward very credible performances.

Judging Criteria

Over in the freefly B (head-up) class, which this year had an unprecedented ten teams, there was

quick rethinking of plans once the scores for the first couple of rounds were posted. Judges Igor van Aperon and Sue Skull worked hard in the judging room yet still found time to talk to teams, offering unbiased advice and explaining the judging criteria outlined in the rules.

Many B class teams took the technical judging criteria literally and worked hard to show the movement skills mentioned in the guidelines, trying to move vertically, horizontally and perform multiple rotations in a flat, back-down, sideways and/or head-up attitude. Other teams concentrated more on the teamwork guideline and appeared to score



Freefly A Gold – Free Jive



Freefly A Silver – Space



Freefly A Bronze – Bullet



Wiggle & Stretch by Andrew Lovemore



Space by Rob Simpson



Freefly B Gold – Cock & Foxes



Freefly B Silver – Homesick Fridge



Freefly B Bronze – Vertical Insanity



Freestyle A Gold – Style Jiver



Robbie Powell of Project Airwave by Gary Dawes

higher. Complicated dives practiced on training camps involving back flying, flat-flying and all manner of barrel rolls were quickly ditched by several teams in favour of neatly executed and pretty looking somersault-to-dock type manoeuvres.

While some B teams had practiced a different free dive for each round, several decided to repeat their 'best' round to score highly. This was a tip shared by the grown-ups in the head-down A class who pretty much repeated a favoured free routine, with subtle changes.

Freefly B

Freefly B winners Laura Kenyon and Claire McMahon of Netheravon based Cock and Foxes were delighted. "It has been wicked. We just didn't want to embarrass ourselves and we ended up with the gold! We would encourage everyone to enter," said Laura.

Freefly A

There was masses of interest in the A class freeflying with a battle between title holders *Free Jive* and newer teams *Space* and *Euphoria* in particular. *Space*, all non-professional skydivers, had been extensively trained by

renowned American freefly coach Max Cohn. They confidently took on *Free Jive*, 2003 national champions and home-grown talent of professional skydivers, who had one week's training in Norway. This team decided fresh, new and innovative moves rather than tried and tested old favourites was the way to attract the judges' attention and highest scores.

Onlookers wondered who was right when *Space* scored just 0.3 less than *Free Jive* in round 1, and 0.6 more in the compulsory round 2, making them the leaders going into round 3. It created an exciting competition, particularly with *Bullet* freefly school team from Langar snapping at all of their heels. *Free Jive* soon pulled ahead with a couple of particularly awesome rounds, including an 8.3 score, the highest so far achieved in Britain. They led for the rest of the event.

Skysurfing

Free Jive cameraflyer Tim Porter picked up a third gold medal by entering a 'scratch' open (non British) team with Andrej Dzus of Switzerland. *Project Airwave* worked hard to ignore a niggling existing injury to complete five rounds and took gold. *Bulletsurf*, of Langar's *Bullet* freefly school, gave a

worthwhile performance and was the only team to complete the competition.

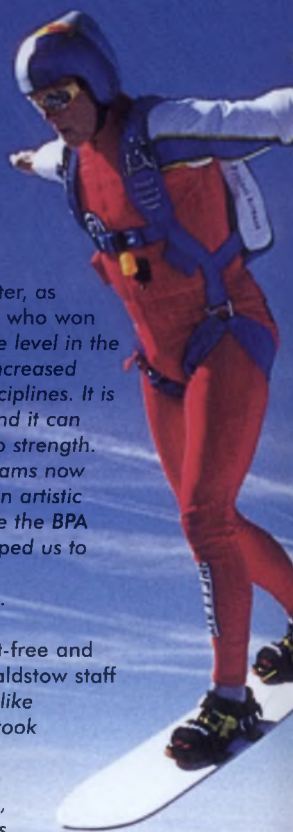
Buzzing

With so many artistic teams there was a great buzz about the drop zone, although freestyle and skysurfing are still disappointingly represented in this country and there are definitely medals up for grabs. Many jumpers gathered in the bar to watch the live video link to the judges' room, cheering good performances as scores were posted. There was much knowledge-sharing and tip-offering too. "We are competitors but we are always available to help. We are all learning and helping one another to move forward," said *Free Jive* performer Rob Silver. "The nationals has got to be such a good and big event because people come along and try it and learn."

This sharing of knowledge means British artistic skydiving is getting better, as cameraflyer Tim Porter, who won three golds, noted. "The level in the A and B category has increased since last year in all disciplines. It is really pleasing to see and it can only go from strength to strength. Given the amount of teams now and the high standard in artistic disciplines it is now time the BPA recognised this and helped us to move forward in world competition," he added.

A highly rated, incident-free and positive event, the Hibaldstow staff were happy too. "We'd like to thank all those who took part in the events. All competitors got into the spirit of the competition, helping the DZ to get as many loads up as efficiently as possible when the weather was good. It was very pleasing to have both the 8-way FS and the artistic events completed by Sunday afternoon," said Hannah Swallow. The many trophies, medals, flowers and bubbly were presented – and the partying began!

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Freestyle A Silver – Tumbleweed



Freestyle A Bronze – Fluffy



Freestyle B Gold – Pikestyle



Freestyle B Silver –



Free Jive by Martin Kristensen

Free Jive

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Results

Freestyle A		Pts
1	Free Jive	49.5
2	Space	42.9
3	Bullet	35.4
4	Euphoria	36.4
5	Toxic Green	w'drew

Freestyle B		Pts
1	Cock & Foxes	30.7
2	Homesick Fridge	30.6
3	Vertical Insanity	27.1
4	Lost Boys	23.2
5	FlyTrix	20.6
6	Foxes & Hound	20.0
7	Pikey	19.4
8	Cosmic Banditos	18.4
9	Wigel & Stretch	16.0
10	TITS	7.9

Freestyle A		Pts
1	Style Jiver	39.5
2	Tumbleweed	31.0
3	Fluffy	16.9

Freestyle B		Pts
1	Pikeystyle	8.7
2	Style Insanity	7.6

Skysurf A		Pts
1	(British) Airwave	17.9
1	(Open) Just Surf	20.4

Skysurf B		Pts
1	Bulletsurf	11.9
2	Plank	2.0

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Skysurf A Gold – Project Airwave



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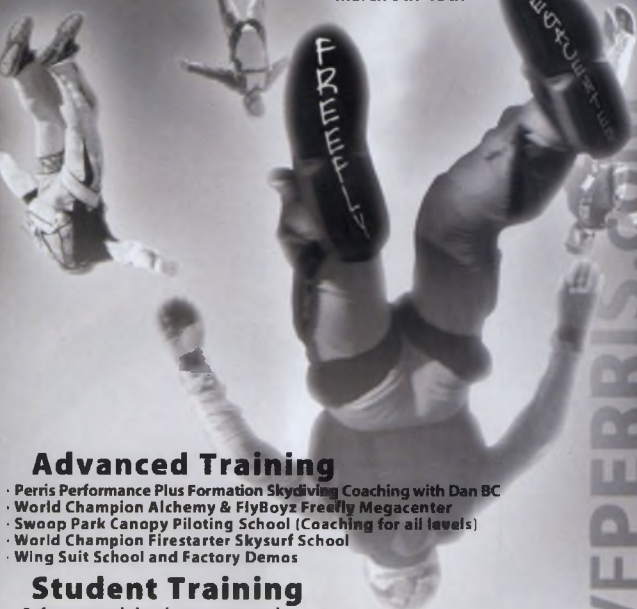
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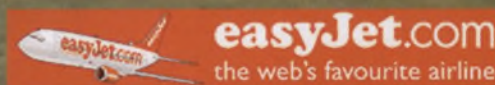
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Job done George has moved onto other 'interesting' areas, and Colin will be concentrating on his first love – photography. Thanks guys!



Sunpath Bulletin

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French wingsuit guru, and star of the amazing *Soul Flyers* DVD, Loic Jean-Albert, has designed, built and released onto the market a wingsuit which caters for first time wingsuit flyers or those who would love to soar but are worried about locking their arms to the side of their body in freefall, as is the case with all other wingsuits to date.

Loic and his company, Fly-Your-Body, call their new suit the *Access*, because both the price and the skill required to fly it, aid access into the world of the wingsuit. The *Access* is an entry level wingsuit with a comparable performance to the *Classic* model from BirdMan Inc; the *Classic* being BirdMan's starter model.

"The big difference" says Loic, "is that technique and price are very accessible" because you can safely jump the *Access* at a lower level of skydiving experience, and you can use your normal skydiving gear, pilot chute, and bridle. Other wingsuits require consideration to be given to the type of pilot chute and bridle used, and the boxing at the bottom of the main container to enable the bag to be extracted when opening with a lot of forward movement, main canopies also need to open softly and on-heading. However the *Access* sports a wing design which allows full arm movement to the jumper, achieved by the holding of grips on the sides of each wing while in flight. These grips may be released allowing the assumption of a normal 'box' position with arms forward.

If the novice feels "uncomfortable in flight", says Loic, "they may let the wings go and return to a normal body position". Also for canopy deployment, the grips are released and a normal flared-out opening position with arms forward can be achieved.

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Because the *Access* wings are hand-held they can be released to return to normal flight

It's all an Illusion

Those Boneheads in California have updated their popular open faced camera helmet the *Optik*. Now called the *Optik Illusion* this state-of-the-art camera helmet features both flat side and top camera platforms, the top one of which is shorter and wider than its predecessor.

The outstanding feature though is a revolutionary attachment system. The old chin cup has been replaced with a double ratcheted ladder-strap with a hinge to swing open, similar to the back closure on the company's *Flat-top Pro* full-face helmets. Bonehead call this system jaw-bone closure, which kind of resembles their *Rat Hat* design, as reported in August's *Kit News* – a kind of open faced full-face.

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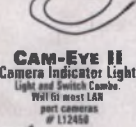
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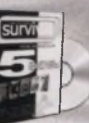
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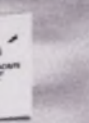
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Place
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Nordic Women's Record



The biannual Swedish Herc Boogie has been run for the last 22 years by the non-profit Gothenburg Skydiving Club. It remains the one place you have unrestricted use of a Herc for fun jumping; sometimes even two! The boogie brings the Herc experience to those who have not jumped anything bigger than Cessnas – and yes they were out there!

Infrastructure

The Gothenburg Skydiving Club set up the boogie drop zone at Hovby Airport, near Lidköping, on the shores of Sweden's largest inland body of water, Lake Vannern. It has a 3km paved runway and excellent landing facilities for skydivers. Everything is brought in; restaurant, bar, party area, bureau de change,

bank, PA system, computerised manifest, TVs, videos, showers, campsite and RV hookups. The fantastic effort by the members of the Gothenburg Skydiving Club to put in and operate the infrastructure for this boogie is amazing; they use their holiday time to do it, are all unpaid and only get to do 1-2 jumps at most.

Hercs

The Swedish Air Force provided the C-130's, each capable of lifting a payload of over 20 tons and with turnaround times that would shame a Super Otter! Every skydiver had their own seat and lap belt, and the military jumpmasters did the aircraft management including spotting which was impeccable. We

should also mention the amazing performance of their military 4-way team, demonstrating that booties are not vital as they turned 38 points in nothing more than DPMS and standard combat desert boots!

International Flavour

They mix of foreign jumpers made this a truly great boogie allowing people to make contacts worldwide for their travels. The organisers reflected this international set-up. From the US there was Chris De Bar, Bushman, BJ Worth, Kate Cooper, Larry Henderson, Richard 'Hutch' Hutchinson and ex-pats Derek Thomas and Gareth Holder. Also from the US, Brian Germain was on hand to take care of the freeflyers. From the UK came Lesley Gale, and

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for the wingsuit flyers, Andy Ford. From Finland, Markku Teivainen and the BirdMan himself, Jari Kuosma, and from Sweden, Matthias Nord and Niklas 'Turbo' Eklof.

Brits Abroad

Every organiser had their own tame video person. Gareth must have done something to annoy the committee the last time, because he got Adrian Thornton. If you haven't met him, just try imagining two separate gorillas dressed as one large banana. Mind you, Adrian did a fine job on the camera, and an even finer one of filling the smallest pair of Tesco's shorts imaginable. Adrian Nicholas was there shooting outstanding footage and proving a most articulate and funny compère each

evening on stage. It was great to see a good Brit representation with what seemed like half of Netheravon taking over the packing mats.

Video Highlights

Every evening in the bar the day's video, edited into a half-hour movie, became one of the highlights of the day. Also at this time, Andy Ford complaining that you never got to see any BirdMan footage provided another highlight.

Big-ways

For the regular jumpers the action was endless and the dives high quality. The FS jumpers were split into groups dependant on skill level and how successfully they had lied on their

form. Most started off in 20-ways or larger. It's a big aircraft and large formation boogie, the whole idea is to do big-way sequential. By the middle of the week some very nice big-ways and sequential were beginning. Mind you, we had some interesting funnels and take-outs to watch at night, mainly due to Derek Thomas's group, affectionately known as the Irish Bomb Squad! As with almost all groups though they showed tremendous improvement and completed a 25-way towards the end of the boogie with a little help from invited guests.

Firsts and Records

The Herc Boogie is always a good place for records and firsts. A new Nordic Women's record was set with a 45-way, organised by

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Adrian Nicholas



Andy Ford



A World Record f

our own Lesley Gale and somebody else's Kate Cooper. Later, the largest ever boogie formation was broken with a 78-way organised by BJ Worth that got in by a whisker. Many did their first BirdMan jumps, first flocks and first docks. Andy Ford & Jari Kuosma broke the world wingsuit flocking record on Friday, not that you'd know it from the video apparently. Each evening at 7pm, a Bell Long Ranger helicopter was provided for more jumping, more firsts and more free beer.

Jumping the Herc

It was only about five minutes from the ramp closing to it opening again on jump run. You could then experience the sensation of leaving the ramp, and slowing down to terminal velocity from the 135-knot jump run speed of the Hercules. You get about a half second of stillness, then you get hit with freefall speed

air. You don't need the floater and diver positions that you are used to from your jumps from slower aircraft, as these will carry you away from the base. It's a little strange at first, but after a while, you don't want to jump anything else. The most impressive part of this boogie could well be the ability of the wingsuit flyer to gain altitude on the Herc just after exit due to the fast slipstream, this was a major reason to try one and made for some great video (not that you ever got to see it!). Where else can you see the top of the aircraft you just left?

Numbers

Strict rules on canopy control and safety meant only three minor injuries and one broken leg (off landing) all week. This year registration was limited to 600 jumpers. For the first time in history, the limit was reached before the first

day. The loads were flying at 98% full but, because of logistics, some of the larger groups could only do 2-3 jumps a day whereas the smaller ones could do 5. Next boogie, the committee is looking at either reducing the numbers or seeing if they can increase the flying hours. If they do reduce the numbers, website pre-registration is definitely advisable. In 2002, with 450 participants, you could do as many jumps as you wanted.

Facilities

If you wanted to stop early and fancied a beer, you went into the Cage – a steel cage enclosing a bar and (thankfully) a porta-potty. Once you went inside and had a beer you couldn't come out until jumping was done.

There was actually hot water in the showers this year, another first for the Herc Boogie.



ck was achieved

Andy Ford

Mind you, they didn't dispense it for long, and the screams of the suitably refreshed could be heard regularly! It's a service that the committee keeps trying to improve upon year after year but, when 1,200 people all want to take a shower, there's not a lot you can do about it. (600 non jumpers registered as well as 600 skydivers.) There were more toilets too but, again, there only so much you can do for so many. Improvisation proved key here and Sweden's a big country.

Night Life

The food and bar were good. Amazingly the bar would stay open as long as there were people prepared to drink and, believe me, they came prepared. The nightlife was something else with a different band or DJ each evening after the video. One night when the band decided to leave early our very own Brit

camera guy and guitarist Ryan Mancey took the stage with his chick (Lucy) on vocals to much cheering. Every party brought a new surprise from naked Nordic guys playing the bugle to savage injuries sustained from what must be the most mammoth foam party of all time! (besides Another Planet at La Ferte for those who were there, aah the memories.)

The foam party was truly the highlight of the week. The bar and party hangar was lined with plastic and the airport fire truck filled it to waist height with foam. With a DJ on stage, this was one of the most bizarre and fun nights. Whoever decided to throw a thousand people into a room full of foam and provide drinks surely has a future in the entertainment industry. One of the cameramen was in there early the next morning ploughing through the foam looking for his camera!

The committee is already planning the next event and have asked for input from all who attended. Let them know what you would like to see again (hint: Gareth, Derro, Adrian, Lesley...!), and what should be changed. They really do care about what you think and will do everything they can to make the next Herc Boogie even more fun.

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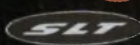
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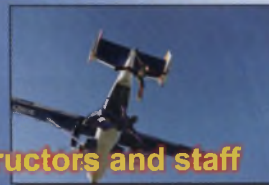


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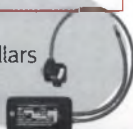


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Sue Waterfield
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We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, letters, flowers and caring support during Andrew Frew's recent illness and following his death.

Thanks to Andy's many friends in skydiving not only at Strathallan but also throughout the wider skydiving fraternity with whom he enjoyed most of his spare time. Special thanks to Kieran Brady for his eulogy to Andrew at his funeral service and to John the pilot from Errol for his presence during the service and his flypast for Andy following the service.

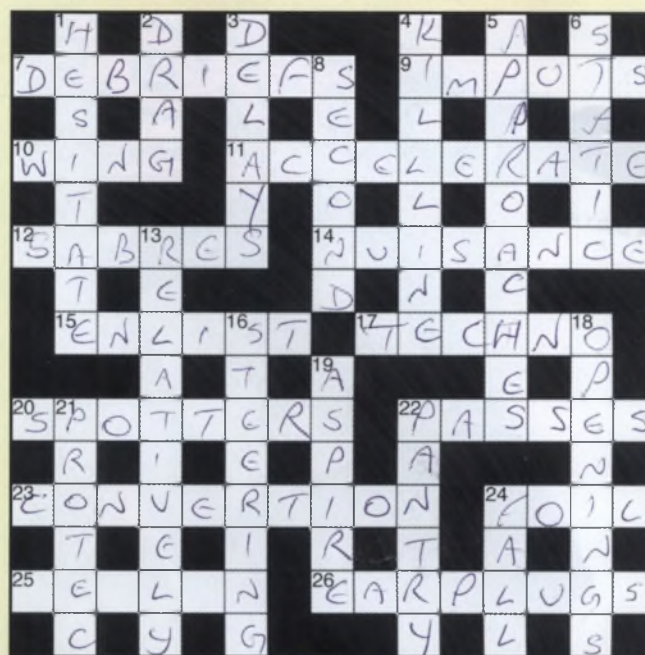
Our thanks also to everyone at Strathallan who allowed Andy's ashes to be scattered over the airfield and who helped and supported us and our wider family on this occasion.

Donations received following Andy's funeral have amounted to £2,650 and this has been shared equally between The Children's Leukaemia Ward at Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow and The Neurosurgery Unit at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. Once again our many, many thanks.

Robert, Jane & Alison Frew

Puzzle

by Paul Boorer



Main (Cryptic)

Across

7. Reviews of French cheese with hints of fennel and sage (8)
9. Putin's drunken contributions (6)
10. When not sick, willing to fly (4)
11. Go more with ace treacle concoction (10)
12. Elite regiment has British (English) weapons (6)
14. New American coins sound like trouble (8)
15. Join up broken tinsel (6)
17. Guted fish with no musical style (6)
20. They look out for Harry aboard ship (8)
22. Goes around and to the other side (6)
23. Change of vein. RC soon? (10)
24. Defeat France and Grease? (4)
25. Bird who charmed in Camelot (6)
26. Yet Wyatt's did not deafen him! (8)

Down

1. Botches it a teensy bit holding stall (8)
2. Pull first bit of dangling cloth (4)
3. Waits a while with the Spanish (6)
4. Kevin has had piece of pilot chute equipment (4-4)
5. Courses given by expert in Indians (10)
6. Frozen snow? (6)
8. A minute piece of silver (6)
13. How to approach a skydiver (10)
16. Controlling permutation of integers (8)
18. Parachutes are useless without these holes (8)
19. To want a pointy tower (6)
21. Mobile 'copter provides overhead cover (6)
22. Snoop about colonist's food store (6)
24. Everybody added to loud trip (4)

Reserve

Across

7. Talks over training jump
9. Feeds data to computer
10. Arm-limb of a bird
11. Speed up
12. PD canopies: cavalry weapons
14. Minor malfunction: pest
15. Sign up
17. Parachutes de France canopy
20. Lookouts
22. Run-ins: overtakes
23. A change to new deployment type
24. Thin metal sheet: square canopy
25. Old Yorkshire drop zone: jumpsuit manufacturer
26. Hearing defenders

Down

1. Pause, like a pilot chute
2. Air resistance
3. Freefall times
4. Pilot chute collapser (4-4)
5. Landing paths
6. Line attached to novice skydiver
8. Small unit of time
13. Not absolutely
16. Directing: using toggles
18. Deployments
19. Wish fervently for
21. Cheap 'n' cheerful helmet
22. Kitchen food store
24. Collapse

ACROSS
7. Debris, 9. Input, 10. Wing, 11. Accelerate, 12. Sabre, 14. Nuisance, 15. Enlist, 17. Techno, 20. Spotters, 22. Passes, 23. Conversion, 24. Coil, 25. Merlin, 26. Earplugs.
DOWN
1. Hesitate, 2. Drag, 3. Delays, 4. Kill-time, 5. Approaches, 6. Static, 8. Second, 13. Relatively, 16. Steering, 18. Openings, 19. Aspire, 21. Prote, 22. Bumpy, 24. Fall.

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COMPLETE RIG. Vector 3 container, stileto 135 approx 300 jumps. Reserve 150. Cyprcs included. 3 years old. Excellent condition, recently serviced. Grey. Cost: £1,100
Location: Cambridge.
Contact: Jim 01799 529393
Email: snowywhite1@hotmail.com

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Contact Andy Richardson
Tel: 01604 663064
Location: Northampton
Email: a-richardson@ti.com

CLASSIC TEARDROP Sabre 135, 300 jumps. Transfair reserve 128 medium harness, bright coloured. Main grey container VGC. Cost: £1,000
Location: Derby/Langar
Contact: Jenny
Tel: 01332 881018
Mobile: 07990 656606

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Location: Bristol
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Tel: 07974 301669
Email: irobbo67@hotmail.com

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Contact: Sam Link
Tel: 07810115255
Email: samlink999@hotmail.com

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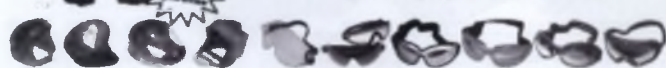
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Club News



Peterlee

3Fly by Alan Thompson

Achievements

1st Freefall & Grad AFF Cat 8

Cieron Londra
Chris Benstead
Richie Dunk
Mandy McGuinness

IC1

John Graham
Adam Potter

FS1

Karl Hearfield
Sam Del-Greco

FF1

Regan Tellow

FF2

Lindsay Widdall

CF1

Eric Hall

50 Jumps

John Graham
Adam Potter
Mark Long
Richie Dunk

100 Jumps

Graham Wilkins
Garry Lorrison
Stu Ferguson

200 Jumps

Sam Del-Greco

300 Jumps

Lindsay Widdall

400 Jumps

Dave Taylor
Paul McCormick

NUPC and DUFFC university clubs arranged a progression trip to Empuriabrava. A new unofficial circle of booze world record was achieved with 25 participants, beating the previous record of 20.

Spanish Fly continue to achieve with a bronze at the Hib Grand Prix and joint 11th in the Nationals with a 5.5 average, beating their 5 point target. Team 3 Fly are already training hard to compete in next year's Artistic Nationals. They are three from Glen, Tony, Alan and Mal (see pictures).

A few successful 8-ways meant BSCR and BSCS awards. The first 4-way canopy stack saw Eric Hall achieving his CF1. Eric's son Ian did a tandem with George McGuinness and George's daughter Mandy achieved her Cat 8 aged 16! John Hillam made his first jump back after eleven months off skydiving due to illness. John will be joining the instructing staff. The McGuinnesses are now permanent fixtures after

Spanish Fly by Alan Thompson



moving all their worldly goods south of the border. There is still an enquiry going on as to how they got over Hadrian's Wall (only joking guys).

Regan's going to work at Empuriabrava, but the circle of booze will live on in Rego's memory. Dave and Lizzy are off to work in New Zealand for a year, with Linzi also going to NZ to seek her fortune. We wish them all the best of luck. We'd like to welcome the new faces around the DZ.

Paul McCormick

Del, Stu & Richie



Spanish Fly by Alan Thompson



3Fly by Paul McCormick



Hinton

Elaine Park, Duncan Humphreys, Clare Murphy and Steve Baldwin did their first demos and Sandie Keith did her first balloon jump. AFF student Chris Higgins became the first person to mistake Croughton Military Airbase for the DZ. After landing some two miles off he was surrounded by a welcome(?) committee of armed guards who were a little surprised! He was then released into police custody for questioning.

Clare and Elaine arranged a surprise party for Caroline's 30th birthday. Unusually for the DZ it was such a well kept secret Caroline nearly missed it! In the end we had to confess and, despite being a couple of hours late and having a steaming headache, Caroline made a star appearance. Georgina Wood, Geoff Wood's daughter has got her FS1 in an amazing 39 jumps and is still going strong. Congratulations to Gee Watkins who's just become our chief pilot.

We may have to add a 'Stupid Injury' category to our end of season awards, with various non skydiving-related casualties – everything from a broken collar bone to a badly strained groin. The collar bone was broken attempting a 360° turn... on a mountain bike! After a few weeks of healing it was broken again... while trying to read a map and ride a mountain bike! There is a vicious rumour that the person in question is me. No comment – but it hurts like hell.

Brucie Johnson



Tomo by Helen Catroll

Achievements

Cat 8 Wayne Dobson
Rob Franklin
Damien Hewitt
Chris Higgins
Rob Joiner
Peter McDonald
Duncan McGregor
Joe Scott
Michael Scott
Andy Speed
Vince Wilson

FS1 Dave Joyner
Chris Kelly
Tony Walden
Georgina Wood

CF1 Bob Miller

Jump Numbers

50 Beth Halliday
Peter Lindstrand
Duncan McGregor
Georgina Wood

100 Brian Cumming
Dave Joyner
Jez Price
Leni Siddons

200 Neil Foreman

300 Duncan Humphreys

600 Clare Murphy

700 Mike Beeden
Bob Miller

900 Elaine Park
Baz Zarour

1,500 Julie Woodrow
Dorian Harwood

1,800 Ralph Mitchell
Mike Pera

Wild Geese



It was great to see Martin Williams and Team Pumpkin. Everyone managed to get a few jumps, even though the weather was not kind – we even managed to have a BBQ between the showers.

The regulars have got the bit firmly between their teeth and are competing for slots in a club & Irish record formation of 18. We have so many very good up and coming jumpers that some of us old hands are getting worried!

The club has installed a new state of the art classroom so

we were able to turn the old one into a jumpers' clubhouse (The Gooky Room) complete with soft seats, video, DVD & beer cooler. Nice one Maggie!

John McCourt

Achievements

First Freefall

Martin McLaughlin

IC1

Kenny Rooney

Robert Madden

IC1 & FS1

Rod McCarty

100 Jumps

James Lally

Dunkeswell

Rowan Hydes by Skydive UK

We would like to do a few night jumps towards the end of the year so if interested please let the DZ know so things can be organised. The Christmas bash is going to be held on 4 December at Fishponds House. The dress code is half beach wear and half ball wear... whichever way around! It should be a great crack, if you want tickets speak to Leanne or Dan on 07834 383 567.

Dan Batchelor



UK Parachuting

With AFF and RAPS courses, IC1 briefings, packing lessons, accuracy competitions and coaching, the club is bringing East Anglia's skydivers out of the woodwork. Tigs brought us an Islander full of skydivers for a weekend of fun jumping, BBQs and serious drinking in July. The Dream Team (Jason, Tomo, Grant, Tex and Chris) demonstrated top class instruction at the DZ and expert red wine quaffing at the Gamekeeper. We're looking forward to seeing more club members enjoying the chilled out vibe at the DZ and the not-entirely-sober atmosphere at the local pub.

Grant Richards

Achievements

First Freefall

Annie Glasius
Richard Gardner

Cat 8

Duncan MacDonald
Ollie Clutterbuck
Alec Birch
Vincent Lam
Kelvin Ware
Kelly Russell
Mark Leinster
Dave Foreman-Doody
Lee Goodyear
Alex Mewha
Stu Faulkner

IC1

Kate Morris
Andrea MacLeod
Stef Daunt

FS1

Ed Kalaher

FF1

Andrea MacLeod

FF1 & FF2

Gary Wainwright

Jump Numbers

50

John Coxon
Kate Morris
Jesse Karadia
Stu Faulkner
Dan Milek

100

Graham Tew
Lee Attenborough

200

Hannah Betts
Andrea MacLeod
Graham Marchment
Mark Coleman

300

Jo Snodin

600

Lisa James
Tom Hartland
Vicki Priest

800

Paul Henderson
Ivor Flowers

900

Elaine Curtis

1,200

Craig Poxon

3,000

Gary Wainwright

Hours Freefall

1 Kate Morris

24 Andy Brass

Langar

Our pilot Paul had his fifteen minutes of fame in Hollyoaks, playing the part of, well, a jump pilot. We have a new pilot called Steve and our chief pilot Angela recently got to jump out of our latest aircraft, D-FBPS after flying it for 150 hours.

It's been the season for Nationals. In senior FS we had *Misstral*, representing England in the World Championships (*Misstral* T-shirts for sale at Langar – support the British girls!). *4-Motion* came in ninth, and *NRG* had a nail-biting finish, bringing back a well deserved bronze. *Pot Noodle* represented us in intermediates and *Submarine Business* in juniors. With only 27 training jumps, all-girl junior team *No Angels* brought home gold! In Artistic, Steve Newman and Martin Reynolds flew away with gold in Skysurf B and bronze in Freestyle A. Nice one lads! In Freestyle B, *Lost Boys* (Al and Swifty) came fourth. Langar hosted the CF Nationals and team *Cenobites*

(mostly Langar jumpers) won gold in the 8-way Speed.

Dean Fisher, who has been jumping since the year dot, has found something new: BirdMan. He can often be seen waddling around the DZ... then he puts his BirdMan suit on and becomes Dean 'King' Fisher.

We welcome the return of Sonny Ford, jumping again after a bit of an accident a year ago. It's good to have you back Sonny.

Our new bar man Hennie has started doing barbeques on Saturday evenings and is also cooking up some interesting party themes. If there are any uni students out there (especially you club presidents!) who'd like to know what we have planned, drop me a line at lisa@bpslangar.co.uk

Finally, I have a favour to ask. Our photo board is so outdated the photos are in sepia and Queen Victoria can be seen in the background! So if you have any suitable photos, please bring them in to me, Lisa. Ta my dears!

Lisa James

Tony Danbury



NRG & No Angels won medals at the FS Nationals
Photo: Tony Danbury



Strathallan

First Freefall

Stuart Lawson
Fraser Maitland
Scott Robertson
Sergei Rulikovsky
Madeline Daly
Brendan Keenan

Cat 8

Alan Embleton
Ralph 'Spanky' Davidson
Bernie Carroll

IC1 & 50 Jumps

Bill Williamson
John Callaghan
Andrew 'Sweep' Coulton

700 Jumps

Russell Hollingworth



Sam Bailey

Jim Stevenson



Vicky Tittle & friends



South Parc at Chris & Tarnya's Wedding by Bev Fairhurst



It's been a summer of gorgeous blue-sky days and not so gorgeous torrential rain. Stuart even took a swim on the runway at one point! Tube dives organised by Fishy and friends plus *After 8* (Grantley, Steve, Nicole, Bat, Simes, Bob, Simon and Simon) who jump together every Saturday have produced some great dives and vibes. Lots of tracking has been led by Matt Robinson, Alex and Brian plus the usual head, sit and Atomnauti dives with Mark, Brian and Jimmy. It was fantastic to see *Another Planet* back at Sibson; Darryl, Rob, Jim and others, hope to see you again soon guys.

We have welcomed some new faces and look forward to seeing them again. Some were overwhelmed with the jump numbers they managed in a day, one or two ex Pumpkins were seen falling asleep in their beer after a seven jump day, guys, you know who you are!

Ronnie returned from Africa for a short holiday, produced his golden ticket, and did some fun jumping with Mr Gaffney and Mr Connery. Bit of a dilemma for Kev, whether he should ground the previous CCI for being in the basement! Kev thought not, but regardless Ronnie didn't care as he was back out to Africa the following day for three months!

Congratulations to all on the student progression week, particularly the guys from UCL, great weather afforded the opportunity to do a truckload of jumps and really move forward. Mike Evans did a sterling job coaching.

A big well done to all the Sibson teams



After 8 by Sarah Hall

that competed at Nationals, *South Parc* produced a brilliant result winning a silver, also well done to Vicky Kilby, Jude Goodman and Darren Casey for the Artistic Nationals. We congratulate Auntie Loo & Keith on the arrival of Sam, and Chris & Tarnya Hollis on their wedding.

It's been party night most weekends at Birdland Bar; Kev and a few of the staff and regulars have played Met Roulette once or twice and lost. Thankfully years of commitment to hard partying has produced a rapid recovery rate in most of us. Hats off to John Wragge who demonstrated total commitment by appearing in the bar for a pint only a few hours post shoulder dislocation! See pages 6-9 for our Wingsuit Festival & new women's record. Sibson is currently in midthroee of the Lancaster Boogie... see next issue!

Lizzie Harris

Achievements First Freefall

Dmitri Tkatchev
Hugh Martin
Tom Bell
Lewis Dartnell
Vicky Tittle
Rebecca Austin

Cat 8

Andrew Hughes
FS1
John Parker
400
Mike Evans
1,000
Jules Hoult

Bridlington

Derro and Kyle Thomas at the Herc Boogie by Adrian Nicholas

Dave Saville's new Odyssey has arrived after what seemed like forever. He's like a kid with a new toy. New camera jumpers Lara Walker and Rob Nelson are proving to be excellent videographers and are giving tips to Dave Walker who's having problems focussing his attention on the tandem. There are so many other things to check out! Helen Moon is up to her eyeballs in editing jobs as the computer techno wiz.

Sadie Sutcliffe has moved to Scarborough. Lodging with Dave and Lara Walker she's been looking after Lara who had her bunions operated on and had pots on both feet. Lara has made an excellent job of manifesting and DZ control and her sun tan looks all the better for it. A source of great childish games was her electric wheelchair which she spent less time in than Birchie who seemed to have a natural ability.

A new addition is the Cessna 182. Dave Walker is thrilled because he just loves to do tandems with that wheel strut by the door. Congratulations to James Birchall for his first demo. Filey beach was an excellent choice, the crowd was huge and we got a massive cheer – but mine seemed to be the loudest! (Being the only girlie!) We welcomed Kyle Thomas back for a brief visit.

This month saw the loss of Noddy the DZ cat and chief pest control agent although DZ dog Teal'c is currently in training to take over.

Tracy Pollitt



Mark Newby by Lara Walker

Achievements Cat 8

Keith Brooksbank
50 Jumps
Sadie Sutcliffe
Kyle Thomas
200 Jumps
Rob Nelson
Helen Moon
400 Jumps
Ken Wharton
7,000 Jumps
Nick Johnston



Lofty & Grace Thomas

With Walter away in Iraq, the pressure is on our remaining cameraman Chik but he seems to be bearing up. His latest chat-up line is a cracker: 'I've got a Canon on my helmet. Want to see?'

Irene's cruise to the Med is now but a distant memory but I'm sure she really prefers sunny Errol. Our midsummer barbeque was a real hoot – especially as Billy supplied the beers! He also supplied 'women's beer' as well. (A Dundee expression for alcopops we assume.) Gavin's steak looked like a good vet would bring it back to life but everyone survived more or less unscathed.

Somebody with too much time on their hands noticed that last Sunday on the DZ we had the jumpers who did the first and last jumps at Brunton; Rob Noble-Nesbit who jumped first in May 1975 and Scott Shearer who did the last ever jump.

A warm welcome to Calum Bisset who has joined us as an instructor, I hope you know what you're letting yourself in for!

Bob Henderson & Lynsey McLagan

Cyprus

The boogie is taking shape with various club members taking on tasks and a good amount of interest.

This year has seen an increase in AFF students, many from Greece who take the time and trouble to travel to Cyprus for something which isn't readily available in their own country. There's an opening for an entrepreneurial spirit! Many thanks to Tex n' Tim for their help with instruction plus swooping entertainment and congrats to Tim for doing his 1,000th tandem jump.

We haven't had many non-jumping days and even had to take a summer break – the

temperatures were too high to even contemplate packing and the beer got warm too quickly!

Phil Bell

Achievements Cat 8

Gary Casey
Neasa Braham
Mike Smith
FS1
Stuart Melvin
Clare Morefield
Allan Vaughan
Jump Numbers
100
Paul 'Isaac' Newton
Taff O'Connell
Stuart Melvin
Allan Vaughan
200
Zane McLoughlin
300
Demitres Demetriou
600
Efrem Efrinos

St Andrews

The club was open for a full week at the start of July, allowing lots of progression. Chris Lynch presented his *Wing Tips* canopy and swooping seminars, well attended by both experienced and novice jumpers. This was followed by a freely seminar, with Chris and Tim Porter – free coaching from the UK's best!

Oblivion made their way down to Hib for the Nationals, and put in a respectable showing for a scratch team. Good news followed from the CF Nationals, with our own Karen Brennan scooping a gold.

The annual demo jump into Anstruther Harbour as part of the RNLI Lifeboat Gala day provided entertainment for jumpers and 6,000 visitors. A group of regulars went to the Czech Republic for

good food, cheap beer and (despite partying hard!) lots of jumping! A highlight was jumping a tailgate Mi-8 helicopter – a first for many.

Rupert Connell

Achievements First Freefall

Matt Ridsdale
AFF Graduate
Steven Pringle
Richard Sheen
Cat 8
Fiona Millar
IC1
Stuart Cameron
Ruth Morrison
FS1
Jon 'Buffy' Schleyer
50 Jumps & IC1
Jonny Flowers
IC1, 100 Jumps & 1hr Freefall
Viki Bingham
50 Jumps
Yuri Melo
Alan McGill
200 Jumps
Bill Hughes
300 Jumps
Tom Fletcher
600 Jumps
Ian Johnstone

Paragon

Achievements

Cat 8
Gavin Clark
First Freefall
Richard Coventry
Scott Maxwell
50 Jumps & IC1
Alex McMullen
800 Jumps
Dave Richards



Billy Gollan by Chik Adams

Headcorn

Our popular FS week in July was expanded to great success, including coaching, WARP progression, lots of jumps, big-ways, seminars and practical ground school. We made a trip to the Paris wind tunnel for six lucky participants who had 90 minutes of coaching in the tunnel – while it blew a gale back in the UK! Thanks to Chris Shaw and Graham Cooper.

Seven teams signed up for our 4-way Scrambles event and all four rounds were completed. The mix of experience levels made for interesting stuff, from Dave Coveny's involuntary Atmonauti, through many aerobatic exits, to the winning team cranking out points. Special thanks to Pete Sizer whose brainchild this was, and to Ruth Cooper for judging some dubious-looking formations.

The annual Bowl water jump took place on 24 July, only from an Islander this year as it was restricted to B licence because of the new AAD rule. Willy the whale came out for his annual inflation although we had a problem getting him to go down afterwards! We had four water virgins, including Mark Price from Chatteris (who got a medal in our Scrambles and couldn't wait to come back!).

Headcorn had its own Bridge Day – the opening of a new bridge over the DZ stream. There was a party, and five regulars who are on the airfield fire team jumped in wearing their firemen's uniforms. I think they heard that women like a man in uniform, but all-in-one romper suits weren't quite what the girls had in mind.

On 31 July the display team jumped onto the beach at Margate in perfect weather and wowed the crowd with their colourful show. Andy Ring put his rubber ring on specially!

Three of our new members trained in late May and qualified Category 8 at an amazing pace. They are Dan Sherry (who now has over 100 jumps), James Pinchin and Tony Kirk-Burgess. Also well done to Richard Cole, who managed 51 jumps during his two week summer jollies.

Congratulations to Marky Mark and Jo who took baby Frances up to Gretna Green and became Mr and Mrs Maynard – here's to a long, happy future. Well done to our 4-way team Quake who lost two team members to injuries this year, one just a fortnight before the Nationals, yet they still triumphed through adversity and came back with a medal.

Ruth Cooper & Chris Shaw



Quake by Mark Lawson



Andy Holland by Stephen Such

Men in Uniform by Baz Smith



Photo: Mark Bailey



Justin, Paul & Franz by Stephen Such



Achievements First Freefall & Cat 8

James Pinchin
Anthony Kirk-Burgess
IC1
Hans Lehfeld
Mark Smith
FS1
Andy White
Jon Abbott
Craig Colgon
Clare Winter
Liz Hurry

Jump Numbers

Anthony Kirk-Burgess
Nick Brown
100
Adrian Bond
Derek 'Buddha' Hopkins
Jane Bracey
Dan Sherry
Liam Guy
Hans Lehfeld
200
Kate Moody
400
Steph Lawlor
500
John Ashton
1,000
Nigel Rowlan
Vicki Tomlinson
1,400
Baz Smith
2,500
Chris Shaw
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RAPA

RAPA's 40th anniversary championships was a reunion to remember. Novice and intermediate accuracy provided entertainment for the crowd and kept the judges on their toes (literally!) but happily brought no serious injuries. Ali from Netheravon took the prize for worst accuracy with a score of 1.2 kilometres! She then suffered the indignity of dangling from a tree in a thunderstorm and appearing on the news being helped to the ground by the fire service!

In senior *The Card Sharps* gave some fine examples of classic accuracy while Mick Nealis and Mark Scobie showed modern techniques on fast canopies. The swoop event proved to be very popular with Mick and Woof dominating, Woof eventually winning.

As it was the 40th anniversary of RAPA some people travelled a considerable distance to jump, or hang out and meet old mates (some were very old mates!) Bob Thomas came from New Zealand, nice one! The *Cannonballs* (Hutch, Pembs, Zivs and Steve Slater) were up to their usual wind-ups. It was good to see so many former Commandants, CCIs and instructors all in one place as well as Brit and German skydivers old and new.

Prizes were presented by Lt Col Peter Holme. Our parties are never quiet and this one was special. It started with the arrival overhead of the two Dorniers from Soest and Hoxter Paraclubs who put together two neat 15-ways. After a quick repack and dirt dive by Dieter Kirsch, the

40th Anniversary Championships

two Dorniers and one turbine Islander took off for a 40-way attempt in the best sunshine of the competition. The formation built to a creditable 38, not bad for a scratch 40-way.

The assembled crowd now numbering over 200 loved it and the 40 skydivers each got applause on landing. Immediately after this ten old geezers re-emplaned in the Islander for a demo of parachutes used at RAPA over the last 40 years. We saw a T10, several PCs (Para Commanders), a Papillon, Slots, Pterodactyl, Double L and the good old Aeroconical. Plus a live cutaway demonstration by the incoming commandant of RAPA, Major Paul Moore whose PC refused to open on request so he got off it directly overhead. Major Alan Wright, the outgoing Commandant, saw his chances of retirement slipping away for a few moments!

Again, the crowd went wild! What a great start to a party. A retro drums band was followed by free beer, free food, more live music, a disco and impromptu fireworks by Sven Buckenthien, who just so happened to have a 15 minute firework display 'in the back of his car!' Some diehards watched the sun come up from the comfort of the accuracy tuffet and all agreed that it was a fantastic meet.

Bad Lippspringe is the only BPA DZ in central Europe. Pay us a visit, we have great facilities, 2 turbine Islanders, we are open every day and we'll even pick you up from Paderborn airport!

Paul Moore

Thanks to Bob Card, Kate Charters, Ann Fowler, Dona Crum, John Boardman, Ted Payne, Karla Cole, Liz Warner and Professor Tony Makepeace.



Navy



Mick Nealis



Mark Bayada



4-way FS gold - JSPC (N) Rec

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Black Knights

June saw a group of students with a few tag-along experienced guys take a trip to Glog where they enjoyed warm weather, using Porters, Others and Squirrel helicopters for progression jumps or the fast track AFF route. Rob McVey has edited a 20 minute video of which Pete's AFF jump opening is a must see for all bag lock aficionados! (Well dealt with Pete!)

The highlight of the summer was our Monster Month in July (see page 24). Congratulations go to Julian Storey, our latest BPA qualified jump pilot under Gordon Cooper's tutorage. Lots of extra altitude please, Julian! The ever industrious Greg 'Slammer' Taylor is getting wide acclaim for his pack jobs, just make sure your shoes are tight before you dump says Jeff. The tradition of an involuntary swim in the farm's cow trough when you pass a jumping milestone is alive and well with many dunkings of recent first time freefallers and Cat 8s.

Matthew Walmsley



Achievements
First Freefall
 Roy Chipperfield
 Paul Kiveal
 Karl Lewis
 Gemma Morgan
 Nick Phillips
 Steve Rose
 Pete Webber
Cat 8
 James Arkwright
 Gavin Clark
 Dan Curnow
 Sam Davis
 Ian Harvey
 James Heather
 Joanne Middleton
 Anthony Mould
 Vicky Scargill
 Manuel De Sousa
 Steven Southern
FS1
 Greg Taylor

Jump Numbers
50
 Sam Davis
 Julie Hutton
 Mike Jameson
 Alex McMullen
100
 Will Cooke
 Bob Parker
 Beth Richards
200
 Dave Lee
 Ian Lambert
2,800
 Jeff Illidge



Mike Pascoe

Jon T's FS1



Photos: Rob McVey

Netheravon

Demo into Lulworth Castle
 Photo by Gwyn Burton



Some people choose novel ways to celebrate milestones, Ian Firkins and Jason Legg being no exception. To celebrate 600 & 200 jumps, they and seven other nutters did a static line jump. Thanks to Nige Jackson for dispatching nine on one pass – hard work for the bag puller!

Netheravon's commandant, Mike Smith, celebrated his 7,000th skydive taking his daughter Laura, 21, on her level 7 AFF. Mike says "All the sevens was only going to work if she didn't need any rejumps. Laura has been around skydiving all her life and was very relaxed for all her jumps, certainly much more than I was on level 1!

Having a stress-free and smiling student definitely aids progression and adds to the fun. It was a very satisfying way to make my 7,000th.

The Nethers contingent at the Swedish Herc Boogie returned with a host of achievements – Liz Ashley, Vicki Tomlinson, Kate Burn and Ruth Green were in an all female group smashing the 'Nordic Chick' record in style with a complete 45-way. Chris Davies and Gary McGuinness amongst others then joined the girlyies in the attempt to break the boogie record of a 62-way, blowing the old record out of the water with a 78-way complete for the all-important freeze-frame! And all this to the

backdrop of fantastic sea views – that's right isn't it Chris?

Thanks to hard work from Cleggy, the turbine Islander is back in the skies. To say it was a close-run thing is an understatement as its check-out flight finally took place just as the Caravan went out of hours. Rumours that the Caravan was out of service due to smoke damage are completely untrue... but it is now a rather fetching shade of orange!

Congratulations to Sounds Grrr8 and Tequila on their success at the Nationals after an extremely close fought battle. Congratulations also to our staff teams who brought back medals from the RAPA Championships.

Everyone wishes Gwyn, Sally and Sam all the best for their new life in New Zealand. Gwyn has worked extremely hard over the last five years to make the APA the successful organisation that it is today and will certainly be a hard act to follow. Thanks for (almost!!!) everything you've done!

Kath Salisbury, Mike Smith & Liz Ashley

Achievements

Cat 8 Steve 'Scuba' Shaw
 Kevin Lindsay
 Ian Thomas
 Daryl Bradley

Jump Numbers

100 Ian Thomas
200 Jason Legg
 Leah Parle
 Pete Brown
500 Liz Ashley
 Adam Jones
600 Paul Housley
 Kate Burn
800 Phill Elston
1,000 Vicki Tomlinson
2,000 Chris Davies
7,000 Mike Smith



Smudger by Gwyn Burton

Weston

Achievements

First Freefall

Ian Brett

Jump Numbers

100

Louise Wyper

Anna Lea

John Ashe

200

Edd Cole

300

Nigel Holland

800

Di Fricker

900

Woody

4,000

Jon Parker

5,000

Andy Ford

RAFSPA had nine teams in the 4-way Nationals alone. Well done to all, especially to Sparky, Fozz, Kelvin, Mike and Dave of *Let's Get Horny* for bringing back medals.

Don't forget, on 9-10 Oct, Andy Ford will be hosting another awesome Wingsuit Festival. This one is aimed at novices as well as experienced flyers. Want to get your wings? Then come on down!

A record 14 teams registered for the annual Rodders 4-way meet but the British weather meant no jumping on Saturday. It was a hazy start for many early on Sunday but, with a precisely planned timetable from spreadsheet supremo Andy House, all teams completed four rounds. Winners receiving prizes (kindly donated by DZ Sports) were:-

- | | | |
|---|--------|---|
| 1 | X-Chix | (Anita, Sarah, Amanda, Lottie and Dave) |
| 2 | Damn | (Nick, Dru, Brian, Mark and Clare) |
| 3 | NSP | (Craig, Chris, Shane, Phil and Alf) |

Most improved team on the day were *Kittens & Embroidery*, made up of Sharon, Jess, Jenny, Bex and Alf on camera. They were jumping together for the first time as were junior winners *Team Caution*, having undergone no training... stars of the future for sure! Thank you *X-Chix* for organising, an excellent job!

Had there been prizes for the party *Team Beaver* would have scooped bronze for the bucking bronco, silver for the invisible skipping rope and gold for the double invisible skipping ropes which had Stevie, Jon and Brian skipping along late into the night. If you've never seen the invisible ropes, ask any member of *Beaver*, I'm sure they'll gladly demonstrate their skills!



Jude Haig by Alf Batchelor



Alf Batchelor & Sarah Silman

Target

Achievements

First

Freefall

Julie Gough

Phil Rolfe

James Gillot

Mark Hartley

Kev Groarke

Jono Cole

Emily Handley

David Nichols

FS1

Carl Leary

Shaz (Really!)

Brian Cumming

Lizzie Compton

FF1

David Garretty

Sian Dallaway

FF2

Dave Downham

(God help us!)

Jump Numbers

50

Chris Mariner

100

Bec Compton

Clare Murphy

Carl Leary

Chris Empson

200

Guy Martin

Mike McAuley (at last!)

Blair Stent

300

Dave Butterell

Abi Fineberg

Oli Pitchers

Mark Chapman

400

Susan Farquhar

Rob Harwood

600

Steve Hogan

700

Derrick Kent

800

Pete Allan

12 Hours

Freefall

Derrick Kent

The NATIONALS! They were awesome! We had three G92s running; whilst one was landing, another was taking off, and the other one was dropping. It was a fantastic sight. The packing shed was a constant sea of nylon! We had record 4-way attendance of over 50 teams; 141 lifts with 2,060 drops in a tremendous 18 operational hours over a three day period fighting British weather. The atmosphere was amazing.

Well done to home grown champions *Optic* and *Wizards*. *Optic* started as a bit of fun for Susan, Pete, Derrick, Karen, Duncan on video and Ruth as team coach and organiser. *Optic* have trained at Hib, doing more than 100 jumps, proving that team training is possible in the UK. Congrats guys, we're all very proud. Simon and Christian from *Wizards* are hardened regulars and again made us all extremely proud when they took gold! *Exile*, *Murphy's Law*, *Dynamyx* and *Phat Boys* have shown real promise and have threatened to train and come back next year.

The 8-way FS and Artistic was again a triumph with record attendances and 80 lifts! Teams from Hib included *Space*, *Pikey* and *International Space Kettles* (our *Optic* friends again!); intermediate champions! *Space* battled very hard against *Free Jive* but were just beaten, great effort guys considering how little training you have done comparatively speaking! *Space* are still training and off to the World Meet, good luck

guys. Rob and Louis Harwood (*Pikey*) entered many teams and events; the footage of some rounds is hilarious. H secured silver in Skysurf B with only one shocking round. (see pages 16-21 & 30-33)

We celebrated Shaz's departure to a world tour with a naked skydive. Our CCI gate-crashed the event with a video camera! Susan Farquhar gained her B and C licence in one jump and it only took seven years! Kerry Connell and Rich Baldwin are now happily married, we wish them good luck and happiness.

Gerv Henderson



Optic by Greg Reid



Flick & Lizzie, the best café helpers



Packing shed pyramid by Andy Wright

Cark

Achievements

First Freefall

Helen Corbett
Nick Ward
Kat Lawlor
Vicky Harding
Joe Davies
Judy King

Graduated AFF

Nick Sutton
Chris Meehan
Eric Lunt
Trish Hayton
Nick Sutton

Cat 8

Paul 'Weather God'
Harling
Fiona McClaren
Anna Budjelan
Julie Eder
Gareth Cliffe
Thomas Stead
James Tomlin

FS1

Mark Campbell
Anna Budjelan

FF1

Guy Vickers

Jump Numbers

50

Fiona McClaren
Gareth Cliffe
Yuri Melo
Anna Budjelan
Karen Foster

600

Rob Frost

800

Michelle Meakins

1,000

Gary Turner

Rain rain, go away. Cark week was very wet indeed. We had our very own Lake Tahoe in the the packing area which became the highlight of the day when people got dunked head first into it. Anyone who was not wet soon got caught following the ramblings "A dry one, there's a dry one!"

At least we had some sun every day and managed to jump eight out of the ten days. Steve Hamilton and John McIver gave FS coaching which, as ever, was top class. Thanks to Chris Lynch for his Wing Tips seminar and swoop meet which was a great success and to Rob Silver for coaching and load organising. Rob's Rabbit impression was let's say, a little rare!

The week was a riot; knee-flying jumps and tracking dives taking away the tension of the 4 and 8-way Nationals. It was good to do some chill-out jumps and I spent most of my canopy rides laughing out loud at our antics. Such fun!

The 4-way scrambles comp was nicely attended with a range of experience.

Gareth Cliffe and Nik Barnett had only recently qualified Cat 8 and had done no 4-way at all, so it was excellent to see them competing. Everyone reckoned I fixed the result (I didn't, honest) as my team *Charlie's Angels* won! Well done to Anna, Lenny and Rob, my team mates. Anna only recently got her FS1, two weeks after getting her Cat 8 and she did fabulously. Thanks to Amanda Baillie for organising the manifest and Al Webster for judging.

Aren't surprise parties brilliant. We arranged one for Maddy and Clem West, skydiving twins who celebrated their 30th birthday in August. I and Matt Jagger managed to keep schtum for over two months which was hard. They didn't have a clue! Everyone got extremely trashed, what a top night.

Julia and Craig Kelsall are the proud parents of baby daughter Skye, weighing in at 7lbs 12oz. Skye has already visited us for her first Cark week!

Well done to Vision 8-way for an intermediate Nationals medal after THREE jump-offs, we were all on the edge of our seats watching Omnikore!

Trish 'the flying chef' Hayton has graduated AFF. We are all so proud of her, she stuck with the course through the repeat jumps and with such determination. The first ever static line jump in the world out of a PAC XL750 was made by our CCI Dennis Buchanan. Good one Den. If you haven't jumped our new plane, come on down! For info on events email me.

Shellm1@yahoo.com
Michelle Meakins



Skydiving twins Maddy & Clem West by Wendy Lloyd

Pumpkin

Team Pumpkin spent its third annual long weekend at Wild Geese, we were looked after in the normal friendly fashion, nothing being too much trouble. Their excellent pilot Drew chased holes all weekend to get us as many jumps from altitude as any DZ in that fine UK summertime! It was quite strange to kit up in the hangar listening to the rain pouring down outside, only to jump in blue skies!

This year everyone was landing on all the time so no rambling was required, apart from Nic O'Hara and John Friel who landed in the adjacent field amongst a herd of inquisitive bulls. Nic calmly set his brakes unaware of the impending rush, while John saw the potential and bravely ran away trailing his bright canopy behind him. The unbelievably bad news was a few jumps later, after a normal and soft landing, John broke his leg! I was taking photos of landings and could not believe it, no justice there!

Well done to Ian McConnell for getting his AFF certification at Skydive Arizona.

Martin Williams

Achievements

Cat 8

Scott Norris
KJ Bull
Paul Morrison

Clive Everitt

IC1 & FS1

Kevin Austin

FS1

Tracie Harrison
John Friel
Steve Judson

FS1 & 100 Jumps

Clive Thomas
Jon Harris
Simon Figures

Jump Numbers

50

KJ Bull

200

Tim Earlam
Nick O'Hara

300

Pete Farrow
Matt Welvaert

400

Stuart Carter
Ainsley Walters

900

Dave Fish

5,000

Martin Williams



Since the summer months are usually the quietest for the BCPA, it has been good to see so many members jumping across the country, whether at their regular DZs, informal gatherings, or the FS and FF Nationals. Well done those who took part! Organisation has begun for next Easter's Foreign Progression Trip, and our first gathering of the academic year, the BCPA Freshers Meet. Check our website:

www.bcpa.org.uk

Abi Fineberg

David Butterell

Red Devils

Inspection by HRH Prince Charles



June saw many in the RAPA championships in Germany where we came away with gold and silver in junior 4-way, gold and bronze in senior accuracy, gold in intermediate accuracy, and gold for overall team accuracy. Well done to all who took part, no one came home empty handed. Also in June some of the team went over to Normandy to jump, and celebrate the 60th anniversary of D-Day.



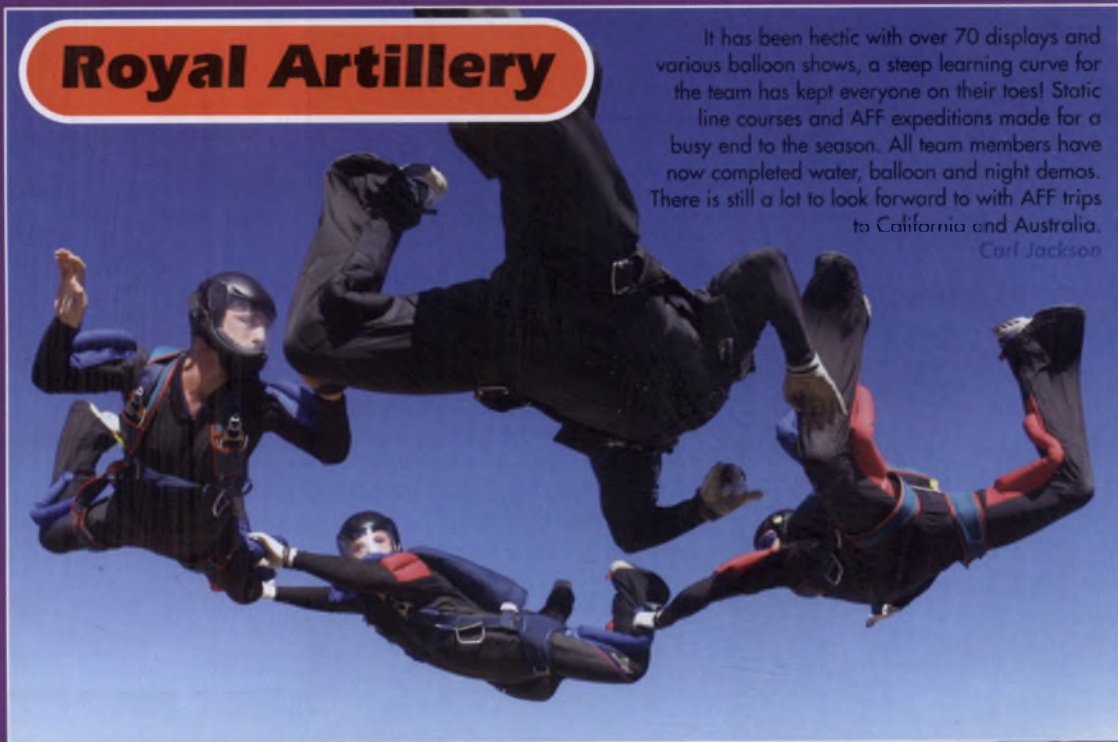
The tandem and camera team have been working exceptionally hard, taking students who have raised a lot of money for various charities. Most of these have taken place at South Cerney and Langar so thanks to everyone concerned. We've done around 50 demos since the start of June, including Brans Hatch for the world superbikes, and Tom Blakey's wedding (congratulations Tom and Julie).

Adele Murray

Royal Artillery

It has been hectic with over 70 displays and various balloon shows, a steep learning curve for the team has kept everyone on their toes! Static line courses and AFF expeditions made for a busy end to the season. All team members have now completed water, balloon and night demos. There is still a lot to look forward to with AFF trips to California and Australia.

Carl Jackson





POPS

Hit 'n' Rock landing area by Niels Hansen



Super-Puma



Junkers B52

The biannual POPS world meet was at Epagny, Gruyere, in the Bernese Oberland of Switzerland. Theo Fritschy, Swiss World Top Pop, and his team spared no effort to make us happy both on the ground and in the sky.

There were 210 POPS in all, from 17 countries! The British delegation was: Niels Hansen, Pete & Julie Shew, John Knight, Paul French, Andy Edmonds, Jeff Chandler, Dick Barton and Caroline O'Hagan.

We had great camping on the airfield and the scenery was to die for; Gruyere Castle, Alpine meadows, fast-flowing rivers, lakes, hills, mountains and COWS. You're never out of earshot of the cowbells or out of range of the smell of slurry, but the cheese fondues make up for it! Day 1 there was an Olympic-style procession with the local militia and band, then speeches and eats at Gruyere Castle. Day 2 saw three rounds of 4-way scrambles from the Pilatus Porters, which was won by *Team Cheesemakers*. Brit Andy Edmonds got a gold, plus a coveted Breitling watch, Pete Shew a silver and Paul French a bronze.

Day 3 we drove to St Stephane airfield, to jump a 1939 3-engine Junkers and an Antonov biplane. We were whisked up into the mountains in a Porter and jumped onto Tsanfleuron Glacier (2,700 metres above sea level). The very bracing air, brilliant snow, stunning scenery and odd team of sled dogs made this incredible. We stuffed our mains into dustbin bags supplied by the soldiers and got aboard a Super-Puma helicopter, which seemed to brush the scree, rocks and ice as it powered its way back to St Stephane.

On the last day we drove to Gruyere, then took the funicular rail to a high piste. Climbers entertained us by clinging like spiders to a crag above, while we waited for a Squirrel 3 chopper to alight in a tiny sloping pen. It flew us to a point above Gruyere Castle ramparts, where we exited to do hit 'n' rock in a hilly field. We all got a glass of beer as we collapsed into the rocking chair and we got to keep the tankard.

Memorable moments: Pete Shew lost his frappe hat, goggles and audible in mid-jump, John Knight brought his partner Betty a snowball back from the glacier and Paul filmed himself bending the windsock on the hit 'n' rock. Fantastic vibes, great to meet other skydivers, top partying!

Caroline O'Hagan



Pete Shew by Niels Hansen



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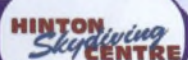
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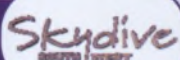
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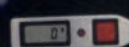


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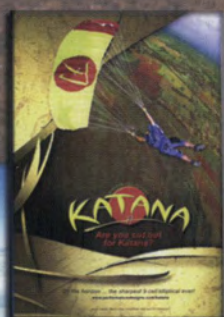
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