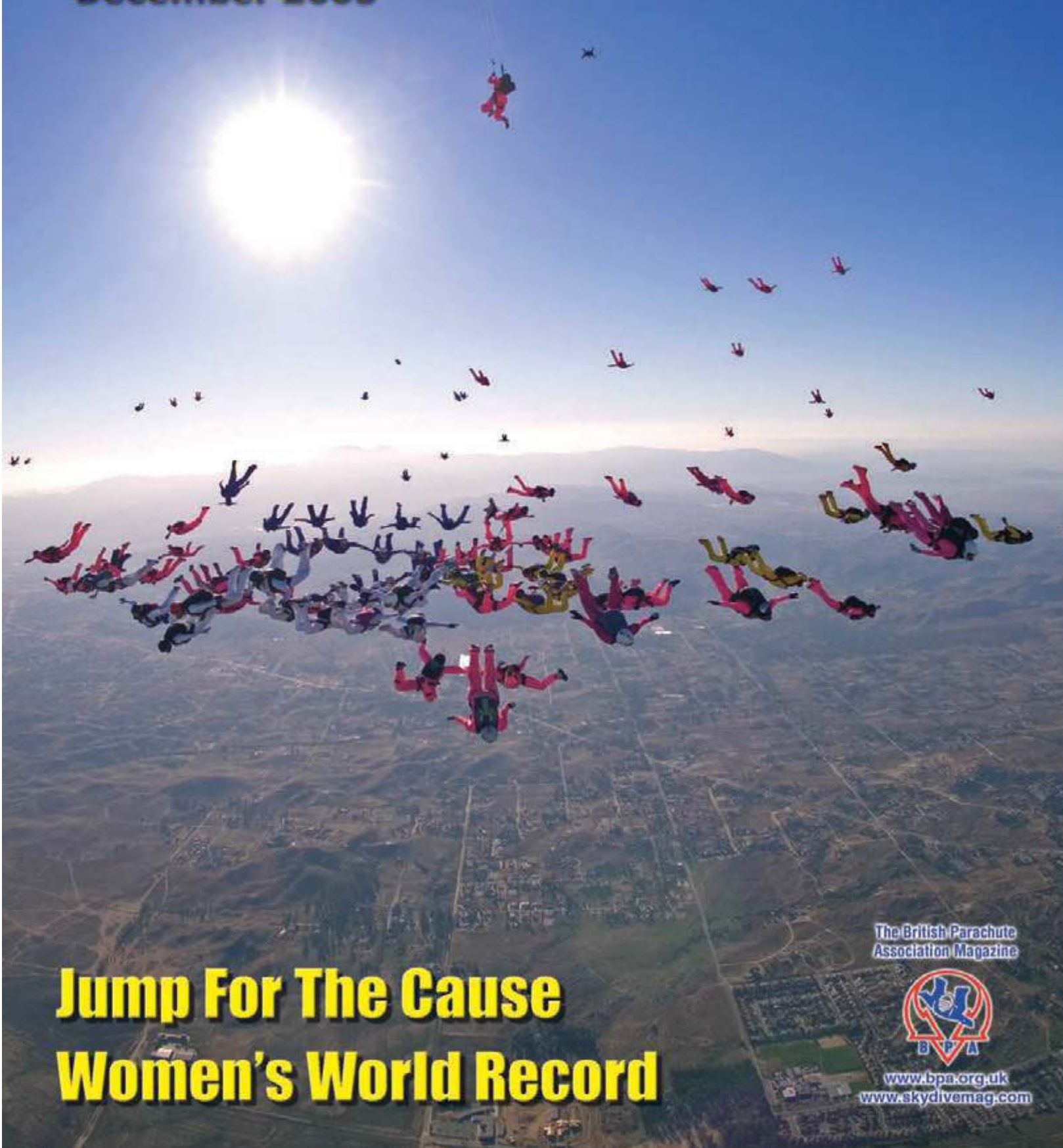


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Forgive the slightly risqué photo, but it is fitting for the theme of this Mag, which is all about Miss Behaviour and Jump For The Cause, where this was taken – our very own Cheryl Marks was running pole dancing lessons! Cheryl was the least experienced on the women's world record and did an excellent job. I was very proud of her and of all my Brit Chicks. We made up nearly 10% of the load, were very professional, no-one was cut, and some pressed on valiantly through injuries. The Brits added greatly to the vibe and to the funding raised, our group contributed over £22,000 for breast cancer research, in addition to paying our own costs.

Co-ordinating this fundraising is probably the most worthy thing I've ever done. Breast cancer has affected almost everyone's lives. The amount of help we had from such a huge range of people was amazing, I was humbled by the strength of the support. Thank you everyone, I hope you feel from reading this Mag that it really was worthwhile.

It was an honour to be part of JFTC, an international team of talented, inspirational, very special women. Incredibly, the project raised half a million dollars, all proceeds go to breast cancer research. Smashing the world record was the icing on an already delicious cake. Reading the support on our website from people all over the world made us realise what we achieved was extraordinary. Returning home to find an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons was momentous!

Heartfelt thanks to the fabulous Kate Cooper and all the JFTC team, congratulations to my fellow record-setters, and bless everyone who backed us up, championed our cause and gave their help so generously.



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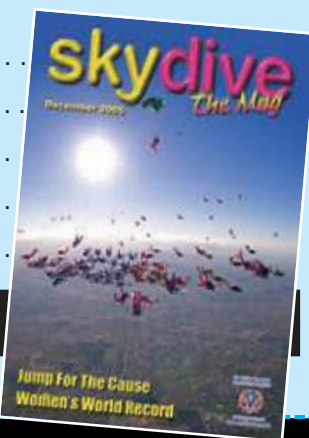
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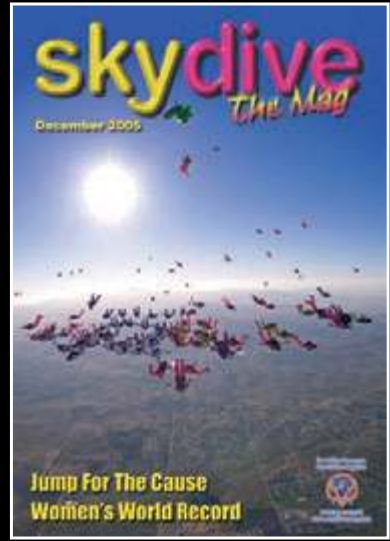
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Mark Harris packing in Switzerland (see page 28 for more stunning scenery), photo by Duncan Wright

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Skydiving training and systems vary in different countries. If you are considering taking a skydiving course or qualification abroad, we recommend you first establish its relevance in the UK, through your CCI.

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miss Behaviour

Not improper or wicked behaviour! (well, not much!) Instead, a mini boogie to support a group of British women who certainly do know how to behave... when getting to their slots in a 151-way world record breaking formation at least!

Breast Cancer Research

The Miss Behaviour boogie (Langar, 3-4 September), was dreamed up to support the fundraising efforts of the 15 Brit Chicks selected to participate in Jump for the Cause (see page 38).

Friday 2 September

The weekend began at midday on Friday – as weekends often do in our sport! Within one industrious hour, we had built a 'pink palace' out of a gazebo, blown up balloons, put pink ribbons and clothes on everyone in sight, painted nails pink and stuck posters on every blank wall we could find. The sun was smiling on us, the atmosphere was electric and aircraft were already roaring in abundance! The Miss Behaviour boogie had begun...

Saturday

All the chicks dived into their allocated roles, collecting donations and selling remaining raffle tickets, CDs, T-shirts and dinner tickets. Before long multiple bright JFTC pink jumpsuits could be seen wandering around the DZ, bringing with them their own fundraising opportunity; a £1 fine for anyone making a sarcastic comment!

But it wasn't just a pink fashion parade or a charity do. There was important skydiving to be done and that skydiving rocked! We had the incredible aircraft line-up of one Skyvan, two Caravans and Jan's fabulous Beech 99. Milko and Lesley each ran an awesome 30 to 40-way invitational group, generally doing three points from two aircraft. The groups each broke a British record; one for the largest star (36) and the other for the largest open accordion (34)!

Milko entered into the spirit of the event by spending the weekend jumping in a pink helmet, fluffy rabbit ears and his very own pink jumpsuit, borrowed, made for a chick! Very cute and a great visibility tip for load organisers the world over.

Party time

Fundraising continued on Saturday night with Karen Baggaley's delicious multiple course dinner. Pink champagne accompanied the food, served by ladies in varying shades of pink. Once fed the infamous George Pilkington announced the raffle and auction.

Raffle

Our fantastic raffle boasted over 120 items including a top prize of a complete set of kit from Aerodyne. George had the audience in the palms of his hands as he drew the items with speed, wit and humour – often politically incorrect but this just made it funnier. It was only when George drew out the star prize, the Icon rig and canopies, that we had to rein him in since the winner (Simon Citra) was not there, so George asked the crowd whether to re-draw until someone who was there won the Icon. What do you imagine they would say?! Fortunately Lesley and Lucie were having none of this kind of misbehaving!

at the LANGAR BOOGIE





Auction

It was the auction though that delivered the real drama. The Utterly Butterfly wingwalk was the subject of a frenzied bidding war and the poorer ones among us watched utterly aghast as bids catapulted beyond £3,000! Other top quality auction items included coached tunnel time in AirKix with VMax. A date with a Brit Chick was taken by a mystery bidder, which turned out to be John Mayo paying £130 for a date with Ali, his wife! A skydive with the Brit Chicks was won by Arnold of Aerodyne. Then, just as we thought it was all over, Rob Colpus was forced to part the crowds and join a bidding war for a pole from his very own awning! (He lost!) The party that followed was one to remember; with DJ Richie and more vodka jellies than you could shake an awning pole at.

Sunday

Sunday was another excellent day of jumping. The highlight was a beautiful 63-way formation held complete for 15 glorious seconds. The skydiving finished off perfectly with Arnold's kiss pass jump with the Brit Chicks, which for some reason we had to dirt-dive six or seven times! Tony, our delectable Skyvan pilot, took us on a ride to altitude that we'll never forget (nor will Tony, Guy and Arnold – hey Lesley!). Arnold, relatively unharmed but well massaged by the whole experience, ended up wearing the bikini that I swear Lesley Gale had on when we boarded the plane? Fortunately the drag of the bikini didn't stop his dream skydive coming true! Arnold had such a good time he more than doubled his bid on landing. In a display of generosity, Tony donated his flying time, Langar the fuel, and the girls each paid their slot to breast cancer research, so this jump alone raised £400!

Miss Behaviour & Master Behaviour

Arnold's skydive marked the last jump of the boogie after which it was time to wrap up and award the special prize of 'Miss Behaviour' 2005. The winner: Lesley Gale of course, for all her hard work and entertaining antics! The prize: one of George Pilkington's 'Toys' (I'll leave George to explain). 'Master Behaviour' went to Tony for wrapping his car around a tree, having flown it in the Skyvan all the way from Belgium for the privilege of trashing it at Langar.

Thank You

To all those who loaned a hand and to the chicks who put in so much effort, especially Lucie, who was simply superb. To Langar for superb organisation and a lift capacity I haven't seen at a UK DZ in a very long time. To all the companies and individuals who donated and bid for prizes, our raffle and auction would've been nothing without you. To everyone, your generosity astounded us, thank you for buying so wholeheartedly into The Cause.

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Brit Chicks For The Cause Fundraising

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Raffle	4,959
Auction	4,427
Dinner, jellies, fizz	382
T-shirts	853
CDs, DVDs & Calendars	592
Personal Sponsorship	3,093
Corporate Sponsorship	1,250
Chop for the Cause (Rhino)	250
Dye For the Cause (Robin)	382
Dress Down & Shut Up (Gail)	235
Other	230

TOTAL: * £16,653
Brit Chicks Donations ** £5,475

GRAND TOTAL: £22,128

* Two of the British ladies chose to do separate fundraising, the other thirteen did a team effort, Brit Chicks For The Cause, whose fundraising is listed above.

** In addition, the Brit Chicks For The Cause each paid all their own costs (jumps, hotel, meals etc), plus a personal donation to breast cancer research, shown here.

*** The above is a minimum amount, more was pledged through the JFTC website and fundraising is still active.

All money donated to Brit Chicks For The Cause was passed on in full to the City Of Hope to fund breast cancer research.



UK Sweeps ESL

British FS teams swept the board at the European Skydiving League Finals, coming away with more medals than every other country put together!



Rookie podium – D4, Escondido & Whoops

Six British 4-way teams made the hop over to Spa, Belgium for the European Skydiving League (ESL) finals, 2-4 September. Of those teams, D4 and Escondido entered the rookie class; Damn Zebra, Evolution and Helix entered single A and Optic entered triple A. In total 28 teams competed from six different countries, Bad Boys winning the imaginatively titled 'travelling the furthest' award by driving all the way from the Czech Republic.

Categories

ESL uses the four tier system as employed by most of Europe and the USA, although there was no double A class in this competition. Rookies has the same number of random formations (16) as juniors but only uses 4 of them as exits, single A

ESL	BPA
AAA All 24 blocks All 16 formations	Seniors 24 blocks All 16 formations
AA 16 blocks All 16 formations	Inters 12 blocks All 16 formations
A 8 blocks All 16 formations	Juniors All 16 formations All 16 exits
Rookies All 16 formations 4 exits	

uses less blocks than intermediates whilst double A uses more. The top tiers, triple A and seniors are identical.

The Brits dominated the rookie and single A class with gold and silver in rookies and all three podium positions in single A.

Skydive Spa

The DZ at Skydive Centre Spa is located near the picturesque Spa village and Formula 1 circuit. Surrounded on all sides by pine forests and hills the DZ provides a massive site with multiple landing areas. Furnished with two Cessna Grand Caravans, with the option of a third if required and a slick computerised manifest system, the airfield was well positioned to hold the competition.

The layout of the DZ is superb, non-jumpers stop their cars along the main road that runs perpendicular to the end of the runway and gawp. The ones with more time relax, eat,

drink and soak up the view of the whole DZ from a large veranda of the restaurant/bar that looks over the whole landing area.

The running of the DZ was top notch with outstanding service from extremely friendly staff. Anybody with kit issues was offered complimentary use of the DZ's rigs. The computerised manifest voice kept everyone amused.

Rookies

After eight rounds there was only a single point separating D4 from Escondido, the two British teams having pulled away from the rest of the field, Escondido claimed gold with a 10.1 average, an excellent score. D4 took a comfortable silver with a season's best average, 36 points ahead of the third placed team, Whoops, from the Netherlands.



Evolution





Single A

Both *Helix* and *Evolution* scored 23 points on the second round (B-O-H), equalling the British record set by *Mach 4* at the British Nationals this year. *Helix* took or equalled the highest score in each of the 10 rounds and won a well-deserved gold with an average of 14.3. Silver position was very tense with the competition going to the wire, *Damn Zebra* just showed a little more consistency when it counted and held on to take silver ahead of *Evolution*.

Triple A

Home team *Spa Hayabusa*, the Belgian National team and recent European Cup winners at the Malevsky meet dominated the triple A category and finished 54 points clear of second place. *Optic*, last year's single A Champions, were in a strong fifth position throughout the competition, an achievement to be proud of considering this was their first year in the top class.

ESL RESULTS

Rookies

1	Escondido	UK	101
2	D4	UK	95
3	Whoops	NL	59
4	Bijna	NL	37
5	BBQ	CH	7

Single A

1	Helix	UK	143
2	Damn Zebra	UK	124
3	Evolution	UK	118
4	ASAP	B	95
5	Grupo Sportivo	CH	88
6	Spa SWB	B	85
7	Daltons	NL	82
8	Tiramisu	NL	80
9	Sparadra	B	74
9	Go Fast Girls	NL	74
11	Double Trouble	NL	71
12	German Wings	D	54
13	Black Speed	B	34

Triple A

1	Hayabusa	B	200
2	The Project Punky Fish	NL	146
3	Infinity	NL	117
4	Donut Right	B	113
5	Optic	UK	110
6	Albtraum	D	107
7	Phos-4	D	105
8	Duo Penotti	NL	103
9	Turbulence	NL	68
10	Bad Boys	CZ	63



Willy Boeykens



Escondido



UK delegation in 'Blue Steel' mode

The Spirit

With the invitation to rookie teams going out so late, it was felt that it would be unfair to include these results in the overall trophy. The Spirit, the award to the highest placed nation was won by the Netherlands who were the only country with three teams in single A and triple A.

Debate

The use of the four tier system caused some debate throughout the competition. The British teams were forced to enter a slightly different class than they would have in a BPA competition. Whilst the appropriate classes were agreed with the organisers in advance this, coupled with a consistently high standard from the British contingent, led to further discussions as to how the competition should be organised in the future, as well as the continental approach to team training. Triple A gold medallists Hayabusa along with the British teams were evidence that consistent team training and dedication do pay off.

A thoughtful competitors' forum after the event led to the inclusion of the double A class next year and the conclusion from some that they will rethink their approach to training to achieve the same standard evident this year. Currently, when rookie teams get a 5 or 6 point average on the continent they are expected to step up to single A whilst in the UK it's closer to double figures before you are expected to move up. What's the point of starting to learn blocks when you can't even do dives consisting only of random formations to a decent level? It's a similar situation with the step up from single A and intermediate.

Awards and Afters

The atmosphere and team spirit in the British camp was cracking throughout the entire trip, with five of the teams knowing each other well having trained all year together at Hib. The odd ones out, Weston-based Damn Zebra, weren't slow to get involved either! A great, supportive camaraderie was apparent through the competition with great support from all British teams towards each other.

After the awards ceremony, the complimentary beer flowed (and flowed) until the early hours. The podium was stacked into a five foot high stage which led to some audacious shapes being thrown by semi naked people (you know who you are). Amazingly no-one fell off, unless you count Jeff, the safety guy, who joined in the stage-diving, jumped over the catchers and landed on his face – but stood straight back up and didn't seem to notice.

Conclusion

Thanks to Andy Scott and Optic for their efforts to persuade other teams to make the journey and compete. Thanks to the BPA for their support; our T-shirts are cherished by everyone and were the envy of the other countries. And thanks to Willy Boeykens and all at Skydive Centre Spa for being so friendly and organised. Six teams, two days of glorious weather, three cutaways, three off landings; a bronze, two silvers and two golds. Job's a good 'un!

Brian Cumming, Ruth Kent
& David Butterell

ESL 2006

ESL has improved communication between countries, as well as furthering excellent relationships with competitors across borders.

New Rules

It has just been agreed across ESL and NSL (National Skydiving League, USA) to use all 16 randoms as exits for 2006 in rookies. This is good news for us as it brings it in line with our junior category. The 2006 ESL Finals will contain all four classes.

Food For Thought

In the December '04 Mag and at the '05 AGM, we asked about the interest in adding a fourth tier in the UK. At the time it was not fully supported so we shelved the thought - it seems to be back on the agenda, judging by current feedback. Adding an extra category is one of the subjects to be discussed at the AGM Competitions Open Forum. Please come along and let us know what you want.

Represent UK

ESL Finals 2006 are 8-10 September in Spa, Belgium. Get in touch with the BPA if you want to go and represent your country. This is the second year that Brits have been and had a fantastic time. The Spirit trophy will be awarded in a different manner next year so let's get out there!

I also want to say how very proud I am to see a happy bunch of medal winners from the UK - well done all, you have done us proud. Naaarccc T-shirts too!

Andy Scott, BPA FS Rep

Optic & Calvin lead the dance floor





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Rookie gold – Escondido



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Rob, David & Loius of Avalore

House of Commons Accolade

An Early Day Motion was put down in the House of Commons by Mr Michael Clapham, MP, on 11 October 2005, commending all participants in Jump For The Cause, especially the Brit Chicks. Signatures were added daily and when we went to press the EDM had been endorsed by 97 Members of Parliament.

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BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AND GREAT BRITAIN FEMALE SKYDIVING WORLD RECORD

11.10.2005

Clapham, Michael

97 signatures

That this House congratulates Great Britain's Female Skydiving Team, Brit Chicks, upon their successful participation in setting a new World Record at Perris, California on 30th September; commends Brit Chicks for having joined an International Group of Women Skydivers and achieving a record of 151 way freefall formation; and pays tribute to all women skydivers who took part in Jump for the Cause for raising £300,000 for breast cancer research and also promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Worldwide.

JM^{Is} Newsround

Corrections

World Record

We mistakenly credited Ian Bobo last issue with Jay Moledzki's world record swoop of 678.15 feet. Jay's swoop, longer than two football fields, was set at Mile-Hi Skydiving, which is at an altitude of 5,000 feet. Jay used the thinner air to great advantage. Teammate Jonathan Tagle commented "It was amazing to watch Jay fly for over 10 seconds after the entry gate. He generated so much speed in his turn, and then unleashed the power through the course. They don't call him 'Turbo' for nothing."

(We didn't call him 'Turbo', we called him 'Bobo' – Ed)

Ian Bobo (left) and
Jay Moledzki



Francisco Neri

It's NOT a Wrap!

In our article last issue, *It's a Wrap*, we mistakenly printed that, in the event of an imminent head-on collision under canopy, convention was to make an avoiding manoeuvre to the left. In fact, the convention in the UK, for both aviation and skydiving, is to **steer right**. Of course this only applies for the situation where there is no obvious direction; if there is a clear avoidance manoeuvre, it's best to take it.

Gustavo Cabana

Skydive Mag apologises for both errors.

Instant Internet Tandem Videos

Mike McGrath of RealXstream has developed a clever idea to massively increase the visibility of skydiving to an international audience. The concept is to instantly upload videos of tandem jumps onto the web, so that the tandem passenger's friends and relatives can watch the skydive – moments afterwards! Tandem students pay the DZ to have their video available for their folks to watch.



RealXstream's 'niche streaming video portal' uploads videos to their customised website within minutes. "By doing this we are going to generate thousands more tandem skydivers for those DZs. We hope to create a model where more tandems online is really good for the sport, and the success of the sport online is good for the tandem industry" added Mike, 33, who has 7,000 jumps and has competed for Australia (he's actually a Brit).

Several drop zones in the US, Australia, Spain and Switzerland are now using the system. John Hamilton of Elsinore said "Using the software is a breeze... it takes only 3 minutes to upload the video to the internet and the rest is automatic... our video staff has quickly accepted the new technology and seen the direct benefit of being able to distribute the video via the internet... We can only imagine the marketing possibility when the person forwards their skydiving link to their complete address book". Doug Smith of Chicagoland Skydiving commented "Our video sales went from 62% to 94% within the first week of adding RealXstream."

www.RealXstream.com/concept

E4 Sting

Visual Communication student and animator Charles Tait is seeking help from the skydiving community. Charles is looking to create a 10 sec 'sting' for the digital channel E4. A sting is the short piece between the adverts and the programme. The plan is to film a dive in the formation of the E of the E4 logo. The sting will then be entered into the annual E-Stings competition and, if placed in the top 25, will be shown on E4 for a year.



Charles achieved top 20 placement in the 2004 E-Stings and wants to build on this success. He is looking for enthusiastic groups or individuals to perform the dive, and a camera person to film it, around July or August 2006. Above all he needs people who are willing to become involved and give input. He has no budget for the shoot, the jumps would be paid for by the skydivers, the only incentive is the chance to get yourself and skydiving on TV.

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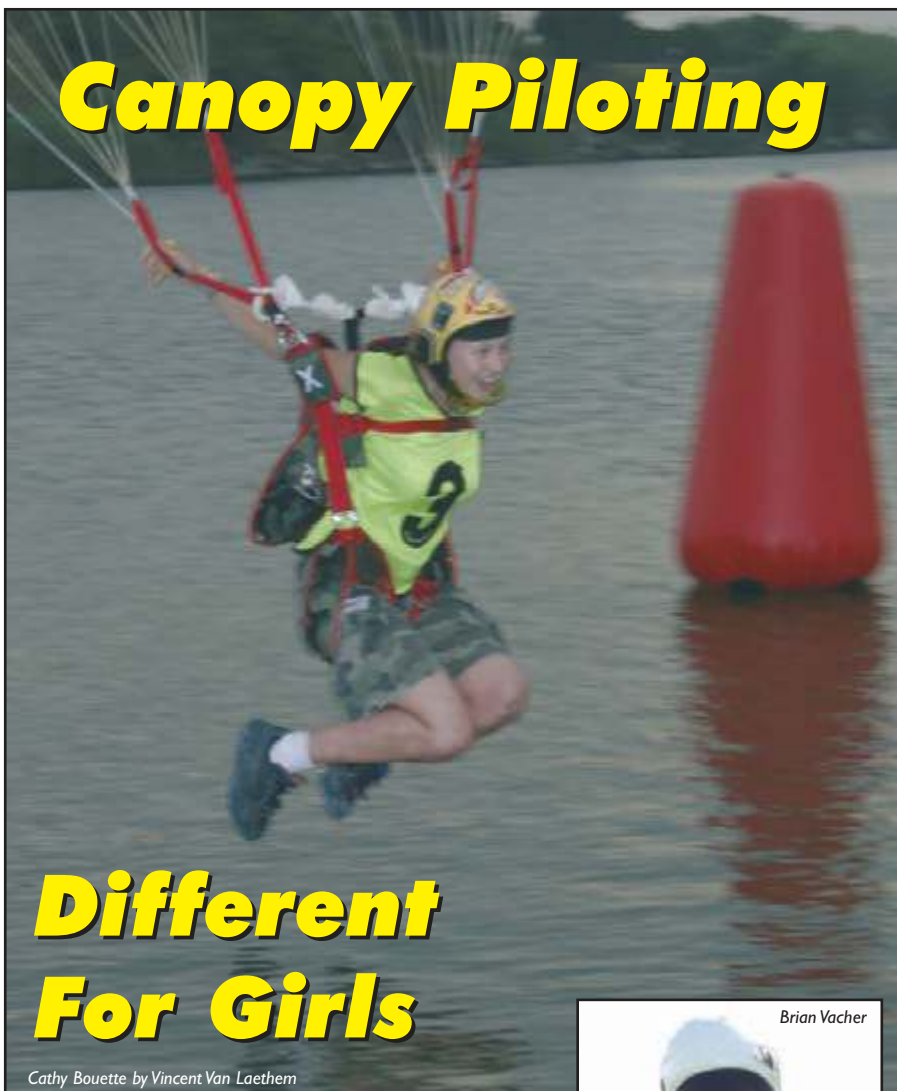
Essentials

BPA member Samantha Davies, from Black Knights Parachute Centre, Cockerham, was featured in the November issue of *Essentials* magazine, as she has the 'unusual' hobby of skydiving. If you can no longer find a copy in the shops they are available from the number below.



Essentials Back Issues
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Canopy Piloting

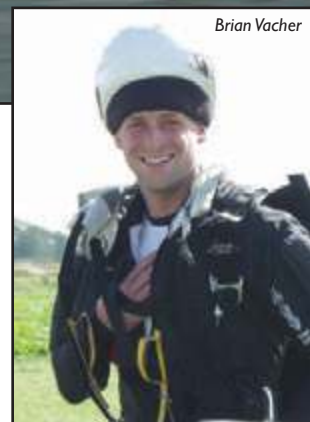


Different For Girls

Cathy Bouette by Vincent Van Laethem

The Safe Flight School at Empuriabrava is running canopy piloting courses designed specifically for women. The first course is 8-11 April, places are limited. Participants will all be female and the approach will be relaxed and open. Jumps will be videoed, debriefed and will include beach landings. The course, which is for all levels of experience, includes 10 jumps, ground school and manuals. The Safe Flight School is run by Reiner Bos and Brian Vacher, UK canopy piloting team captain, featured in April in the enclosed calendar.

www.safeflightschool.com



Brian Vacher

Colin Bridges

Associations

The **World Swooping Association** defines itself as the world's governing authority for all swooping, canopy piloting and blade-running activities. **WSA** provides guidance to its members internationally on areas such as competition, judging, coaching and development. WSA is non-profit-making and works with the IPC (International Parachuting Committee) and the International Olympic Committee.

www.WSAworldtour.com



This is not to be confused with the **Pro Swooping Tour (PST)**, the premier swoop circuit in the USA, for professional canopy pilots.

www.proswoopingtour.tv

This is in addition to the **Canopy Piloting Circuit**, the premier US competition circuit for amateur pilots. It is through this **CPC** league that pilots can qualify for as professionals for the Pro Swoop Tour.

www.canopypiloting.com

The **European Swoop Tour** on the other hand, is for both amateurs and professionals. As its name suggests, the **EST** organises canopy piloting events in Europe.

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A view from deep within the plenum looking at the turning vanes (perfected by a NASA wind tunnel scientist) and up into the flight chamber where a three way is flying.

Tunnel camp coaches Mark Kirkby and Gary Beyer are flat flying with Rusty Lewis behind and Airkix instructor Michael Mackenzie at the front.



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BPA Questionnaire 2005 Results

The questionnaire had a very specific goal, to allow the membership to give its Council direction on key issues. Making the questionnaire part of the membership renewal form gave a staggering 68% return (compared to 25% in 2002). We were then victims of our own success: analysing the huge pile of forms was an enormous task.

Our sincere thanks to Sue Moran, Liz Astill, Dave Lucas, Brenda Lucas & Laura Allen, who all pitched in. For me, this sums up the attitude of the BPA staff, if something needs doing they will achieve it, one way or another.

Comments Box

The Communications Committee have read through all the comments. Some were very positive, some pointed out areas for improvement, some vented frustrations, all were taken into account and most were useful. Some resulted in direct action, eg, we have changed our systems so that overseas members receive BPA inserts in their

magazines such as the calendar. A huge number were thanks and encouragement to the BPA staff and council. These were very much appreciated, especially by the council members who are all volunteers.

Make a Difference

Future BPA Councils will use these results to carry out the wishes of the majority of the membership. Thanks go to all the members of the Communications Committee, the BPA and magazine staff, to the Committee Chairmen and special thanks to you if you were one of the 68% who responded. If you weren't then make a mental note to participate next time we ask your opinion, which will be the upcoming council election, because you can make a difference. You personally can influence the future of our association by participating and that, more than anything, is what this questionnaire is about.

Eddie Jones, BPA Communications Chairman

1. In 2004, the BPA spent £14,324 running Regional (Grand Prix) Competitions. Should the BPA: A Fund Comps at the same level? 74% B Reduce funding for Comps? 11% C Increase funding for Comps? 11% No answer 4%	8 Magazine advertising brings in £45,000 a year (a third of its cost). Should the BPA: A Continue with this level of adverts? 60% B Have more adverts? 34% C Have fewer adverts? 2% D Have no adverts? 0.32% No answer 3.65%	17 Have you used the Stay safe page on the BPA website? A Yes 37% B No 60% No answer 3%
2 In 2001-2004, the BPA spent £135,000 funding team training & entry to World Championships. Should the BPA: A Continue to fund Teams at this level? 63% B Reduce funding for Teams? 21% C Increase funding for Teams? 12% No answer 4%	9 Enclosing minutes in the Mag costs £6,200 a year. Publishing these on the website & sending a few copies to DZs would save £5,000. Should the BPA: A Continue enclosing the minutes? 21% B Put on web & send DZs copies? 76% No answer 3%	18 In canopy control, do you understand the concept of 'staying out of the corner'? A Yes 71% B No 23% No answer 6%
3 In 2004, the BPA spent £5,514 on Coaching Roadshows. Should the BPA: A Fund Roadshows at this level? 50% B Reduce Roadshow funding? 7% C Increase Roadshow funding? 38% No answer 5%	10 The cost of producing the Calendar is around £6,000. The advertisements bring in over half the cost. Should the BPA: A Produce a Calendar with ads? 66% B Produce a Calendar with no ads? 9% C Not produce a Calendar? 21% No answer 4%	19 Can you download and read pdf files? A Yes 81% B No 17% No answer 2%
4 In 2002, the BPA spent £2,100 funding a record-breaking attempt. Should the BPA: A Not fund record attempts? 30% B Reduce record attempt funding? 18% C Increase record attempt funding? 41% No answer 11%	11 Do you use the Internet? A Yes 90% B No 7% No answer 3%	20 Can you print out pdf files in colour? A Yes 67% B No 28% No answer 5%
5 If you chose option C to Qs 1-4 above, would you agree to the funding being raised by an increase in your BPA membership? A Yes 23% B No 38% C I didn't choose option C 27% No answer 12%	12 Do you have broadband at home? A Yes 48% B No 49% No answer 3%	21 Have you used the BPA Shop in the last 2 years? A Yes 10% B No 87% No answer 3%
6 Given that most fatalities/serious incidents are attributed to canopy handling, should the BPA hold swooping comps? A Yes 70% B No 23% No answer 7%	13 Do you use the Magazine website? A Yes 49% B No 48% No answer 3%	22 Do you have personal accident insurance that covers you for skydiving? A Yes, UK only 10% B Yes, worldwide 34% C No 52% No answer 4%
7 The cost to each Member for The Mag is £17.20 per annum. Should the BPA: A Continue to publish The Mag as is? 80% B Publish it on the web, saving £5? 11% C Not publish a magazine? 6% No answer 3%	14 Do you use the Competition pages on the BPA website? A Yes 21% B No 76% No answer 3%	23 Do you know who your Regional BPA Club Rep is? A Yes 28% B No 68% No answer 4%
	15 Have you used the Find a Team page on the BPA website? A Yes 10% B No 87% No answer 3%	24 Do you know you can attend BPA meetings? A Yes 64% B No 32% No answer 4%
	16 Have you used the Interactive Coaching page on the BPA website? A Yes 16% B No 81% No answer 3%	25 Did you attend this year's AGM? A Yes 20% B No 77% No answer 3%
		26 Would you be happy for the BPA to consider selling your details for marketing? A Yes 16% B No 80% No answer 4%

Competitions

Dates and venues have been allocated for most Nationals, Grand Prix and roadshows. They are shown on the BPA calendar, the magazine diary and the BPA website. All the 2006 World Championships are in August which has caused a re-shuffle of the usual dates so that judges and competitors will be available.

Grand Prix League

The final positions are shown to the right and medals will be presented at the AGM. *Freefall University* flagged up that they are the same team as *FFU5* but amended their team name mid-season, so they had a double entry on the scoresheet. When the results were corrected, this moved *Freefall University* into junior bronze but displaces team *Exile* – sorry guys, but they did beat you.

World Cup

There was a fantastic British turnout of FS teams at the World Cup in Eloy, with the Army team (UK open 4-way team in the 2006 World Meet) increasing performance since the Nationals. *AirKix* also improved and narrowly missed the women's 4-way bronze. Results are below right. *South Parc* and *4Motion* had a great battle also – well done all of you.

Andy Scott, FS Rep

GRAND PRIX LEAGUE TABLE FINAL RESULTS

Senior	Points
Gold Double Vision	40
Silver Beavers & Butthead	35
Bronze Optic	35
4 4Motion	20
5 Scratch 'n' Spank	20
6 Airkix	15
7 Army	11
8 South Parc	7
9 3 Sinners & A Saint	3
10 XLW	2
11 Donkey Majik	1

Intermediate

Gold Helix	75
Silver Damn Zebra	61
Bronze Evolution	40
4 Funsters	27
5 Matrix	23
6 Mach 4	15
7 FS OK	12
8 Team Beaver	9
9 Twin Meaks	5
10 Ritz Pixies	5
11 Submarine Business	4
12 Fork	3
13 Cuidado	2
14 Trolleyed	1

Junior

Gold Escondido	57
Silver D4	53
Bronze FF University/FFU5	40
4 Exile	37
5 Qi	24
6 4 Better 4 Worse	16
7 100%	15
8 One Non Blonde	15
9 Team Gorgeous	13
10 Cark XS	7
11 Elemental	5
12 Tom N Gerry	5
13 Murphy's Law	3
14 O4	2
15 Synchronise	1

WORLD CUP

4-WAY FEMALE RESULTS

		Average
1	USA	Perris Synchronicity 16.7
2	FRA	Maubeuge 16.5
3	RUS	Lady Birds 15.4
4	GBR	Airkix 15.2
5	USA	Fastrax Select 15.0
6	UKR	Alfa-Fox 10.1
7	ESP	Women's 4way 9.4

4-WAY FS OPEN RESULTS

1	USA	Arizona Airspeed	22.2
2	USA	Deland Fire	21.2
3	RUS	Black Cat	21.2
4	RUS	Extreme.Ru	20.3
5	USA	Team Fastrax	19.7
6	NOR	Arcteryx	19.2
7	GER	FSC Remscheid	18.1
8	RUS	Sky-Light Barkli	17.9
9	DEN	DaneZ	17.2
10	FRA	Lapalisse Maubeuge	16.6
11	GBR	British Army	15.3
12	BRA	Optimum CTR	12.9
13	GBR	South Parc	12.5
14	GBR	4-Motion	12.3
15	LIT	Magic 4	10.5

AGM and Dinner

The Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire, host to our AGM, has completed a £3.5 million refurbishment: "If you've been before, you'll find it hard to believe it's the same place!". The AGM starts at 10.30, on Saturday 21 January, followed by a presentation ceremony, an exhibition of kit and services and a programme of seminars. There will be meetings for Judges, Pops, Display Teams, Pilots, the DZDF and a Comps Committee open forum. Seminars are still being planned, visit the BPA website for the latest information.

If anyone has special needs, such as for wheelchair access or an induction loop, please let the BPA Office know asap. We're looking for sign language interpreters to help our deaf skydivers.

Saturday's dinner and dance includes live band *Mr & Mrs Swing* and *Celebrations* disco. The band went down very well at the Artistic & 8-way nationals this year. Dinner tickets, £24, are only available in advance only from the BPA Office, ask for Liz. The hotel plans to hold a curry night as well. You're welcome at the dance, whether you've had the formal dinner or something more spicy!

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www.bpa.org.uk

www.paramount-hotels.co.uk

www.mr-and-mrs-swing.com

BPA Matters

Council 2006

There are 22 nominations for the 15 seats on Council '06, so a ballot is being held. Please use your vote. Information on candidates and the voting card (postage-paid) are enclosed. Voting cards must arrive at the BPA Office by **noon on Monday 16 January 06**. Results will be announced at the AGM.

The postcode on the voting card is different to normal, this is not an oversight as someone thought last time, it is so the BPA are charged for postage.

The candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

Chris Allen
Paul Applegate
Adrian Bond
Kieran Brady
Roy Clarke
Ralph Fielding
Tony Goodman
Eric Hall
Nigel Holland
John Horne
Eddie Jones
Ian Marshall
Mark Maynard
Paul Moore
John 'Geordie' Page
Stephan Reynolds
Grant Richards
Mike Rust
Andrew Scott
John Smyth
Elizabeth 'Weed' Stoodley
Jim White

Free Membership

A voting card will be drawn out of a hat at the AGM and the winner will receive a year's free BPA membership.

BPA Calendar

75% of members wanted us to continue producing the BPA Calendar, so you will find one enclosed, produced by Lesley Gale, Eddie Jones and the Communications Committee.

New Ratings

AFF Instructor

Gavin Tuckley

Tandem Instructor

Lee Pugh
Nick Brownhill
Phill Elston
Darryl Gardiner
Craig Bailey
Shane Wood

Advanced Packer (Grade S)

Stuart Smith

Canopy Piloting

Stubenberg am See is set on a lake, high up in the mountains between Vienna and Graz, at about 1,300 feet above sea level.

The landing area was tight with a small beach going onto a grass lane surrounded by trees and other amusing hazards, including posts, inflatables and a restaurant full of spectators. During the training days the distance course was set up.

Training and competition jumps were from an EADS sponsored Eurocopter. Its turbine engine took 5 or 6 jumpers to 5,000 feet in a couple of minutes. The whole lift cycle was done on 5 minute calls.

The intention was to run three competitions simultaneously at this event; the World Cup of canopy piloting, the European Cup of canopy piloting and the MTV Gold Cup. The World and European Cup results are decided from the same competition jumps, the World Cup includes all results whilst the European Cup is only entrants from Europe. Unfortunately, due to time restrictions and poor weather, the MTV Gold Cup couldn't be started.

Competition Day One

Speed carving was the first event, with a right carve. Jason Eames from the USA put down the fastest time of 2.77 seconds, with Jay Moledzki second with 2.78 seconds.

From the UK, Paul Rossouw came in 7th with 3.16 seconds, Brian Vacher 10th with 3.31 secs, Chris Lynch in 15th, and Mikey Holmes in 16th.

After a break due to the course change, the competitors were allowed an official practice jump on the zone accuracy course. Unfortunately, during the first round of zone accuracy Brian Vacher sustained a dislocated shoulder going all out for that perfect score and had to withdraw from the competition.

At the end of the day, the first two loads of accuracy took off but all competitors on these loads were offered re-jumps due to the adverse weather conditions.

World Cup



Jay Moledzki

Results

World Cup

- | | |
|-----------------|---------|
| 1 Ian Bobo | USA |
| 2 Paul Roussow | UK |
| 3 Bruno Brokken | Belgium |

European Cup

- | | |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1 Bruno Brokken | Belgium |
| 2 Paul Roussow | UK |
| 3 Pablo Hernandez | Spain |

Full results: www.skyday.net

Photo shows World Cup medallists Paul Roussow (silver), Ian Bobo (gold), Bruno Brokken (bronze)



Photos by Francisco Neri, Alastair Macartney, Paul Gurteen, Graham Lupton, Richie Pym

Day Two

The second day opened with rejumps for the second round of accuracy. This year IPC had changed the number of total zones to increase the difficulty of the event. Previously there were 6 zones in total and this has now been increased to 8. The results showed that the increase had spread the competitors' scores a little more. This year there were only two scores of a perfect hundred. Tobias Scherrinsky of Germany won this event with two scores of 96. Paul Rossouw, fresh from the success of his win at the Swoop Festival in Chicago built on his great speed rounds with strong runs throughout the accuracy

The two distance rounds were next and both Mikey Holmes and Paul Rossouw put in strong distances to ensure their places in the semi finals. Paul Gurteen and Chris Lynch also made the cut to the semis of the World Cup. Due to the small numbers, all competitors in the European Cup passed on to the semi finals.

Day Three

The last preliminary round was the second speed round with both Paul Rossouw and Mikey Holmes doing sub 3 second runs.



The two semi final rounds consisted of one speed and one distance. The last distance round had a downwind 2-3 knots push, which helped with some great scores. Americans Jonathan Tagle and Shannon Pilcher both achieved personal bests – everyone including Shannon thought he had set a new world record but it turned out he had missed the entry gate.

Our own Paul Rossouw had a fantastic run of over 136 metres which kept him in second position overall. Mikey Holmes held onto a great 12th position with Chris Lynch finishing a respectable 19th. Paul Gurteen missed the gate on the last round, which dropped him from 13th down to 20th. Alastair Macartney was consistent but the level of this discipline is so high that his lack of competition training kept him out of the top twenty. Martin Reynolds had some strong runs but kept missing the gates, which pushed him down the field.

Congratulations from all the team to Paul Rossouw who maintained his current form and established himself as one of the top competitors in this discipline. He finished second in the World Cup and in the European Cup. Performance Designs dominated the event, both with the results and with the number of PD canopies used in the field of competitors. All the British team were flying Velocities except for Paul Rossouw who was flying a 92 square foot Icarus JVX.

Summary

It was a successful week. Although the weather wasn't as co-operative as we would have liked, the competitor vibe was incredible. Bad weather day highlights included Gui Padua from Brazil swimming the 1 km long lake after being challenged for €500 by Chris Hayes from Deland; Richie Pym from Australia taking on the raging torrent of a river on a lilo, almost catching hypothermia; and Paul Gurteen & Mikey Holmes just escaping serious injury on a mechanical rodeo bull.

Studenberg am See is the location for next year's first ever World Championship in canopy piloting. It promises to be one of the best spectator events of the coming year. The British team would welcome your support.

Brian Vacher and Paul Gurteen



Brian Vacher



Chris Lynch



Mikey Holmes



Paul Gurteen

Silver medallist Paul Roussow





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SPEED 8

NATIONALS

The Suspense

The lead-up to the speed 8 national championships at Sibson was full of rumour, intrigue and speculation. How many teams will there be? Who is on which team? Will the 7.62 second national record be broken? All these and more questions were on the lips of everyone at Sibson... after all, 8-way speed is wide open to all comers, so long as you can muster eight people interested in having a blast and focus on getting seven grips as fast as you can.

The morning of the competition dawned and the bar and day room were full to capacity so it looked like we would break last year's record of six teams. At 9am the meet director Stuart Meacock called the team captains together for a briefing and, quite incredibly, eleven captains arrived! The largest number of registered teams in the history of the event, with a hybrid team and – even more amazingly – a wingsuit team. Fantastic!

The Competition

The eleven teams naturally divided into two camps; 8 Teas, Where's the Baton?, Ironic Chicken and Tourettes at the medal end of the comp, with Falling Angels, Pieces of 8, Special Forces Special Needs and the rest of the teams trying hard to resist the inevitable award of the Snail Trophy!

Competition was fierce to say the least at both ends of the field. 8 Teas set off with a peachy 9.92 secs; Dazzle, Rob and team, I just love your work!

Where's the Baton? wore their balloon suits in some kind of weird homage to the 80s, with resulting times also reminiscent of the 80s. I'm kinda guessing that joke backfired slightly as the gap between 8 Teas and Where's the Baton? widened as the competition progressed, in 8 Teas' favour. Not surprisingly, Andy 'I don't do second place' Scott and his buddies resorted to their VNE suits in an attempt to do the job properly.

Falling Angels, sponsored by the Angel pub at Yarwell (strongly recommended, awesome beer and great games room, 10 minutes from DZ), battled with Special Forces Special Needs to lead the rest of the field. Pieces of 8, Fire Exit, Mayhem and Human Pollution snapped closely at each other's heels, building eights mostly, some consistently but some with a degree of helter-skelter, all surprising themselves with the improvement in times from one jump to the other.

The Dodos, our wingsuit pioneers battled bravely to build an eight and produced some 'close but no cigar' wingsuit formations. Read what team leader Mark Harris had to say about the experience overleaf.

The weather was kind so Saturday ended with two and a bit rounds completed, with Mayhem looking forward to a very early wheels-off at 7.45am. Sunday's misty start soon cleared so the competition continued, showing fast rounds from the top five teams, significant improvements in the rest, fabulous second points from many, and some awesome camera work too.

There was controversy for Where's the Baton? after a rumour went around the DZ of a very fast round, so fast as to challenge and maybe break the 7.62 second Red Devils 1992 record. It was not to be for those guys as, although it was fast, it was still a tad slower at 7.9 seconds. To add insult to injury, a shoulder out of the



Sarah Hall

The massive turnout showed the revival in the Speed 8 Nationals



Stuart Meacock



Best second point was awarded to Ironic Chicken, pictured here and left by Zuzana Tillner



door breaking the no show rule added an additional 4 seconds. One other team fell prey to the same mistake but in general the teams demonstrated real discipline with their exits.

The competition completed on five rounds, with 10 seconds separating each team in the medal positions and the gold going to 8 Teas with an awesome total of 50.75 seconds, averaging 10.13 secs.

Prizegiving

Gongs, flowers, champagne, a slab of lager, fabulous trophies and an awesome prizegiving reflected the very fun and fantastic nature of the meet. Stuart thanked the staff, the competitors and the incredible Bob Charters, king of speed judging. 8 Teas took the beautiful 8-way Speed Shield, Where's the Baton came second, Ironick Chicken third and also taking the prize for the best second point.



Gold – 8 Teas



Silver – Where's the Baton?



Bronze – Ironick Chicken



Snail Award – Fire Exit

The Dodos were rewarded for their efforts with a frozen turkey, let's hope they don't bring that back to be re-awarded next year!

What of the Coveted Snail Award?

Special Forces Special Needs, the police team, won it last year and were determined not to repeat the experience. Their performance was so improved that they weren't even in the running and so, after much deliberation, it was awarded to Fire Exit, the fire brigade team for their outstanding performance. Given this and last year's recipient, Stuart now intends to write to his MP to raise awareness of the responsiveness of the emergency services. I have no doubt the fire brigade will be back next year to give it back – rumour has it they're looking for a team of ambulance men to take the heat off!

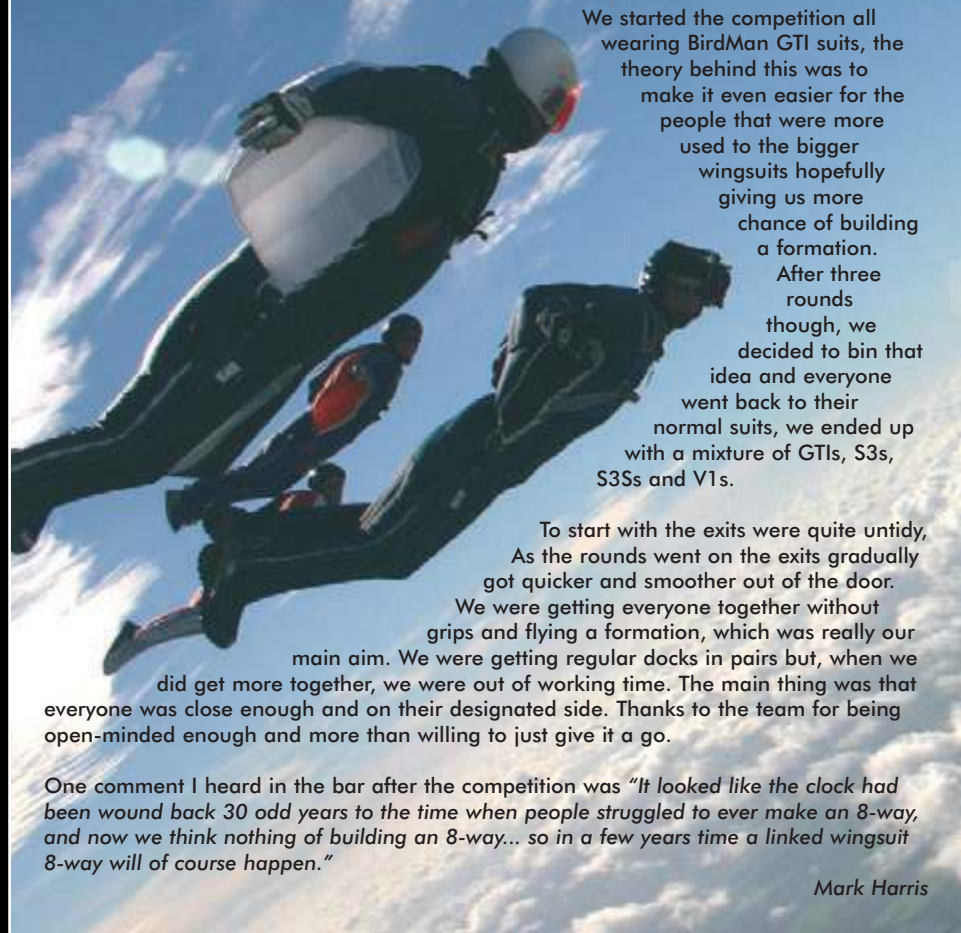
What Next?

Speed 8 is growing in popularity and continues to evolve, reflecting the same way that our sport continues to develop. Key changes that were discussed for next year are having junior and senior events, with a reduced exit height for the seniors. There will be for certain another wingsuit team and perhaps more than one hybrid team. There was a serious debate about a head-down team and perhaps by next year a team will feel confident to get the right people to put one forward. Regardless, speed 8 is about speed, the fastest team wins. The British record still stands at 7.62 seconds and that was for a star. It's easier now with the rules so next year find seven friends, put the date in your diary and go for it.

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On A Wing and A Prayer

As the rules had been changed to allow freeflying in the 8-way speed we decided we would have a go at wingsuiting it. The plan was not really to get eight wingsuits docked in a line but more as an aspiration of what can be done, also showing that you don't have to be a flat flyer to do 8-way speed.



We started the competition all wearing BirdMan GTI suits, the theory behind this was to make it even easier for the people that were more used to the bigger wingsuits hopefully giving us more chance of building a formation. After three rounds though, we decided to bin that idea and everyone went back to their normal suits, we ended up with a mixture of GTIs, S3s, S3Ss and V1s.

To start with the exits were quite untidy, As the rounds went on the exits gradually got quicker and smoother out of the door. We were getting everyone together without grips and flying a formation, which was really our main aim. We were getting regular docks in pairs but, when we did get more together, we were out of working time. The main thing was that everyone was close enough and on their designated side. Thanks to the team for being open-minded enough and more than willing to just give it a go.

One comment I heard in the bar after the competition was "It looked like the clock had been wound back 30 odd years to the time when people struggled to ever make an 8-way, and now we think nothing of building an 8-way... so in a few years time a linked wingsuit 8-way will of course happen."

Mark Harris

Photos: Sarah Hall

SPEED 8 RESULTS

		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	8 Teas	9.92	10.67	11.03	8.91	10.22	50.75
2	Where's the Baton?	12.59	10.50	16.57	11.76	9.27	60.69
3	Ironick Chicken	15.04	13.98	13.56	13.48	12.99	69.05
4	Tourettes	19.40	11.84	15.26	14.69	14.50	75.69
5	Special Forces Special Needs	35.00	22.88	27.51	22.46	23.50	131.38
6	Falling Angels	25.17	22.94	35.00	34.94	30.00	148.05
7	Pieces of 8	35.00	26.66	35.00	34.26	29.91	160.83
8	Fire Exit	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.78	28.94	167.72
9	Mayhem	28.69	35.00	29.10	35.00	30.00	157.79
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Four Sibson jumpers, three mountains, two thousand miles, one glacier and a mountain lake made for one hell of a trip to Switzerland! Our objective was to wingsuit the Eiger, but we were to experience so much more...

Inspired by the Eiger wingsuit article in the April '04 issue of Skydive Mag, four PPC skydivers decided to check it out for ourselves. Armed with directions, a chunnel ticket, rigs, wingsuits and an idea to fly down the Eiger, Mark Harris, Duncan Wright, Steve 'Narcoleptic' Such and Andrew Mansfield set out on the 12 hour journey to Skydive Switzerland at Reichenbach. The DZ is at 2,500 feet and the first couple of jumps were good grounding as the landing areas for the other jumps we would be doing were to get as high as 12,000 feet above mean sea level.

Wingsuiting The Eiger

The Eiger was a short drive from the DZ, then a sedate train journey to get us to the base of the mountain. The landing area was at 6,000 feet and snow covered. For these jumps we used both the DZ Porter and a helicopter. With stunning views of the mountain peaks to overwhelm us on the journey to altitude we experienced one of the most intimidating

jumps of our skydiving careers. What a rock to fly alongside – doing it just once was never an option! In our adrenaline-fuelled state of celebration following the first jump we managed to miss the last train off the mountain. This meant a very long hike in the dark, alleged to be a mere 45 minutes, which turned out to be an agonising two hours!

Swooping The Neisen

If we thought the Eiger was cool we were about to be blown away by mountain swooping. The Neisen is a 5,500 feet mountain which is easily included in the normal jump run for the DZ. It has a slope angle ideal for mountain swooping – which is basically blade-running but replacing the blades with snow, rocks and trees! So it's a hop 'n' pop above the peak and then setting up into formation ready to fly down the mountain one behind the other. The starting point is a swoop between two flag poles next to the restaurant at the summit – great entertainment for the tourist enjoying lunch! (See photo bottom left.) Then negotiating a rocky snow field and ridge led to a tree-covered mountainside, allowing us to slalom between the trees and surprise the hiding chamois. Finally we flew away from the mountain to land in the grassy valley bottom. It was a short ride back to the DZ to do it all over again on the next load.





Landing On The Glacier

Now it was time to land on a glacier at 12,000 feet into two feet of powder snow! Taking off in the Porter from the DZ, with our altis adjusted for the higher landing, we flew over the glacier at low level for a few minutes whilst the pilot checked it out for the landing of the Porter – because we had to get off somehow!

When he was happy we climbed to 4,000 feet above the glacier for everyone to do a hop 'n' pop then fly around taking photos before swooping in for a very fast landing immediately followed by a face-plant into the snow! This was the same for everyone on the load – jump numbers and canopy size made no difference to the quality of face-plant.

We now know that there is a real art to packing on a glacier in 2 feet of soft snow. The Porter could only take off with half a load. This meant the remaining five had an eerie wait for the plane to return to their remote heavenly location.

Mountain Lake

Had enough? Well how about a tracking jump over the mountain peaks into a glacial bowl, then swooping the lake and to finish, landing on a narrow beach in front of a restaurant (pictured above). This was the first time this had been done. From our lofty beach it was a short walk to the chairlift to take us back down the mountain.

Pushing Our Limits

All in all it was five days of awesome scenery, stunning skydives, new experiences and jumps that simply pushed our personal limits. We would like to say a huge thanks to Elliot Clarke and all at Skydive Switzerland. We're going back to check out more mountains for swooping with the intention of organising trips next year. If you want any information or fancy joining us then email Mark Harris at: mark@mountain-swooping.com

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Classics & CF

Nationals

Classics

This year saw competitors travelling to the North West Parachute Centre, Cark for the Classics Nationals, run alongside the CF. Cark is a little jewel up on the northwest coast. From the moment of walking onto the drop zone the professional yet friendly atmosphere is evident. We struck it lucky with the facilities and it was hard not to fall in love with the aircraft, a PAC 750XL that transported us to altitude in record time, in great comfort and warmth, with a good selection of music on the way.

The meet was scheduled to start on Monday 5 September though competitors started to arrive on the Saturday and Sunday to set up camp and do a few jumps in local conditions. As usual Tim and Katherine Andrewes joined us from Spain, Robin's horsebox was in situ, and by the time the two Bobs (Kinky and Charters) had arrived there was no doubt the Classics Nationals was ready to go.

The Competition

Accuracy began on the Monday and we managed four rounds (the CF events were also running). On Tuesday the accuracy continued and by lunchtime there were six rounds in the bag, enabling a complete meet in that event should the weather turn. The afternoon continued with the style event. The speed of the aircraft and the skill of the pilot meant four rounds were completed by the end of the day. Okay, so the last round was done in semi darkness, but that is where bright, strategically-hung beer lights on the ground make for very excellent ground markers for style competitors!

Wednesday was the only down day of the week, by lunchtime the judges had made the decision to stand down for the rest of the day. This enabled jumpers to take in some of the local sites, the nearby town of Windermere proved a popular destination for some R&R. The local pub proved the perfect destination for others!

Prizegiving

Thursday dawned fine and we were off to an early start. Odd rejumps were caught up on, and the remaining four rounds of accuracy and round of style were complete by mid-afternoon. The prizegiving was done by tea time,



Jeff Chandler wins the men's overall



The Cark Commandos take the Club Cup



Katherine Andrewes wins the women's accuracy



Stuart Morris wins the men's style



enabling competitors to make an early start on either the journey home or the beer!

The whole competition ran so smoothly because of a great combined effort and spirit of cooperation from all. The only mishap was that George Clack, one of our intermediate competitors, injured his back on an accuracy landing. Very best wishes for a full return to health go to George. Thanks to chief judge Bob Charters, event judge Bob King, Jim White for a great job on ground-to-air video, to Sue Waterman and John Boardman, and to Sara Williams who always thinks she is coming for a rest and always ends up helping out. A note of thanks to Frank Mallabone who, although not attending as a judge, had brought and set up all the classics equipment the weekend before and remained on call on the end of the phone to sort out a few subsequent equipment problems.

Cark Drop Zone

NWPC staff, headed by owners Stuart Morris and Mike Carruthers are troopers one and all! Heartfelt thanks for hosting the event and making us so welcome. It was fun to see Stuart compete for the first time in 13 odd years, especially as he entered the style event on a last minute whim – and won by a good margin! He swears he hasn't been secret training somewhere in the Eastern Bloc!

Mike Carruthers' piloting was second to none and, if you'll have us back again, we promise not to be over-enthusiastic when closing the aeroplane door! Meet director and CCI Dennis Buchanan was superb, efficient and kept many entertained with his unique sense of humour. Thanks Dennis.

Kay Carruthers was always on hand, doing everything from kit checks to manifest and a lot more besides. Trish Hayton spent a full day polishing the trophies to perfection, besides carrying the step to the plane every single load and sending us off with smiles and vibes. John Hargreaves kept the plane fuelled and ready to go, plus doing a multitude of odd jobs to keep the event running as smoothly as possible. And special thanks to John and Lynn in the café for keeping us fed and watered.

The canopy formation teams excelled with entertaining antics and all the classics competitors kept the spirit of sportsmanship alive throughout the week. Many congratulations to all the winners.

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Canopy Formation

It came as some surprise to the CF fraternity to be told that this year's Nationals would be held during a five day week, as opposed to the usual weekend format (which is also popular for the FS). This in a year when several selection camps were in Europe for the CF world record attempt in November '05 was certainly going to stretch any potential competitor's resources. Therefore it was a depleted group of die-hard CF competitors that journeyed up to North West PC. The hospitality and welcome of the Cark operation was excellent and after becoming familiar with the PAC 750XL, combined lifts of CF and Classics commenced.

2-way Sequential

The 2-way discipline ticked along steadily, with the peaks and troughs of *Cellmates* and *Outcasts* finally totalling more than *Focus's* steady average. On the last round *Outcasts* did enough points to win and then wound themselves up into an ever tighter carousel just for the fun of it.

4-way Sequential

4-way sequential was a scrappy affair, *Outcasts'* capability of turning points being negated by very slow initial builds. *Cellmates* were a member short, requiring a brave volunteer so they could attempt to compete; up stepped one George McGuinness to fill the slot. However it was to be proven that you can't make a silk purse out of three Lightnings and a Triathlon!

The technical difficulty of 4-way sequential was highlighted by this year's particularly low scores. Each team experienced some 'interesting' moments, Gordon Mission (like his namesake) having to deal with a very unusual situation, demonstrating that in CF you may have situations to deal with that no piece of automated kit will get you out of (or into!).

4-way Rotations

The rotations was almost over before it began, due to a camera malfunction at the beginning but Pete Saunders and Ian Marshall skipped up to the judges, rule books in hand, like a scene from *The Sound Of Music*, and claimed entitlement to the rejump that made for a tight competition. After six rounds *CFUK* and *Outcasts* were tied, so they exchanged best regards for a good clean fight and enplaned into the PAC for the jump-off... with the theme from James Bond playing on the sound system! On landing each team thought that they had obtained a decent score... and so to the judging, which revealed that *CFUK* had retained their title by two points.

8-way Speed

The sole 8-way speed team went through the formality of being judged over a nominal two rounds. On the first jump the formation built smoothly but the second was disturbed by an over-exuberant docking, the red mist of competition pressure striking once again!

Summary

All those who did manage to attend enjoyed a good week making the best of Cark's hospitality despite the late arrangements. CF often seems to be seen as the off-piste of skydiving, but those willing to try their hand at this particular 'dark side' may find it an exhilarating challenge.



CLASSICS

Men's Accuracy (10 rounds)

1	Jeff Chandler	0.27
2	Glenn Stephenson	0.36
3	Carl Williams	0.39
4	Nicky Johnson	0.40
5	Stuart Morris	0.54
6	Tim Andrewes	0.63
7	Ian Marshall	0.64
8	Pete Sizer	0.67
9	Robin Mills	0.67
10	John Page	1.05
11	Richard Bissett	1.24

Intermediate Accuracy (8 rounds)

1	Nick Ward	89.33
2	George Clack	5.49*

* George Clack retired injured after accuracy round 4.

Novice Accuracy (6 rounds)

1	Cliff Wilson	92.08
2	Jon Bradley	100.00

Men's Style (5 rounds)

1	Stuart Morris	48.69
2	Jeff Chandler	52.84
3	Carl Williams	55.95
4	Nicky Johnson	56.94
5	Pete Sizer	72.59
6	Glenn Stephenson	74.67
7	Richard Bissett	76.80

Intermediate Style (3 rounds)

1	Nick Ward	26.81
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Men's Overall

1	Jeff Chandler
2	Stuart Morris
3	Carl Williams
4	Glenn Stephenson
5	Nicky Johnson
6	Pete Sizer
7	Richard Bissett

Intermediate Overall

1	Nick Ward
2	George Clack

Women's Accuracy (10 rounds)

1	Katherine Andrewes	0.25
2	Esther Reynolds	0.50
3	Fran Shashkova	0.83

Women's Style (5 rounds)

1	Fran Shashkova	59.05
2	Esther Reynolds	68.57

Women's Overall

1	Esther Reynolds
2	Fran Shashkova

Team Accuracy

1	Accrats	0.96
2	Has Been Fun	1.58
3	The Dregs	3.78
4	Cark Commandos	4.33

CANOPY FORMATION

2-way Sequential (4 rounds)

1	Outcasts	20
2	Cellmates	18
3	Focus	14

4-way Sequential (6 rounds)

1	Outcasts	5
2	Cellmates	2

4-way Rotations (7 rounds)

1	CFUK	47
2	Outcasts	45

4-way Speed (7 rounds)

1	CFUK	7 in 272.36
2	Outcasts	7 in 322.00

8-way Speed (2 rounds)

1	Outcasts	1 in 90.02
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CFUK win the 4-way speed



CFUK win the 4-way rotations



Outcasts win the 4-way sequential



Outcasts win the 8-way speed

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- To set a women's world FS record
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The new record smashed the previous 131-way, also set by the ladies of Jump For The Cause, in 2002. As a participant then, I was anxious that JFTC 2005 should be as good as, if not better than the last. I was not disappointed – what an incredible journey, we felt every emotion describable... but more of that later.

JFTC was founded as a charity by Mallory Lewis with Kate Cooper, Brad Hood and Tony Domenico after the death of Mallory's mother Sheri, from a breast cancer related illness. Richard Seymour is a key player, working behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the event. Roger Ponce de Leon assisted with dive organisation.

Over 160 women from all over the globe descended on Perris Valley at the end of September. Participants had been hand selected by Kate Cooper and a team of international recruiters. Experience ranged from Eliana Rodriguez (world champion) and Lise Aune (world bronze), to our own Brit Chick Cheryl Marks with 350 jumps. Elite freeflyers like Missy Nelson, Wendy Smith, and Nicole Angelides all donned booties to join us, this shows how special JFTC is. Fifteen countries were represented and ages varied from 21 to 62.

The formation, slot assignments and jumpsuit colours were all posted on the JFTC website well in advance, ensuring we were well prepared before even setting foot on the DZ. The predominant colour is pink, in honour of breast cancer charities, with white, blue and yellow sectors. This is why there were so many pink jumpsuits appearing around the world this summer! Organisation of food, hotels and event support was also admirable, thanks to the skills of the JFTC team plus the excellent facilities and supportive attitude at Perris Valley.

Monday: Warm-Up

The opening ceremony featured Mallory and Lamb Chop, with speeches from Kate, Tony, Richard and the Conatsers (Perris Valley Skydiving owners). The City of Hope explained how the money raised will be used to fund a new suite for breast cancer treatment and research. This moving speech brought the aims of JFTC firmly into focus for all of us.

The load was split into three groups for the warm-up; Kate took the 75-way base while Tony and Roger each took a group of whackers. The practice dives were smooth with only minor fall rate and orientation issues in the base group. The whacker groups had several nice completions and multi point dives. The day ended with a dirt-dive of the 158-way from 16,500 ft, planned for the next morning...



Main Photo: Michael McGowan





Tuesday: Record Attempts Begin

We woke up to blue skies and made three attempts from eight aircraft flying beautifully in formation. The plane line-up was impressive with the Perris Skyvan as lead plane and seven Otters trailing.

Each dive was better than the last. The quality of these initial dives felt even better than in 2002. One of the Otters developed a problem on start up for dive three and we were put on a standby, much to our dismay. However, within ten minutes another Otter from Elsinore was landing at Perris. How marvellous! We were back in the air within 20 minutes – gotta love American drop zones!

The weather remained very hot, but we were kept well supplied with ice cold water from the fabulous support staff and our five year old daughter Olivia, who nominated herself to be a support team water girl.

The heat, 1,500ft ground elevation and nil wind conditions made for some very fast landings which unfortunately resulted in some knee and ankle injuries. A few could no longer jump but some bravely soldiered on and were helped out to the plane on crutches and via the golf cart – endearingly called the 'cripple cart'!

The organisers decided that we needed to start earlier as it was difficult to fly in formation late in the day with the sun low in the sky dazzling the pilots and floaters. This was because of the need to use an east to west jump run because of the time it takes to line up the eight aircraft and also being the only direction that sufficient airspace could be obtained. Therefore the call went out for a full dirt-dive at 7am the following morning.

Wednesday: Record Attempts

Another five jumps were made, incremental in progression, with some minor red zone issues causing problems and small funnels. There was an exit issue on jump 3, when one of the cameramen fell off, resulting in two Otters being emptied early.

Kate's mantra was that the main issues were 'fall rate and levels' which we all needed to work on individually by dressing for success. If we couldn't address it ourselves it would be 'addressed for us' and we guessed what that meant (the dreaded axe!).

It has to be said though that the atmosphere and vibe was completely supportive throughout the event with a real camaraderie and team feel. Each plane had their own song or chant, which seems to be unique to JFTC. This usually centred on the initial of the plane in the formation. 'F' plane simply chose 'FOC-US' (pronounced European-style) as their mantra and frequently shouted it at the end of the dirt-dives. There was no bench and almost all the women selected remained on the load.



Main Photo: Norman Kent





Thursday: Formation Redesign

Again we got up at 5, met at 7 and were on jump run at 8am, these early morning dives were great fun and provided beautiful views as we climbed over the valley. Breakfast afterwards tasted so good! We made five jumps, again building well and almost completing, although there were still some issues with levels and minor red zone collisions. Kate continued to amaze us in the base debriefs by her ability to immediately identify everyone and point out fall rate or level problems. Her unique presence as an organiser is totally amazing to witness.

After the third jump the organisers redesigned the formation slightly, after some recurring problems with the build of the outer 3-way lines. This resulted in us dirt-diving again, this time out in the fierce midday heat; a necessary evil to ensure everyone knew their new slots. This redesign definitely helped with the resulting jumps building much more smoothly. The record was within our reach...

Friday: How Close?!

Jump number 2 built to 153 out of 154, so tantalisingly close. Another 154-way attempt was made but did not quite complete. Jump number 4 was a 151-way attempt. In the dirt-dive Kate led us in that special chant that seems to be reserved for record dives: *"Right here, Right now, This skydive, MY PERSONAL BEST!"* Despite 'being British', we managed to put our reserve to one side and were screaming with the rest – such is the magical aura of Jump for the Cause. Dan BC was called on, shouts went up for a song and he obliged with a sexy rendition of *Bad to the Bone* as he urged us to "be bad" and go build the world record...

It was what Kate calls 'a very quiet skydive': smooth, level and felt good. We landed to cheers, congratulations and excited screams. Kisses, hugs, excitement, elation, tears! We had done it! Or so everyone on the ground and the cameramen thought. As we walked back however, a few murmurs went through the group that maybe a grip had been dropped?...

An utterly agonising wait ensued whilst the judges reviewed the videos. A 30 minute call for jump 5 went out. The judges were still in conference and there was no decision made as yet, although there was obvious doubt. The organisers didn't want us to lose the chance of another jump. It was tough, having our elation snatched so abruptly from us but we had to just dig deep and keep going. Kate re-energised us with more inspirational words:

"The eyes of the skydiving world are focused on us here in Perris, with so many messages of encouragement and support. Everyone on the load has done their job already, we just need to go and do it one more time, only better!"

We were also promised chilled champagne, personally donated by the organisers. With mixed emotions we went to the Otters. They did their familiar shimmy into position for take-off, 'C' plane felt calm...



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Brit Chicks with Kate and Richard, by Dirk Gallion

Brit Chicks

Fifteen Brit Chicks were invited, all record holders in their own right. Sadly, Liz Matthews (Natty) was unable to attend because of the death of her father just before the event, who died very poignantly from secondary breast cancer. This gave our fundraising efforts new meaning and impetus.

Lesley Gale, our top Brit Chick, had motivated and supported us all in her own unique style to get together as a team to fundraise collectively. This resulted in over £22,000 being raised and donated to breast cancer research, something which I do not think we could have achieved individually. It also meant that we truly were a team by the time we got out to Perris.

We had even developed our own group of supporters, who put many lovely messages on our web blog, check it out for the full story at www.getjealous.com/britchicksforthecause This was tirelessly updated every night by Paul Rowe – thank you! This really made a difference to us, it was great to feel we had such support back in the UK.

We were the second largest nation at JFTC after the Americans. Every Brit Chick stayed on the load throughout, all were on the world record.



Friday: World Record Jump

The build was smooth, with very little tension. It felt good and quiet – again! I looked across the formation and saw Eliana smiling. Lesley was grinning across the 6-way base at Kate. Every face was radiant!

We landed again to cheers and screams; it had looked good from the ground. The drop zone clapped us back from the landing area. We didn't dare celebrate... yet. Another tortuous wait ensued whilst the judges reviewed the tapes. Again we were called to the covered area, where the judges announced that jump 4 showed a complete formation but only for one camera frame. Some nations may have counted it, peut-être, but they felt, on balance that it did not meet the FAI criteria of being completely controlled.

They had no such doubts, however, about jump no 5, a beautiful, fabulous, gorgeous complete 151-way, held for 4.8 seconds! Perris erupted with cheering and screams of delight! Kate, Tony, Richard, Mallory, Dan and Roger received a standing ovation from all of us. What an emotional roller-coaster! We had laughed, sang, chanted and cried together, now we were finally going to celebrate! After being so eloquent all week, Kate's final speech was brief "Pool, party, champagne..."

Closing Party and Aftermath

The event closed in style with a banquet and the infamous polyester party. There were thank you speeches for the JFTC team, 6-way base, plane captains and recruiters. Olivia was personally thanked on stage by Kate Cooper for being the best 'water girl'. She can't wait to be a skydiver; I guess that's where the positive role modelling comes in. The Brit Chicks were also honoured on stage and each given a JFTC day sack in recognition of their unique team approach to fundraising. Each participant also came away with two glossy photos of Norm Kent's shot of the record – plus a jump ticket for the Perris jet!

The event is over but raised awareness of breast cancer, fundraising and role modelling continue with impressive media attention. Most notably, an Early Day Motion was tabled in the House of Commons, honouring the efforts of the Brit Chicks in being a part of the women's world record which in total raised over £300,000 for breast cancer research. We also received coverage in The Times, Central TV, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and many local papers.

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Jump for the Cause for me has a magic all of its own, a unique melting pot of emotions, memories and achievements. Thank you to all who supported our cause and congratulations to everyone who was a part of this very special event, especially my fellow Brit Chicks.

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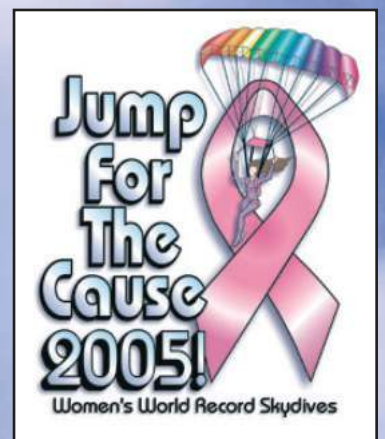
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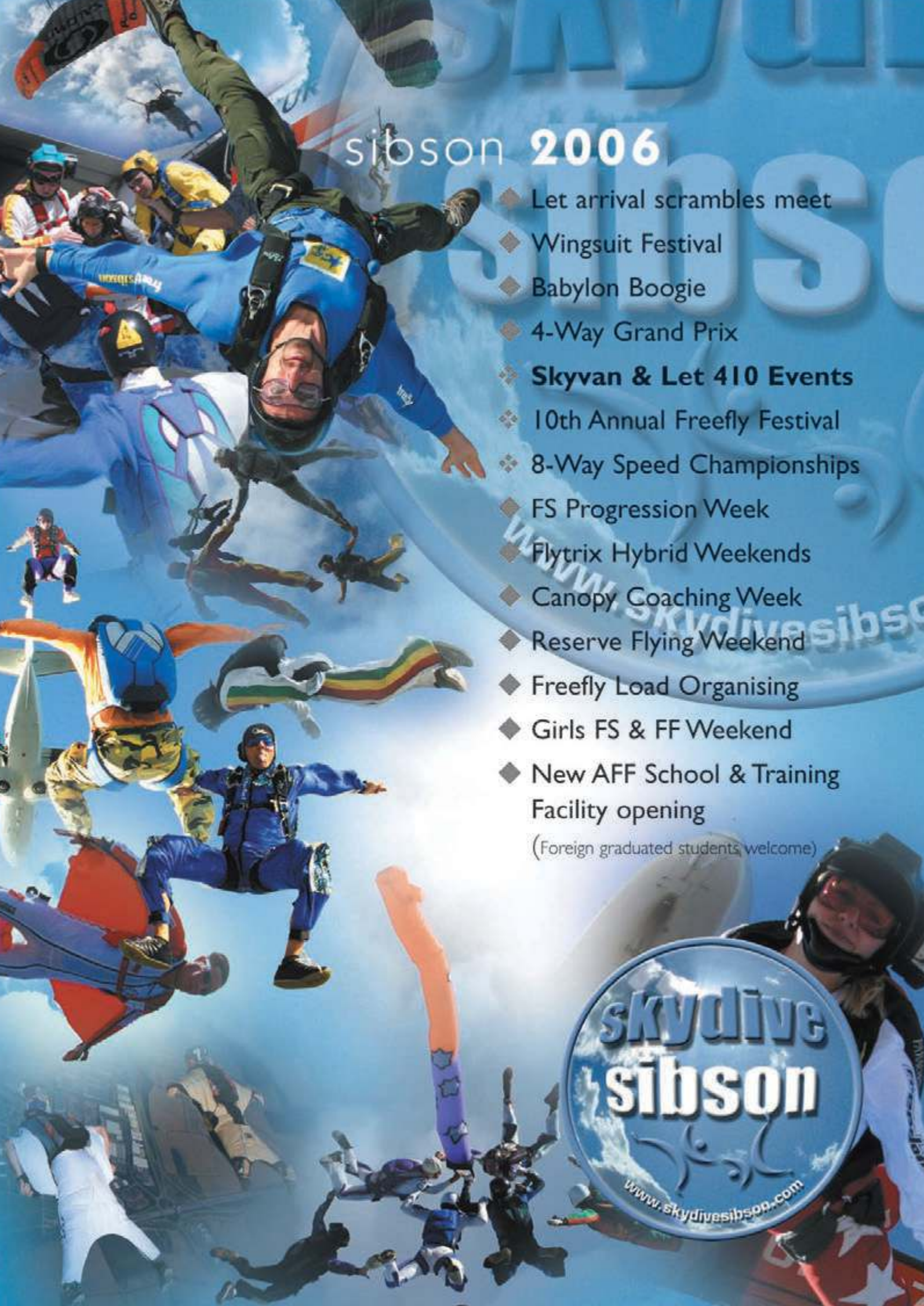
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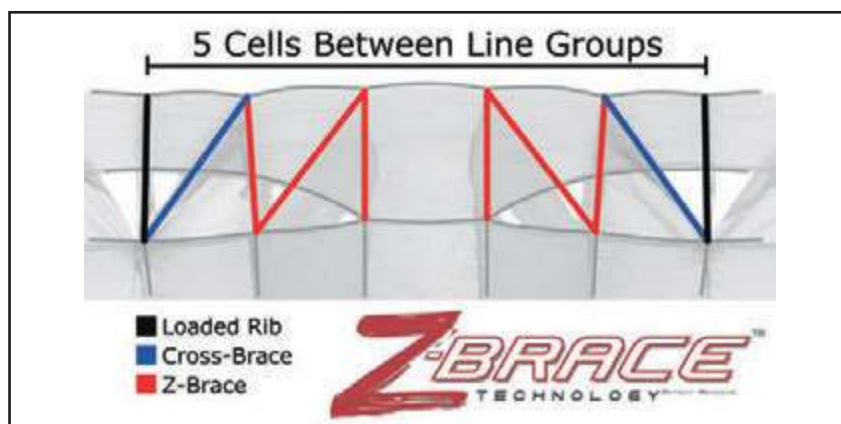


Belt & Braces

Performance Designs (PD) has taken the cross-brace concept as used on their top of the range Velocity pocket rocket another stage further with the current development of their Z-brace technology.

Cross-bracing was first introduced to the world with PD's *Excalibur* in 1990, and is now well established with the top of the range high performers. A cross-brace is a diagonal rib linking two vertical ribs, thus preventing any distortion of the cells in flight, much like a cross-brace on a 5-bar gate. Cross-braced canopies have three cells between each loaded rib, rather than the conventional two, thus producing a stiffer, higher aspect ratio, 21-cell wing with a 7-cell line set.

The new Z-brace goes one step further, by diagonally bracing two additional non-loaded ribs, which results in five cells between line groups. PD tell us that their technical goal is to improve aerodynamics by increasing cell count and reducing line drag beyond what is possible by the existing cross-bracing technology alone. They claim they have accomplished this by using a new internal bracing method that complements the existing cross-bracing technology.



So, how does it work? The closer the loaded ribs are in a canopy, the less surface distortion, and the more aerodynamically clean the wing shape becomes. In conventional canopies, adding loaded ribs means adding more rows of drag-producing suspension lines. Rather than loading these ribs externally, via more line groups, cross-braces load them internally, reducing line drag. In effect, cross-bracing allows for a 21-cell design to have the lower drag line configuration of a 7-cell. With the Z-brace there are effectively 35 cells with the line drag of a 7-cell. The Z-brace is still a concept in development and not a product available at this time.

www.performancedesigns.com

Audio Visual

Two new audible altimeters from Larsen & Brusgaard have joined the merry throng. The *Optima* and the *Solo* are the latest additions to the *Pro-Dytter* and *Pro-Track* family which first appeared on the world's DZs about seven years ago.

The *Solo* is a direct update of the original *Pro-Dytter* with three adjustable altitude warning alarms, the first two of which have different pulsating alarms, whilst the third and lowest warning is a high pitch siren. The only difference between the old *Pro-Dytter* and the new *Solo* is in size and battery type. The *Solo* is smaller and thinner than its predecessor and uses mercury oxide batteries which are easily available on the high street.



The *Optima* on the other hand is a completely new animal. In addition to the normal three adjustable warning alarms as per its cheaper brother, it also incorporates some sophisticated canopy flight warnings. Generally known as the *Swoop Mode*, this option provides for four banks of custom 'under canopy' warning settings, allowing the competitive swooper to pre-programme a warning alarm at their canopy's optimum swoop altitude, or for the novice canopy pilot to set an alarm to remind them when to get their canopy onto base leg into wind for landing for instance.



The *Optima* also features a canopy glide angle indicator which L&B call 'guide tones'. If the canopy's glide angle is flat the interval between beeps will be long and if the glide angle is very steep, the time interval between beeps will be very short.

The company claims that this will help the inexperienced jumper stay within his canopy's optimum flight corridor or the experienced swooper to judge his canopy's dive. The minimum altitude selection interval for the *Solo* is 500 ft while for the *Optima* it is as little as 10 ft if desired. Also available as an extra cost item for the *Optima* is a plug-in LED which may be routed around to the goggles or helmet visor and which flashes in conjunction with the beeps. Neither the *Solo* nor the *Optima* have logbook functions.

www.L-and-B.dk



Extreme Activation

Much discussion is going on in the right now in the skydiving world concerning the potential for an AAD to activate during extreme canopy handling as seems to have been the case with a recent fatality in Holland.

Airtec, manufacturers of the Cypres AAD system, have been concerned for several years that extreme canopy pilots may develop skills to exceed the activation speed of the Cypres by performing multiple diving 360° spirals starting above 1,500 ft.

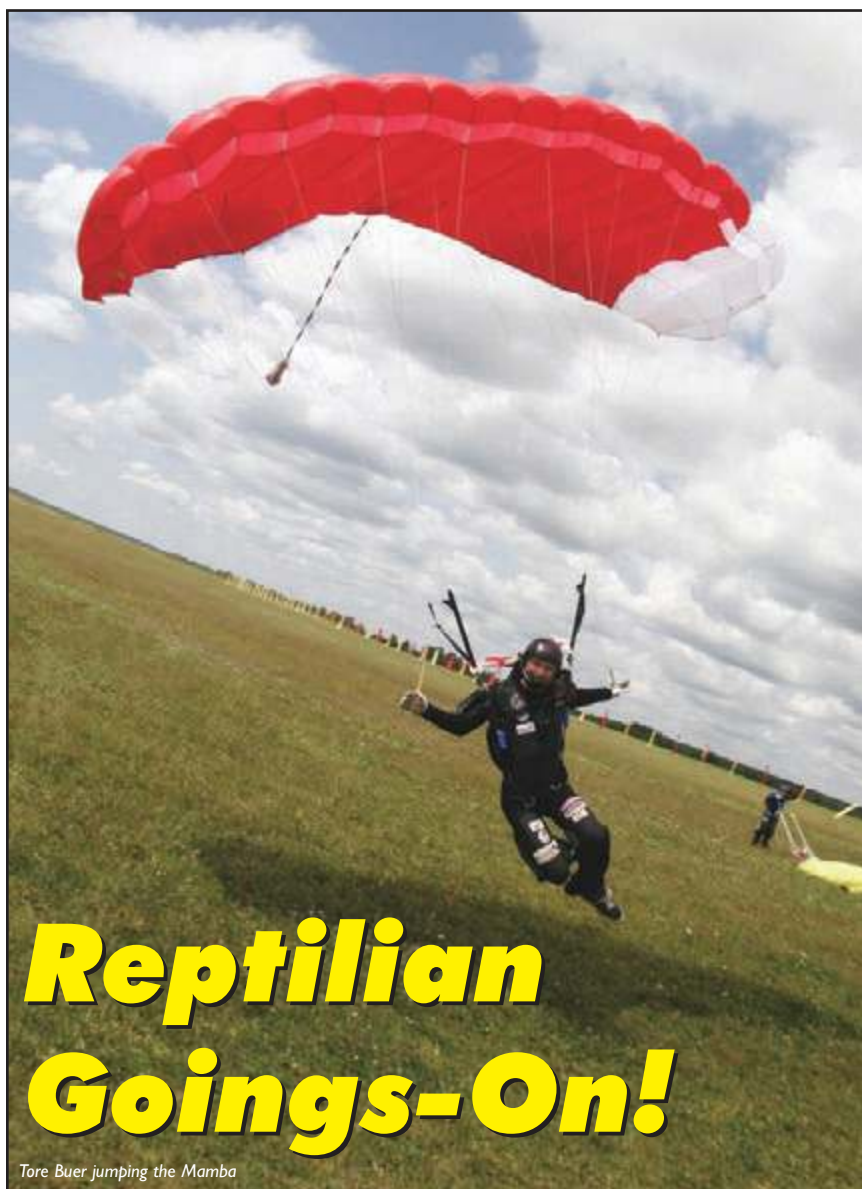
The activation speed of the Expert Cypres is 78 mph. This activation speed allows an activation in the situation of a lightweight skydiver with a big jumpsuit and a pilot chute in tow malfunction. In recent years there have been several fatalities where jumpers under highly loaded elliptical canopies with a spinning malfunction were not able to cut away or to pull the reserve. In none of these cases did the Cypres fire as, even under the permanent spinning canopy, the necessary activation speed for an Expert Cypres was not reached.

Now it seems that the time has arrived where top canopy pilots are in fact able to push their canopies outside the design criteria of their AAD. On their website Airtec now state that their previous statement that *"It is not possible to safely perform such radical manoeuvres below 750 feet and activate Cypres, because even if a jumper reaches 78 mph vertical speed for a brief amount of time, it will not activate"* has been superseded by new techniques involving a small handful of the best of the best canopy pilots. For some of them it is now possible to sustain vertical speed in excess of 78 mph for an extended period of time, and still land safely.

For the vast majority of skydivers, the risk of an AAD firing under canopy is infinitesimally small as compared to the risks of jumping without an AAD. In order to cope with these new advanced canopy piloting techniques, Airtec are developing a special model of Cypres 2 which has been undergoing trials for a number of months. The new model is presently in the final test phase, and currently being test jumped. For most skydivers this special Cypres 2 will actually increase some risk; because of its more stringent activation parameters, it will not activate as soon or at all in certain circumstances as compared to the regular model.

Airtec tell us that specific recommendations for those skydivers who are candidates for using this special model Cypres 2 will be available soon, but they were at pains to add that it is a very small community of canopy pilots who are capable of crossing the line of the Expert Cypres under canopy while still landing safely.

www.cypres.cc



Reptilian Goings-On!

Tore Buer jumping the Mamba

Andrey Veselov

Contrary to what you might think there appears to be a shortage of available names in the world to give items of skydiving equipment!

I say this because you may have seen Aerodyne International's *"Something wicked this way comes"* ads, on the run-up to the release of their latest product. Well I reckon Bonehead Inc probably agree with them, because Aerodyne's new canopy proudly sports the same name as Bonehead's new helmet released a few months ago – that of Mamba.

You see, Aerodyne's Mamba is reportedly *"the ultimate high performance 9-cell elliptical ram-air main with an excellent glide ratio"*, while Bonehead's Mamba is a carbon fibre full-face helmet with no glide ratio at all. Try not to get confused when ordering!

Anyway, according to Aerodyne their Mamba was *"designed with the more experienced and discerning canopy pilot in mind but without the extra cost and pack volume issues associated with cross-braced canopies"*. Aerodyne have positioned the Mamba to compete with canopies like PD's Katana and Icarus's Crossfire2. The new canopy is the result of two years of research & development and test jumping, with the final version of the prototype being test-jumped by the Norwegian 4-way team Arcteryx. *"The team previously had 1,500 jumps on Katanas and therefore had a good platform to relate to whilst evaluating the Mamba,"* reports Aerodyne rep Bushman.

With a planform factor of 22.1 and an aspect ratio of 2.7:1 the Mamba is one of the most elliptical wings on the market today. As a comparison, the company's Pilot main has a planform factor of 6.6 and their Vision 14.7. Despite its aggressive taper, the company claim that the Mamba delivers excellent openings and provides the jumper with a smooth, controlled snivel and maximum forgiveness during inflation. Like all very elliptical wings it is extremely responsive to toggle input.

Aerodyne are also very pleased with the Mamba's glide ratio. They claim that recent tests against other high performance canopies show that their new baby has the advantage. *"With the Mamba a jumper will increase the ability to get back from long spots and have the absolute longest swoop landings ever experienced under a non cross-braced wing"* says the company.

Reportedly the flare on the Mamba is powerful and easy to read. *"From the moment you start your flare you will easily be able to gauge your distance and landing speed. Experienced canopy pilots will find that the Mamba is easy to land while maximising their swoop distance and control."* reports the team captain of Arcteryx. The canopy sports 700 lb HMA line, which allows for exacting tolerances on the line trim. There are nine available sizes from 90 to 150 sq ft.

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The Armies

Every year in August, Netheravon hosts the Armed Forces Parachute Championships – what's that all about then? Well the Armies, as it's become known, is an FS, accuracy and CF competition for members of the armed forces. What is less well known is that the meet is open to everyone.

4-way FS Rules

The Armies uses slightly different rules to BPA competitions. Jump numbers categorise the 4-way FS teams. Juniors and intermediates use the '5 second rule': times start 5 seconds after exit, or when the first point is broken if this is earlier. This allows teams to launch an easy formation and grip-switch to the first point.

Accuracy Rules

This is divided into novice (less than 50 jumps), junior (>100 jumps), intermediate (>400 jumps) and senior categories. This allows all experience levels to take part in a major competition – some novices are still on static line!

First Weekend

186 people registered, including forty-five 4-way teams, some people making a special effort to get back from far-flung places such as Iraq! International representation came in the form of all girl military team *Valkyrie* from Norway and Danish team *Airblast*. The first day dawned with ideal jumping conditions, much to the relief of meet director Mike Smith. The first weekend's main focus is 4-way, and civilian teams who can't be available during the week are given priority. One of the fantastic things about the Armies is the huge emphasis on getting the best out of everyone. To that end, *AirKix* and the *Army* teams provided free coaching, including top tips such as how to get the most from the 5 second rule, all inbetween their own senior competition rounds. We 'bunnies' would like to thank Sparky, Amanda, Dave and everyone for their patience, especially when it was the umpteenth time they'd explained Danish Tee – Murphy! We appreciate it wasn't always the right time to ask!

By Sunday lunchtime, all of the weekend 4-way teams had completed. Juniors *Easily Coerced* had stormed ahead with a very respectable 13.7 average, but with some of the military teams yet to jump midweek, the meet was still to be decided. The forecast was looking decidedly dodgy, so Mike Smith pressed on with the accuracy. Some of us sneaked in a couple of organised loads with Caroline Hughes, one of these being Will Major's 500th. The first weekend included 1,500 descents from 130 lifts which we think is a record for Nethers.

In The Pink

The final highlight of the weekend was the pinking of Robin Durie... he appeared in the bar first of all with peroxide blonde hair and then later on sporting brilliant pink blush colour, all in aid of Jump For The Cause. We gave him a standing ovation. There was a worrying Ronald McDonald moment when the dye was first applied but all turned out well in the end! We told the Danes that this was the usual punishment for infringing the beer line!

Nail-biting Finish

Torrential rain interspersed by boiling sun meant perseverance and early morning starts were needed to complete the meet for prizegiving on Friday evening. In total, almost 4,500 competition descents were made! The intermediate FS went to a nail-biting jump-off between *Jump Navy* and *REME Lightning* – after which it was still a draw! The result was then decided by the highest scoring round, with *Jump Navy* taking the gold. The medals were awarded by Major General Gary Coward (OBE) who seemed pleasantly unconcerned by Robin's new coiffure. The



AirKix, senior 4-way gold, by Andy Wright



Robin Durie, dyed for the cause



Easily Coerced, junior 4-way gold by Sandie Nicholson

ceremony closed with a display including a 24-way of competitors, with a magnificent double rainbow as a backdrop.

Speed 8-way

The following day saw the speed 8-way. There may have been more than eleven 8-way teams, were it not for several self-induced casualties from the Friday night bar! Speed 8 was held over four rounds, the videos providing great footage of gross exit instability (you know who you are Mick Tyler!).

Young Eagles

Running alongside the Armies was the Young Eagles competition, using the same draw. This showed a lot of competitive spirit, with an ending worthy of any world meet. The *Figcheldean Fairies* were neck and neck with the *4 King LL's*. In the end, the *4 Kings* just pipped it, to rapturous applause from the grown-ups. Medals were presented at the same time as the speed 8-way. Many thanks to Bodyflight for their coached tunnel time prize. We now have two Young Eagles after-school clubs, hopefully the *Figcheldean Fairies* etc will be competing in the juniors in a couple of years.



Armies Results

Accuracy Novice

- 1 Trish Kelly
- 2 Steve Hahn
- 3 Gary Stubbs

Junior

- 1 Nick Burdick
- 2 Matt Pascoe
- 3 Andy Carter

Intermediate

- 1 Ed Burdick
- 2 Kyle Thomas
- 3 Scouse Morgan

Senior

- 1 Nige Allen
- 2 Cookie
- 3 Mick Nealis

Team Accuracy Intermediate

- 1 Lightning (REME)
- 2 Reformed (Royal Engineers)
- 3 JSPC(N)

Senior

- 1 JSPC(N)
- 2 Retards (Royal Engineers)
- 3 Tigers

CF 4-way Rotations

- 1 Silver Stars

4-way FS

Junior

- 1 Easily Coerced
- 2 REME Blue
- 3 REME Red

Intermediate

- 1 Jump Navy
- 2 REME Lightning
- 3 Chav-Acious

Senior

- 1 AirKix
- 2 JSPC(N)
- 3 Fantastic 4

Speed 8-way FS

- 1 Elsinore NRA
- 2 JSPC & Norgies
- 3 Red Devils

Young Eagles 4-way

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|---|------------------|-----|
| 1 | 4 King LL's | 167 |
| 2 | Fairies | 163 |
| 3 | Charlie's Angels | 142 |
| 4 | Bin Boys | 96 |

Young Eagles 2-way

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| 1 | Dan & Sam | 117 |
| 2 | DZ Jets | 69 |



JSPC(N), senior silver, by Spencer Hogg

Summary

Despite changeable weather, this year was probably the best Armies yet with a record number of entrants and the highest standard of FS. This success is down to the hard work of everyone, including the judges, pilots, Kim & Angela in manifest, the coaches for being so patient and Robin for being pink. So, next August, come along and give the Armies a go – we guarantee you a good time!

Kath Salisbury



Kyle Thomas, intermediate accuracy silver



Jump Navy, intermediate 4-way FS gold



The Tigers, team accuracy silver



REME Blue, junior 4-way FS silver, and armed forces gold



Bin Boys



Ed & Nick Burdick, intermediate & junior accuracy golds

Foam Party

The traditional close to the Armies has become a foam party. The fancy dress theme of 'Baywatch Babes meet Hawaii 5-0' meant most people were dressed appropriately to get wet, with people who were seen as being too dry being forcibly dunked! Everyone had a jolly good time and the only casualties of the Armies were people with seriously sore heads!

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Adrian Nicholas

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Adrian was a great man, not because he used to be the 'Eye in the Sky' at Capital Radio, not because he jumped the Da Vinci chute, or even because he jumped over the Wall of China.

Adrian was a great man, not because he was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. Not because all of his work with Help a London Child and the Stoke Mandeville Special Olympics.

Adrian was a great man, not because he was a licensed cave and technical diver, nor because he was a pilot for both aeroplanes and helicopters. He wasn't great because he skydived and landed on top of the north pole – one of the few jumps he was wearing shoes!

All right, all of these things made him a truly remarkable man but he was a great man because he was a true friend, my friend, he was our friend. He made us all do stuff that we never ever would have got around to doing if it wasn't for him. When you visit the dreambook on the internet you realise just how many people he touched, moved and inspired. Whenever asked how come he got to be so inspirational, he always gave the same answer. *"Growing up I was always lead to believe that I could do anything, anything at all, even if it was flying around just like Peter Pan."*

Adrian may have achieved many great things, but the greatest thing of all was Ella. He was searching for so long and eventually he found completeness. A lifetime partner, a great house and now the perfect child. The joy of having a daughter, the true feeling of being a proud father. When Ella had her first birthday I'm sure he was standing outside watching us all, barefoot of course like always, smiling, cheering and singing with us.

So I guess Adrian that this is our goodbye. I have always been so proud of being one of your friends, I will never forget.

Thanks for forcing me to eat sushi.
Thanks for showing me the shuttle launch.
Thanks for introducing me to red wine.
Thanks for opening my eyes.
Thanks for saving my life.
Thanks for making me live my dreams.

You truly were one of the greatest men I have ever met.
Thank you for making me a better man and thank you for believing in me and showing me a greater life.

Please do raise that glass of wine in memory of Adrian and please do remember him by being just as safe as he tried to teach you all to be.

Glenn Johannesson

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I will never forget his totally out of place public-school voice compèring at the Herc Boogie and having us all in stitches, nor his barefoot approach to life and particularly helping me to blag my way into a jet fighter in Sweden. A wonderful, unforgettable gentleman with an enviable list of achievements that you never heard him bragging about.

Dain Thorne

It was always a pleasure to spend time with Adrian and we had some great flights. When we would leave to other places we would always know with a look, each other's thoughts, 'keep safe'. My thoughts are for his lady and their child, his family and close friends. Fly high Adrian, fly free.

Tim Porter

Adrian was always willing to give of himself. He was so full of life and willing to share it.

Michelle Lamscha

Adrian embodied the spirit of skydiving. For me, losing him is like losing Dumbledore, he was our top wizard and is irreplaceable.

Lucie Fenton

Adrian had a marvellously laid-back 'whatever' way about him, and a perma-smile which was utterly infectious.

Annabel Giles

Adrian was one of those people who dared to be what so many others only dreamed of being. He actually lived his dreams and created many more. Through pioneering work in many areas especially within skydiving, he contributed enormously towards a safer, more exciting environment particularly within freeflying and wingsuits. Owing to a confident air, a developed accent and an extensive vocabulary, first impressions of Adrian were often incorrect and he did little to correct them. In fact he was kind, considerate, charming, engaging, giving, entertaining, oh so talented and much more besides.

Simon Ward

When I pass through the door into open air, you know I'm smiling. You are the wind in my hair.

Björn Wenhov

You taught me many things; it is not an exit but rather an entrance, increased awareness towards safety and how not to brush your teeth with shaving foam! We chatted once about Patrick and I remember your analogy, "The light that burns twice as bright, burns half as long". I think this is most appropriate now. The blue skies have turned grey but, as the engines cut and I climb out, I will take that moment you taught me to savour and always remember you.

Mike Frost

Adrian, a man who lived at full speed but never without thought, thanks for the experience my friend.

Rob Silver

Adrian Nicholas was a pioneer, he was kind and gifted, he gave his knowledge freely, I learned a lot from him. He was my friend. I will miss him. He will be missed by many.

Al Hodgson

Adrian was a wonderful man, kind, gentle, thoughtful and full of fun. He always brought a smile to my face as soon as he arrived, he made a very strong impact on the life of many. All children were mystified by this new day Peter Pan.

Melissa Yiannopoulos

Adrian was an angel. It was as though there was a light inside him, shining out and touching all those who wanted to be touched. He was a total pioneer of freeflying and wingsuiting, but he was into every aspect of skydiving: if you were passionate about something, he loved it, he would buy into your dreams however different they were to his own.

Lesley Gale

Even the sky cried today but I hope you found your rainbow. Goodbye Adrian.

Marion Brown

All my uncle ever did was different and new. He had just got his life the way he wanted. Ella, he was so proud of you, you were his life. He wished he could teach you 'firsts' like he taught me 'firsts' time and time again. I'm so happy he found out what it was like to be a dad.

Thanks for all those cool things you taught me:- shooting; driving on snow, skiing, ice fishing, back flips, juggling, mixing music and much more. I enjoyed playing with you because you always treated me as an adult not a little kid. I'm glad you were different and daring because that's what makes you 'you'. I hope one day I can be as different as you.

Stephen Baldwin

Your nephew and I'm proud of that

**Goodbye
Adrian...
go teach those
angels how to fly!**

Donna Nicholas



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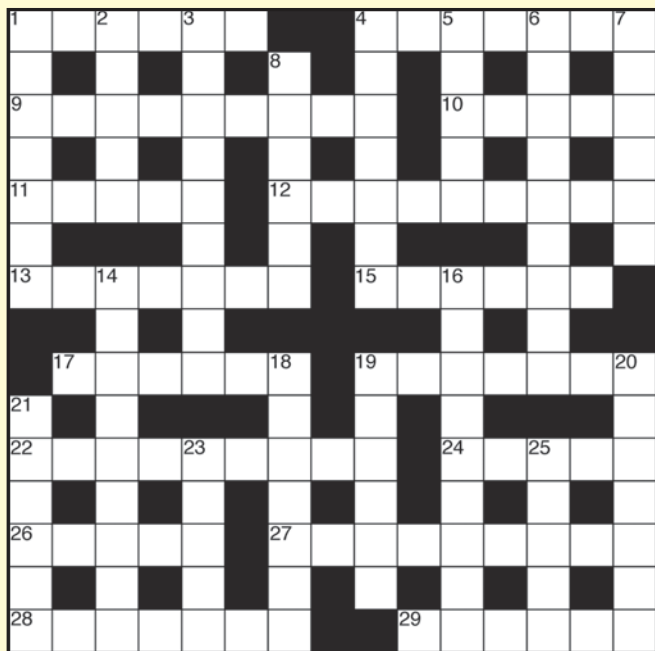
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Main (Cryptic)

Across

1. Valuing money wrapped in paper (6)
4. Set free about stormy sea following the French (7)
9. The point of flight, just one part of it (9)
10. Clumsy flare has uncontrollable result (5)
11. Preach without beginning to touch (5)
12. Reverses crushing fifty bums (9)
13. Last of old time engineers (7)
15. Offspring following main spring perhaps (6)
17. Decay in muscle forming helmet (6)
19. Spraying scented drop (7)
22. Exploding poteen mix, a duty free item? (9)
24. Aircraft that are lived in, in Empuria (5)
26. Turn starts to tighten when I raise leg (5)
27. Before ETA turn less wild in neat surroundings (9)
28. Rotter loses head after losing weight (7)
29. Sums up 4 – 1000 shakily (6)

Down

1. Remoteness of second canopy (7)
2. Appearing in Kuwaiti Arab's headdress (5)
3. The point of Cark! (5-4)
4. What Usk capercaillie carries back and carries again (7)
5. Goes up fifty one feet before beginning to stall (5)
6. Rodeo mare runs into field (9)
7. Sign on the zigzag line at both ends of sheet (6)
8. Try the French firm (6)
14. Going for moulded pargetting after false start (9)
16. Connect and assist orchid anther at regular intervals (9)
18. Dolphin loses head following carbon boat (7)
19. Jeopardy: damn American TV show (6)
20. Samples of stun guns loaded with tritium (7)
21. Loopy piece of adornment, a locket (6)
23. Aviator's test program (5)
25. Divers' oxygen (5)

Reserve

Across

1. Qualification
4. Cut away
9. Formation
10. Gone wild
11. Obtain
12. Bottoms
13. Utmost
15. Eg, summer
17. Helmet
19. Lineage
22. Dispensation
24. Tailgate aeroplanes
26. Spin
27. Too early
28. Less heavy
29. Runs over

Down

1. Emergency chute
2. Glittery Alice-band
3. 315 degrees: Cark (5-4)
4. Reserve inspections
5. Elevators
6. Airfield
7. Sign up
8. Well balanced
14. Aiming at
16. Type of membership
18. Ship: FCI canopy
19. Peril
20. Food checkers
21. Of the mind
23. Flyer
25. Aqualung

Across
 1. Rating, 4. Release, 9. Statstep, 10. Feral, 11. Reach, 12. Backsides, 13. Extreme, 15. Season, 17. Proteg, 19. Descent, 22. Exemption, 24. Cassis, 26. Twirl, 27. Premature, 28. Lighter, 29. Recaps.
Down
 1. Targeting, 2. Tarn, 3. North-west, 4. Repacks, 5. Lifts, 6. Aerodrome, 7. Entist, 8. State, 14. Targeting, 16. Associate, 18. Clipper, 19. Danger, 20. Tasters, 21. Mental, 23. Pilot, 25. Scuba.

Don't Drink And Dive

Skydiving is my passion and the social side is great. Unfortunately my mates give me grief when I'm looking a little worse for wear the next morning. I'm over 18, so what's their problem?

Well, you're quite right, the sport is great and having fun is all part of the equation but it depends on what you mean by 'a little worse for wear'. Consider why your mates are dubious about jumping with you. As a rule of thumb it takes approximately an hour for one unit of alcohol to be processed by the body. Be honest, could you still be under the influence after last night at the bar? Don't forget alcohol even at low levels gives the feeling of being fine and, worse, reduces inhibitions or encourages daredevil behaviour.

With tiredness, yawning to increase our oxygen levels in our bodies is fine with your feet on the ground but at jumping altitude oxygen levels in the air can be nearly halved. Given that reduced oxygen can cause drowsiness, distort vision and affect your reaction time to respond to an emergency, then that late night may affect your abilities, especially in the air. Jumping puts extra stresses and strains on our body due to changes in air pressure, temperatures, and oxygen levels, plus acceleration and deceleration amongst others so a healthier body will cope with these factors better.

I'm sorry mate, I don't blame your friends. Do yourself and those around you a favour, don't increase the risk to yourself, your friends or anyone else you might jump with. Sit this one out... and not at the bar!

Scared After Mal

I'm a RAPS student jumper, I had a line-over malfunction on my ninth jump and now I am really scared. I went straight back up and did another jump straight afterwards on that day. I have done others since but my exits and body position have not been so good. How can I overcome this fear?

Look at it this way, you should now be less scared and more confident. You now know that the reserve drills work and that the reserve deploys, flies and puts you down safely. Most importantly, you know that **you** are up to the task of dealing with a malfunction. You recognised it, made the right decision, carried out the correct drills, tweaked the nose of 'The Grim' and came out on top. How many of your fellow students can say that?

Carry this new confidence with you into the door, know you are master of the situation, you are not a victim, you are a decision maker. Conquer this problem just as you did your malfunction, you can do it.

Of course, if you do fancy trying this out in a more relaxed environment where you have more time to respond to exit problems and relax prior to pull, then ask for information on AFF.

martinwilliams5@compuserve.com

Confessing About Stressing

I just finished my AFF course, in 13 jumps and over 3 months, and did one solo the same day as my last level. Now I'm halfway through my consols but the problem is that I get really stressed about jumping. During the week, I look forward to it but when I wake up in the weekend, I'm feeling slightly sick, although I know there is nothing to be stressed about. Because of this, I mostly remain at home and don't jump at all! When the weekend is over, I feel bad because I haven't jumped. Is this normal?

Yes, it's totally normal. In time and the more jumps you do, also the more frequently you jump, the stress reduces because skydiving becomes a more normal situation. It's very common to experience what you describe post-AFF as 'your' instructors are no longer devoted to you. Talk to your instructors and friends about your feelings, everyone has felt like this so they will understand.

Your AFF taking 3 months is a big factor as continuous jumps are best to become used to skydiving. The time of year doesn't help either, it's always more appealing to get in the air when it's warm! Can you take a week off around Christmas, go to a nice sunny DZ and bang in 20 jumps? If you could consider this, talk to your current DZ about where you might go and make sure you'll be able to slot into that system. Some UK drop zones have sister DZs abroad. Equally, your home DZ may run a progression week come the spring, which would be a great kick-start for your summer. All you need is to make jumping a regular thing, then your nerves will all iron themselves out.



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Club News



The wind tunnels opening at the same time has huge consequences for us all, next season the UK skydiving scene is going to go off! We need to be prepared and ensure that working relationships are open, honest and for the good of the whole flock. It seems to me that currently there is a lot of negativity surrounding the politics of the sport; we need to focus on the positives. Council members have done the best job they could have, given their skills, knowledge and the fact that they are all volunteers. Fair play! BPA and STC have created the safest environment in the world for us to skydive in. I have heard lots of criticism towards them but we need to work together to create a positive, educational and supportive environment.

This year, we have a meaningful election, with 22 candidates standing for 15 seats. So, select carefully and vote for people you really believe in. Then communicate with those elected. Often an email is all that is needed to change something, it's far more effective than blowing off at the bar!

I wish you all a fabulous Christmas and an exciting new year. See you at the AGM to help me celebrate my birthday! ☺

Lucie



Hinton

Hinton invited *Euphoria* for a week in September to do coaching and organising for up and coming freeflyers. The iffy weather didn't dampen any spirits and every one involved gained valuable skills and benefited from the experience of Mike Carpenter and Andy Newell. A big thank you to both for time and patience!

A fun packed October started with a scrambles competition. Even though there were no records broken we all had an absolute scream. Results showed Spooners in bronze, *Hypnotic Farm* took silver and gold went to 4-Gotten. *Hypnotic Farm* did the fastest speed star and wooden spoon went to Loose Canon.

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Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all who competed, Mr Emerson was impressed with the much improved FS skills! The evening was one of the best nights ever, the Bavarian Beer Festival was a cracker, thanks Geoff and Mike. Lederhosen-clad beer monsters and voluptuous cleavages spilling out of tight corsets everywhere, a sight to behold – and that was just the guys' costumes'. The Oom-pah band did a fantastic job getting everyone up thigh slappin' and stomping on table tops, the great food and huge steiners of beer went down a treat. I have a good selection of incriminating photos – but they ain't gonna be cheap!

We say a fond farewell to our lovely pilot Julie who will be flying home to New Zealand on 19 Dec, thank you for braving the great British weather for the last 8 months, come back and see us soon.

Atmo-naughties Steve Newman and Pixie



Mark McCurrie has at long last qualified! Mark has been a regular at Black Knights for 17 years during which time he has accumulated an astonishing number of static line descents and has long looked forward to getting his name in The Mag (of which he has just about every edition).

A few celebrities turned out for our hangar party, including Ozzy Osbourne, Cruella DeVille, John Wayne and Andy Pandy, sporting a limp with a member of the Moulin Rouge on his arm!

On its maiden voyage, Darren Graham's brand spanking new kit had a reserve ride! On the same lift, Dean Thorp returned to jumping, fell off the plane (allegedly!) and spent the whole dive trying to get back up to the formation.

Hilda's new car has the farming community confused with its Friesian paint job. Rumours of high speed cattle have been going round the locals, along with reports of skydivers feeding the ducks in the park, which turned out to be Dean and Jo walking their new dog, Bleeder, inbetween lifts!

Farewell to Mike Collinson who is off to be a ski lift operator in the Alps. When not dressing up as Gene Simmons, party boy or the fetish headmaster, Mike has kept us entertained and has truly become one the gang, you will be missed mate. Let's do it all again next year!

Thanks to everyone involved in the artistic roadshow, especially Steve Newman and Tim Porter, quite a few FF1s, and some great organised jumps. See website for Christmas party and new year events, have a good one!

Rob McVey

On 17 Dec there will be Christmas drinky poos at the club, plus a Santa's sack competition with some super prizes; food, fun, music and mayhem are all included. Jumping continues up to and including Sunday 18 Dec, then the club reopens Tuesday 3 Jan. It's really great to see so many hard core braving the extreme temperatures, keep up the good work! Have a great Christmas. Next year the Nish memorial scrambles is 18-19 March.

Elaine Park

Achievements
Cat 8
Des Meyer

FS1

Justin

Ann Barrago

Brian Uglieti

David Worrall

CH2

Ann Barrago

FS1, CH2, JMI

Alan Gayton

FF1

Germano Da Silva

Jump Numbers

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900

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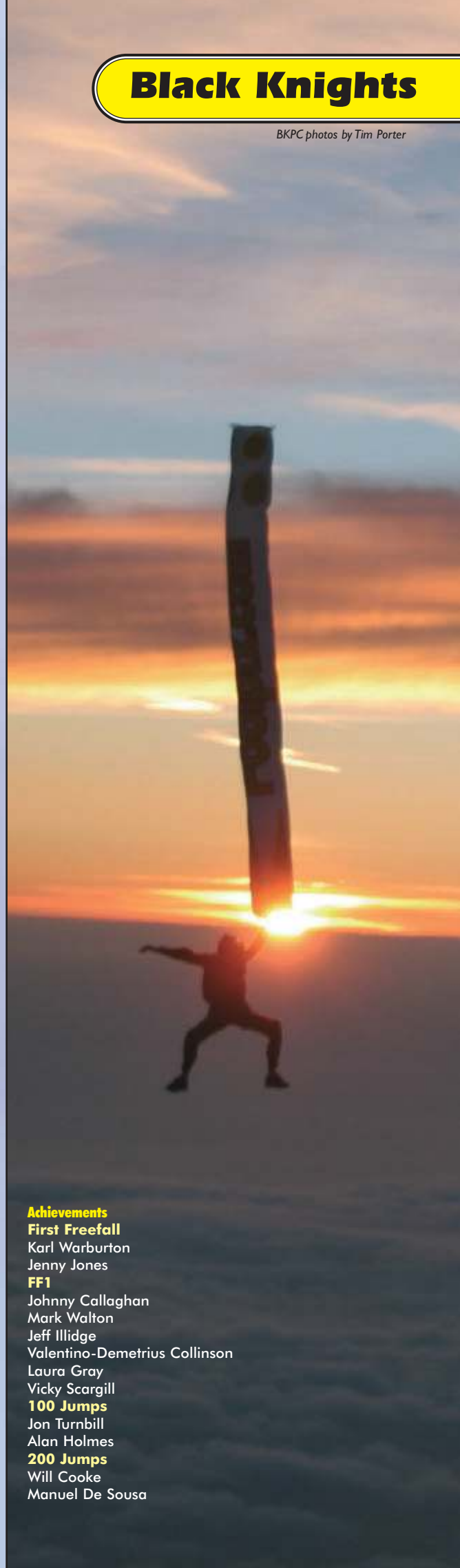
Geoff Wood



Baz & Alan having a slappin' good time, captured by Matt Abram

Black Knights

BKPC photos by Tim Porter



Achievements

First Freefall

Karl Warburton

Jenny Jones

FF1

Johnny Callaghan

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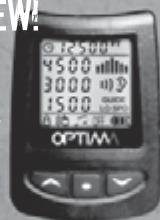
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St Andrews

Louise, Tom, Laura & Doug,
by Jim Stevenson



We recently saw an invasion of pirates. It wasn't Captain Jack Sparrow and the crew of the Black Pearl, just some of the regulars and the latest intake of university students in fancy dress. As normal for a Skydive St Andrews party, much alcohol was consumed – even the parrots were drunk!

We have formed a new social committee at the DZ of a few regular jumpers who were daft enough to volunteer. The committee has been hard at work

organising upcoming parties, coaching weekends, scrambles and more! Their first idea, now in place, is a brand new web forum, allowing everyone to keep in touch when not at the DZ.

Tom Fletcher

Achievements

First Freefall

Mehregan Ameri
Kirsty Mitchell

50 Jumps

Oliver Farzin-Nia

200 Jumps

Ruth Morrisson

300 Jumps

Darren Rose

Bridlington

After loving her tandem Amanda Van Wyk booked straight onto a RAPS course (below), photos by Blair Stent

There have been a few changes at Brid due to new CCI George McGuinness and his wife Geraldine. They have given the clubhouse a big spring clean (even the dog has had a wash!) and have created a much smoother manifest and load system. We welcome them into the fold and wish good luck to Nick Johnston our previous CCI who is helping out at Langar.

A big well done to Vicki Watterson. As a student on freefall she has found it very hard to keep hold of the ripcord handle. On a particularly

good weather day Vicki managed to throw away all but one of our handle supplies. After stern words from instructors she managed to hold on to the last handle to enable her to jump again!

Dave and I are pleased to announce the arrival of our baby daughter, Niamh. We thank all at Brid for your support and good wishes. Plans are afoot for a mini Christmas boogie and party, the early dark nights will make a great excuse for lots of Christmas cheer. Ring for dates.

Achievements

Cat 8, CH1

Stuart Connell

Nick Quest

Elvis with Tim Skinner by Paul Pedley



Cyprus

Dave and Chris Wood have now left. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank them for all their hard work over the last three years and wish them every success. October also saw the departure of Graham Dobson and Craig Pettit, we wish them all the best for the future. Graham managed to find the love of his life, he and Keri became engaged!

Tony Goodman has arrived to help the new CCI, Steve Thomas, on an unprecedented second tour. Elvis is alive, well, living in Cyprus and having a tandem jump or two courtesy of Tim Skinner who dropped in. Okay, Elvis was played by Rick Risborough but Tim played himself, or so rumour has it. We hope to see visitors next year for some hot weather, cold beers and a skydive or two.

Phil Bell

Achievements

Cat 8

Hilly Hilton

FS1

Nicolas Michaelides

Petros Papargyrou

George Kakkis

Sei Hughes

Dan Curnow

100 Jumps

Costas Hadjicostis

Papettas Iacovos

Stelios Karanicolas

200 Jumps

Craig Pettit

400 Jumps

Graham Dobson

Elias Georgiou

Pelham Georgiades

600 Jumps

Spyros Charalambous



Graham & Keri by Phil Bell

Lara Walker



Wild Geese

A crowd from Peterlee spent a long weekend at the Geese in September and had a ball. Not only did everyone jump at the DZ but a few even managed to do some head-down from the top of a wardrobe in their B&B – but that's another story!

Queens had a good recruitment drive at their fresher bazaar and it's good to see all the new faces around the DZ. Lots of excited static liners gives everyone a boost. I'm sure more of you than Connor had achievements but I can't mind read!

John
McCourt

Achievements
Cat 8
Connor Campbell

Jim & Smiley (which is which?) by John McCourt

Dunkeswell



Achievements
Cat 8
Jan Cottington
Mark Smith
Vince Upham

*Tom Harding by
Mike Jones*

It's been smokin' at Dunkeswell recently. With Cat 8 successes for Jan, Mark and Vince there just had to be a party night! There was a surprise for pilot Julian Storey when a very attractive young lady arrived to sing and entertain (good job it was warm in the restaurant). Ever seen a pilot and a CCI smothered in cream and lost for words? We did!

Change is in the air as Jason Farrant will be taking over the reins from Andy Guest, who will stay on as CCI for the time being before moving on to a new career. Good luck to both.

The party spirit continues as Christmas is round the corner and the local pub has promised a great buffet – with no time set for last orders. Should be some stories in January!

Jan Cottington

Tilstock

The end of the summer was busy, with loads of regulars returning from many different places, such as the Karlovy Vary boogie, where four of our club members achieved FS1, thanks to some pretty intensive

WARP coaching. Now autumn has set in, our friendly local sheep are back, apparently not scared of us jumpers any more – landing in muck is unavoidable!

We're looking forward to a cold but fruitful winter full of jumping, with plenty of parties after dark, so pub by 4pm then! Plus another excellent Christmas do organised again by Liz Rimmer, cheers mate, we really appreciate it!

Ria Bremner

Andy Starr's 200th jump, by Rosie Walls



Achievements
Cat 8
Louise Whitby
FS1
Paul Morrison
Terry Nicholls
FS1, 50 Jumps
Martyn Lloyd
Juliana Bergel
200 Jumps
Andy Starr
Andy Phillipson
3600 Jumps,
36 Hrs Freefall
Chris Gilmore

Cornish

Photos: Steve Saunders



The Cornish Parachute Club, based at Perranporth Airfield with stunning views of the coastline, opened on Saturday 13 August – with rain! This didn't dampen our enthusiasm, and Sunday saw clear blue skies which remained for four days. Lift one was our first tandem student, landing with the biggest grin due to those magnificent views. Then CPC's first demo; two aircraft and 16 jumpers over Perranporth. All the jumpers stunned the spectators but the CF lads really wowed the crowd with their 7-stack over the beach, breaking into smaller formations for landing.

We were visited by freeflyers from Mansfield and a small flock of birdmen who took Andy Holland for his 1,000th jump – you wanna see the footage! Ben Wood, our resident AFF instructor, carried out some WARP training, qualifying our first FS1 jumper (Bob 'the haze' Hazel) on an impressive nine point 4-way dive (they would have doubled the points had they not been mesmerised by the awesome views). Jason Snailham did some freefly coaching, while Paul Yeoman, Steve Saunders and Ian Marshall coached CF.

Ken Yeoman, ex Red Devil graced us with his presence to watch his wife, Rose, do her first parachute decent, a tandem, after being involved with the sport for over 37 years! Her sons, Paul and John Yeoman were also on the aircraft.

The centre opens full time in March '06 complete with new hangar, packing shed and facilities. Camping is nearby and the views are amazing. Why not come and see for yourself?

Paul Yeoman

Achievements
FS1 Bob Hazel **1000 Jumps** Andy Holland



Sibson

We had a great turnout for the speed 8 nationals, see page 22. Our very own Brit Chick Caroline Allen deserves a huge slap on the back. She was part of the women's world record 151, she's joined an 8-way team *Sounds Grrr8* and will be on the World Team in Thailand. On top of that, her team took gold in our 4-way scrambles, we're proud of you Caroline.

Stuart and the guys spent days building a HUGE beacon bonfire as part of the Trafalgar Day celebrations. Sibson was jam-packed with jumpers and local villagers enjoying the Friday night bonfire and fireworks! Mike with his amazing knowledge of weedkiller pyrotechnics deserves an award for starting the fire in under 20 seconds after torrential rain! The 4-way scrambles the following day had a good response with 7 teams taking advantage of the cheaper jump tickets. All 4 rounds were completed with some 'interesting' jumps! *Has anybody seen Caroline?* took gold with 21 docks in total and, in French theme, the winning prize was an ornamental frog! *Uninspired* took a very close silver with 19 docks and *Acid* got the bronze. The booby prize, a French stick, went to *Misfits* for commitment and entertainment. Their only 3 docks were made on the last jump and after each dock they raised their fists with joy!

Packer Simon won his bet to Aussie barman Grant about England winning the Ashes. The forfeit was to jump wearing only a thong and the opposition's flag attached to his leg. Grant obviously doesn't own a thong, he made his own out of gaffer tape... Ouch! Captain Simes wants to remind us all to beware of the power of the Om on the Sabbath!

Rob Silver organised an excellent head-down weekend with the aim of building a large formation. There will be more skill building weekends next year. Leah Frost celebrated her 100th jump with a wingsuit rodeo. Steve Such volunteered to take her for the ride – and was very happy to discover she was dressed as a St Trinian's naughty schoolgirl!

Congratulations to Chris Harris and Cornelia Weymouth who got married in October. There were a few sore heads after the stag night... and the hen night come to think of it! Happy birthday to Dan the Man. Don't worry I won't tell everyone how old you are – but I hope you have your medical sorted! Sibson often runs last minute offers and competitions – if you'd like to receive updates, email skydivesibson@btconnect.com. Have a fantastic Christmas and see you in the new year!

Sarah Hall



Rob Silver's head-down weekend by Sarah Hall

Achievements

Cat 8

Mike Pierson
Micheline Ferreira
John Jude

CH1, CH2

Leah Frost

FS1

Dom Goy
Tim Hanlon
Darryl Poulton
Caroline Moran

FS1, 100 Jumps

Becky Austin

Jump Numbers

50

Lewis Dartnel

100

Simon Bannard

Leah Frost

200

Jon Tyzack

Andy Hughes

800

Mike Evans

900

Caroline Allen

Jude Goodman

4000

Mark Harris



First UK 8-way head-down by Sarah Hall



Leah Frost goes back to school on her 100th jump, taken by Mark Harris

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Cark



Matrix by John Williamson

September saw the classics nationals held at Cark. Our very own Stuart Morris won gold for senior style and has been selected to go to Russia next year for the world meet! Nice one Stu. Other regulars also placed and our own Cark Commandos won the Club Cup. Cliff Wilson got Cat 8, gold medal for novice accuracy, and had a malfunction, all in one week! Nick Ward won intermediate accuracy silver and intermediate style gold. John Bradley got silver for novice accuracy and did his first freefall in the same week.

The competitors and judges said Mike's flying was some of the best jump piloting they've seen. The pilot plays a big role in style, accuracy and CF, often without thanks. Mike was happy they acknowledged his great work.

It's been a busy year with many different events, more of the same next year please! Peter is keeping our website updated, check out www.northwestparachutecentre.co.uk

Michelle Meakins

Achievements

AFF Graduate

Paul Lyndsey
Sarah Addy
James McCanse
Ian Hill
Dot Riley
Gary Hall

50 Jumps, Cat 8

Cliff Wilson

100 Jumps

Paul Rimington

36 Hrs Freefall

Dennis Buchanan

Strathallan

Friday nights are now closed, things are getting a bit quieter, so a couple of trips abroad have been arranged: Portugal around Christmas and Andy has a group squared away for Florida in February. We will have a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter permanently based at Strathallan, which should be available for jumping.

Thanks to Swoop (Gary Wainwright) for last issue's front cover shot of the Mag7. The General is still struggling to get to grips with the fact that Tony Danbury dwarfs him in the photograph. He has been shocked into intensive training. "I desperately need to put some size on, especially ma wee arms. I've bought double the usual amount of protein shakes for the winter."

Chris McCann and Kelly made a welcome trip over the border, he unleashed his small Rage and impressed the troops with a selection of high performance landings, most of them fairly close to target. Steve 'Airspeed' Kynaston has been back over to Eloy to improve his tan, from blue to white!

Paratec sponsored Chris McCann takes his freebies to Strathallan, photo by Craig Carbis



Achievements

First Freefall

Gary Hargadon

300 Jumps

Jo Gibbs
The General

900 Jumps

Unai Fernandez



Steve Kynaston and Airspeed's Andy Delk

He spent far too much time in the tunnel receiving coaching from the likes of Andy Delk and the beautiful Eliana of Arizona Airspeed. Steve did some freeflying with Jason and the Punisher and spent time trying to improve diplomatic ties with the Ukraine (well that's what he said anyway). Next time we'll send Bonking Bob. Each man should play to their strengths Steve.

Mag7

Knowing me, knowing you, hey boys?



London Para

Ian Barraclough by Nick Bettin

Achievements

First Freefall

Terry Purcell
Paul Strudwicke
Matt Bradley
Tim Jones

50 Jumps

Jennie FitzStanley

500 Jumps

Ross Sibbald

800 Jumps

Rob Zealey

RAPA

The 41st RAPA Champs was well attended in glorious sunshine, so we completed most events on the first weekend. There were some very good performances with *Double*

Insured Germans taking intermediate FS gold and JSPC (N) winning senior FS. Go Navy and Fly Navy took gold and silver respectively in the military junior FS and RE Red walked off with the champion military team trophy. Jeff Chandler won the senior accuracy and our very own Bish swooped his way to gold in canopy piloting.

The new ditch proved a big attraction for the visiting swoopers – although some were not happy with our description of it. Smudge checked out whether we were telling the truth about its depth and Woof attempted to widen it. The outcome? Ditch 2, Swoopers 0! At least the only thing hurt was pride.

The party theme was back to school, it was surprising to see how many of the men had spent their childhood at girls' schools! The staff jumped into Soest, a local DZ, representing the UK at the closing ceremony of the German Nationals.

We say a very fond farewell to John Bishop and Alex Busby who have supported the club with their expertise and humour. They are leaving to Civvy Street after a successful 22 years' service! We had a good old knees-up, suited, booted n' poshed right up. Good food, the drinks were flowing and a few tears were shed as a piper played *The Flower*

Swooping santa by Stu Storey



Martin McElthutton, the head of British Wheelchair Sports, set a precedent for all his staff by doing a tandem skydive, raising vital funds and promising great things to come for wheelchair sports in Britain in 2006.

A touch of class was seen here on 17 September when the international recording artist Katie Melua completed her first RAPS descent. Yes, she still managed to look gorgeous despite the overalls and bright orange helmet! Boys, close your mouths, drooling is not a good look!

A bunch of RAPS students showed dedication and determination to make it to their first freefalls – huge congratulations to Terry, Paul, Matt and Tim. Sorry guys about the water – actually no, we're not sorry, there's no escaping tradition. AFF students Mark and Dave also achieved their first freefalls, well done.

Huge thanks go to all the guys (and girls) who have made this year at London Para one to remember. Without your hard work our lives wouldn't have been half as exciting. 2006 promises to be even better. 'How?' we hear you cry... well you'll just have to come along and find out.

Jennie FitzStanley and Tracy Curling



Martin McElthutton by Mark Stone

of Scotland. To those people who travelled from afar such as Jim Scarratt; Mark & Ann Bayada; Ted & Marie Payne – thanks very much folks!

John Bishop has worked at RAPA for 17 years, he's achieved CSI, AFF and rigger ratings and 5,000 descents – big jump bill! He's an avid swooper on our new improved pond and his occasional outbreak of 'Flower of Scotland' will be missed. Bish moves on with Tute, his lovely wife, and the kids to a new house and a job with Airtec, funny old thing!

Alex Busby has worked here for 7 years, done 2,000 jumps, and has his CSI, tandem and advanced ratings. He also enjoys pond swooping and occasionally entertains us with a splash! Buzz's enthusiasm and comical antics will be missed, the bar will not be the same without 'Tequila Thursday' and his occasional pole dance. All the best to Buzz, Andrea and the kids, all moving to the UK.

Special thanks to the assistant staff leaving in Dec, your hard work lads is much appreciated – so too is the gossip you thought the CCI didn't know about! Farewell to JP, Gary, Justin (pink isn't your colour mate), Benji and Warren.

Alex Busby & Dave Openshaw

Achievements

FS1, 100 Jumps

Gary Stubbs

100 Jumps

Thea Follett

200 Jumps

Justin Yeoman

Neil DeWitt

1 Hr Freefall

Thea Follett

Irish piper by
Stu Storey



Achievements

First Freefall

James Deverell

AFF Graduate

Marcus Sutton

Sarah Park

Jo White

Chris Neeson

Vinnie Blandford

Adam Pallier

Rob Hegarty

Anna Endicott

Cat 8

Dominic Lamb

Ramsay Waller

Julian Deverell

Andy Naude

FS1

Andy Carter

Jamie Salvage

Jump Numbers

200

Danny Wood

300

J Robertson

1000

Nick Brownhill

1500

Rob Campbell

1800

Ruth Green

Photo by Spencer Hogg

Netheravon



Ian Bobo and Shannon Pilcher from the PD factory team held two very successful weekends of canopy coaching. For the less experienced, the focus was on learning more about their canopies and how to fly them to get the most out of them. The more experienced people could also learn about high performance landings. Despite the slightly dodgy weather, everyone agreed that the coaching had been excellent. We're hoping to host similar during 2006 – keep an eye on the website.

Nearly 200 people attended the highlight of the Nethers social calendar, the Autumn Ball. It's always nice, if a bit of a shock, to see everyone pushed up. Rick even left the speedos at home!

The ball included our first film festival, attracting nearly 20 entries. We didn't have enough time to show all so a panel of (almost!) independent judges chose the final selection. The sound and vision wizardry was expertly masterminded by Dave Pratt, and the whole event was ably compered by Titch – good jokes mate! Votes were counted during dinner and the winner announced during pud – a close contest between *Tough Guys* by Ash and Titch, and *A Pill Box Too Far* by Jerry Greeves. In the end Jerry took the top prize, a camera kindly donated by Sony. More than one entry featured our own Elvis wannabe, Cossie!

A presentation was made to Tommy for his hard work, he is off to RAPA. Astoundingly, the bucking bronco and bungee run remained injury free – despite Rachael having a go on both! Thanks to Paul for manning the disco into the not so wee

small hours. The survivors' bacon baps were very welcome to keep all the groovers going on the dance floor. The scheduled punch-up was even cancelled despite Billy making a special trip for the occasion! A huge thank you goes to all the people who made the evening possible – from laying tables, folding napkins and blowing up balloons to sorting out the vast quantity of alcohol. DVDs of all the film festival entries as well as a selection of photos are now on sale for £10, proceeds going to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The DZ was unusually quiet the next day, apart from the dulcet tones (!) of an Antonov 2. A few intrepid souls crawled out of their beds to add a new aircraft to their logbooks, although some did look a bit green around the gills during the fume-filled ride to altitude – mentioning no names, Vicki! Everyone at the DZ wishes Will a speedy recovery following his little mishap.

We'd all like to say a huge WELL DONE to all the girls, especially the Nethers contingent (Caroline Hughes, Tash Higman and Ruth Green) who participated in the women's world record of 151 for Jump For The Cause. Thanks also to Caroline and Tash for a great season's load organising – the quality of bigger formation FS has definitely improved thanks to your efforts.

A reminder to all the Caravan users – don't slam the door! It's been a bit chilly on the ride up to altitude recently due to a slat in the door that had to be removed following some unexplained damage. We're not 100% certain who the culprit is, but the finger of blame is pointing towards Scouse Morgan. What gave it away was that the Caravan was found in the hangar resting on bricks with its wheels missing... you know we're only joking mate!

The last jumping weekend is 10-11 Dec, and we reopen on 14-15 Jan. Thanks for a safe season, have a merry Christmas and happy new year!

Kath Salisbury



Autumn Ball photos by Kath Salisbury



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Achievements

First Freefall

Peter Harries
Ross Thompson

Cat 8

Tom Randerson
Peter Harries

FS1

Donna Williams
Stefan Price
Andy May
Dan Ford
Chris Ensor
David Shefford

FF1

Gerry Cepelak
Stu Falkner
Leigh Birchenough

FF2

Andy Pike

CH1, CH2, JM1

Dan Williams
Ally Milne

CH2

Andy May

Jump Numbers

50

Andie Harrison

100

Donna Williams
Leigh Birchenough
Dan Ford
Alex Mewha

200

Andy May
Stu Falkner
Adrian Davies
Jesse Karadia
David Shefford
Dan Williams

300

Darren McGing
Ally Milne

600

Weed

900

Fiona Robinson
Andrea MacLeod

1000

Ivor Flowers
Mike Kelly

2000

Al Hodgson
Elaine Cherry

5000

Phil Curtis

1 Hr Freefall

Donna Williams
Andie Harrison
Dan Ford

48 Hrs Freefall

Chris McCann



Bullet Freefly tube jump by Tom Hartland

In September, we all went down to the new Bodyflight wind tunnel in Bedford for a day's intensive training and giggling. If anyone is interested in wind tunnel time, contact Milko.

Join us for some festive fun and jumping, our Christmas party is in the bar on Saturday 17 Dec and we are open every day except Christmas day.

Lisa James

Langar Boogie II was fantastic, it was my fifth and by far the best. The skills camp training was phenomenal. It was an ideal opportunity to practice skills without any pressure. Coaches Milko and Richard Wheatley discussed the merits of preparation on the ground to maximise effectiveness in the air.

A calm, relaxed and fun attitude was encouraged; the biggest crime was not smiling in freefall! For me it was amazing to see how quickly Milko could position himself for the next point while I fumbled about. His movement is just so natural. Without sounding too clichéd, it's inspirational in terms of demonstrating what's possible. The debriefs were informative and constructive and you never felt like you were on trial.

The camera guys also got loads from their coaching with Tony Danbury, who was kind enough to let me gatecrash a couple of his camera sessions. In summary, I and everyone on it really appreciated this fantastic professional course.

Rab



Skills camp, Phil Curtis's group by Gary Wainwright

Stu, Paul and Tom taken by Big Al



The progression of AFF students has continued to rise this season. Lori MacLenaghan completed all eight levels in one weekend!

The team had a great day at the Bedford tunnel and were extremely impressed. They have further tunnel trips planned early next year.

Silver Stars

Night jumps are planned for 9-10 Dec, followed by the end of year party on 10 Dec.

Lots of changes are due to take place. We wish Stu and Geordie a fond farewell. Chris Wood, already a display jumper for the team, will be joining us permanently in early 2006. Silver Stars are actively seeking new recruits so, if you are reading this and in the armed forces, pop in and have a chat about the benefits of being a part of the Silver Stars parachute display team for the RLC.

Marie-Anne Stevens

Achievements

First Freefall

Richard Rogers

Cat 8

Malcolm Cowton
Lori MacLenaghan
Rachel Organ

100 Jumps, CH1

Mark Beardsley

200 Jumps

Glen Fowler

Paul Gibbs

1000 Jumps

Big Al

Graham Fowler

2000 Jumps

Ricky Capanni

Big Al's 1,000th by Michael Collins
Nice to see Al on this side of the camera!



Weston

Achievements

FS1

Alex Vrettos
300 Jumps
 Chris Parsons
2000 Jumps
 Ben Wood

What a great season!
 Barrie Buck as CCI has been fantastic! Whoever takes on the role in 2006 has a lot to live up to.

Barrie and Ash Kemp have worked extremely hard to make Weston a brilliant place to come and jump.

September saw the UK Freefly 'It's a London Thing' Boogie with load organising by Louis Harwood from Avalore. There were hybrids, freefly and tracking dives, and the Bell Jetranger returned once again!

South Parc and AirKix competed in the World Cup in Eloy, and Damn Zebra took silver in the ESL A category. Peter 'Ricky' Butcher & Katie tied the knot, so too did Mark Thompson and Max.

Congratulations to Ben and Lucy on new arrival, Jack Oliver Wood, weighing 7lbs 12oz.

Nigel Holland

Andrew & Michael Lovemore, with Nick Davison, by Paul Floyd

Paragon

We had the first ever wingsuit jump over Errol, by Eddie Evandon. He reckons the 182 exit lends itself to wingsuits so hopefully we'll see more in future. Our best wishes to Dave and Sheena Richards as they head off down south. Dave's tendency to wear his shorts and T-shirt even in the midst of winter made us all shiver but we'll miss him. Good luck and don't forget where we are.

The annual pilgrimage to Empuria is a distant memory now. Eoin Muir came back with his FS1 and Alice came back with a limp! With the Christmas party looming we're all a bit concerned as it just wouldn't be the same without her prowess on the dance floor. I'm also reliably informed there's a brand new frock in the wardrobe. The Christmas do is on 3 Dec, give Alice a call at the DZ for all the info.

We were pleased to see Tamara back jumping again. Callum managed to persuade his sister to do a tandem as well, looks like she had a ball. We're looking forward to welcoming Walter back from Iraq soon, that's the bum spot award heading back to Aberdeen then! Only joking Walter! Paragon has a new email and website:
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Bob Henderson

Achievements

First Freefall

Abe Hills

FS1

Eoin Muir
800 Jumps
 Chik Adams



Paragon team at Empuria

Chatteris

A very busy summer at Chatteris turned 2005 into a record year for tandem and AFF. The second Nomad was a short lived affair as after about 10 hours of flying it started playing up and has only just got back in the air, in time for the end of the season. We will try again next year!

Well done to Mark Price for a sponsored haircut, all two feet of it, and raising over £500 for the kids at Great Ormond Street Hospital. The night of the scalping was helped along with one of Brad's famous chillies and plenty of beer.

Congratulations to Nick Chipp our duty pilot on getting a job flying in Lybia, only marginally safer than running the bar on a Saturday night! Hello to Simon Chipp, a regular pilot here already, taking over his brother's role. Thanks to all the regulars that helped on the BPA tandem/AFF course, much appreciated. The club closes on Sunday 18 Dec and will reopen Saturday 28 Jan. Happy hols.

Steve Wilkins

Achievements

Cat 8

Michelle Herrick
 Ryan Grimwood
 Michelle Wheatley
 David Lee
 Matt Brown

FF1

Fiona Law
 Lorraine Dixcey

FS1, FF1

Nick Chipp
Jump Numbers
100

Sue Hyde
 Alex Loffler

200
 Dave Livesey
 Roy Darville

300
 Fiona Law
 Gary Hewstone

1000
 Chris Ives
 Chris Bowley

5000
 Steve Wilkins



Ricky and the lovely Katie



S-Sense

Achievements

Cat 8

Andy Willett
Paul Newton
Mark O'Reilly

Cat 8, CH1

Laurence Clifton
Michael Wiltshire
CH2, IC1, 1 Hr Freefall
Terry Watts

JM1, CH2, 200 Jumps

Peter Collins

1 Hr Freefall

Red

Jump Numbers

400

Tim Humphries

1000

James Wilson

Chris Carroll

1700

Baz

5000, IS1

(much to Jane's dismay!)

Pete Sizer

Headcorn

Jane Buckle



Ken Gregory



Congrats to Marky and Joanna who have a new baby Annabel, she looks just like older sister Frances! The camera department *Air Affair* have employed their first chick and first ginger, is that two cases of beer? *Air Affair* are seeking sponsorship from Tempo reserves, between them they've had five in the last few weeks – even more beer?!

The club has done a few demos, including one into the Home Front Recall, where they were all arrested on landing! Luckily it was a WWII re-enactment and the jumpers were pretending to be invading Germans. Welcome to Helge, the mad Norwegian (who strangely doesn't know what a Norwegian Blue is), he's joined us for

the winter to fly the Black Beaver. Jane Buckle has done jump number 6666!

Thirteen teams attended the 25th launch and accuracy meet in September which we completed on the Saturday, making for a pleasant evening's celebration. A 3-way tie in the seniors was resolved by the fastest single launch, giving gold to *Gatecrashers*. Jane Buckle won the senior accuracy (again), leading *Why Us?* to an accuracy lead of over 50 metres! All 4 were in the top 6, with Dave Crowhurst getting the only disc of the meet. Steve Searl won the intermediate accuracy, and *Lacs Attitude* took intermediate team gold.

Ruth Cooper

Headcorn photos
by Nigel Rowlan

Jersey



Photos: Alun Griffiths

It's been a busy first year. We've had the pleasure of meeting some great instructors. A big thank you to Geoff Wood, Simon Davenport and Danny Smith for coming over and helping out, we look forward to seeing you again. An even bigger thanks to James Tomkinson and Pete Dolbel who have been more than generous helping out as drop zone controller and rescue boat handlers. Their dedication to the cause and love of the sport is admirable and appreciated.

Skydive Jersey has graduated its first AFF (beer!). The training was done in Jersey and, as a result of the licence restrictions here, the jumping was done at Royan. On one day both students managed an impressive 7 consol jumps each as they worked towards their A Licence, needed to allow them to jump in Jersey. It's great to see new faces in amongst the regulars. Hopefully, just the start of many more.

Alun Griffiths

Achievements

AFF Graduate, CH1

Liam Hardman
Gary Syvret

CH1, CH1

Pete Dolbel

JM1, CH1, CH2, & 1 Hr Freefall

James Tomkinson

FF1, CH2

Lee Coote

300 Jumps

Alun Griffiths

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Target

The FS scrambles completed in one day so everyone took full advantage of the bar on Saturday night. Congratulations to all who entered especially winners *Triumph*. Some of Target's home teams headed out to compete in ESL in Belgium – well done to all, see page 8. We have been overwhelmed with the response to our new B Licence progression days so keep an eye out for future dates.

Baldrick's stag party ended at the DZ bar with hilarious antics. We all offer best wishes to him and his new wife Lisa. Many congratulations to Abi, who has also tied the knot, must be something in the air! All the university students are back en masse, we're glad to see Steve Barclay back on his feet, even if one is in plaster! Although their beloved instructor Derek has been away enjoying the Spanish sun, our new full time instructor Lee Pugh has been on hand. Jim has taken the Space Freefly School to Skydive Spain for the winter. Freefly coaching is still available at Hib... but it's hotter in Seville!

I too have headed to sunnier climes but I'll be back next year – I wouldn't miss all that Nationals paperwork for anything! We said goodbye to Sue, the café won't be the same without her. We welcome our newest victim Mike in the office, as well as our super efficient manifestor Lucy – run for those loads! Congratulations to Hannah and Noel who both qualified as USPA AFF instructors.

As always our infamous Halloween party and 10-way speed meet was full of frosty skydives and imaginative costumes. Christmas dinner is Saturday 3 Dec, Hib's last weekend open is 10-11 and the Christmas boogie at Skydive Spain starts on 17 Dec. Have a fab Christmas and new year and we look forward to seeing many of you in Seville.

Hannah Swallow

Achievements

AFF Graduate, CH1

Clair Armstrong

CH1

Dan Litman

CH1, CH2

Holly Kilham

FS1

Michael Taschler

CH1, FS1

Neil Murray

Jonno Cole

FF1

Brad Milliken

Jump Numbers

50

Tim Fletcher

Si Pierson

Stephen Price

Emily Handley

100

Simon Watkinson

Jason Bates

200

Maria Allen

300

Helen Moon

500

Dave Butterell

600

Andy Wesley

1000

Derrick Kent

2700

Jim Harris

3000

John Reid



Pete Allan



Baldrick and the lovely Lisa by Chris Place

A recent trip to Wild Geese saw Alan T returning with carpet burns to the head – something to do with jumping off a wardrobe! Alan also took part in three new deaf world records:- a three point 10-way, a 16-way and a three point 8-way night jump.

Stu Fergusson came up with a slumber party theme for this year's Bounce Back

Boogie. Things kicked off with a quiz on the Friday with a state-of-the-art buzzer system rigged up by our own electronics whizz Tom Grocutt. The video round was a talking point. The weather wasn't kind on Saturday but entertainment continued with the newly invented game of human creeper curling. The weather eventually broke allowing a few lifts. The evening disco and karaoke

party was hosted by the aptly named Amp and Decks, the music being cheese at its finest. A great turnout, lots of costumes and masses of cross dressing (makes you wonder).

We'll be closed midweek (Wed/Fri)

throughout Dec and Jan, but open as usual at weekends, apart from 24-25 Dec, 31 Dec-1 Jan and 21-22 Jan (BPA AGM). Have a fab festive season!

Paul McCormick



Peterlee

Achievements

Cat 8

Ian Weston

FS1

Kev Mitchell

Jump Numbers

200

Isla de-la-Haye

300

Wayne Wilson

Dave Taylor

400

Kev Dynan

500

Nick Brown

1000

Geoff Bowler



Slumber NOT lumber party!

POPS

On 25 September, 110 members of Pops set a new FS world record in the blue skies over Perris Valley in California, USA. The previous record was 100 achieved at Eloy, Arizona on 9 November 1999. The 2005 event was coordinated by Carey Peck, a Perris local, who has organised earlier successes at Pops records. The skydiving formation organiser was Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld, former Arizona Airspeed team member. The record jump was made from a Skyvan and four Twin Otters at an altitude of 16,500 feet. The British contingent comprised Tony Bradbury, Ruth Green, Pete Knight and Pete Stone.

Jumping started on Thursday 22 September with the group split into two groups of roughly 50-ways for five jumps; a base group and an outer group for practice dives. These were organised so that slots were the same as or analogous to the participants' slots on the 110-way. The 110-way jumps started next day, the first built to about 75. The second and all subsequent jumps were much closer. Some of the jumps were frustratingly close – a grip missing, a person low, a whacker tracking off early and other glitches familiar to all who attempt big-ways. Dan jokingly demanded that all audible altis should be handed in for destruction as the errant whacker had whacked-off at 6,000 feet not the 5,500 feet in plan A!

The 13th attempt, the third on Sunday 25, was the record jump. There were the usual displays of glee, the pleasure enhanced by the lovely JFTC participants, the Brit Chicks giving us particularly warm congratulations.

Pete Knight's kindly agreed to help organise a UK Pops record attempt in 2006, aiming to beat the existing 37. Carey Peck would love to see more Brits at next year's Pops world record attempts, 31 Aug – 3 Sep. So if you are over 40, don't miss the fun!

Pete Stone

A correction: the winner of the Hit 'n' Rock as reported last issue was not Richard but Ronald Bradley-Norman. We welcome new member Madeline Daly. SOS membership numbers will be issued in the new year, the oldest will get no 1 and so on; after that, as you apply. See you at the Pops meeting at the AGM.

Niels Hanson

Pumpkin

Duncan Wright has been wingsuiting down the Eiger, berg-running, and flying round glacial bowls, see page 28. Congratulations Duncan on your birdman instructor rating, sounds like you're making good use of it. Congratulations to Vernon Metcalf, Susan Lamond, & Oliver the moggy on moving into their new home. Big TP hugs and happiness to Charlie Gross & Steve Judson, grounded before their wedding, then jumping their rocks off over Christmas.

Ros Jinks

Achievements

1 Hr Freefall

James Brady

UK Para

We're really proud of the progress we've made in 2005. Aaron Martin became the first student at Old Buckenham to obtain his Cat 8 through RAPS, a long haul since his first jump in April, but he's there. Congratulations! Seasoned veteran Roy Duncanson has had a great two months. He did his 300th jump, a 4-way with Vicki, Arron and Jess, pictured below and has gained his B & C Licences, and FS1 as well!

Our progression week saw many sitting B Licence lectures, completing practical exercises for JM1 and CH2 and doing WARP coaching.

The BPA classics grand prix was a great success, especially since our very own Richard Bissett won bronze! Many thanks to the judges, competitors and everyone for making it such a great weekend – the first of many such events we hope. Richard also won bronze in the classics nationals team accuracy.

Aaron and Simon have completed the first part of their advanced packing course and are looking for someone brave enough to hand over their reserve! Aaron's become our eBay expert, last seen staring at the screen watching his bid on a new video camera. Simon's been helping, prompting their new nicknames: 'Dumb and Dumber'!

Thanks to Sarah who has helped us out in the office, we wish her luck at uni and welcome Louise Henderson, recently qualified AFF student, who has joined the weekend staff. It's good to see the University of East Anglia (UEA) skydiving club, run by Chris Adams, especially the RAPS students who we hope will be entertaining us with their novelty haircuts and student attire.

Brett Drabble, landlord of the local skydiver-friendly pub The George, succumbed to peer pressure and completed a tandem. He raised a large sum for East Anglia's Children's Hospices and provided us with the best tandem student smile this year.

Our Christmas party should be a jolly good night out, see noticeboard. Drinking hats should be worn, although the management requests that Warren leave his kilt at home. Seriously.

We have a new club rep, Vikki Forrest, check out her email address on the noticeboard and get your photos, achievements and comments in. Pilot Adrian aka 'Aviator' has got wind that we'll have a turbine aircraft next season. Approaching him may result in a detailed conversation on the merits of turbines, lasting many hours. You have been warned!

Jess Day and Grant Richards

Achievements

Cat 8

Vikki Forrest
Daniel Marks
Andy MacBeth
Danny Lowe
Hollie Wharton
Aaron Martin
FS1, 300 Jumps
Roy Duncanson
100 Jumps
Steve Brooks
6000 Jumps
Andy Page





Pops world record / 110-way over Perris captured by Wendy Smith

Red Devils



Photo: Gav Tuckley

2005 was an extremely successful season, we completed 79 out of 92 booked displays with surprisingly only a handful cancelled due to bad weather. We've seen a revived enthusiasm for canopy formation work and the emergence of some very talented individuals. An unofficial team CF trip is planned for Christmas in California, we hope to see the CF continue and may even compete at national level.

The Red Devils helped raise an impressive £106,000 for UK charities through tandem skydives. We would like to thank Tina Codd, the team's tandem co-ordinator for working tirelessly to get people through the door; Dave & Angela Hickling and all at Langar for putting up

with us invading their drop zone every few weeks; and Steve Jelf for the loan of South Cerney. We wish a speedy recovery to Dave Hickling, hope to see you fit and well soon.

Thanks and farewell to Glen Coleman who leaves us to become a tandem instructor in New Zealand, that's going to be one confused accent this time next year! Also to Geoff Bull, Noah Stephenson and Key Johnson who have decided to leave the Army and join the rest of the Parachute Regiment in the newly formed 5th Battalion. Our illustrious leader Ed Paxton is also leaving the Army for a warmer climate. Good luck to all you guys.

Danny Wood

BCPA

After a summer of exceptional BCPA events and achievements, clubs all over the country are recruiting new members and progressing their existing ones. A great way to do this is the annual BCPA foreign trip, this year to Perris in California in March/April 2006. Information on this trip, as well as other stuff such as setting up

your own uni club, and the BCPA League system, can be found on our great new website set up by Iain Firkins: www.bcpa.org.uk

If you missed this year's Freshers meet, don't worry you can still attend the non weather dependant Freshers II Valentines meet early next year at AirKix tunnel. Now is a great time to join the BCPA – many people at this time of year don't know anyone either so come along to your local DZ, get in touch or start your own club.

Abi Van Hoorebeek



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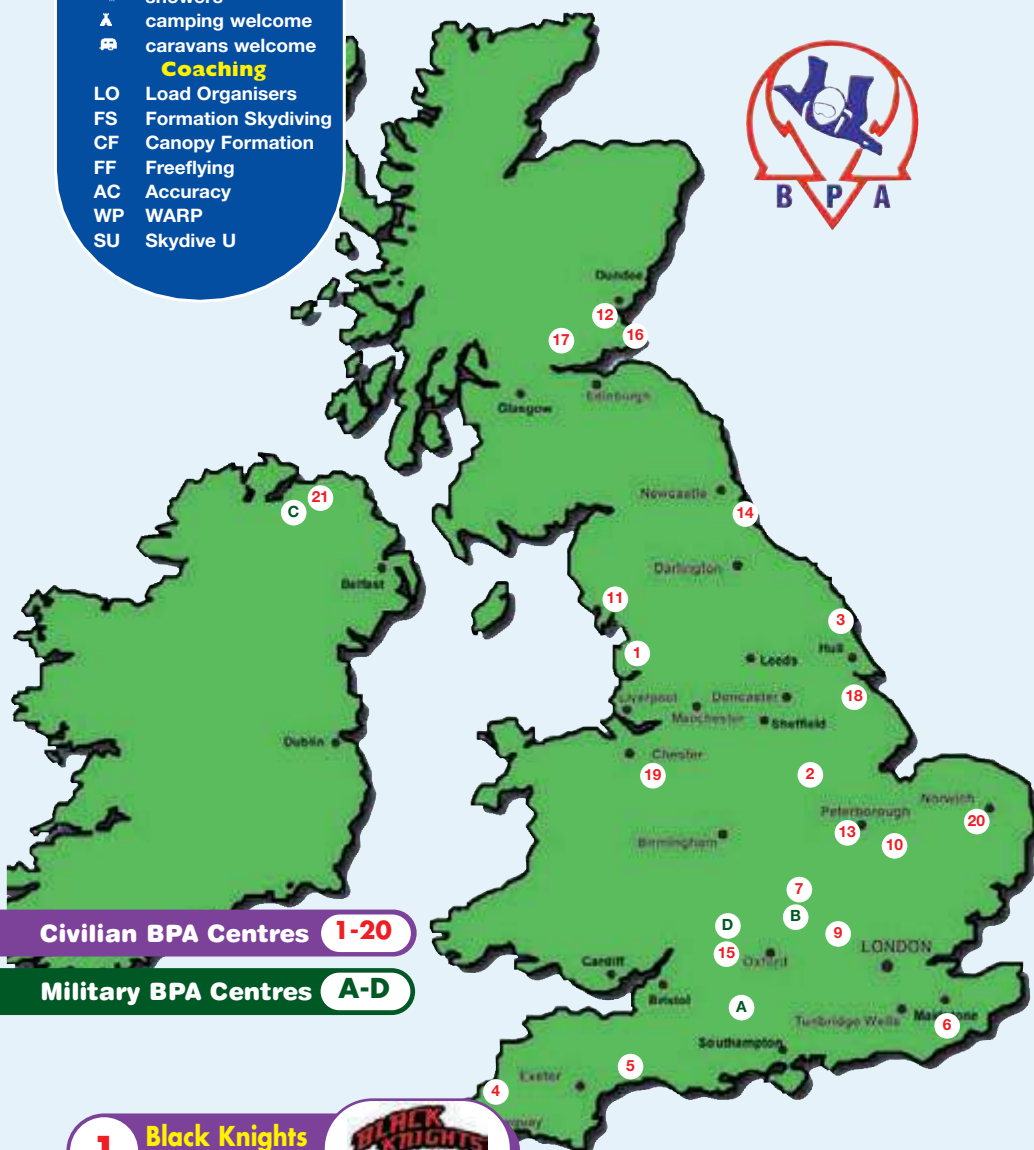
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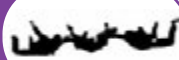
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21-30 World Freefall Convention
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28-30 Europa Cup
Belluno, Italy www.europacupskydive.org

AUGUST 06

4-7 2-Way & 10-Way Comp
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14-17 Spa Invitational Challenge
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31-Sep 3 Pops World Record Attempt
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SEPTEMBER 06

1-3 Europa Cup
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2-4 Artistics, Speed, 8-Way Nats Reserve
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8-10 ESL Finals
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Letter

Hi Lesley,

Great Mag, but I was alarmed to see the photo on page 70 with Barrie Bremner with both the reserve handle and cutaway pad obstructed by two layers of ill-fitting clothing. With only 200 jumps he and the person who did his flight line check may need some kindly advice for the type of clothing needed before he tries this again. We know tragic accidents have happened in past years. It may be worth turning this into a positive article for future Mags, reminding skydivers to be aware of the risks involved in changing from the normal FS or freely suit into normal day wear, which is not designed for skydiving.

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