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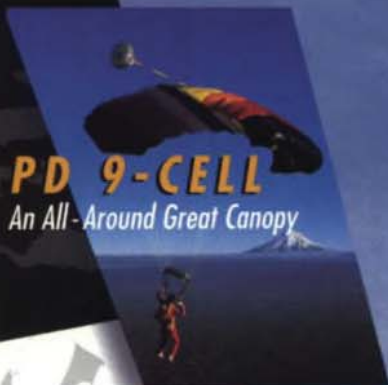
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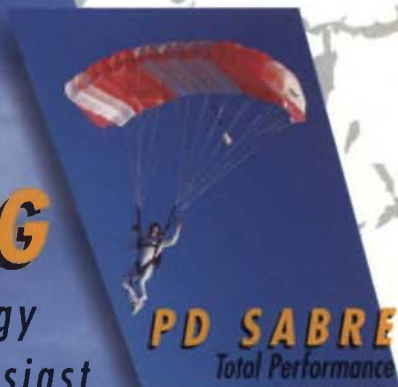
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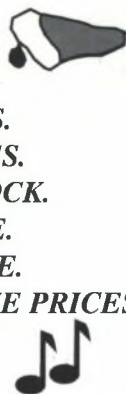
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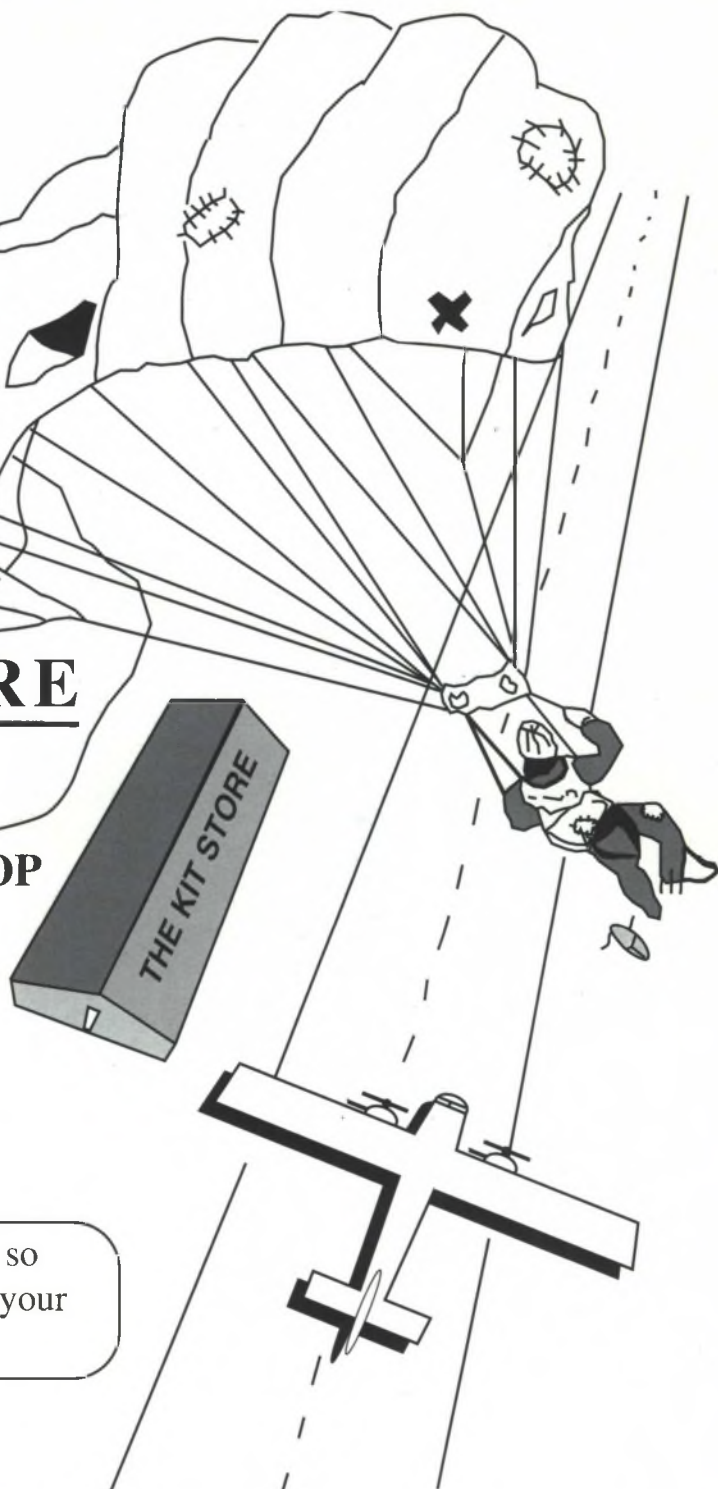
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PARAMOUNT CF TEAM

Dear Ola,
Paramount is an 8-way CF team, and is equipped with Lightning canopies purchased last winter. Two training camps were arranged at Netheravon. At first it was a problem getting everyone together, as we live from Scotland to the South Coast. I was asked to do the camera work and be an alternate for the team, which has two intermediates in it. The first week was not easy as they were still learning to fly the new canopies and one or two mishaps occurred. The incident book got rather full. The second training camp took place the week prior to the Nationals, and right from the word go the formations fell into place but out of time. Within a few days the team was well within the two minutes allowed and the boys even built a 9-way diamond to prove a point. At Dunkeswell for the Nationals they put on a good performance and were just seconds from the silver medal. Ian Marshall and Dave Carbell entered the Intermediate events, while Andy and Scotty competed against the Red Devils. Alan, Tony, Ribbs, Esse and Ian Markham entered the Senior events. Thanks to Netheravon for hosting the training camps: they couldn't do enough for us. 'The Fossil'

Pat Hammond D7997
Pops 402
PS Well done Sky Tribe for breaking the British record in rotations. I know you will even beat this again!

GET WELL & PROPOSAL

Dear Ola,
On 1st April 1995 my girlfriend, Joanne, had a very serious parachuting accident which will keep her out of the sport for at least a couple of years. We both wish to thank everyone for the cards and support over the past few months especially all our friends from NISFFC Shackleton Bks, Wild Geese Parachute Club, and all our good friends at Blue Skies Parachute Club (who says George McGuinness doesn't have a heart?). Joanne I love you. Will you marry me?

Joe (Don't dare say no)
McConville D8523

NB: Everyone at Blue Skies Parachute Club send their very best wishes to Penny Roberts and Adrian for the future and her speedy recovery. Skydivers are the best people in the world, we are all very special.

AFF IN TWO DAYS!

Dear Ola,
It was looking as if I was never destined to become a skydiver. Two trips to Florida had been aborted due to work and other commitments and the summer was coming to a close. With only a week of my holiday left I began ringing round the UK centres trying to find an AFF course and hoping the weather would hold. On Saturday the 19th of August I

drove to the Merlin Parachute Centre in North Yorkshire and left on Sunday the 20th having complete all eight levels in a weekend! Admittedly, I had some previous experience on the lower rungs of the progression system and time was certainly saved by the Turbolet aircraft which took 18 of us to altitude in a little over 10 minutes.

However, I would not have succeeded had it not been for the friendly and very efficient staff at the centre and, most importantly, two superb instructors in Ian Midgely and George Campbell who took me through the dives. I'd like to thank everyone at the centre for their help and encouragement. I'm looking forward to many more jumps at Merlin – see you there!

Paul Hallett BPA 615054

THE BEST OF POPS

Dear Ola,
I have just spent a very enjoyable couple of hours reading SP at work. Whilst the cat's away this mouse reads her mag! Firstly, I think the standard of the mag has improved greatly over the last couple of years and I am very disappointed that no longer you will be the driving force behind it. I read the "POPS" section and was compelled to write about the remark – "It is the least popular item in the mag".

We are a minority and many

people think that it is not "cool" to join, but, we are growing in numbers and the skydiving population is getting older. The POPS section may be voted as the least popular, but that does not mean to say it is not read by most skydivers. It will not be voted as popular until these readers reach the wonderful age of forty.

Julie Shew C10028

ON THE RECORD

Dear Ola,
Two things have prompted me to write in. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the kindness they showed me in Vichy recently. On my first jump at the Herc Boogie I avoided power lines, had a canopy collapse at 20ft and broke my pelvis. First jump of my holidays – can you believe it? Secondly, I feel that the item in the last WOTS, "Hibble Saves Collegiate Day", was misleading. Steve Swallow did well to organise the event in 60 hours, but it was not due to negligence at Merlin that it could not be held there. We did as much as we could to prepare, but as late as the weekend before the BCPA had no info on numbers for us – they "thought" about 12 people had registered. There is lots of work involved in organising a competition, and as the club felt that BCPA had shown no commitment, it was thought best to cancel.

Janet Rawlinson D7839

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Bill Miller really was at the Pole: here's the pic to prove it.

MILLER WAS THERE!

Dear Ola,
Just a quick note to say that I enjoyed Simon Ward's article on the North Pole jump. Unfortunately, the omission of my name, and that of Graham Nightingale, has resulted in much earache of the "knew it was just bullshit" kind at my local DZ!

Bill Miller

A NEW DIRECTION

Dear Ola,
Over the last two years the number of competitors entering some of the Regional Meets has dropped dramatically and for 1996 we have not even had one club offering to host a Regional competition!
The reason that the Regional Competitions were started in the first place was to encourage less experienced jumpers, by having intermediate and novice/junior

categories, also to give competitors experience prior to a National Championships. Also because Sports Council wanted to encourage this type of competition.

Competitions Committee have asked that I seek advice and suggestions from the membership.

Are you not entering the Regionals because a) you don't know about them, b) because they are not fun?, c) because there are already too many different competitions and events around the country? Let us know.

There have been three Regionals each year in the three main disciplines; Formation Skydiving 4-way Sequential (Senior, Intermediate and Junior); Canopy Formation 4-way Sequential and Rotations (Senior and Intermediate); and the classics; Freefall Style and Accuracy Landings (Senior, Intermediate and Novice).

Is it time to change the format? We need to generate enthusiasm and interest amongst the novice section of the membership, where by novice teams and individuals can compete with one another. Our aim is to encourage novices to become experienced parachutist, thereby ensuring the future of the sport and our clubs. Do you think that the format for these type of competitions should be changed completely, ie, mixing experienced parachutists with novices into mixed teams? Should we hold a Regionals where all the different disciplines compete together on the same weekend?

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Simon Ward	

Please let me know your ideas, suggestions and thoughts. How can we generate a competitive spirit amongst new jumpers? What do you want your club and/or the BPA to provide? I will pass on all correspondence to the Competitions Committee. Please write to me c/o the BPA Office, and remember: we can only provide you with what you want if you tell us!

Mick Matthews
For BPA Competitions Committee

CREDIT, WHERE'S IT DUE?

Dear Ola,
Having spent some time researching names and sponsors

of the participants on the North Pole expedition, I was disappointed that the full list – as supplied – was omitted from the article.

The expedition was a large team effort and often only made possible by commercial support. I for one would like to recognise these supporters.

As you may know I am a firm believer that the sport really should be looking outwards for new revenue. This expedition attracted just the kind of funds we were looking for so let's make a policy of recognising sponsors and supporters of skydiving.

Simon Ward

NEWS

Sky-Eye Sequential

Sky-Eye Sequential is organising a series of FS camps in California and Arizona throughout the winter. Each camp will run from Monday to Thursday and will cost \$500 plus \$100 registration for 25 jumps and video.
For details of the invitation only event, contact Martin Evans and Tracey Echersley, Sky-Eye Sequential, c/o Skydance Skydiving, 24390 Aviation Avenue, Yolo County Airport, Davis, CA 95616. Tel: 00-1-916-757 9703 or 00-1-800-219-5952.

Canopy Formation Nationals

Thanks to the RN & RM SPA for providing the facilities and making everyone feel welcome. The canopy formation Nationals took place at Dunkeswell between 15 - 23 July 1995. There was a shortfall in judges, but this did not prove to be a major problem as Jo Scott agreed to help out at the eleventh hour, and Annette Williamson did the collation and stats. The only real problem is that no one can find the 4-way Sequential Trophy!

There were no protests and all the teams competed in a sporting and professional manner that made for a good atmosphere throughout the competition. There was just one canopy entanglement that required a cutaway. Congratulations to 'Sky Tribe' who scored twelve points on each of their scoring rounds. This is an improvement of over 60 percent on their winning performance last year.

John Hitchen
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Competitions Committee

Photo contest

FSW Heller of Germany has announced a photo contest. Entries must show a Heller Helmet II or III (jet helmet design and rotating photo platform) during action in freefall. Creativity and originality will be judged as well as quality.
Rules: entries must be in the form of either original slides or prints 18x24cm or 8x10in or larger, postmarked no later than 30 September 1995 and mailed to: FSW Heller GmbH, PO Box 1204, D-82019 Taufkirchen, Germany. Both photographer and subject

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Prizes: first prize, 1,000DM cash (or Pounds Sterling equivalent); second prize, a Heller helmet sight type RIO (concentric Newton rings); third prize, some Norman Kent photos, a Heller helmet T shirt with a crazy Dobrowski cartoon.

Congratulations

John & Di Boxall were married in Hereford on 1st July. Anyone who has been in this sport a while has met John somewhere; he has been around a long time and has pretty well done the lot: military and civilian jumper, instructor, tandem instructor, CCI, display parachutist, cameraman, you name it. He was a mainstay of various clubs at various times, notably Shobdon and Dunkeswell.

John has helped countless people into the sport, and I can vouch personally for his patience and skill in passing on what he knows. Above all, though, he is a lot of fun to be with, which must be why he

The end of an era

Before you jump to conclusions about the title – I am not being so immodest as to call my tenure as editor an era. I refer to the time embracing the 'voluntary' editorship of the magazine, that is since it began. The BPA has at last decided to pay the editor a wage. It is a part-time job, but at least it's paid.

We are surrounded these days by the glitzy sophisticated products of the age of computer-aided design. What was with it only a couple of years ago begins to appear somewhat jaded to an audience over-stimulated by rows and rows of bright laminated glossies to be found in every newsagent or bookstore. These magazines of course aren't getting any cheaper to produce though, and we need to ask ourselves whether we can afford to try to produce a sophisticated-looking colour magazine, whether we need to go to the expense of a paid editor. Is the sport big enough for it?

Well, judging by the recent survey I think the answer is a big yes. Most people suggested they would be happy to pay more for an improved magazine. It is one of the more tangible of the services provided by the BPA and members genuinely look forward to it. It is safe to assume that a paid editor will result in more editorial time being put into the magazine and a visible improvement.

Anyway, I can at last say goodbye in the secure knowledge that a new editor has been found. I will not spill the beans yet (the dotted line has not yet been signed) but I can assure you the mag is in an excellent pair of hands.

Many, many thanks to Iain and Bess who have given their time voluntarily and for little recognition to help out over the last few issues.

See you on some DZ sometime.

Ola

managed to capture such a young and charming bride, since her eyesight seems fine!

Chris Jones D8783

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It currently includes pages on Dudes who skydive, Kit for sale, Stolen kit, What's going on at the BPA? [good bloody question - Ed.], Sward Sports catalogue, on-line logbook, skydiving funnies,

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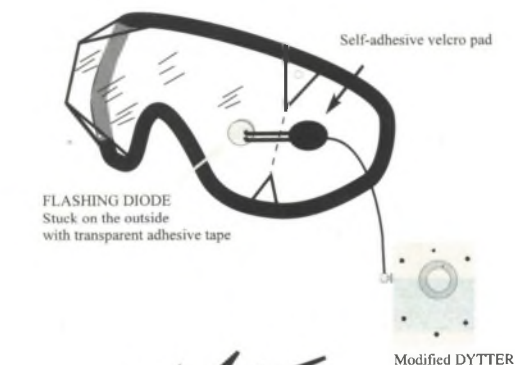
RAFSPA provided judges, Skyvan and perfect weather. Three rounds were completed on Saturday, and more blue skies on Sunday; a one-point victory for 'Not Purple' over 'Team Tonka' reversed the result of their previous meeting at Dunkeswell. The other teams were 'Where's Debbie?', 'Bad Influence', 'Primate Punishment Squad', 'Goldilocks & the Three Bears', and 'Time & Motion'.

Thanks to Nigel Rogoff and all at RAFSPA, all the videographers, and to the Skyvan pilot for his first weekend of jump flying – what an introduction!

RAFSPA

The RAFSPA intermediate 4-way regional meet took place on 8-9 July. Seven teams registered, and

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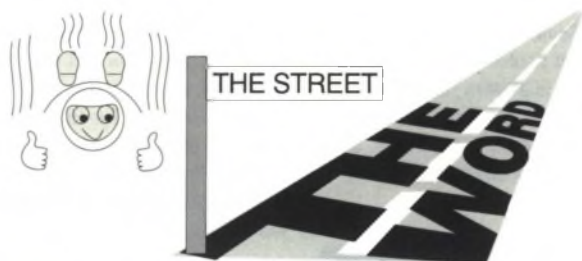
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Ricoh Cameras, our 8-way team, were in 6th place early on in the meet. They cracked open with a 9 and then did 10 or 11 in time on round 2. The French were busted to 13 in the first round, and were 3rd behind the Russians and the USA. In the 4-way the USA was four points ahead of the French, but Sara (from Symbi South) said that the French were just going so smoothly, whereas the Americans were frantic, so we will see. Smooth don't cut much ice, scores on the doors cuts it! Unfortunately nothing was known about RAFSPA's fortunes.

MOSCOW 'HELI' BOOGIE

Organised by Pete Marsden, the event ran from 8-16 July. 19 Brits made the trip paying £730 for flights, accommodation, food (not gourmet, but subsistence) and 30 skydives including at least one video and load organiser (George). The standard aircraft was an Mi8, tailgate chopper, with a slipstream that just wraps itself around you. About 25 dives were done in a training-camp fashion and all who were there learned a lot.

Pete organised a trip to a nearby airbase where we jumped an Mi26, the biggest single-rotor heli' in the world, and an Illyushin 76 Jet. The I76 is about the size of a Jumbo with a huge tailgate, and a run-in speed of 320kph! This was a truly awesome exit, zero to 200mph in a heart beat! Some of the guys went and rode in the back seat of a "fast jet" for the measly price of \$440 per hour. The pilots were very keen for them to fly the jet too, usually about 20ft off the deck upwards! They said it was a "Bit of a Blast!"

Colin & Gerry went flying an Mi6 heli for \$44 for 20 minutes.

After 15 minutes in the bar with a broom handle, and an instructor with little English 'good, bad, left, right, up, down' being the full extent) it was into the bird and they were off! Later during the week Gerry flew us up to altitude, then came skydiving with us, Cool!

For me the highlight of the week's

Boogie was a jump from an AN2, the biggest biplane in the world, wearing Russian static line rounds from **100 metres!** That's 300ft! And you get a 12 second canopy ride, **wicked!** 17 Brits made this jump, and for \$10 got the biggest adrenalin rush ever experienced! Definitely a must do! The Russians party hard and made us very welcome, even into their private parties (Thanks Dimur!). They are so enthusiastic and jump all the time. Their equipment is not the stuff you or I would be jumping in, but it usually works. The women are very pretty (well the young ones, anyway) and McDonalds in Moscow was a welcome stop!

Next year's Boogie will be even better, we will jump the whole flightline at the airbase, and they have some strange ships. Jumps will be in the region of \$13 each and it is NOT TO BE MISSED! Book it NOW. Call Pete on 0181 941 9212.

SPACE BOOGIE

This year's Espace Boogie ran from 6-14 August, but was marred by poor weather for two and a half days. As usual the jumpship was the same stretched Herc of last year. Organisers included Patric Passe, Philippe Shorneau, Fritz, Marcell; Richy & Kevin Hardwick, Dave Morris, 'Dazzle', George, Ben Rayner & Tim Moran kept the Brit end up.

This year most organisers were seen to be combining their groups to concentrate on 30+ ways. Some were more successful than others, But all had fun!

Rickster Powell was once again head and shoulders in front, as King of the Swoop. This man's consistency and the accuracy of his landings on his 99,107 & 120 Stiletos were breathtaking, to say the least. The finale was a swoop on a hot air balloon. He touched the envelope and then scorched between the Cool Mobile and a wind blade to surf 40 yards and land on his packing mat! Nuff Respect Rickster!

Joel's team organised a very safe boogie, although lots of people were "cut" for low pulling and other misdemeanours. It was nice to not

have any canopy collisions on landing, especially with the large number of "super charged" canopies in the air.

Unfortunately there was an impact at the end of the boogie. A free flyer, with less than 200 jumps and borrowed gear (same old, same old) had a problem with her main, chopped it low and landed in trees just as the free bag came off. She didn't make it. This spoils the vibes of what was a very good boogie. The loss of altitude awareness is the first in a chain of events that can lead to a fatality, don't let it happen to YOU!

BRITS AT WORLD FREESTYLE MEET

Anne Becket & John Goodyear are off to Ampfing in Germany for the 1995 World Championships. The Guys do not get any funding from the BPA so are digging deep into their own dosh to go and represent us. Let's hope the Competition Committee recognise the new discipline and sort out some money for the next team! Bit different to Cockerham, 'eh guys! Good luck! Make sure you have FUN, you're paying for it.

TRAIN IN SPAIN

A new Spanish DZ is operating from 23 October to 28 April 1996. The jump-ship will be a Twin Otter with in-flight door and a brand new engine! Full facilities will be provided upon request. There is accommodation, coaches for all disciplines, camera people, packers, load organisers and everything else you could possibly require at a price you can afford. The DZ is situated in Southern Spain, and it should be warm over the winter season. For further details contact Jan or Roz on +34 7245 0060.

AMPURIA CHRISTMAS BOOGIE

Pete Jones phoned WoTS to tell us about the Annual Christmas Boogie, running from 16 December to 6 January. Aircraft will be a Skyvan, two Porters and two Otters, impressive! Load organisers will include Dave Morris, Richy, George and possibly Patrick Passe and JB (Chute Assis) Olivier.

There will be a 16-way sequential competition (new Xmas event! and new trophy!) and all the usual "Serious Partying" that goes on at this DZ over the Boogie. If you've not all ready tried Spain at Christmas, then this would be a good time to start! Book it now, get ready for some FUN! Call 003472 450111 for the full story.

NEW EDITOR OF SP

WoTS waits with 'baited breath' for the appointment of the new Editor of SP. WoTS hopes that all the "Faceless Whingers" who constantly complain about our mag have been firing-in their applications for the job, then they can turn all their wishes into action, and we won't have to listen anymore – but then again, perhaps not.

WE'LL PAY THE VAT FOR YOU

A gear retailer's advert in the last mag offered to pay the VAT on any major purchases from them. WoTS found this an interesting concept and obtained a price list, because a 17.5% discount **must** be worth having! On receipt of the price list it was checked out enthusiastically. To give an example, 1 Pin Teardrop £784 inc VAT their price (they pay the VAT!), £668! Wicked, I thought, so I called TSE & Kit Store to see how much I was going to save; full retail price was £661. Hmmmm "£668 - £661 = £7. Hold on, that's £7 more than TSE & Kit Store, but I thought **they** were paying the VAT! What's going on here?"

So people, before you rush off with yer' hard-earned to buy that rig, canopy, hat, etc shop around to ensure the deal you get is the one you want.

NEW GUYS AT AIRCARE

Aircare Jumpsuits has been sold, lock, stock and barrel to a secret buyer. Jumpsuit production is continuing, and new products are at the prototype stage. The commitment to high quality remains and the management have told WoTS "We will use top quality fabrics to build superior suits."

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IN-TOW HORROR STORY

Eric Fradet, multiple World Champion, was out doing a bit of sky surfing. On deploying his main, he suffered a pilot chute in-tow, owing to it not being cocked when packed. The drag of the drogue and bridle pulled the pin, but not before our Eric went unstable. Getting wrapped up in lines and shit is a major problem, and his increased when he could not reach any of his cutaway pads. there was only one thing left to do, he fired his reserve into/through the crap. His 1 Pin Teardrop delivered the goods and his reserve opened without any drama. This is a **packing mal** that

could have been fatal, so do your checks kids!

RAFSPA SEE RED! (BULL)

Wayne Loxton, manager of the British 4-Way Team, has secured more money for the team coffers by securing a deal with Red Bull, makers of a high-energy drink of the same name. (No, not RAFSPA, Red Bull!)

Apparently the comp team will have branded kit and a demo team will pop up in a few places, possibly with a sky surfer. Red Bull are spending a lot of dosh in our sport.

Vivienne (2nd Ladies sky surf Worlds '94) has their logo all over her board, and her cameraman is never without a can. It is good to see someone pumping money into our sport. Nice one, Wayne.

SIBSON BYPASS IS SAGA

If the local rags are to be believed, the threatened diversion of the A1 through PPC's DZ has been put on hold. The government has

apparently run out of money and is looking for sponsors to aid the scheme. Any interested parties should contact Mr J Major. Perhaps he would like the A1 diverted through No 10's back garden?

MI 26 BOOGIE OFF

Pete Marsden and the owners of the chopper have tried every option to bring this bird to us but, alas, to no avail. The proposed boogie at Hibaldstow is off! Nice that people will try to get these things together...

BLUE PETER SKYDIVES

No, this is not one I prepared earlier. Stuart Mills of the kids TV programme was seen on Auntie recently in a half hour special doing RAPS, then AFF with Nigel Rogoff, Jeff Woods and the Falcons. Stuart did the stuff and is now Cat 8. We're looking forward to seeing a bit more of you, Stuart!

SOUTHPORT BEACH BOOGIE

Well, hardly a boogie but Cark's

annual Summer Party saw a record number of people turn up to jump the beach in a balmy, damn hot, midweek evening. Just under 100 skydivers made it to the beach, a great way to shorten your working week!

NEED A CAMERA, DUDE?

Bob Spratley, a cameraman of some repute is looking for a serious 4-way team to video. Should you be interested in talking to Bob, then page him on 0941 100200, or visit Sibson at the w/e and you will probably find him...

DOUGIE'S MAL VIDEO

A quick update from last mag's WoTS. The mal video is not yet finished, owing to Dougie's other commitments having to take priority over the video. He called WoTS to tell us that as soon as the video is finished there will be an advert in the mag.

NIGHTMARE: BARMAID RESIGNS

At the BCPA Nationals held at

Ipswich the partyin' was down to the usual standard - low, but they insist that they can party as hard as anyone. Somehow Tye Boughen ended up naked in the bar! There is a lack of first-hand verification, but it is known that the barmaid binned the job the very next day!

DOUGIE HANGS UP HIS BOOTS.

After 20 years of competition, Dougie Young, who is at least six Times National Style Champion, has decided to end his competitive skydiving career.

Dougie has won the Style event in every year that he has competed. He has been on countless British National Teams and visited places such as China representing Great Britain. Now he has had enough pressure for a life time - six times Champ, 'Nuff Respect'!

NO GO WIN NORTHERN REGIONAL YAHOO!

George Pilkington

Multisequential

27th December 1995 - 17th March 1996 -
formation skydiving camps
26th March 1996

- With the increase in general skydiving standards, repeated 'zoo loads' are no longer acceptable. Skydivers are looking for quality and safety whilst doing enjoyable jumps which are also educational. They are also looking for good weather and value for money. Jumping with the same group will help to achieve this. 4 way greatly benefits from training and so does 'big way' sequential skydiving, although variety is also an important feature of a jumping trip.

- Multisequential is a structured and organized scheme involving 30 intermediate and experienced skydivers and 2 coaches. Seven days jumping (spread over a ten day period) would involve six skydivers daily. This would consist of two x 8 ways, two x 16 ways and two x 32 ways giving jumpers a wide variety of experience and opportunity to jump in groups of their own ability.

- Thus Multisequential uses individual and piece flying techniques practised in 8 ways to improve performance on 16 way skydives, ready to move on to the bigger stuff and multipoint 32 ways. Extensive use will be made of video briefings to review piece flying and large formation methods.

- The organizers will attempt to divide the jumpers into 8 way and 16 way groups suitable to both their experience and ability so that everybody can feel that the skydives are both challenging and enjoyable. To try and put a jump number on who is or is not suitable to participate is not necessarily the best criteria to use as a rough guide, jumpers will probably need the following to feel comfortable and to benefit from the dives: over 300 jumps at least, from the last six months, over 5 hours of free-fall time and experience of 12 ways or larger. A general willingness to work together towards better, safer skydives is also important. If you're in doubt please feel free to ask Sandy or Darryl.

- The camps are organized and coached by Sandy McRobbie and Darryl Moran in conjunction with Skydive Arizona. Sandy organized in Z-Hills for 4 years (including 40 way teams) before moving to Eloy and also regularly works at European Boggles such as the Espace. Darryl is a current National Champion in 8 way and a diving force behind 16/20 way team Another Planet, also organizing in Europe. Both have participated in various World Record Skydives.

- Having negotiated 'team rates' with Skydive Arizona, Sandy and Darryl are able to offer very reasonable deals to those interested in participating. Jumps will be charged at a regular price of \$16.00 per 13000' and a coaching video fee of \$60.00 would be payable. This is about \$2.00 a jump when spread over 42 skydives, and covers all services including a barbecue party. Various accommodation options are available on site.

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NOVEMBER 18-25

Thanksgiving Boogie & Annual Turkey Meet
Events include 8-way competition, 10-way speed from a DC-3, (just like the good ole days) and a 20-way competition. Fun jumps all week! Don't miss the "CITYS" annual Thanksgiving party and Turkey Dinner on Thursday Nov. 23rd.

December 15-January 14

Christmas and New Year's Boogie
Dec. 16-24 "20-Way World Meet"-training camp
Dec. 24 & 25 Original 10-way Scrambles
This event is fast becoming a "CITY" tradition and everybody wins!
Dec. 26-31 "20-Way World Meet"-Test Event
Dec. 31 Christmas Star dives and Skydive City's annual New Year's Eve Party (Live band)

January 7-13

CRW large formation world record attempt
This event will be hosted by former world champion Mike Lewis and Performance Designs
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February 14-18

4-way and 8-way money meets
Feb. 17 2-way "Sweetheart" competitions

March 16-17

St. Patrick's Day celebration with 10-way speed and sequential competition
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March 23-April 14

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1. 8 - WAY- 4 Rounds - USPA Style	November 18, 19 & 20th
2. EXTREME 8 - WAY- Phoenix Style	November 21, 22 & 23rd
Practice 10 - Way Speed	November 24th
3. 10 - Way Speed 3 Rounds	November 25th & 26th
Awards, Band, Beer, Party	November 25th (Saturday Night)
4 - WAY COMPETITION	December 2nd & 3rd
WINTER RW CAMP	December 8th - 15th
CHRISTMAS BOOGIE Christmas Scrambles New Years Party/Band/Beer	December 16th - January 2nd December 23rd & 24th December 31st (Happy New Year)
STRONG TANDEM CERTIFICATION COURSE	January 13, 14 & 15th
4 - WAY COMPETITION	January 20th & 21st
AFF PRE- COURSE TRAINING CAMP	January 22nd thru 28th
Extreme 8 - way Meet	February 10th & 11th
Valentine's Day Girls jump half price!	February 14th
STRONG TANDEM CERTIFICATION COURSE	February 17, 18 & 19th
4 - WAY COMPETITION	February 24th & 25th
ST. PATRICK 10-WAY COMPETITION	March 16th & 17th
SPRING RW CAMP	March 22nd - 28th
EASTER BOOGIE - FREAKER'S BALL Organized 20 ways and bigger Extreme 20 Way Competition	March 30th - April 8th March 30th & 31st April 5th & 6th
Band & Beer Freaker's Ball Costume Party	Evening of April 6th

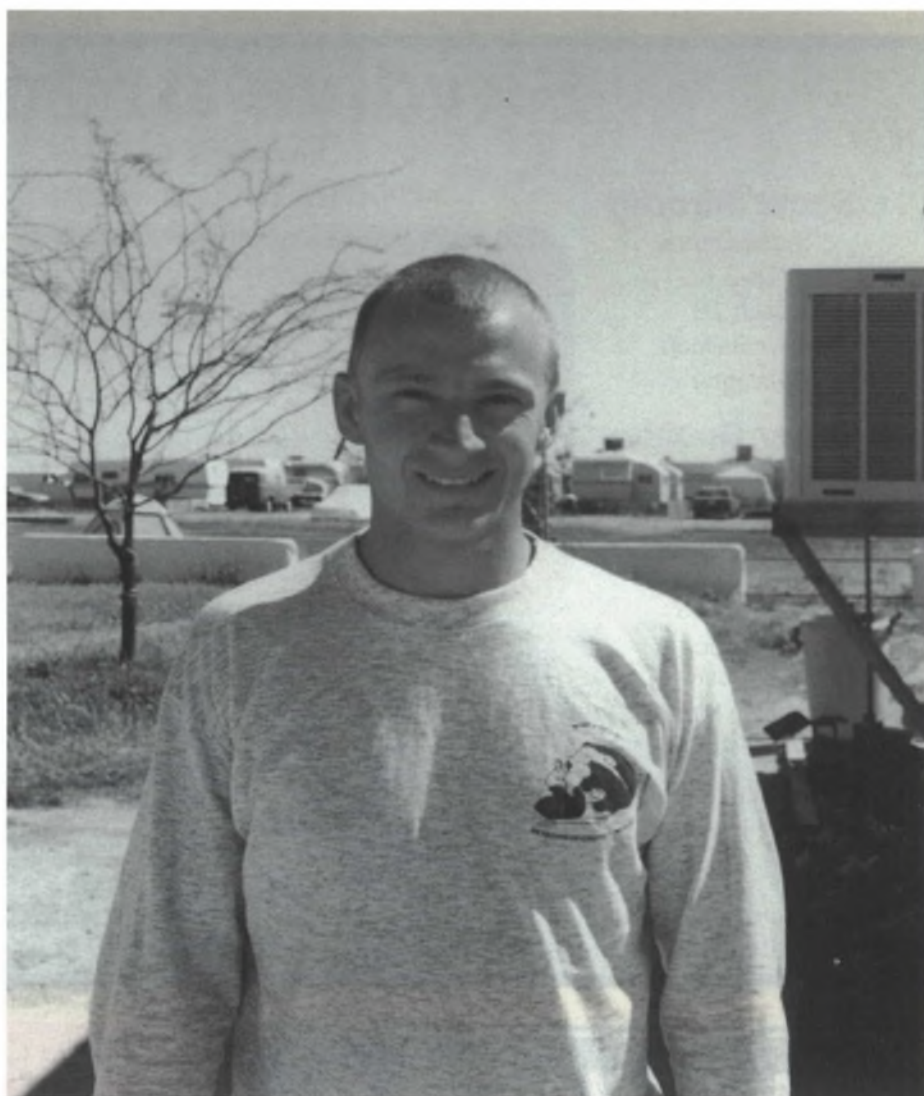
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Mark Kirkby



Mark Kirkby, team captain of Arizona Airspeed.

There's a good chance that a British jumper will win a gold medal at the World Meet in Gap this September. Ex-Cark jumper, Mark Kirkby, captain of the US 4-way team, is a naturalised American through marriage. Mark and his wife Margaret live in Eloy, where he is a full-time professional skydiver and coach and she works in the DZ store, 'Arizona Parachute Supply'.

Mark has over 4,500 skydives and started jumping in 1985 at Thruxton with the 'Trailblazers', where he went through the static-line system, taking about 35 jumps to reach Cat 8.

'I learned fairly quickly as a student but had some initial problems with tracking', he said. Mark continued skydiving at Cark for about five years and did about 500 jumps.

In 1990 he went to Perris on holiday, met Margaret and stayed in the US. During his time at Perris he was part of two weekend teams, the second of these was a team called 'The Gumbies', credited with getting him into serious competition skydiving. This team also began his association with Dan BC, who asked him to join 'Perris Airmoves' in 1993.

Late-1993 Dan BC and Jack Jeffries formed a new team with their sights firmly set on the 1995 World Meet. Dan and

Jack invited Mark and Kirk Verner, together with John Leming as videoman, to form 'Arizona Airspeed'. The team has been on an intensive training schedule since then.

For two weeks of every month, they do 8 to 10 jumps a day for five days, then have two days off, and jump for another five days. They plan to average about 800 training jumps a year. The team is normally self-coached but they do admit to using ideas from others, such as the US team's psychologist who concentrates on attitude and team building.

'Arizona Airspeed' won the US Nationals, took gold at the World Cup in 1994 and broke the 4-way World Record with a 29-point skydive, if beating the French wasn't enough!

Eloy reputedly has the best training facilities and skydiving weather in the world and is the team's major sponsor with free jumps plus other expenses, such as a Porter in addition to its flight-line of three Super Otters and DC3, so they can train for the World Meet. 'Arizona Airspeed' is also supported by Relative Workshop and

Performance Designs, who supply each team member with two sets of Vectors, Stilettos and PD reserves each year. They also receive sponsorship from a variety of companies in the US.

Mark may captain the best team in the world but still has fond memories of his time at Cark and credits its regulars for his great attitude towards skydiving. He also remembers a canopy collision in 1987 as one of his worst moments in the sport.

When not team training he enjoys rock-climbing, hiking and coaching other teams. Mark and the other members of 'Airspeed' are always willing to help other teams at Eloy, with either advice or professional coaching. Among his major dislikes are Sky God attitudes which make it difficult for less-experienced jumpers to approach those who could help them.

Teams interested in being coached by Mark, or by other members of Arizona Airspeed, tel: +1-520-709-1649. The cost is \$200 per day and teams must book as far in advance as possible.

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POPS CORNER

Parachutists Over Phorty Society



Pops members at Black Knights Parachute Centre.

POPS UK's first National Meet took place at Cockerham from 27 - 29 May. TOP POP Michael Allum (POPS 252) officiated (thank you, Michael). I regret not being able to attend for reasons you all know about. Black Knights Parachute Centre put on a tremendous welcome, as Michael reports.

'The Saturday morning of the 27th dawned with the wind still blowing between sunshine and showers. Eighteen jumping members plus their friends and relatives (a good turn out of fifty people), waited out the day until evening when, as guests of BKPC, we enjoyed one of the best BBQs ever, with lots of free beer! Our thanks to Phil Cavanagh (CCI), Sue Hill (organiser) and the three chefs: Jeff Illidge, John McPallard and John Parker.

During the evening POPS member Julie Shew presented her unsuspecting husband, Pete, with a Fiftieth Birthday cake. And a surprise visitor was first-ever TOP POP John Cooke ('Cookie') and his wife, Judy.

'Unfortunately the weather on the Sunday was just as bad, so we visited More-

cambe and later had a meal and a few beers at the local pub. The weekend was obviously not meant to be a jumping one because Monday's weather was also bad.'

Our thanks to all the POPS stalwarts who made the trip to Cockerham and to staff and members of BKPC.

Special note: Black Knights and Sue Hill have introduced sixteen new POPS members to our ranks in the last eighteen months.

On the subject of National Meets, we will be reverting to three in 1996. Subject to confirmation, they are:

May/June: The Parachute Centre, Tilstock;
July: Peterborough Parachute, Sibson;
August Bank Holiday: POPS Coming of Age (location is still to be confirmed).

POPS UK: will be eighteen years' old next year and it is hoped a larger than usual meet will be organised. Input from members is most welcome.

Internationally, the increasingly popular Cyprus jaunt again will take place late-April time. Discussions are in hand also for

a joint Dutch, Belgian and British get-together: a long weekend at either Texel or Moorsele.

POPSDEMO: I'm still trying to form regional groups and to sell our services, however, more qualified volunteers are needed.

POPSHOP: POPS golf-type shirts and baseball caps are on offer at £9.00 and £6.00 respectively. You don't have to wait 28 days for a POPS' delivery, as same-day turnaround is guaranteed. Oh yes, I have some of last year's Xmas cards available, too!

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Please welcome the following new members: Derek Ellwood (POPS 650) of Shotton Colliery, Co Durham; John McGreevy (POPS 651) of Walton, Liverpool; and Peter Barratt (POPS 652) of Froggatt, Derbyshire.

John Crowhurst, Hon Sec.

POPS PROFILE

David Pusey (POPS 290)

David started parachuting with the military in 1962; his first jump being from a balloon at Weston-on-the-Green. His sport-parachuting career began four years later at Toowoomba, Queensland, in Australia whilst serving with 3 Para during an exercise overseas. Since then he has been actively involved in sport parachuting and has amassed jumps well into four figures.

In 1973, whilst serving in Northern Ireland, he headed the British Army Parachute Display Team – 'The Bandits' (aptly named?). On completing his tour he was presented at Stormont Castle for his charity work in Northern Ireland.

He has sport-parachuted in many countries including Singapore, USA, Canada, Bermuda, Jamaica, Malaysia, Australia and Cyprus, plus the usual European drop zones. He is a regular at Ampuria-brava, visiting there at least three times a year.



David Pusey pins a tandem over Weston-on-the Green.

A keen POPS competitor who has competed in many local and overseas events, he was placed second in the 4-way RW event during the first World POPS Meet and has won several other events at numerous meets in the UK and abroad.

A regular at Netheravon over the last few years, he has been actively involved in assisting military teams with sponsorship deals, and was instrumental in the arrangement that sponsored the Army Classics Team for two years.

David is still military parachuting and this year, with twenty-nine other military parachutists, he took off from the Canadian town of Gander, Newfoundland, and eight hours' later jumped from 800 feet over Weston-on-the-Green. This made him the oldest person and the only grandfather to jump the Atlantic.

Always accompanied by his wife, Liz, and youngest son, Marc, who completed his first jump aged 10 (a tandem over Ampuriabrava, filmed by Bruno Brokken). David will be at the World POPS Meet in Spain and intends to be parachuting well into the 21st century.

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| 07/14 Oct | FALL BOOGIE & Skydive
University Coaching |
| 25 Nov/16 Dec | RW Coaching with Herman
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2nd: No-Go: Pete Findlay, Stuart Morris, Kieron Hayes, Chris Whitlock, Steve O'Rourke, Alan Webster, Pete Spedding, Tim O'Sullivan, Lyndon Worth (camera).

3rd: Army 9: Andy Allman, Mark Davis, Sarah Laughton, Andy Scott, Andy Green, Martin Haywood, Lee Pugh, Lee Love, John Cutler, Solly Williams, Mark Burby (camera).

4-Way (Senior)

1st: Team 97: Pete Allum, Craig Hill, Toby Stafford, John McIver, Steve John (camera).

2nd: Red Devils (Black): Dave Alexander, Jason Grime, Mark Bayada, Richard Bunting, John Wheeler (camera).

3rd: TBA: Dave Smith, Darryl Moran, Mark Rondel, Neil Stokes, Steve Johns (camera).

4-Way (Intermediate)

1st: Not Purple: Jim Weir, Andy Montriou, Deb Clarke, Ian Lanham with John (ouch! my ankle) Drew (camera).

2nd: 4 Gone Confusion: Roger Ward, Andy Mihalop, Mick Hall, Ben Bellman, Alex Meacock, with Pete (ouch! my leg) Grey (camera).

3rd: Beenz '57: Alex (our pilot) McKintosh, Gerard McCafferty, Alastair Taylor, Peter Mitchell, and Bob Spracly (camera).

Speed 8

1st: Ricoh Cameras, with 38.10 sec.

2nd: Red Devils, with 45.42 sec.

3rd: QMT, with 49.88 sec.

The British FS National Championships were once again held at Sibson, hosted by the Peterborough Parachute Centre. John and Sue Meacock did their usual grand job of organising the event, laying on a Turbolet 410, fine weather and yummy end of event buffet. Starting on Saturday the 22nd July with mostly good jumping weather and the very speedy Turbolet, it was all over by Wednesday leaving the Speed Eight for Thursday. This just happened to be press day for Ricoh Cameras. I have never seen so many shirts and ties and flower print frocks on a DZ. Lots of Oh's and Ah's and questions like, 'Do you really go up?' Pics in the can, words noted, press release clutched, they left us in peace to get seriously ratted in the bar. Then it was fun jumps till Saturday 11am and the presentation of medals by Major Bob Card, Chairman of the BPA.

John Meacock thanked all the staff and helpers and presented a special silver plate to the Ukrainian crew, pilots Oleg, Losher and 'nyet problemi' engineer, Pasha. John apologised for forgetting to thank last year's pilot (Better late than never, Pete!) and in advance for whom he was about to miss out this time!

The judges prize for best second point in the Speed Eight went to QMT (Quality Mat Time). What Lesley Gale can do on the back of seven men in free-fall has to be seen to be believed.

In the 8-way five teams entered. Ricoh Cameras took gold with 96 points, a massive 40 ahead of No-Go in second place. Army 9 had the bronze, just one

point behind on 55. The Red Devils on 46 and NRG on 43 made a good showing. With only 13 point twixt second and fifth place over ten rounds it was quite a close-fought event.

The 4-way had a better turn out with ten Senior and three Intermediate teams entered. I did spot a RAFSPA delegation flogging T-shirts with their feet firmly on the ground. Team 97 had the gold with 134 over the Red Devils (Black) on 97 at the end of round ten. We had put the telemeters away and opened the bar before we discovered the need for the jump-off to decide the silver / bronze between the Red Devils (Black) and TBA. Final scores 108 to the military and 106 to TBA.

Army 9 had split into two 4s to compete as blue and white. Not having trained in this discipline they were having a side-bet to spice up their competitive edge: losers to buy curry dinners for the winners. It was a draw, tying for sixth place. I hope I am not around when sixteen curries are demolished with military gusto. No-Go changed their team name to Bring Your Own Beers for the Speed 8. It was something to do with licensing laws Wingy and Fiona said!

Pete Male

nals '95



Scottish Nationals'95 at Skydive Strathallan

Despite the cloud base intermittently yapping at their ankles efficiency and Mr Porter win the day.

intermediate. There was supposed to be five Porter lifts, but we only managed three on that first day. Sunday was slightly better, but variable, and that was when the last of the competition jumps eventually took place. The results were as follows:

Senior

- 1 - Vertically Challenged
- 2 - Stoof!
- 3 - The Duffers

Intermediate

- 1 - Quartz

Only two rounds of FS and Accuracy were completed this year, but it was not for the want of effort. This was disappointing, as the meet is usually completed, often within the first day and a half. This year's weather was totally unlike the norm at the nationals. Luckily, there were occasional breaks. These were used very efficiently, allowing the meet to be called after two complete rounds. Having a Pilatus Porter as the competition aircraft definitely helped.

The draw was made on the Saturday morning, with eleven teams competing. The same dives applied to both senior and

In summary, any meet called on less than the full number of rounds is less than satisfactory, but no one can say that we didn't try our best to get through as much as possible.

Watch out for 'Quartz', from Cockerham. Their approach is a good example for many other teams thinking of getting it together. I would also watch out for 'Bucmulgogo' (the Langan ladies), but perhaps for slightly different reasons.

Competition in the accuracy was low

this year, with 'Why Us?', from Headcorn, making up most of the competitors. There was an added complication. Normally we place the bouncy pit in the middle of the gravel pit on the airfield. However, a pair of oyster catchers were tending an egg which had been laid almost dead centre on the gravel. The bouncy pit was therefore moved twenty yards away. Anyway, the senior results were as follows:

- 1 - Andy Pike
- 2 - Dave Crowhurst
- 3 - Pete Sizer

All competitors did well, despite difficult circumstances. The ground winds were within scoring limits for all rounds, but a combination of higher upper winds and turbulence made it a difficult event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all visitors to Skydive Strathallan, not forgetting those from Errol, and the regular competitors and friends from Cark. Special mention too for the visiting videomen, especially Steve Freedman whose still photo of 'The Duffers' in round 1 made a half page colour spread in the following day's edition of *The Scotsman*, one of Scotland's national papers. Thanks also to CCI Scotty Milne, Meet Director Doug Malcolm, judges Roger Flynn, Tony Makepeace, Bob King, Biff Burns and Martin Rennie. Included too are Steve Swallow for providing the aircraft, and James Kelly for flying it, with a nice cross runway landing on the Sunday morning. Finally to all members of Skydive Strathallan and the SSPA for helping to keep our spirits up even when the weather was miserable.

Remember, if you're thinking of coming next year, you'll be very welcome.

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Golden Lions fly a six stack at Z-Hills.

Skyborn Ceilidhs at Z-Hills for the moich Jocks o' the Golden Lions. Captain Jason Clarke reveals all in words and pictures

Jocks Away

On 27 February, The Golden Lions Free-Fall Team of the Scottish Division embarked on their first-ever training camp on foreign soil, England not included! After advice from various quarters, we went to Phoenix Z-Hills, Florida, which boasts a Twin Otter, King Air, trailer accommodation and well-run manifest.

The journey from Edinburgh to Brize Norton and on to Washington DC, followed by an 18-hour drive, was not as bad as expected and we were soon raring to start training. Once our kit had been checked we warmed up with a few fun-jumps before beginning our training schedule, devised by Joe Bratton.

With the departure of old hands like Tam Mackie, Roy Bannerman and Ian Cessford the team averaged about 300 jumps each. The training camp provided the youngbloods with further experience, particularly in CF. We began by practising basics: bi-hands and quick docking on two-stacks before progressing on to bigger formations.

Local skydivers, many with little experience of CF, enjoyed listening to the screams of those Golden Lions earthbound at high speed under down-planes (or were

those screams from the two team members who had had their nipples pierced?). The down-planes did not produce as much adrenaline as the hop and pops from 2,000ft, though!

The weekend of 4-5 March was occupied by the annual 'Muff Bro's' 4-way boogie. We entered two teams: 'Need To Get Laid' and 'Lions Rampant'. Unfortunately our relative lack of FS experience was soon revealed and both teams shared equal last place.

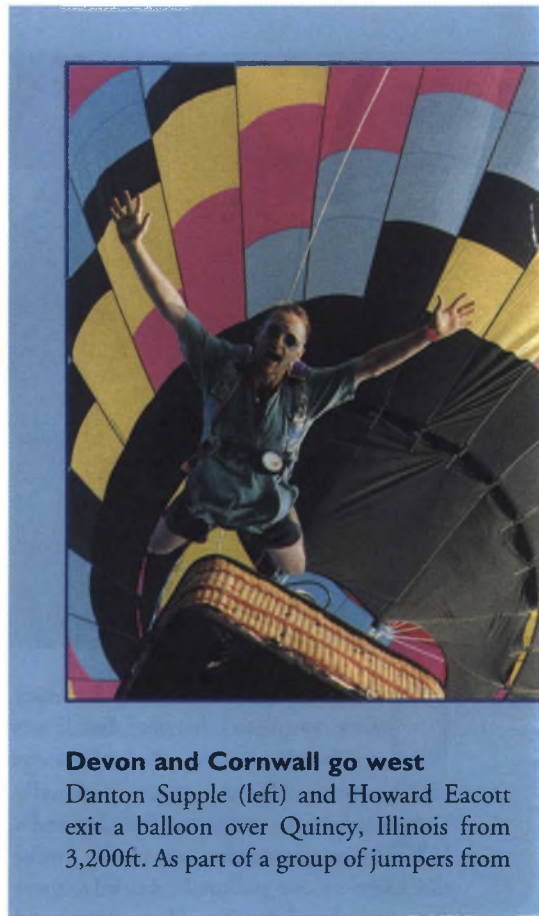
Ian Anderson (the 'Human Anvil') did not help our efforts by falling at Mach 2! It was suggested that either his team-mates shove depleted uranium down their jump-suits or that Ian substitutes a marquee for his.

At the Muff Party that night Chris Jones excelled himself by playing the mouth organ (is he full of hot air?)

Mike Greenfield, formally of The Royal Marines team, helped us with some good camerawork and gave a wealth of invaluable advice that soon had us building six-stacks.

Congratulations to Mark for notching up his 2,000th jump at Z-Hills. Ned Blythe made sure he received a suitable gunging.

The training schedule fell behind owing to an eight-day spell of unseasonably bad weather. But once the weather broke the



Devon and Cornwall go west

Danton Supple (left) and Howard Eacott exit a balloon over Quincy, Illinois from 3,200ft. As part of a group of jumpers from

team moved on to rotations which, although improving, provided a few hairy moments and will require more work.

Time flies when you're having fun, and in no time the three weeks were up. The team gained some very useful experience and averaged about 50 jumps each. Had it not been for the weather we would have done more.

Thanks to Betty Kabeller and the staff at Z-Hills, who were extremely helpful; to Gill McBeth for our trailers and Bruce Robertson who kept the Boss out of mischief, taking him through AFF and Warp to Cat 10 in three weeks. Of course, we had to say farewell with a beer and BBQ party, amidst a spectacular thunderstorm. The Jocks in true fashion provided the entertainment by body surfing naked in plastic ponchos over the four inches of water that covered the DZ!

Captain Jason Clarke
OC The Golden Lions

BRITS ABROAD



Dunkeswell and The Cornwall Parachute Centre, they were at Quincy for the World Freefall Convention which was taking place at the time. Photo by Phil Mulkern.



Bridlington regulars between them did over 525 jumps at Gerry Bird's DZ.

Bridlington Migration

Regulars at Bridlington take in their stride tropical storms, irate farmers and 'paddling under canopy'. Doreen Dawn reports

On a miserable day last November 19 regulars from British Skysports met at Manchester Airport and cleared off en masse to skydive in the sun at Birdland. With perfect timing we arrived in Florida during the tail-end of tropical storm Gordon – we all felt at home straight away!

We were soon taken in hand by Gerry Bird, who organised our first lift in the Twin Otter, a mixed ability 16-way attempt planned as a zoo but which surprisingly built to an 11-way. Much encouraged, we set about improving our skydiving. Steve Audsley, Nick Baverstock, Paul Cook and Jon Vennell made it to Cat 8, and thanks for the beers!

We managed over 525 jumps with no problems other than the occasional off-landing. Irate farmers are much the same the world over, but we were as polite in our apologies as usual and no harm was done.

There was just one incident when someone came close to frying his family

jewels while negotiating an electric fence.

A highlight of our stay was the chance for the most experienced of our group to join Gerry Bird on his 9,000 skydive, a 24-way that built to a 21-way. By this time we had another three Cat 10 jumpers: Mark Harris, Laurie Daley and British Intermediate Accuracy Champion, Mike Shaw. Congratulations! Other skydiving milestones were reached by Ian Pickup (200th jump); Mick Dawn (200th jump and 'D' licence); Andy Taylor (400th jump); and Mike and Laurie, who made their 100th jumps.

Everyone at Birdland joined in our celebrations and the staff made a point of organising barbecues in our honour, especially Gerry Bird who makes a mean burger! In common with the rest of his staff and regulars, he always made us welcome. We all appreciated the friendly atmosphere and gladly joined in the evening entertainment of 'ditch-swooping' exhibitions (or 'paddling under canopy' for the unlucky).

Altogether, it was a brilliant holiday. We all got a lot out of our skydiving and saw a great improvement in our skills, whatever level we had started from. We also managed to fit in some sightseeing as well as the occasional beer, and had a lot of laughs.

More about the DZ: it has showers, a bunkhouse, canteen and a devastatingly different WDI in the form of a spud-gun. Aircraft: a Twin Otter and Cessna 182. No worries about spotting the DZ from altitude, it's conveniently shaped for 'us' Brits in the form of a cricket bat (they also do a very English cuppa!). We loved their enthusiasm and we're saving hard to go back for more.

Our thanks go to Gerry Bird and all his crew, including instructors Dave and Nick Johnstone, and Lynne for all her time and hard work in organising the event.

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Safe finals

How to get from break-off to the ground unscathed!

The most dangerous part of any skydive is the landing – however you make it! Andy McRobbie examines the seemingly increasing number of accidents after formation skydives

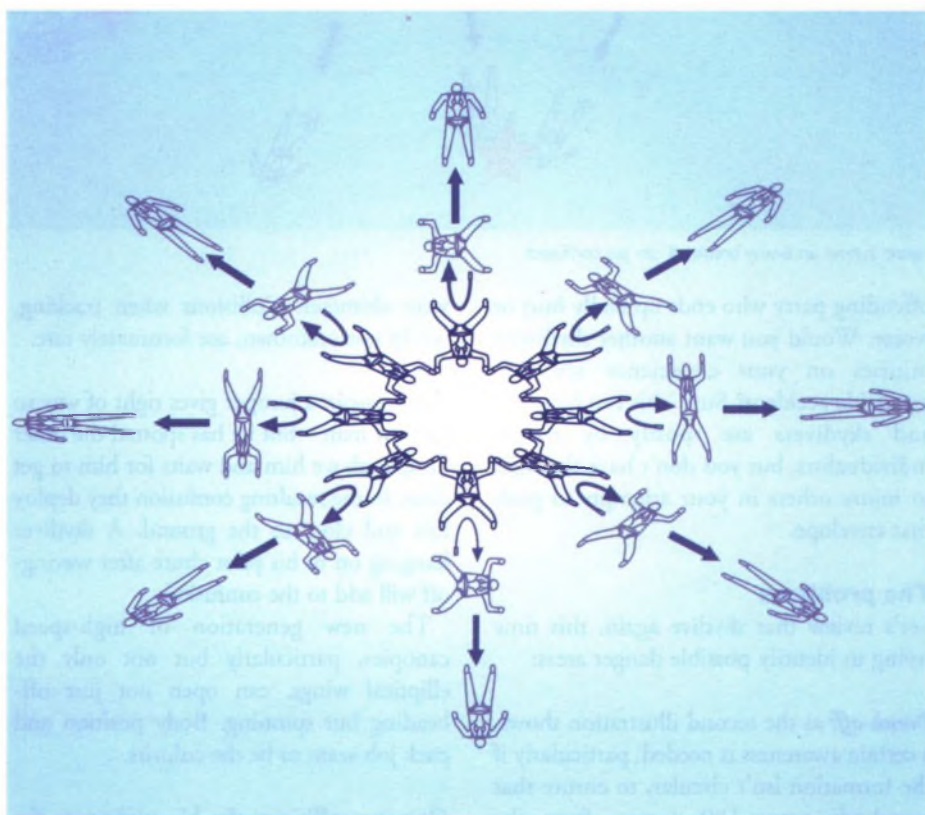


Figure 1: how an 8-way break-off should look!

Why 'Safe Finals'? Your canopy is in descent immediately it opens, so it could be reasoned that your first step towards a safe landing is when you prepare to deploy. The final approach to terra-firma starts as soon as you have a parachute above your head!

What follows are some ideas on identifying and alleviating problems. They are based on my own observations, having worked at a number of busy drop-zones. If some skydivers disagree with my conclusions, then at least it has made them more aware of potential dangers.

The situation

Let's consider a typical 8-way skydive as shown in the illustrations. The USPA recommends that a formation of this size ceases skydiving together or breaks off by 4,000ft. Assuming that they are all C and D

licence-holders deploying by 2,000ft (not at 2,000ft) the skydivers have about 10 seconds to get clear of each other and to initiate their pull sequences safely. Turning 180 degrees from the centre of the formation and tracking the skydivers find some clear airspace, flare out, wave off and deploy. As the canopy opens they are obviously checking for a malfunction. Running into another skydiver's canopy is classed as a malfunction and should be a major consideration!

Hopefully the jumpers are looking around for other parachutes before releasing their brakes, stowing their slider, or taking off their booties. If they are unlucky enough to have a canopy flying straight towards them, then they are ready to pull on their *right rear riser*. If everybody has learned the same remedy, then this will help to avoid a nasty collision.

Once safely under healthy canopies they remain aware of each other as they figure out whether they got the spot right, and if not how to get home! Then it's time to have some fun with their canopies before setting up for an upwind landing. Giving lower canopies the right of way, the jumpers are careful not to cut each other off or do anything unexpected on final approach. After landing they remember to have a look upwind as they walk off the drop-zone so as not to interfere with anybody's 'turf-surf' by interposing their body!

Okay, so that is the ideal situation for the skydive described. Unfortunately, despite great improvements in equipment reliability, the human factor is becoming a principal cause of the increasing accident statistics for the latter part of the skydive. As with car accidents, it's very often not the



Figure 2: how an 8-way break-off can get confused!

offending party who ends up badly hurt or worse. Would you want another skydiver's injuries on your conscience after an avoidable accident? Sure 'shit can happen', and skydivers are mostly by nature individualists, but you don't have the right to injure others in your attempts to push that envelope.

The problems

Let's review that skydive again, this time trying to identify possible danger areas:

Break-off: as the second illustration shows, a certain awareness is needed, particularly if the formation isn't circular, to ensure that everybody turns 180 degrees from the centre. Lack of altitude awareness virtually guarantees a chaotic break-off as everybody rushes. Skydivers turning in different directions can cause crossed paths and confusion as many are unaware that right is the standard. The cameraman is often forgotten as everybody is pulling.

Tracking: a skydiver with a head-down 'homesick anvil'-type track can be a danger as they'll cover less horizontal distance, whilst being lower than the others. They'll probably be deploying before the unfortunate slow tracker 200ft above them, a collision being an almost certain fatality.

Tracking through the middle of the formation and out the other side will leave one jumper chasing another, and a dangerous race can ensue. The rear jumper may well be in the other's blind-spot, and in danger of colliding with an opening canopy. Some skydivers seem to have an in-built track turn, often as they look at their

wrist-altimeter. Collisions when tracking, whilst not unknown, are fortunately rare.

Deployment: a jumper gives right of way to the low man – but he has spotted the other jumper above him and waits for him to get clear. In the resulting confusion they deploy low and close to the ground. A skydiver hanging on to his pilot chute after waving-off will add to the confusion.

The new generation of high-speed canopies, particularly but not only the elliptical wings, can open not just off-heading but spinning. Body position and pack job seem to be the culprits.

Opening collisions: the big nightmare for most skydivers is a canopy wrap on opening. Fast canopies ensure that the collision is a high-speed one. Zero-porosity fabric and microline are not pleasant materials within which to tangle! This can result in panic and no communication between skydivers, many of whom have no CF experience. The spinning canopy can wind up very quickly, making it physically difficult to reach the handles. An ill-timed or inappropriate cut away can leave one of the jumper's instantly cocooned and with a very serious problem.

In-flight collisions: canopy wraps used to be largely a problem for CF enthusiasts. Two factors recur when considering possible causes: high-performance/high-speed parachutes in the hands of low experience or unaware skydivers; over-confident 'young' jumpers, who have progressed quickly (via AFF and coach dives) to a reasonable standard of freefall skills, but still

have relatively little canopy skills, owing to both a small number of jumps and sometimes not heeding advice. Adrenaline tends to give you tunnel vision, thus the response of "I never saw the other canopy", whilst being inexcusable, may indeed be true.

Landing: collisions close to the ground are especially dangerous as there is often no time to take corrective action. Collisions with the ground are extremely dangerous because it nearly always wins!

A pilot's reaction to watching a 20-way land on a no-wind day was that if aircraft treated their finals in the casual and unaware manner of some skydivers, then runways would be littered with scrap aluminium!

Lack of any kind of flight plan, tunnel vision on the pit or chosen target, and failure to be fully aware of the increased forward speed of their new canopy are all contributory factors.

The variable sink-rates of canopies with high wing loadings can often put a jumper into the final pattern before they, or the others, are expecting them to be there. Hook-turns can cause a nasty accident on finals when one jumper hooks into another – often innocent – jumper. Sometimes when avoiding a collision with one jumper the person hooks into the path of someone else.

Jumpers hooking themselves into the ground is slightly less of a problem than it was a couple of years ago; most skydivers have seen or heard of the possible consequences of a botched hook turn, ie, a friend who buried their femur in the ground and has since been walking with the aid of crutches for six months, and is now a little more cautious. Hook-turn swoops and landings look spectacular and are great fun; they can be performed with a large degree of safety by the experts, but increase the danger factor when performed either by the inexperienced or those in heavy traffic. Consequently, they have been banned by many drop-zones, which is like waving a red flag at a bull to many skydivers! Even experienced jumpers seem reluctant to accept any kind of limitations to their flying technique on finals and landing. Whilst increased awareness may prevent many of these problems, many of the fatalities near the ground have involved skydivers with enough experience to know the risks and dangers.

We have identified half a dozen different times during the two-minute canopy ride when it is possible to cause serious injury (or worse) to both yourself and a fellow

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS TO HELP YOU SURVIVE A FORMATION SKYDIVE:

At BREAK-OFF:

DO make sure you stop skydiving at the agreed altitude.
DO turn to the right, away from the centre of the formation.
DON'T lose awareness of other skydivers around you.
DON'T stay in the middle and do freestyle or a standup!

Whilst TRACKING:

DO try to stay flat and straight to get horizontal separation.
DO remain altitude aware.
DON'T go through the middle of the formation.
DON'T get into a race with a skydiver who is at a lower altitude.

At DEPLOYMENT:

DO wave-off and pull at a safe altitude, ie, by 2,000ft.
DO remain aware of other skydivers nearby and be prepared to turn right.
DON'T release your brakes until you've checked for traffic.
DON'T jump a canopy that you can't pack to open on heading.

Under CANOPY:

DO consider planning your approach to the landing area.
DO remain aware of other canopies close to you.
DON'T fly erratically when in or near traffic.
DON'T panic if you have a wrap – try to talk.

Whilst LANDING:

DO try to fly a left-hand (or prearranged) pattern.
DO follow the direction of the traffic, especially if the wind is variable.
DON'T hook-turn into other canopies or the ground!
DON'T get tunnel vision on your target.

skydiver. Now let's have a look at possible solutions to these potentially dangerous situations which can really spoil your skydiving day.

The solution

Two words sum up how to fix these problems: education and awareness. You will notice that the word 'regulation' hasn't been included. Most skydivers are caring, responsible individuals (despite the image some promote) and don't knowingly cause accidents. Strict regulation tends to inhibit people's desire to understand the reasoning behind the rules. It also reduces most people's enjoyment of the sport, although this should not preclude safety considerations.

The answer, it seems, is to educate skydivers to understand that certain actions are safer than others and that if they are aware of a potential problem, then they have gone a good way towards dealing with the situation.

Regulations, especially by jump numbers, tend to ignore the level of each individual skydiver's knowledge and awareness. Unfortunately they may well become necessary if we can't police ourselves. Skydivers who persistently exhibit dangerous and irresponsible behaviour, particularly when it endangers others, must be made to realise that it is not just STC who is 'on their case', peer pressure is a

powerful and influential force. If other skydivers voice their concern by first explaining the dangers and ultimately choosing not to jump with the offending skydiver, the offender might mend their ways. Draconian enforcement, i.e., grounding and banning them, will cause resentment and merely transfer the problem to another drop-zone.

Instructors, organisers, and local 'skygod' figures have a responsibility to set both a good example and educate the less experienced, not just in flying techniques etc, but also in matters of safety. They should also explain to less responsible skydivers why their actions are dangerous. Persistently ignoring these people will not help. The certainty of getting caught far outweighs the fear of any measures taken against the offender.

So, as a reminder, let's run through those danger areas one more time, considering the most appropriate actions in order that you avoid becoming a sad statistic.

Break-off: separation should be at a minimum of 4,000ft for larger groups of six or more. If there are less experienced skydivers on the load why not break-off at 500ft -1,000ft earlier? Take a second to orientate yourself to the centre so that your right turn faces you about 180 degrees to the middle. The turn to the right is not written in stone – it's just a

good idea. Obviously some formations make this harder than others (figures 1 & 2), but watch during the dirt-dive and stay aware. Break-off should not be the key for everybody to start doing freestyle. All jumpers must track unless it has been agreed during the dirt-dive that one of them will not, eg, the videoman.

Tracking: clearance should be away from the centre of the formation, never through the middle. Flat tracking ought to be practised. Awareness of other skydivers is also important, as is altitude awareness. Don't get into a tracking race with a skydiver below you – remember the top person has a better view of the situation, so why not just stop? Remember that a sudden turn at this stage might put you in another jumper's path and add to the confusion.

As you flare out – for both comfort and a reduced chance of an off-heading opening – take a second to look around for other skydivers before you wave-off. That is safer than hanging on to your pilot-chute waiting for the other jumper to get clear – they might be doing the same, or you can give yourself a malfunction. Also, don't wait too long after waving-off before deploying as it loses altitude and causes confusion.

Pulling too high can also cause problems. It doesn't give everybody else the time/altitude to get clear, and may scare the videoman! Unless you've a good reason it's best not to pull on relative-work loads until you're at about 2,500ft.

The second part of this article will appear in the next issue.

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(Top left, clockwise):

- a) A successful 9-way Diamond launch from a Casa 212,
- b) Tandem master, and drop-zone owner, Andy Grimwade on a tandem jump;
- c) Glen Chastain relaxes in the air; with the Scenic Sebastian inlet in the background;
- d) Skysurfing: Bob Greiner and Clif Burch train for the ESPN Games held at Sebastian;
- e) Three 4-way Diamonds link together: the group were part of a CF seminar held at the drop zone.



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BASIC HEAD-DOWN FLIGHT

Fresh from the success of her seminars at Sibson this summer, World Champion and leading Freestyle exponent, Tamara Koyn, prepares preliminary exercises for this most demanding of disciplines

This introductory document is written only to provide brief information regarding learning inverted/head-down flying techniques. It is intended to be reviewed and practised by participants who have already enrolled in a Vertical RW training course with Tamara Koyn and have already completed many of the exercises for learning the Basic Standing Position. All participants with any questions concerning the following material, his/her progress, and/or dive experiences with the drills described in this document is strongly encouraged to contact the instructor, Tamara, at: Tel/Fax: 314 878-9125, Internet E-mail: koyn@crl.com.

During the beginning stages, it is most important to learn good habits and it is mandatory to contact the instructor if any participant has any questions or any doubts about what he/she is doing. If you are contacting Tamara, include your voice number (and fax and E-mail if you have them) and when you can be reached!

Before beginning basic 2-way relativity drills in the head-down orientation, solo freefall drills will help you to develop air awareness, orientation awareness, aerodynamic control, and better balance skills. Like those for the standing drills, there is a series of three solo freefall drills described in this document.

The first series will help you to learn the Basic Head-down Position, from which you will eventually learn to control your proximity and level. The second series serves as a preparation for learning forwards and backwards movements; and the third series

prepares you for learning to control your fall rate.

You may find that you can sometimes combine more than one drill during one solo skydive, or you may repeat one drill for a number of dives. In any case, you want to keep your drills simple. Do not burden or overwhelm yourself with trying to remember or do too much during any single dive.

In cases where a skill learned in a previous drill is required to perform a more advanced drill, you should not proceed on to the more advanced drill without first mastering the necessary drills.

For example, if you have not yet learned to balance in the head-down orientation, you will not be able to effectively practise Solo Drill Number 1 in the third series of drills.

In some cases, trying some drills before others or in association with others can assist you with a particular problem that you may be working on. For example, Solo Drill Number 1 in the second series of drills can help you with Solo Drill Number 3 in the first series of drills.

While holding the Basic Head-down Position, the legs are spread and turned out with a very slight pike in the hips. The knees point towards the sides and are slightly bent. At all times you should feel air pressure against both the ankles and knees, while spreading your legs against the resistance of the wind. The hands should be positioned topwards from the head with the forearms straight into the wind flow and elbows even with the shoulders (neither forwards nor backwards), with the palms presented to the wind flow (imagine holding two large dinner platters, one in each hand). Your spine and head should be erected straight with the horizon line straight ahead in view (after exit transition).

From the list of exits, select an exit with which you would like to start a solo freefall drill. If you are exiting after another group, you should allow approximately seven seconds or more between the group's exit and your exit to insure sufficient horizontal separation.

Exit practice

Number 1: progressive series of exit drills. You can use these exit drills to assist yourself in learning the Basic Head-down position. Try the following exits in sequence, and only go on to the next exit in the sequence after successfully completing the previous one.

On the first exit, perform the flyaway portion of the exit in the prone position and feel the exit transition as you move into the face-to-earth position. This involves stepping from the inside of the aircraft with the left foot (when exiting from a door on the left side of the aircraft) and presenting the chest to the relative wind. With respect to the ground, you will be head high on the same heading as the aircraft just immediately after leaving the aircraft.

On the second exit, gently exaggerate the feeling of riding the hill by tilting forward into a no-lift dive. Immediately after you exit into the prone position, you can look at the ground beyond your feet (with arms positioned at your sides) – this will encourage you to straighten your knees and bend forwards at the waist. As you gradually tip forward, allow yourself to view the horizon line upside-down. Do not try to rush this transition. Relax and enjoy the flow, along with any exhilaration you may feel.

On your third exit, exaggerate the feeling of riding the hill just as you did on the second exit. However, this time keep your arms spread wide (with the palms presented to the wind flow) as you tip over to the Basic Head-down Position. You will probably use more bending at the waist and hips to proceed into a head-low attitude.

Number 2: diving exit – dive towards the tail, allowing yourself to gently continue the diving action into the Head-down Position.

Number 3: from rear float with only the left foot in the corner of the door (for left-hand door with no hardware outside of the door) and the hands holding on to the aft edge of the door, you can leave chest into the relative wind with a very slow, flat left

turn, gently diving into the Basic Head-down Position. For some individuals, this can be a very natural transition to the Basic Head-down Position, especially after practising the series of exit drills for learning the Basic Head-down Position.

Number 4: optional and more difficult: exit from a float position into the Basic Head-down Position with the chest facing the ground. During your set-up, position yourself with your weight completely on the right leg (for aircraft door on left side) with the left leg free and trailing behind. You should be leaning into the air flow. If you are using an inside floater bar, grasp it with an underhand grip. (An overhand grip positions the hand between the top of the door and the bar; thus the hand can be trapped and injured while exiting.) Face your chest towards the front of the aircraft. Look down at your feet, hunching the shoulders forwards and bending at the waist / hips. Once you have your shoulders hunched, you can raise your head to look forwards (as this will be necessary to make appropriate eye contact when jumping with others). To make the launch, you literally throw your feet behind you by raising the left foot and pushing the lower body from under yourself with the right foot. Your head and upper body should be straight into the wind flow at the launch. Perform the flyaway in the Basic Head-down Position. At first and assuming that your head is pointing in the same direction as the aircraft, you will see the ground before you and then the horizon as you proceed through the exit transition.

Number 5: try exit number 4 from inside the door. During your set-up, get your c of g as close to the door as possible (without using "death" grips on the floater bar or edge of the door) with the toes of the right foot over the door sill (if possible) and the left foot further back from the door sill.

Number 6: sideways Exit (Twin Otter-style door). Position yourself sideways in the door with your head towards the front of the aircraft and your belly facing outwards. Grab the floater bar (a floater bar inside the aircraft or alternative hand-hold must be available inside the aircraft) with the left hand and place the right hand on the floor next to the front edge of the door. Next, place the right foot in the aft lower corner of the door and then the left foot in the aft high corner of the door. In the door, get your body and C of G forwards almost over the edge of the door frame, ie, your seat should not be sagging backwards into



Tamara Koyn over Vero Beach, Florida during the 1991 Freestyle Competition: 'Pinwheel' with streamers. Photo, Jamie Paul.

the aircraft. Roll out the door and ride the exit transition in the Basic Head-down position. For another variation on this exit, you can establish your set-up position in the door with your back facing outwards.

Number 7: tumble exit. Tumble out the door and regain your stability straight into the Basic Head-down Position. (Try this exit after the first series of solo freefall exercises.) With this exit, you test and train your ability to quickly recover an unstable exit as quickly as possible into a position in which you can control your relativity.

For another variation of this exit, pop out the door without taking/using a carefully thought-out set-up position in the door and concentration to help you achieve your flying stance on the launch. After just popping out the door, immediately position yourself in a position in which you can control your relativity. When launching from the doorway of a Cessna, start from a position with at least one foot on the step to guard against the possibility of hitting the step.

First series of solo freefall drills

Solo freefall drill 1: practise the no-lift dive with slow and quick-diving entry. Be aware of how your head position effects the position of your body. Practise both the arched and flat variation of the no-lift dive and notice the difference in sensation.

Solo freefall drill 2: starting from prone (face to the relative wind) or supine (back to the relative wind), practise the pendulum action. Starting from prone, bring your arms to your sides and dive your head towards the ground, bending the waist / hips in a manner similar for starting a front loop. When you get to your back, bring the arms next to the sides of your body and arch, looking backwards for the ground with your head. Insure that your knees are straight when you arch backwards to back-flip out of the supine position. Continue this 'swinging' – type action. Play with reducing the swing action so that you stay more head-down instead of coming completely on to your back or face.

Solo freefall drill 3: practise assuming



the Basic Head-down Position using a half front loop, back loop or half cartwheel transitional movement from an upright position. While holding the Basic Head-down Position, practise your balance on the loop axis. It may take several dives to get a feel for balancing this position. As you start to get the feel for holding the position, pay attention to the feeling of air on your body. If you feel air on your chest, you know you are back sliding. If you feel air on the back of your legs, you're leaning too much on to your back. Use the motion that you learned in the pendulum swing to correct your orientation, ie, if you have air on your chest, bend forward at the hips and if you have air on the back of your legs, arch at your hips to get your legs over you.

Solo freefall drill 4: assume the Basic Head-down Position and practise pirouetting while maintaining a perfectly vertical orientation (without going into a spiralling motion). A spiralling action will start if your torso is not straight into the wind flow. If you spiral when you attempt the pirouettes, this is your clue that your torso is not directed straight into the wind flow and you're horizontally sliding. (By pointing the fingers of one hand backwards and pressing them into the windflow, you can make a pirouette in the direction of the hand that you are using.) A spiralling action when you attempt pirouettes is your clue indicating that you may need to spend more dives practising Solo Freefall Drill 3. Solo Freefall Drills 3 and 4 can be practised in association

with one another to improve your awareness and learning.

Solo freefall drill 5 (optional): practise transitioning from the Basic Standing Position into the Basic Head-down Position and vice-versa. Transitions can take place by half or multiple front/back loops, and cartwheel rotations. Vary the size of your tucking on all transitions. You can spend a number of dives to practise these ideas. Pick one or two new ideas for any one dive. For example, you can concentrate only on trying half front and back flips on the Basic Head-down Position. Then you could repeat this same dive with half-tucked flips into the Basic Head-down Position, etc.

Solo freefall drill 6 (optional): practise the Head-down Position with one leg positioned forwards and the other leg backwards. Explore and experiment with your balance on the loop axis by pushing more or less with each leg. Be sure that you always return to the neutral position with the torso and head pointed straight into the wind flow. Again, performing a clean pirouette without a spiralling action will help you confirm that your torso is oriented straight into the wind flow. Repeat this exercise on another dive and explore placing the arms in different positions. Be sure to practise this Inverted Daffy-like leg position with both the right and left leg. It is desirable to avoid having a preference on which leg you like to have forward.

Second series of solo freefall drills

Solo freefall drill 1: while holding the Basic

Head-down Position, practise your sense of balance on the loop axis. Tilt your body forwards and recover. Tilt your body backwards and recover to a completely vertical position. Notice the feeling of the airflow across your body.

Solo freefall drill 2 (optional): assume the Basic Head-down Position and practise looking about with the head. First, look from one side to the other while maintaining your balance and then try looking topwards and bottomwards while maintaining your body position and balance. Ask yourself: "Did I maintain a perfectly vertical position?"

Third series of solo freefall drills

Solo freefall drill 1: assume the Basic Head-down Position, practise smooth transitions from a slower to faster fall rate (by moving the legs more together) and from a faster to slower fall rate (by spreading the legs more laterally). While moving the legs together and apart, maintain firm air pressure on both the knees and ankles. This may mean keeping the knees nearly straight. Notice the feeling of the air. Notice the sound of the airspeed. Did you manage to maintain your balance on the loop axis and stay perfectly vertical or did you feel air on your chest for the entire freefall? If you felt air on your chest, most likely you were backsliding.

Solo freefall drill 2 (optional): assume the Basic Head-down Position and practise looking about with the head with different fall rates.

Solo freefall drill 3: it's time to relax in the Basic Head-down Position! While head-down, stretch and move your body more and be less rigid. Tilt the head sideways and make your neck mobile and less stiff. Then, move your legs more – straighten the knees and bend the knees, wiggle the legs. Try something with the arms. For example, practise balancing in the Basic Head-down Position while positioning your arms overhead. Ask yourself: "Was I able to maintain my torso in the vertical orientation during all of my actions?"

Have Fun and Blue Skies,

Tamara Koyn

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Schedule of Events 1995-96

October

28th - 29th Halloween Bash. Party/Band/Beer/Food.
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King Air High Altitude Jumps - 22,000ft.

November

6th - 10th AFF pre-course
11th - 19th AFF Certification Course, USPA.
11th - 12th \$99 Beach Boogie Fest. Free beer. One rig –
must be packed to manifest.
20th - 22nd Strong Tandem Certification. Register at
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18th - 26th Thanksgiving Turkey Meet.
23rd & 24th 20-Way competition
25th 10-Way Speed
25th Awards Night
23rd Jump onto the beach for our
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December

18th - Jan 2nd Christmas Boogie by the beach.
24th - 25th Scrambles Meet.
Christmas Day 'Hit & Chug' competition.
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30th King Air High Altitude Jumps to 22,000ft.

31st

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January

20th - 21st \$99 Beach Boogie Fest. Free beer. One rig
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Seminar with Tony Uragello.
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Skydive University: The Coaching Course

Held at Sibson in the last week of June the course comprised ten of us, all with a wide range of experience and jump numbers. As a course pre-requisite we had completed a series of set skydives to demonstrate our personal skills, as well as a short examination on our general knowledge of the sport.

Rob Laidlaw put us all at ease by saying that none of us would fail the course. It was also strongly emphasised that jump numbers were irrelevant (Roger had 300+) because individual skills were what counted most.

The training schedule broke down into classroom sessions in the morning, followed by practical sessions in the afternoon. The classroom work covered a variety of topics such as sports psychology, video skills analysis, positive debriefing techniques and coaching processes. It was

very informal, usually with a lot of group discussion to get everybody involved.

The practical sessions were an excellent way of putting meat on the bones. With two skydive evaluators on hand (Chris Allen and Pete Allum) we were never short of a friendly tip on how to get an idea across to students. During these afternoon sessions we paired off and alternated between coach/student roles, swapping ideas and tips amongst ourselves.

Of course, at the end of each day time was set aside for us all to get in the air and do some of the pre-requisite dives, or just have some fun out of Sibson's Turbolet before retiring to the bar for social development.

We finished on the Friday with an evaluation of the following topics: coaching skills, skills analysis and video debriefing. We also submitted one more informal, written paper that covered such

relevant topics as canopy safety and exits.

Afterwards each person was interviewed by Rob, who let them know whether they could start coaching or still needed to improve a particular skill before being signed up. Whatever the result, all of us who attended came away with a much clearer idea of how to get the basic body flight skills over to students in a standard format.

We all had a great time and came away knowing it was time well-invested. Since attending the course, my students have achieved an excellent standard and confidence in their skydiving skills.

On behalf of all those who attended, I'd like to thank Rob, Chris and Pete for taking time out to run the course. To anyone thinking of becoming a coach, get on the Skydive U coaching course now.

Andy Scott D8927

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All those who attended Pete's Coaching week at Sibson. Photo by Charles Ross.

Julia Foxwell and sixteen others went to Sibson for four days of expert coaching from Pete Allum, Lesley Gale and Mick Hall

Pete Allum's Coaching Week

Pete kicked off his coaching week with some early morning stretching, something most of us had not come across very often! Not long afterwards we were exiting from the Turbolet at 13,500ft to do a 17-way, a great experience for me as I had only done an 8-way before. After that the week just got better!

Using creepers Pete spent loads of time improving our body position, and showed us how to present and pick up grips and visualise pictures and angles etc. He then showed us how to present ourselves in the door, what pictures to visualise on exit, the exit position to adopt, and how to feel the pulse and sense correct timing. After each jump Pete spent hours in the video room debriefing each 4-way team.

When we were on a weather hold, which wasn't very often, Pete gave us short talks on in-place turns, mental and physical preparation and what makes a good 4-way team.

Drill dives allowed us to concentrate on improving our body position, fall rate and to practise basic manoeuvres. The ran-

doms and blocks which followed were a great way to end the week as everyone finished with an unforgettable dive. Everyone improved tremendously throughout the seminar and had loads of fun.

The seminar gave me a great insight into what is involved in 4-way, both in the air and on the ground, and taught me more in four days than I have learned in my life!

Pete, Lesley and Mick gave us loads of encouragement and showed the positive sides of our skydiving instead of looking for our weaknesses.

Thanks also to Pete Gray the 'thankful' cameraman, Ian Brown, Charles Ross, and Sue for an excellent barbecue.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Association to be held at
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Hinckley Road, Walsgrave, Coventry
on Saturday 20th January 1996 at 10.30 am

A G E N D A

1. To consider, and adopt if approved, the Report of the Chairman of the Council.
2. To discuss any Special Business.
3. To fix subscriptions payable by non-provisional members for the 12 months commencing 1st April 1996.
4. To announce the election results for the 1996 Council.

Dated the 3rd day of October
 One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Five

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA
David Oddy (Office Manager)

NOTE: Members are reminded that under Article 31 of the Articles of Association only such business as is notified to the BPA Office, in writing, at least 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (i.e. by midnight on Sunday 10th December 1995 can be included under Item 2 – Special Business.

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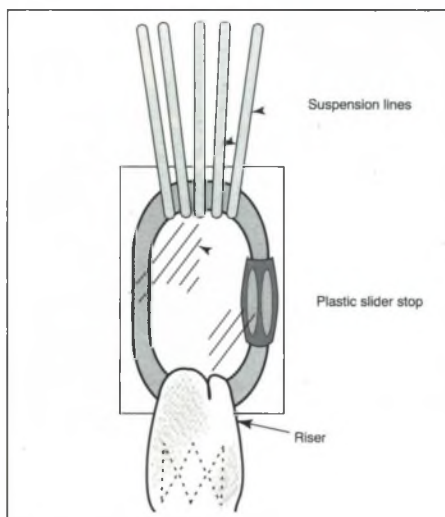
KIT NEWS

Jammed control line

A serious injury has occurred where a parachutist spiralled to the ground. It is a possibility that the accident may have happened due to the steering line becoming caught between the slider grommet and the plastic type slider stop preventing the parachutist from stopping the turn.

Parachutists with slider stops similar to the drawing should be made aware of the possible problem.

Tony Butler
Technical Officer, BPA.



Leaking Cypres battery discovered

A two year old Cypres unit was recently discovered in the USA to have a "leaking" battery cell.

The leak was discovered when upon opening the reserve container, a strong odour was noted, and the Cypres processing unit pouch was found to be partially damaged as well as the bottom of the reserve freebag. The reserve connector links, freebag grommets, and portions of the reserve suspension lines and reserve suspension lines and reserve risers in contact with the links were discoloured. It was also noted that there were four small (1 inch diameter) holes in the top skin leading edge of the centre cell (Ripstop Nylon) of the reserve canopy.

The fabric portion of the freebag bottom flap had two areas (left and right of the centre reinforcement) that "dissolved on touch". However, all reinforcement and binding tapes (Nylon) were undamaged.

The conclusion after completion of the inspection, drop-testing, and materials

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testing of the rig and reserve, is that the system would have worked properly if needed in actual use.

Airtec say that although there are over 22,000 Cypres units in use world-wide, with over 31,000 battery assemblies (62,000 individual battery cells) produced and used over the past four years, this is the first and only case of a leaking battery.

This matter is being taken very seriously by Airtec and the manufacturer of the battery cells; the investigation continues to discover the reasons behind this single isolated incident.

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of the British Parachute Association

will be held at

The British Parachute Association Limited Offices at:

5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF.

On Tuesday 12th December 1995 at 6.30 pm.

A G E N D A

1. To receive and adopt if approved the Annual Accounts and Report of the Auditors for the period 30th June 1994 to 30th June 1995.
2. To confirm the reappointment of the Auditors and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
3. To set the provisional Membership Subscription for the 12 months commencing 1st April 1996.

Dated the 18th Day of September
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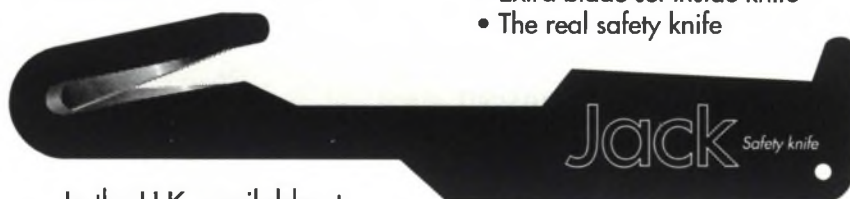
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Rings over Langar!

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year's 20-way competition.
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Dave Morris and Tandem
passenger Michael Gorbald
take part in a formation
which built to a 10-way
round last September.
Photo by Dick Fothergill



The Guru's Disciple

Likened to a terrier on speed Mac, SP's ill-coordinated hack, does to AFF what the CAA would like to do to rest of us. Pics by Tony Danbury



On AFF level 1 with Dave Morris (left) and Dave Hickling (right).

There are some pursuits for which I have an innate talent: propping up the bar of my local hostelry, holding off from paying bills until the Bailiffs are pounding at my front door, even infuriating a patient, though long-suffering boss, but attaining the status of a natural skydiver has always stubbornly eluded me.

Having made a fine job of cart-wheeling through the skies of Ipswich and Headcorn for the past five years, my ego just couldn't take it any more: half a decade in the sport, 65 round jumps and still only Cat 5. Good Grief!

So, enter stage left AFF at Langar with Dave Morris of Actionsports, a skydiving guru in shock yellow. Together with the unflappable, laid back ex-trooper that is CCI, Dave Hickling, they coerced and cajoled my ill-coordinated limbs through all seven levels during the summer.



Dirt dive for AFF Level 1.

Physically the training was much less of a nightmare than the first-jump round courses – all that leaping about and falling over – 'orrible. AFF was so much more civilised: extensive classroom briefings followed by hours strapped into a harness resembling a turkey for the chop. It was good fun though, all the same.

Suitably attired in a lurid pink number I trundled beside the two Daves to emplane the Cessna after an unpromising dirt dive; my brain was engaged in wibble mode at the prospect ahead. As we climbed to altitude I recalled Headcorn instructor Clem Quinn's enlightened advice about 95% of jumping being in the mind. That's cool, I thought. The trouble was I had my head up my ass, it was the best place to be. In the past all I'd had to do was count and pull, but having to *think* during a dive was just outrageous!

With the oft' used words from the guru in shock yellow, "Are you ready to skydive?" I lied and out we went. A good exit, despite long legs, followed by a circle at eleven grand. Signals for the lot, three PPs, another circle, more arm chops, free time and pull at five-five. A bum surf followed a few minutes later. Wicked.

The debrief was extensive but in truth all I really remember was the Guru supporting Troop's good-natured remarks

about my skydiving resembling a terrier on speed. I took it as a compliment. Cleared to level two.

Level two took both of them by surprise. When Troop released, the Guru gave me a shake for forward movement. My legs, unhappy bunnies, shot out and both of us went ballistic. The Guru wryly commented later that it was very, very radical. Absolutely right, mate. Cleared to level three.

Level three made me feel I hadn't a pot to piss in. There were so many V-signs and arm chops flying around that I forgot all about the practice pulls. Only some persuasive prompting brought on the belated PPs. My act almost together Troop released, but still those pins were searching for their best mate, my bum. In my opinion, had it not been for the good alti awareness and pull, I'd have done it again. Cleared to level four.

With the Guru in Spain Troop, brave man, took over for levels' four and five. A side-by-side exit this time. Some roly-poly after exit was followed by a good dive, mostly on heading. I was well chuffed. (Langar's Let is really the business: inflight door, hot meals, booze, tight-assed, long-legged and top-heavy stewardesses... You should have been there, guys.) Cleared to level five.

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Stretch Yourself!

Your body's muscles are the proprietors of your Happy House and there's no fun if they don't function properly. Sibson's therapist Deborah Tanner reports



Start position: aim to place each vertebra on the ground.

Why stretch?

Stretching is an important part of any sports person's training programme. In all skydiving disciplines and especially those requiring gymnastic manoeuvres a whole new body awareness, and suppleness is required; It doesn't really matter how forceful that wind velocity is: if your hamstrings aren't flexible, you're not about to get your legs that far apart. Stretching is necessary for a functional neuro-muscular system. An infinitesimally slow movement easily and painlessly performed is the only way to create flexibility and is the key to breaking the cycle of injury-pain-stiffness-(dys) functional muscle-further injury.

Preparation

So how do you get into shape? First of all find a space free of kit, kids and all kinds of cacophony. This small space and an equally small amount of time are all you need.

Focusing on the stretch is of paramount importance. (And! If you position yourself correctly in, say, the lumbar spine stretch, you'll still catch what's happening in the air – this is not recommended if you are likely to leap up in mid stretch with orgasmic delight at an aerial feat – you might find yourself nose-shovelled earthwards in a position akin to a Tantric posture.) FOCUS is the key to stretching.

A useful tool to help your mind and body relax and concentrate is your breathing.

Breathing

Breathing supplies us with the oxygen we need for health, vitality, and life. When taking a deep breath in, focus on taking the air into the bottom of the lungs, then expanding onwards until the muscles are stretched. Don't hold the breath there, but let it go with ease. When you let a breath all the way out this creates an equal volume for another breath to fill. Counting 1-5 whilst breathing in, and then 1-5 when breathing out is a sure-fire way of ensuring slow, rhythmic breaths.

So, find a space, and breathe. Rather than try to describe each exercise I have provided illustrations. Each exercise pictured has the main areas being stretched indicated by dots, with arrows denoting the direction of the stretch.

Your muscles

A little understanding of muscle layout and action helps. Muscle fibres are laid together in layers (striations). Fibres relax and contract in opposing directions. With sudden movements, e.g. a hard opening, overstretching occurs which damages the fibres. This happens because one of our body's protective mechanisms takes effect: the stretch reflex. An overstretched, or suddenly stretched



"Stretch" prelude to hamstring stretch.



"Hamstrings": ensure stretching back up first then forward. No bending at *only* lumbar or thoracic part of back.



"Near-finish" Position: toes up, abdomen pressed down to reach lumbar and sacral joints.

muscle or muscle group will cause a reflex contraction as the body tries to prevent any further overstretch. The result is a pull in two opposing directions. With flexible muscles the likelihood of eliciting this reflex during your activities is reduced.

Remember:

- Hold each stretch for 1-3 minutes.
- Easy rhythmic breathing, counting 1 to 5 in and out.

No ballistic movements (the neuro-muscular system becomes confused and the stretch reflex is limited) You will feel re-vitalised with 30 to 60 minutes of gentle focusing rather than 5-10 minutes of grunt 'n' giggle.

If there is any slight discomfort or tingling this will gradually decrease or disappear. At this point attempt to stretch further only very slowly. The tingling sensation is a sign of adequate neuromuscular stretching.

Forget the 'no pain no gain attitude' – and yes, it does get easier.

And finally...

If being able to function well at your sport is important to you, remember it requires the well-being of your body – that should be all the motivation you need!

Deborah Tanner R.N Assoc Dip Health Science (Massage Therapy)

(Debbie Tanner is currently stretching skydivers at Sibson.)



"Inner thigh 2": hold feet at ankles to prevent damage to feet ligaments by pulling up on toes.



Ileo psoas: vital for mobility and flexibility in back. Centre of gravity in groin.



"Neck-scaleti": alternate sides, stretch opposing hand out, knees not locked.



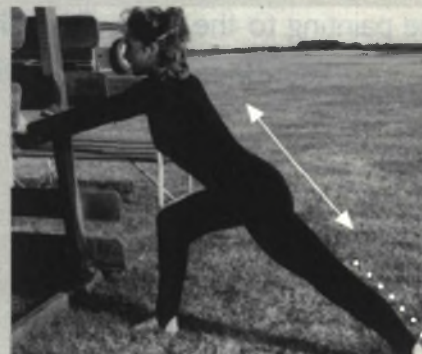
"Rotator cuff 2": swap sides.



"Inner thigh": breathe!



Inner thigh and pelvic attachment: push knees out using elbows.



"Gastrocnemius calf."



"Full back" and hamstring.

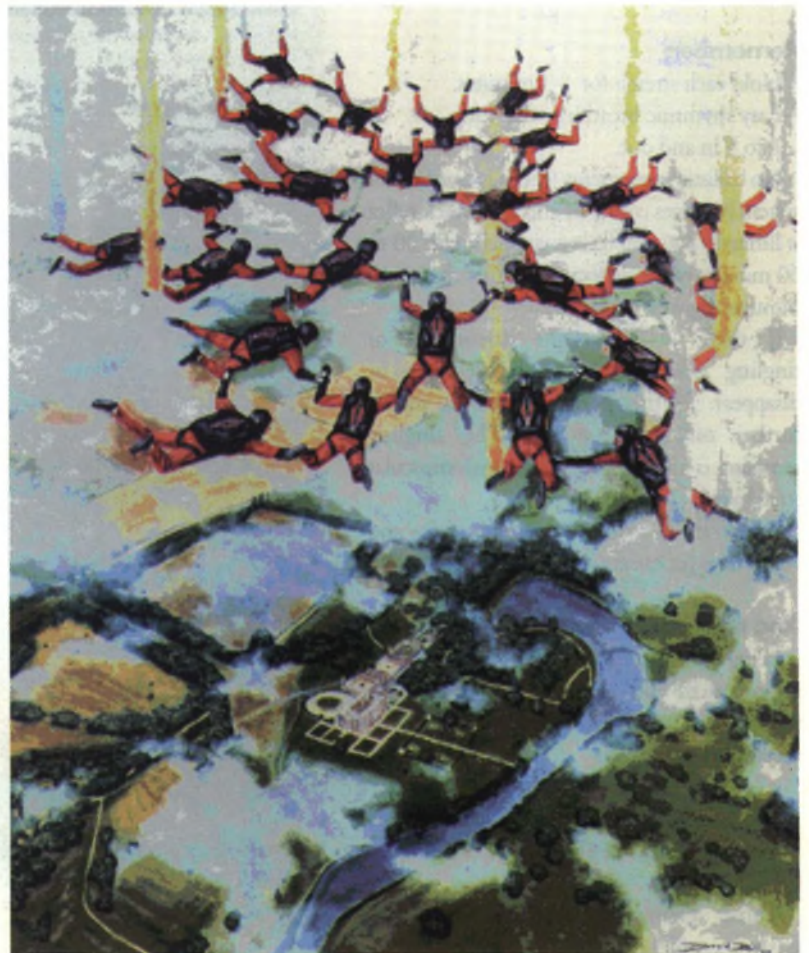
WORKS OF ART



Here is proof positive that being a DZ bum can be an art form. Pam Mobbs superb artwork really bowled us over when they arrived at SP. You, too, can appreciate her work because she is shortly setting-up shop to illustrate t-shirts and sweat shirts etc, as well as offering a design service.

If you want to know more about her work, write to: Pam Mobbs, Celtic Design, 2 Redwater Cottages, Paley Farm, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2LX.

David Bill's painting depicts the Red Devils' fourth 'You Bet' Challenge, which was successfully completed over Burghley House last summer. Since handing over the painting to the team, David has completed a tandem jump with them.



Skydiving Art

BCPA

Nationals – Ipswich



The BCPA National Championships were held at Ipswich Parachute Centre from the 8th to the 19th July.

Kit, docs and the famous DZ brief on off-DZ landings were first on the agenda. With an excellent weather forecast the week looked very good.

After setting up camp we headed straight to the Pitts bar. Sunday was a blur. On Monday it was time to start what we came to do, skydive. An attempt at Cat 10 for Jules and myself turned into CRW (combat relative work). Sorry Shazza! The 4-way sequential competition also got underway. There were three collegiates in each team accompanied by an Ipswich FS coach to make up the 4-way, so that each team would get some WARP coaching, as well as competition experience.

That evening the entertainment was in the Pitts bar. On Tuesday the competition continued with the second round of the 4-way, and the winds finally dropped so that student rounds could jump.

Tuesday night was Surprise Night. The surprise turned out to be Inflated Sumo Wrestling. Everyone got involved including Tye Boughen and Andy Page. I have the pictures!

On Wednesday round three of the competition ended with a 3-way excluding the coach. Congratulations must also go to Simon Nath for having the only malfunction of the week. That night we were in the Pitts bar once again.

On Thursday morning Tye gave some lessons on spotting and general safety. Congratulations to Cath for doing her 100th jump.

By Friday morning people were trying harder to get some good accuracy. I think

this was due to the very thorny grass on IPC's airfield. Congratulations have to go to Daren Hipwell for getting his Cat 8.

Friday night was the bad taste party, Steve Athey got scalped for charity, and Cath gave out the trophies.

4-Way Sequential

1st: Cath Symmonds, Fiona Burney, Frank Auringer. 2nd: Jules Bevan, Steve Athey, Rob Hamilton. 3rd: Sharon Simonian, Justin Mallinson, Ellen Rushton.

Student Progression

1st: Michelle Meakins, 2nd: Daren Hipwell, 3rd: Fabian Wolf.

Accuracy

1st: Simon Nath, 2nd: Jules Bevan, 3rd: Frank Auringer.

On Sunday Jason Brister of Salford University was voted in for next year's BCPA chair. Well done.

Justin Mallinson B10639



The first collegiate 10-way at Langar.

Saturday 1st July dawned on the first day of the 1995 Langar Boogie and the traditional 10-way competition. No skygods were present here; in fact, the most qualified jumpers were Cat 9s. Although we were unlikely to kick arse in the competition, with coach Tim Moran's help we knew our 10-way attempt would work.

Dive one was the usual free-flown zoo. Dive two was there but for one slot (did

by the end of the day. Still, our confidence had grown, even the cameraman admitted it was safe enough for him to jump with us again!

Sunday morning, facing dive three. Claire stepped-in for Garth and the vibes were good. Mark Weaver (aka 'Plastic') video'd it and – hey presto, the dive was completed, with an extra point thrown in for arrogance. Dive four was just fast! By the end of the weekend we were all happy, 'cos we had been there, done that!

Collegiates

New record

Collegiate butts breeze through a 10-way record attempt at Langar. Words and pics by Charles Ross

we leave the plane with only nine jumpers or something?). At least this one kept us third equal, having not scored a point

For the record the 10-way comprised Andy Abbess, Fiona Burnie, Andy Guy, Gordon Hodgkinson, Louise Manley, Andrea Milner, Charlie Ross, Steve Saberi, Claire Tuckett and Brian Vacher.

BCPA members get off your butts and contact the new chairperson, Jason Brister, (0973) 378024, for details about future meets, both here and abroad.

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Yabba dabba doo!

"Turns are easy", Troop said, "Just lean into 'em and hold your heading". Sound advice, but little did he know the terrier on speed was about to have a psychedelic trip! What heading? What ground! Cloud, you understand and lots of it. After much effort I eventually found the left indicator and then got

off the merry-go-round. With a slightly deep pull it was a done deal. Cleared to level six.

With the pilgrim's return from Spain we were soon in the air again. The terrier had calmed down a lot: a long track with left indicator saw a buffeting recovery, then a bored left which stopped at 180 and a

positively lethargic right going nowhere in particular. "Be more aggressive and mean business", the Guru said. Sometimes you just can't win. Cleared to level seven.

Following a fag, quick repack, another fag, brief and more fags, I desperately needed some fresh air.

For fun on exit we waved at the Let pilot, Sasha, as he banked steeply left. An unforgettable sight. The Guru gave the thumbs up for a backloop that ended before it really started. Sod this, I thought, so I tried again and rolled off. A quick flip over greeted two turns with alternates. Obviously on a roll the terrier on speed tracked to a heading for three seconds and recovered, whereupon, the Guru pinned and got a severe case of beard rash. Not surprisingly, I pulled on my back! Cleared AFF on jump 72.

I won't bore you witless with the thank-you spiel, 'cos you already know who you are, so enough said. And now that I am once more mercy to my own devices, what of my last unchaperoned skydive? Yep, you guessed it: the terrier, true to his usual form, spun like a top! Some things never change.

Iain Mackenzie

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
October					
30th Sep-1st Oct	Central Region Style & Acc Meet	Hibaldstow	20th - 24th	Exam/Pre-Adv. Instructor Course 4/95	Hibaldstow
28th - 29th	10-way Speed Halloween Meet	Hibaldstow	1996		
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