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So the news about the Cyprus Challenge event, which was taking the world by storm, is it's had to be postponed until the following year. This hasn't put anyone off ? if anything it has made people even more keen. I'd like to extend my thanks and praise to Tony (Funky) Modebe and all the Cyprus Challenge team for their investment of time, money and hard work. We, the grass roots skydivers, need people like Funky and BJ Worth (World Team) who are prepared to give their all in pursuit of the skydiving projects they believe in. Almost without exception, people are motivated to take on massive proposals like this because of their love for the sport and desire to push the frontiers forward. There are easier ways of making money! And I know for a fact that heavy financial investment has been made here, with no return. So, nice one Tony for this inspired, brave and unique concept. Roll on next year!

Speaking of putting effort into skydiving events, have you noticed what's happening in competitions this year? Almost every area of BPA competitions has been given a thorough shake-up as the committee does its best to listen to competitors ? never an easy task as there must be more opinions than there are teams. So, what's different?

Roadshows

As we went to press details were just being finalised for the BPA's Roadshows. The idea - that British team members and medallists GIVE AWAY the knowledge they have paid so much and worked so hard for. The BPA Skills Roadshows will provide free coaching from the best skydivers in the UK. I would estimate that to be in the medals in FS, a team member would have shelled out a minimum of £10,000. They are now going to pass on all the good stuff for free. Not a bad deal. There are roadshows in each discipline, in all areas, so phone the relevant drop zone and book your free slot now. Some weekends are on the diary, not all dates were finalised as we went to press but you can get the latest scoop from the discipline reps.

Nationals

Don't forget another exciting concept from this committee is the weekend Nationals. Just one day off work required, less weather-waiting than ever before, rock on up and catch the buzz.

See you there.

Lesley

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SPACE GAMES



**The Space Games and
Olav Zipser's Modern
School of Skyflying have
gone from strength to strength.
These pictures, by Steve Utter
(Space Games chief photographer)
are all from the eleventh successful SG**

We asked Olav Zipser how he could justify registering Freely as a trademark?

"When the all world of skydiving was talking about freefalling and I was starting to skydive, I never thought that this thing we do had anything to do with 'falling'. To me falling means to hurt yourself sooner or later! In my mind I always wanted to fly. With my way of flying which I developed at that time I had to find a quick way of explaining to people what I did, so I called it 'freelying'. For the first five years of this everyone said, even my friends, some of them World Champions, said I was crazy and wasting my time. Now it seems, I was somehow right with what I did as many people now follow my lead to fly like I did since 1986.

"Nowadays, many people now use the word 'freelying', which is cool, and I'm very proud of it. But I also found out that many people use the word in a way which I think is not as advanced in safety and technical details explained to students like I had in mind originally. It is still of the utmost importance for me that no-one will fool anyone, especially the future student, by just calling themselves a Freely Instructor, while they are just learning to freely themselves — putting both them and students into a situation which is not as safe as I and my

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"Don't be concerned, nothing has changed, there is no money anyone has to pay, this just stands for my life work which I proudly stand behind and will continue to do so."

Best regards and happy flying

Olav Zipser

Atmosphere Dolphin 'D' licences have been awarded to Mike Swanson and Steve Utter, the first people to qualify after Olav himself, three and a half years ago. Francisco Neri, David Brown and Alejandro Ramos qualified for their 'C' licences. David and Alejandro became the newest staff of The First School of Modern Skyflying by receiving their Freefly™ Instructor licenses. The above are part of the newly formed World Freefly™ Project based out of Skydive America Palm Beach.

Kevin Sabarese as a pylon with Sven Zimmerman just going around him

AD Challenge: Ippo versus Max Cohn, both caught while performing a 360° turn next to the spaceball

Freefly Indy 500 Pro Competitors have to do one trick on each side of the course. Here Mike Swanson is doing a trick going around the course, while we can see Francisco Neri cutting the corner around the other pylon. Behind him in the distance Janine Hill is taking a shot

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AD Challenge Exit: Alaska John on the right versus Steve Utter, who took the shot with Goran as ballmaster in the centre



Goran the ballmaster goes to save the spaceball at 6500 feet



Max Cohn versus Filippo Fabbi both pointing at the spaceball at grabbing distance before going on to the next trick in the AD Challenge



Max Cohn versus Filippo Fabbi in the AD Challenge, with the ballmaster in the background, whose job it is to be in charge of the ball for the whole race, save the spaceball at 6500 feet and film the contest

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SG competitors after a
great sunset big-way

Team Aerial Evolution,
Alaska John and Joe Josephs
and Steve Utter (camera)
performing an artistic
interaction for their free round



Three photos showing
Emanuelle Celicout and
Max Cohn during their
free round, Steve Utter
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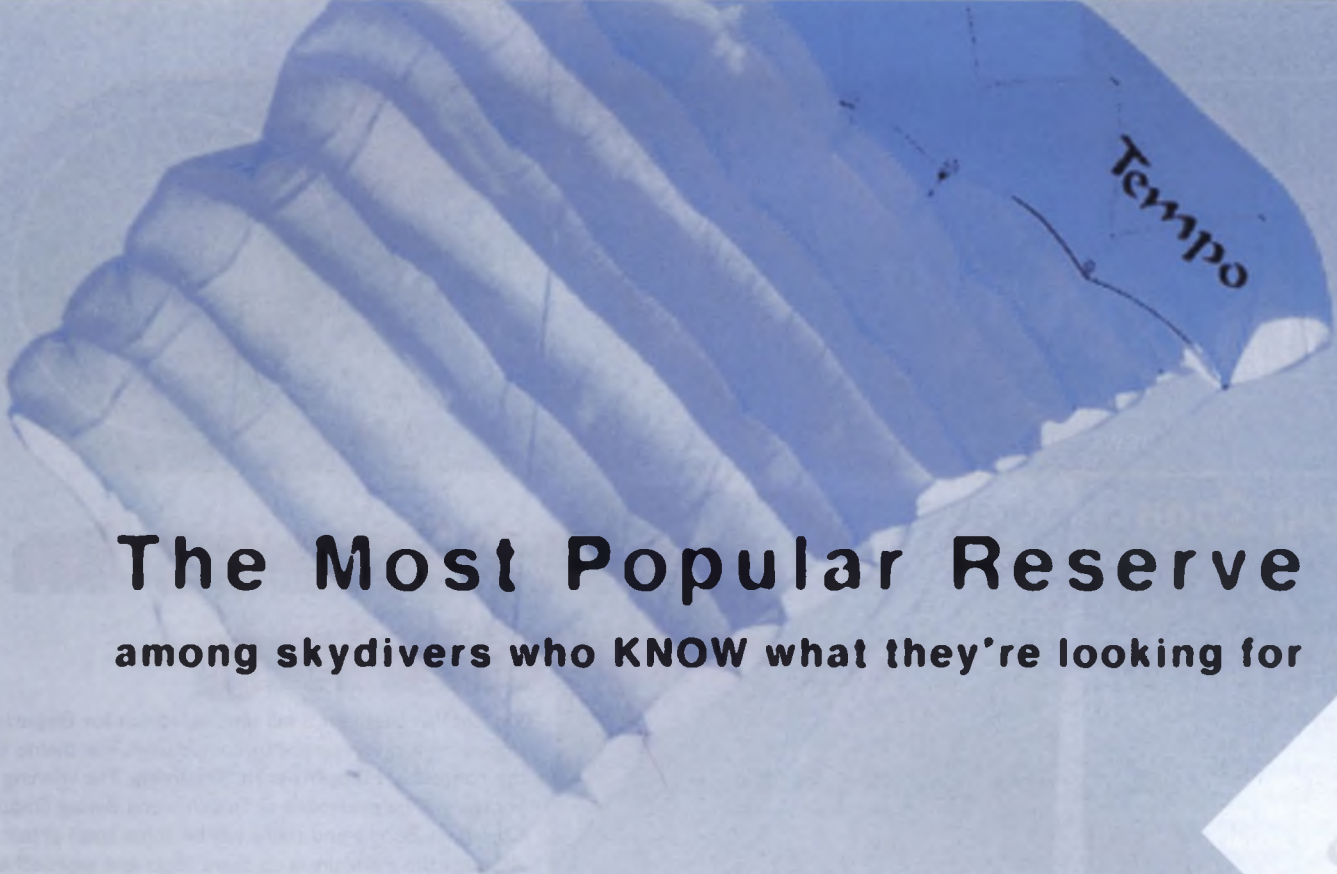
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Coming Soon

Airspeed, the one hour documentary about *Airspeed's* 2000 training and World Championships will be showing on the cable / satellite channel UK Horizons as follows: 16 June at 3pm, 25 June at 10am, 14 July at 6pm. The battle for bronze between Sebastian XL and the Norwegians is also featured. *Airspeed* was produced by ex-pat Jon Griggs and has had rave reviews all round the world. Copies are on sale in the UK at:

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Espace BOogie

The video from the 2000 Espace Boogie is now available (that was quick guys!). They say it's a terrific watch but we haven't seen a copy yet. This year's Espace Boogie will be at Lapalisse, by invitation, out of two Skyvans and a DC3.

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Kenya BOogie

The Kenya Boogie (27 Oct - 10 Nov) has limited slots available. The drop zone is - wait for it - Diani Beach! Pack jobs done while you relax and sip a drink by the pool. Local safari and adventure tours are on offer plus child-minders all day and night. (yippee! - JM).

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Photo: Nathan Dexter

Happiness in Skydiving

Vincent Van Laethem, a full time videoman for Empuria, is organising a skydiving photo competition. The theme of the contest is: **Happiness in Skydiving**. The winning photos will be presented at an exhibition during Empuria's Christmas Boogie and there will be some small prizes, although the main aim is to share ideas and approaches.

Send photos (20 x 30 cm)
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You know it makes Sense!

Nicola Henderson, who is deaf and going blind, enjoyed a tandem jump to raise over £1,000 for Sense, the UK's leading charity for this disability. Nicola said "When I was diagnosed with Usher syndrome I felt no-one understood the problems I faced. Sense helped me to come to terms with my deafblindness. I wanted to make people aware of this disability and organisation and to show everyone that just because I have Usher it doesn't mean I can't have a life! Nicola won an award from the BPA, which was presented by Lofty Thomas (pictured, with Nicola's mother).



Photo: Eric Hall



Tony Modebe
Photo: Simon Ward

Cyprus Challenge Update

After much hard work by Tony Modebe and his small team of experts, we have to report that the Cyprus Challenge will **not** go ahead this year as the necessary permissions were not going to come through in time. BUT, the prospects for this event next year look great. The team captains of various countries are ready with enthusiasm for this great project, even with a delay of a year.

Tony is hungry to finish off what he has started and commented "We have a fantastic team, all committed to this great idea. None of the work done so far has been lost, we are still very much in the game". Hats off to Tony for the tremendous amount of work, time and money he has personally invested in this project. We need people like Tony to have the enthusiasm to make such ambitious projects a goer. Everyone seems strongly behind him for next year!

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Plane-to-Plane Sailing

Photo: Brent Finley
www.brentfinley.com

Joe Jennings planned a stunt that started with three skydivers in one aeroplane and ended with them arriving in a second one. A group of some of the best skydivers in the world – Omar Alhegelan, Greg Gasson and Steve Curtis – shot this stunt at Skydive Arizona, in Eloy, for a television show called *That's Incredible* – a remake of the 70's show that inspired many of our current skydivers and stunt people today. Joe enlisted the piloting skills of Larry Hill and his son, Sean, to fly the two birds. Larry flew the Otter the jumpers left; Sean flew the Porter, their final destination. Omar, Greg, and Steve did the whole stunt in only 40 seconds! Joe said, "We could have done it with five guys, but three was all we needed for a great stunt, so our work was done."

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Polly Vacher's home...

Congratulations to Polly Vacher, who landed on 17 May after her 29,000 mile, four month, round-the-world flight. She completed the journey in a Piper Dakota, the smallest plane to have been used for this. Polly is Brian Vacher's Mum (Brian's cameraman for *V-Max*)

www.worldwings.org/index.htm



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Photo: Adam Rosen

Monkey Claw



The Monkey Claw Freefly School, located at Skydive Cross Keys in New Jersey, has moved into a larger premises to make room for their growing number of students and staff, of which they now have five. The team has been together for the past few years and has competed at multiple Nationals events and SSI Pro Tour competitions.

Monkey Claw Freefly School promotes safety and caters for all aspects of freeflying; head-up, head-down, back-flying, tracking plus aspects of vRVV and big-ways. They have lots of events promised for the year and a video production coming soon.

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KIT OFF! Bikini-way

It's got forty legs, forty eyes and weighs in at 170 stone! This might sound like a monster from the deep but we know the men will queue up to grapple with it. The 'creature' is made up of twenty of Weston's most gorgeous, game-on, gullible girls, stripped to their bikinis, who will jump in formation to raise cash for Breast Cancer Research at RAFSPA on 4 August. Fund raising will include sponsorship, auctioning camera slots and raffling the telemeters. Any extra girlies wanting to join in the fun, contact Liz Crichton-Stuart.

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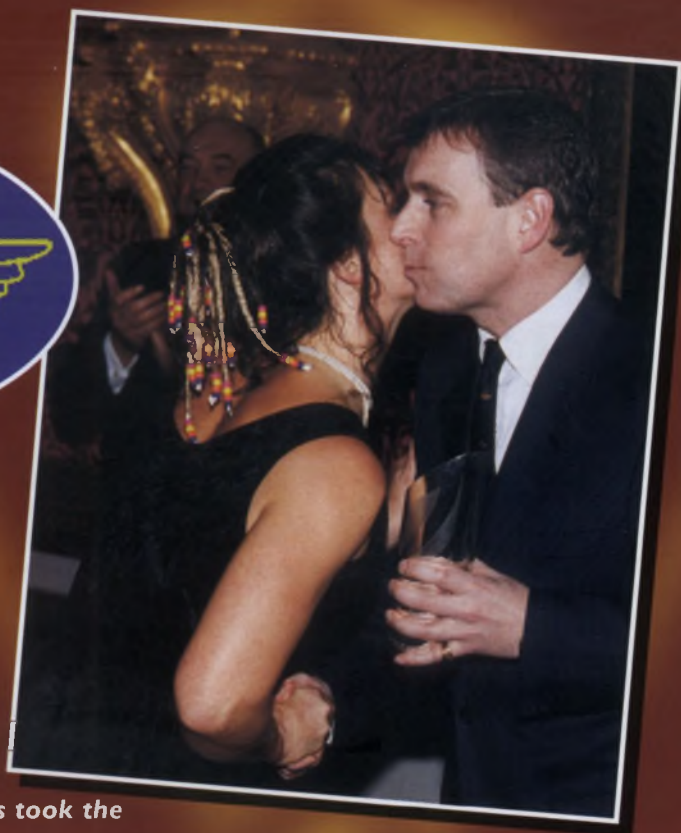
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All the way

Is anyone interested in taking part in a documentary featuring naked sports enthusiasts? *Pleasure Seekers* is a 'fly-on-the-wall', six-part series for ITV in England, to be broadcast in September, filming in June. The production company would like to hear from people who enjoy naked skydiving or any other extreme sports naked. *Pleasure Seekers* is a 'positive, upbeat and celebratory series'. They are looking for 'fun, outgoing contributors who are open and articulate about their lifestyle choices'.

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Royal Aero Club Awards



This, the centenary year for the Royal Aero Club annual awards ceremony, sported the largest ever delegation of skydivers to attend. The magnificent venue of St James's Palace in central London was chosen to kick off a whole year of special events in celebration of 100 years of the Royal Aero Club.

It was therefore very appropriate that British skydivers took the lion's share of this year's awards and also made up the largest delegation at the ceremony.

Prince of Wales Cup:-

Nexus Sporting Aviation Journalist of the Year Trophy:

**RAeC Silver Medal:
RAeC Bronze Medal:
RAeC Certificate of Merit:**

The ceremony took place on 2 April and was preceded by drinks in the state apartments of St. James's Palace – an absolutely magnificent setting with awe-inspiring paintings, murals and art work. The setting was perfect for this very special occasion and undoubtedly added to the sense of honour. We avoided the temptation to have our photo taken sitting on the 'Throne' in the throne room (or elsewhere in the building! - Ed). In any case one of the state apartment officials stationed himself there, perhaps in anticipation of someone attempting this photo opportunity.

The Awards were presented by His Royal Highness the Duke of York, who was in very good humour. I am sure the parachuting delegation contributed to this by consisting of so many young, good looking women. I can assure you this did not go unnoticed. Just to reinforce this Lesley Gale planted a big kiss on the cheeks of HRH when receiving her trophy. Without doubt this helped to break the ice and turned what sometimes can be a very formal ceremony into good fun, which HRH appeared to enjoy. This was reflected in the speeches which followed the presentation of the awards, as His Royal Highness was in top form, making numerous references to skydiving. I fear some of the older RAeC members were beginning to get slightly envious at this stage, judging by some of the comments I overheard, but – hey ho! – did we care; NO! We were there to celebrate our

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**Sarah Laughton, Sacha Chilton,
Claire Scott, Kate Stephens,
Liz Groucott and Brian Vacher**

Lesley Gale

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top skydivers' successes and to have a good time, which we certainly did.

After the speech there was a walkabout by HRH and, yes you've guessed it, he made a beeline for all of our girls, spending some time chatting with them and all of the skydiving delegation. We drank copious amounts of wine and then plotted a diversion strategy to distract the St James's Palace officials to the other end of the state apartments while we got a group picture of the whole delegation. (For some bizarre reason photos were not allowed in the state apartments so this involved military-type, precision planning.) It worked perfectly, thanks to all those ex-Paras in the group plus Debbie Carter who took on the role of Sergeant Major with great gusto.

It was a great evening and I personally was very proud of all our skydivers represented there. It shows me that our sport is at the cutting edge of airsports and, although some other areas may be envious of us, they can also certainly learn from the example set by the BPA delegation.

**John Smyth
Vice Chairman BPA
Chairman BPA Competitions Committee
BPA Royal Aero Club Delegate**



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HRH The Prince of Wales extends BPA Patronship

HRH The Prince of Wales has graciously agreed to extend his period as Patron of the BPA for a further period of five years to October 2006. BPA Chairman Chris Allen said "We are delighted that Royal Patronage of our Association is to continue, for the special recognition that it bestows on the sport of skydiving."

Successful BPA bid for UK Sport funding

A bid put in by the BPA Council in March to gain UK Sport funding for the BPA Action Plan has been successful. UK Sport has confirmed an exchequer grant of £45,000 towards the BPA's Action Plan for 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002. It is specified that £20,000 is towards safety targets and £25,000 towards competitions targets. The continuation of UK Sport support for the BPA is excellent news. More about the Action Plan in the next issue of the Mag.

Foot and Mouth Update

The BPA Council has continued to monitor the effects of precautions against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) on UK skydiving. Slow but steady progress towards normality has been made at many affected centres. Some were still operating out of temporary locations cleared by STC for the duration of the FMD restrictions. A few centres, especially in the north, have suffered shutdown since February.

Council has brought the effect of FMD restrictions on parachuting centres to the attention of the Royal Aero Club Parliamentary Committee (other aviation sports have also been affected) and the Central Council of Physical Recreation. These bodies will lobby government about the effect of FMD on the livelihood of operators of outdoor sports. Compensation from the government is likely to be considered only when compensation for the farming industry has been made.

World Air Games

A BPA delegation of 31 athletes will be competing in six different skydiving World Championships at the World Air Games in Spain beginning on 23 June. Anyone wishing to send good wishes to any of the teams can do so via the BPA office, we will forward them on. The BBC is planning to film the women's 4-way FS team VMax.

FS Nationals - 8-way

VNE, the British 8-way team, wish to support the UK Nationals and have offered free coaching for all. Showing exceptional commitment, VNE has been training every weekend, been on three camps and will be at the World Air Games. Hence, some team members have run out of leave so cannot make the first Friday of the 8-way FS Nationals. The team will formally request at the team leaders briefing that they be allowed to start late and catch up if possible, being prepared to drop out if necessary. It is hoped that the other teams will agree to this in the same sporting spirit VNE has adopted.

Websites

The BPA and Skydive Mag websites have been transferred to a new host and website design company and are under further development. The safety section including the Ops Manual has been integrated within the main BPA website.

Top Pilot Award

The CAA's first prize in its Safety Awards went to Ian Middleton, jump pilot at Target Skysports. The Safety Awards, presented on 29 May, are for outstanding airmanship especially when this saves lives. Ian had dropped a student lift when he heard a young pilot lost and in distress and he led him down safely to Humberside airport. Nice one Ian!

Martin Shuttleworth
BPA Office Manager

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New Age

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Canopy Formation

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Sept 28-Oct 1

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BI = Basic Instructor



"UK's biggest and best CF Festival for years takes to the air"

A lot of people think that Canopy Formations is a dangerous discipline and we're all nutters with more knives than sense. But the newcomers at this CF weekend learned first hand from the Red devils and others that canopy formations is a skilled discipline which teaches piloting skills. In just a few CF jumps your knowledge, control and awareness of your canopy improves immensely.

The aim of the weekend was to promote CF and increase knowledge of the discipline. People came to Netheravon in early May from all over the UK, everybody had a good time and it was a safe weekend without incident. There was a large turnout from the freeflying fraternity who enjoyed the evenings as much as the days!

Kit

You can't just use any type of canopy, it has to be purpose built for CF. And even CF canopies don't mix well if they are nonidentical as they are differently designed. The *Red Devils* pulled out all the stops to ensure that equipment was not going to impair the enthusiastic novice participants. Everybody was sorted out eventually, using *Red Devils* kit and compatible equipment brought by the coaches. The four riggers on site were very busy!

Coaches

The coaches who showed up from all over Britain, who gave of their time, skill and sense of humour, were unbeatable.

Red Freds

The *Red Devils*' facilities were superb and their seminars excellent. For instruction they had lecture

rooms with PowerPoint and video instructional tools at their disposal which meant the large number of CF first timers could be taught safety techniques.

Ian Marshall

Nine times Nationals gold medallist and *Team X* member, Ian Marshall, gave a safety intro to all newcomers, capitalising on the BPA's new CF standardised training cards. Ian also gave some excellent classes to the more experienced *CreW* jumpers and coaches, including competition rules, exit and docking techniques.

Newbies

Once jumping began, some spectacular formations were being built. By day two even the novice jumpers were building four stack diamonds with their coach piloting the stack around the sky. It was so pleasing to see the faces of people who tried CF for the first time, their expressions said it all. The biggest congratulations must go to all those who have never even attempted *CreW* before, or had only a few dives but developed their skills in a big way. It was great to see so many jumpers with such pride in what they could achieve following top quality, intensive instruction.

Video Video

The four cameramen (they were all men) were in huge demand as everyone was anxious to gain full advantage from the debriefs as well as having a record of their impressive effort. There was more footage taken over the weekend than was needed to make *Saving Private Ryan*! Just like freeflying, CF produces spectacular images. The dive lasts longer too and you can top up your suntan while cruising around at altitude.

Thought for the Month

The weekend did show there was need for more coaches and equipment generally. Demand is high from jumpers who want to participate in CF. The potential for new talent to advance in this discipline is tremendous.

Richard Hayden and Aron Jones



Small photos:
Richard Hayden



This lovely photo by Mark Scobie depicts a formation appropriately called a 'bouquet', built by the Red Devils on their training camp in Florida. Perfect on their second attempt (the first one wrapped up!), this was the first time it has been built by a British team. Previously the bouquet was the unique property of the US Navy team Leap Frogs, who jumped with the Freds on their training camp.

In all the team built four formations they have never done before, including the Quad-by-side, which is now a regular feature for them. They are the only team in the world to have built and flown the Quad-by-side with two flags.



NEXT CF WEEKEND:

27-29 July Hinton

For details or for a video of this CF weekend contact:

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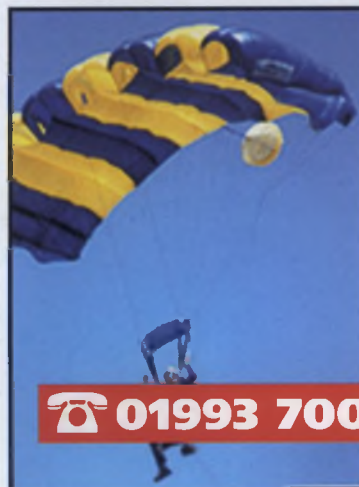
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That's why they look great, talk sense, and collect the medals. They're fit and they're not embarrassed to say no to that last beer, that one more smoke or that big party the night before. They work out, they warm up and what's more, they think about their skydiving.

Perhaps you think your skydiving isn't good enough to warrant that early

morning stretch or dedicating your total attention to your jumping. If you don't put 100 per cent into it, then you can tell yourself it's not your fault if you don't achieve your goal. If your warming up is putting on a cardigan, your physical preparation is downing as many pints as you can and your mental preparation is staying up as late as possible, you may want to give yourself a better chance of success.

"We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be."

Nelson Mandela

So go on, have faith in yourself and prepare properly. You're worth it.





Physical Preparation

Pete said fitness is all relative, you only need to be fit enough to do what you do. So, if you can already perform physically as well as you want in skydiving and in life, there is no need to change any habits. *"For me, I like to do yoga daily and cycle for stamina. I find that I need to maintain a certain level of strength and suppleness in order to perform well, which includes making 10-15 jumps a day and staying energised for them."* He cautions *"If starting a new exercise program, go easy. Don't hurt yourself right away as your body, and mind, will not want to continue. Set goals and track them."*

Toby said a light stretch in the mornings would help the body acclimatise to opening shocks plus a bit of cardiovascular stuff for five minutes can help warm the body and get the oxygen flowing. I don't think he just means running to the cafe for that first cup of tea and jogging on the spot in the queue. *"Ensure you have at least five litres of water and enough light, healthy snacks to keep your blood sugar level up all day."*

John runs, cycles and surfs to keep fit for jumping but feels the most important physical



"If you don't do anything else, at least do some gentle stretching before a day's jumping"

preparation is stretching. *"I suggest stretching in the morning lightly to wake up the body, then continue to stretch throughout the day. If you need it, weight training may also be beneficial for exits and some piece flying."*

Steve said you don't need to be super-fit but being in decent shape will definitely enhance performance. *"Try doing 15 jumps a day, packing for yourself in 100 degrees heat – let me know how you felt during jump number 15 if you're not fit! Try to include the four S's, strength, stamina, speed and suppleness into any training programme. Remember that most sports injuries occur at the end of our range of motion for that particular joint or muscle group. If you don't do anything else, at least do some gentle stretching before a day's jumping."*



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Mental Preparation

Pete said, if his mind is prepared and he feels good he will have a good jump. Other things may happen on the jump that are out of his control and he can make a mistake but, if he is mentally prepared, he will be able to re-focus and give the best he has. *"I need to feel relaxed and calm before a jump and have a clear image of what is going to happen. In order to relax I focus on my breathing. I may spend some time on my own virtually meditating until I feel that I have reached the stage of mental preparation that I am looking for. Then I spend some time visualising the jump as I want to see it happen. I include as many sensations as I can in this mental rehearsal and I like to see the jump a fraction slower than it actually happens or real time."*

Pete varies the speed of visualisation to address different areas. If he's learning a new move or the dive has a particularly tricky move, he uses a slow motion mental run-through. He also visualises at an almost ridiculously fast rate, in order to check if he really has the dive and to see if any particular

monitor it through the day to keep it constant. Whenever you prepare for a skydive, only focus on positive things, like something you will do to improve a move or maybe a really enjoyable block or random. Make it easy on our brain, remembering the names of the formations will help, as will seeing the skydive from the cameraman's perspective." Toby usually visualises every 20-30 minutes before a skydive if he is waiting on a call and then runs through it on take off, half-way and run-in.

John's tips: He likes to be as relaxed as possible when skydiving and finds yoga and meditation a useful tool. *"Set yourself goals for each jump, day, week, season. This will help give your skydiving real purpose. Learn all the randoms and blocks. Read sports psychology books and see how other sportspeople prepare for their event."*

Steve said visualisation imagery should be as detailed as possible. *"Prior to the Nationals I made enquiries regarding the aircraft we would be jumping from, what colour it was, the seating arrangement, how the door opened. My pre-meet visualisation started weeks before I was even in the country and, even though I had never been in that type of aircraft before, when we climbed out for round one it was as if we'd done hundreds of jumps from it."*

points stand out at high speed. *"Invest in mental preparation before each jump. Learn to reset your mind when a mistake occurs – mistakes will happen, the trick is how you deal with them! Pete says to visualise clearly what you want to see. Use other senses, feel, smell and sound. "Know what mindset you need in order to perform well."*

Toby said he feels mental preparation for a skydive starts when you get to the DZ and continues all day. Putting yourself in a positive frame of mind always goes a long way to your enjoyment and success, he said. *"Aim to find your optimum level regarding energy and comfort then*

Watch other skydivers and other teams and picture yourself doing what they do. If I had a penny for every hour of 4-way footage I've watched I could retire already."



UPDATE...UPDAT

April was an interesting month for XL. The team had some responsibilities towards their sponsors and happily helped out with a couple of Easter Boogies and gave some free coaching. It was great to be able to give something back to Paul Fayard of Carolina Sky Sports and Skydive Sebastian who really help us stay in the air.

Florida Skydiving League

The fourth FSL meet was on 1 April, in Pahokee. The team ended up with a respectable 18.3 average. We also got to see where we needed to improve

Carolina Skydiving League

XL attended the season opener of the Carolina Skydiving League in Louisburg. At this meet it was a treat to be able to compete alongside *Airspeed* and *The Golden Knights*. We had a close meet with the *Knights* but dropped a couple of points on them in the last round, ending up with a 19.5 raw average, our highest so far! This score put us first in the handicap meet. For the last two weeks of April the team stayed in North Carolina and trained from the Casa as the World Meet is to be held from that aircraft.

Top Support

The team would like to thank YOU, the BPA for your support, with your money we have trained hard, learned more about 4-way in the wind tunnel and received quality information from our sports psychology coach, Dr John. We have another month of training ahead of us here in Sebastian and will do as much tunnel time as possible in our summit push.

UK Nationals

We look forward to seeing all you competitors at Nationals, please feel free to ask us if there is any way that we can help.

Thank you..

from XL

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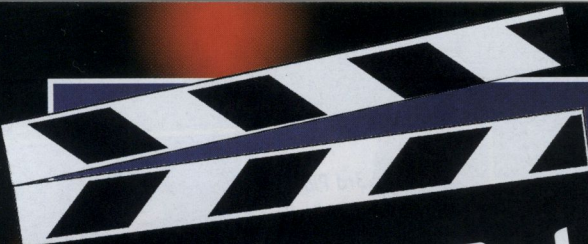
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BABYLON FILM FESTIVAL

The Second Babylon Carnival Film Festival Awards were a roaring success with three times the amount of entries last year. The idea was that teams put together a short film of 2-5 minutes. The films were good fun, a high standard of quality and creativity and it was obvious that a lot of time, effort and love had gone into their making...

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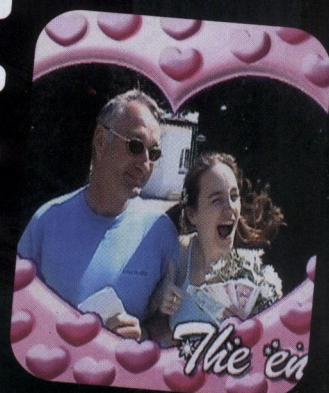
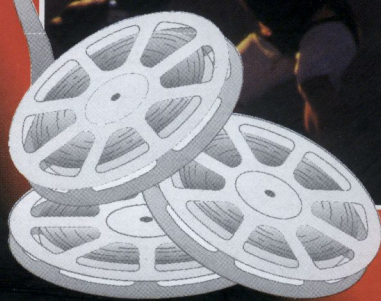


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Babylon first organised a one-off event last year to open up the idea of using video as an expressive medium. The idea was to keep it open to all disciplines and levels of experience by focusing on creativity and expression around the theme of skydiving. The Babylon boys were around and about to provide help, guidance and to assist with filming or editing if required. They even appeared in one of the films.

The festival drew everyone together regardless of jumpsuit or flying orientation. It was great to see all the little film crews putting finishing touches to their creations, you couldn't move without someone asking you to smile for the camera. There was a magical atmosphere around the drop zone as the excitement began to build; this was truly an all-encompassing, most excellent event.

Awards Ceremony

There was a great buzz in the air and a sense of wild anticipation as the films were shown to huge audience appreciation. All of the entries were delightful to watch and varied in theme and complexity.

The films screened rated high on entertainment value and many showed a professional level of editing skill, direction and, indeed, acting ability.



3rd Place
Natalie Bovis



4th Place
Tiphaine Moyon

Judging

Judges were Monsieur Patrick Passe, the world famous and brilliantly talented skydiving film director; the charming Pete Jones, one of the owners of CPCB and Danny Pelissier, a local celebrity windsurfer and student skydiver who runs the popular hangout, Surf Inn. The judges brought their experience, time, patience and immense sense of humour to bear over the whole day, watching all of the entries several times before deciding on the winners. Taking into account the editing, directing, acting and technical skill of the films, they finally all agreed that the deciding factor should be the storyline and originality.



Judge
Patrick Passe



1st

Film: For Sale

Directors: Enrique Pedro Gaston De Iriarte Marcos and Bruno Brokken

In this hilarious and superbly made, winning movie, the sinister and terrifyingly sadistic role of the German Tourist (Richie Hornig) who inadvertently buys a house at the end of the runway, makes Jack Nicholson's role in *The Shining* seem tame in comparison.



2nd

Film: The Game

Director: Achmed Sharma

The idea of *The Game*, in second place was a brilliant concept with some good editing and quality flying.

3rd

Film: Around the World in a Day

Directors: Natalie Bovis and Isaac Virgili

The simple yet highly imaginative *Around The World in a Day* was a joy to behold and proved that resources and experience in the sport pose no limit to creativity or originality.

4th

Film: Once Upon a Time in Empuria

Director: Tiphaine Moyon

Starring Scotty Milne, this was nicely conceived and clearly directed telling the tale of a sweet, innocent student corrupted by skydiving and her descent into the seedier side of drop zone life.

5th

Film: Reactivate

Director: Johnny Panakis

This was my personal favourite, science fiction, animation-based film, which used a mix of Manga-style cartoon clips and real life footage to create a comic strip character lost in the real world, searching for a return to the sky.

Sponsors

The sponsorship of the event by Parachutes de France and Larsen & Brusgaard provided the main prizes. There were also jump tickets, Matter pants, CrossWind, Blue Book Flying Material and free massages from Cloud Nine and tickets to Mandalay Café who threw a really cool after show party.

One for the future

The Carnival Film Festival has placed itself well and truly on the DZ calendar for the future. Babylon has established itself as an exponent of the sport across the board, encompassing all styles and abilities. Hopefully the Festival will continue as a regular, positive contribution to skydiving and as a much appreciated, creative outlet for all skydivers.

Video

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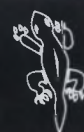
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Our sport is full of mystery and challenges which attract many of us so profoundly that we dedicate our lives to this world. One of the mysteries of skydiving is that it is almost impossible to explain it to someone who has never jumped. In order to share our sport with others, we rely on photography. Skydiving photographers become in a sense the translators of our sport, as the public can only experience the emotion and beauty of skydiving through the images reflecting it.

Reflecting our SPORT

By Norman Kent

Skydiving photography used to be an area few jumpers were interested in pursuing as the photographic equipment was either not available, as in the case of video, or the equipment was extremely heavy and

complicated. Unless you had a great passion for photography, the effort was unjustified. The skydiving photographers who were translating our sport were so in love with photography that they put up with whatever

inconveniences and dangers that were necessary to share their images with others. Why would you carry the heavy equipment increasing your chance of injury unless you really had a passion for photography?

When I use the word 'photography' I am including all forms of photography, including stills, video and motion picture.

Technical advancements in photographic equipment have now made it possible for just about anyone to carry a camera in freefall. Have you noticed how many people have a camera on their head these days? This has both advantages and disadvantages. One of the greatest benefits is that it makes our sport more interesting to non-jumpers because they now have a window into our world. Other benefits include immediate feedback on a jump which is invaluable for training students, record attempts etc.

But there are disadvantages. When you think of the number of skydivers carrying cameras today, it is impossible to believe that they

are all specialists in photography – but they are still producing images that are being published and broadcast, thereby translating our sport. I am not saying that only professional photographers or people that are passionate about photography should be carrying a camera, I am just saying that there are consequences to this evolution*. It is these consequences that I would like to explore but to do this I must first explain what I mean by the word translation.

In order to produce an image the photographer needs a subject matter. Sometimes the subject matter is there first and the photographer comes to capture it and sometimes the photographer has an image of what they want a photo to look like and organises the subject matter to their vision. In my first skydiving film, *Ride a Cloud*, I was following skydivers as they built formations or competed, trying to capture images of them and I was often viewed as an intrusion. The skydivers I was filming saw no value in my

*Those interested in this concept, read *Camera or Danger* by Simon Ward, February 2000, check old Mags or the gallery at www.skydivemag.com

Shelley Jones and
Mike 'Michigan' Sandberg
over Deland



"If you can capture a person's interest making them aware of something special in our sport, we can add people to skydiving"

Funnel over Deland



presence as there was no immediate feedback (video) on their jump. If I wanted to share the footage I had to do so with a film projector, so most of the jumpers would never see how they looked until the project was completed. I was filming whatever I could capture.

When the idea of my film *From Wings Came Flight* was being developed the only way I would consider proceeding with the project was if the skydivers

became my performers. This way I could choreograph the action and I could do jumps multiple times to get different angles with which to cut. I was interested in creating more than just a documentary; I wanted to share my vision of skydiving – my translation.

When I capture an image, I want it to be interesting to everyone, not just skydivers. Even with jumpers, I am trying to appeal to the person within the skydiver. For most of us a great picture is a picture that we are



Kelly Farrington at the Ranch

in but, if you are not in the photo:

- does it have enough artistic value to still be interesting?
- does it catch your eye?
- is it unique?
- most importantly, does it have enough interest to capture someone's attention who knows nothing about our sport?

Often my images are very artistic, but not an example of a successful skydive. During the filming of *From Wings Came Flight* a large formation funnelled, scattering bodies all over the sky. The plan went wrong but, artistically there was an interesting picture (left). From a skydiver's point of view it may not be seen as a good photograph since there is not a complete formation but, from a non-skydiving point of view, the photograph shows the human body in different flight positions silhouetted across the sunset sky. So from a funnel came a unique image that has been published both within and outside the sport. If you can capture a person's interest making them aware of something special in our sport,

even if they cannot explain it in words, I believe this is where we can add people to our sport. But often the images that are shared are not inspiring.

As I said before, the image a photographer captures is their translation of our sport. That translation is made up of technique and representation – or, more simply – what is being shot and how it is being shot. For these translations to have an impact the image must be shared and the greatest impact is usually in published or broadcast form.

To many people involved in the skydiving world, there is a concern about the public's view of our sport. In most cases the masses consider skydiving to be a crazy sport for derelicts. For example, we have tried many times to be admitted as an Olympic sport and have been successful only in participating in the opening ceremonies, but have never been

considered a real sport. I think the reason for this problem is that a lot of the images that people see of skydiving are only interesting to skydivers.

I observed a great example of this dilemma during my first commercial job working for ABC's *Wide World of Sports* as they were covering the US National Championships in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The skydiving

community was thrilled because skydiving was finally going on major network TV, which was great exposure for the sport. The word was that ABC had purchased a five year option to cover the US Nationals. As part of the camera team, I worked closely with the director and got to see his reaction as he was exposed to the world of skydiving. There was constant conflict between the competitors and the ABC team. The director not only wanted to capture the beauty and excitement of the sport, but the human element as well, which

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meant close-ups and POV shots so it looked like the cameraman was part of the formation. We were filming with beta-cams then and they were huge, not like the lipstick cameras that are available today. For one shot, the director wanted a cameraman to go fifth in the line-up of a 10-way speed star as the team exited but the teams said no way. They had not trained all year to lose at the Nationals because someone with a monster camera was in their way. This is understandable but, at the same time, the director threw his hands up and said it was impossible to film this sport and make it interesting, so subsequently ABC did not renew their contract.

The point of the story is not to blame anyone, as both sides were right. But the impact to us is that, if our sport does not appear interesting to the public, it will never grow. When it is not seen, there is no impact. I am not saying that skydiving should become like football where the rules are made to accommodate the broadcasters, all I am pointing out is that this is one reason why skydiving is not more popular with the public. For the people who make their living within the skydiving industry an increase in active jumpers would be a good thing – sales volume would go up, making a larger market to purchase products, more money for advertising, more money to put in research and development, more choice of gear... But how would this happen, how are people that are not skydivers drawn into the sport? The biggest way is through photography which reflects our sport to the outside world.

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The spirit of Exotic Sky Adventures (ESA) focuses on the whole experience of visiting exotic locations, making their trips ideal for couples or families with non-jumpers. ESA came up with yet another beautiful, coastal venue, at the town of Kota Kinabalu, in Malaysia, on the northern coast of the tropical island of Borneo.

We stayed at the Five Star Nexus Beach Resort, which can only be described as paradise, with pools, palm trees, wall-to-wall sunshine and a sandy beach stretching for miles.

In true ESA tradition, the inaugural dinner featured entertainment from local dancers and excessive consumption of rich food and 'falling-down-water'. The jumping itself started two days late as the Malaysian Airforce had a last

minute change of heart about the use of their Hercules C130, originally promised for the duration of the boogie. Some frantic, last-minute negotiations between the organisers, the local Minister for Tourism and the Airforce managed to secure the aircraft once again. The enforced break gave everybody a couple of days to get acclimatised (sunburnt) and indulge in many of the other activities being organised specifically for ESA by 'Borneo Connections'. These included white water rafting, scuba diving, and trips to Mount Kinabalu.

Once in action, the Malaysian Airforce gave us comfortable, air-conditioned lifts of about a hundred skydivers to 14,000 feet. In total there were 29 loads with 2,139 jumps, including fifty tandems and seven beach jumps at the hotel. 21 countries were represented.

The view from the air was breathtaking, with the stunning coastline, towns and mountains in the background. Herman Landsman excelled himself once again, spotting every load bang over the DZ; no mean feat from 14k out of a tailgate aircraft. Nice one Herman! ESA has something to offer everyone, with enough organisers to cater for groups of 3 - 4 and right up to larger groups of more than thirty. The highlight was a new Malaysian National FS Record 44-way, achieved on 2 March over Kota Kinabalu.

There were two cutaways and no injuries, although there was one incident which was captured by Reuters News Bureau and featured on TV news the following day. Derek Thomas and his tandem passenger (Karen Willerup, Karina's mother) went missing under canopy, over the other side of the mountain.

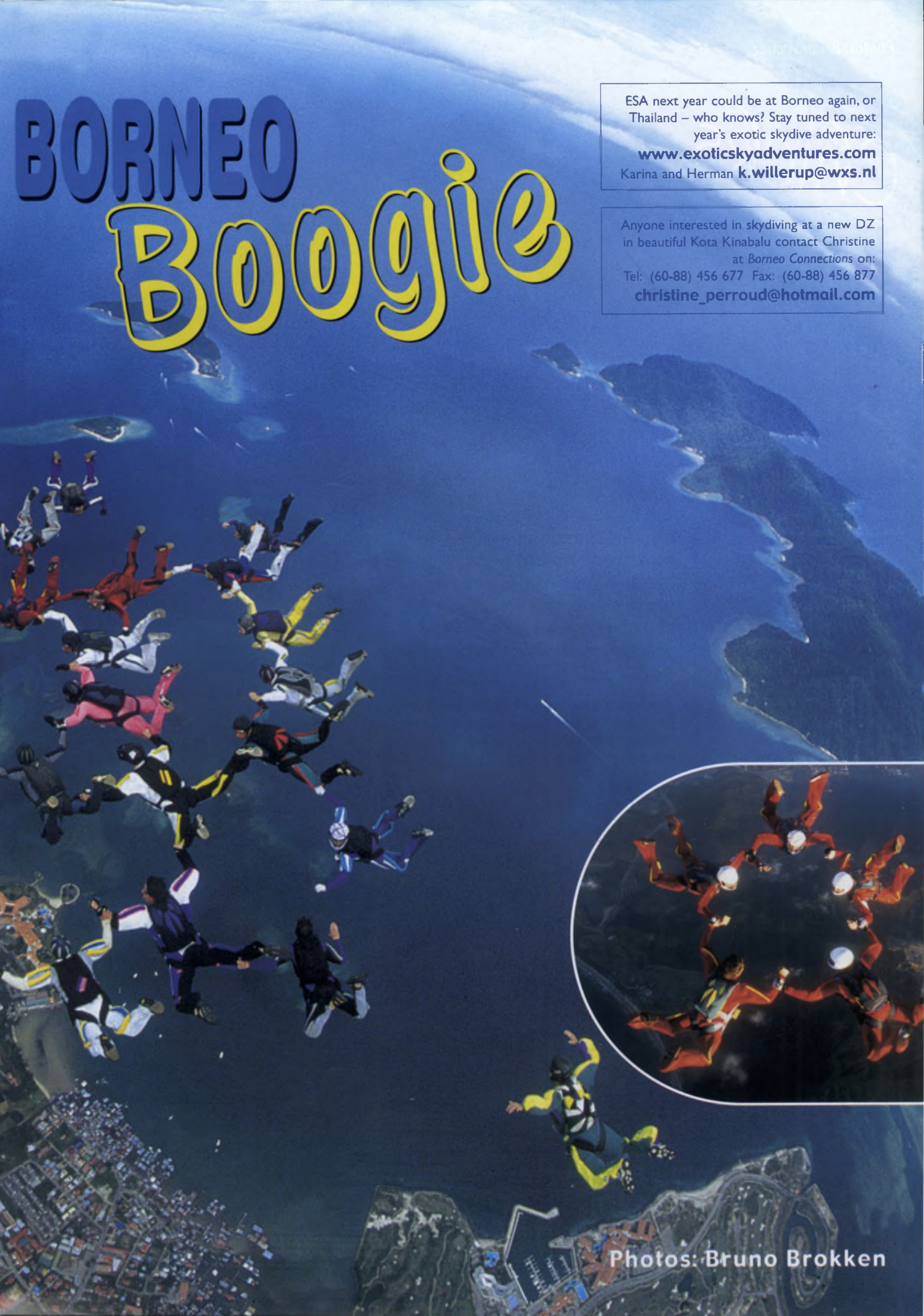
They were found by the coastguard some six hours later on a deserted beach, much to the passenger's annoyance.

She said her fun had been spoiled as she wanted to spend the whole night under the stars with Derek. I suppose there's no accounting for taste!

I for one am hooked on ESA.
See you next year.

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Getting Started

When you've just got your Cat 10, it can be difficult to get on a load. It's good to jump with people better than you, but they all want to jump with people better than them! You don't like to ask some people in case they remember the last time you screwed up...

It's very off-putting if you haven't made a jump by lunchtime. You can feel like the only person there that no-one wants to jump with. It's easy to end up not getting in the plane at all.

Just remember that every skydiver – no matter how cool – has been there!

Putting a 4-way team together can get you over the hurdle of that first jump of the day. It motivates you to be at the DZ and start jumping, then you'll be in the groove...

It's easy to feel, at Cat 10, that you've reached the top of a ladder and now are at a bit of a loss. It can feel like an anticlimax. But the learning doesn't stop, this is only just the beginning. 4-way is a fun and challenging way of improving your skills.

Jumping in a team can be as fun or as serious as you want it to be. Doing 4-way can be as simple as people just wanting to jump with the same group at weekends in order to gain some kind of consistency. Or you might want to do a training camp. You don't have to spend loads of money on matching jumpsuits and the latest gear. It's all about improving your flying skills and having fun at the same time. It doesn't matter how many jumps you do as a team, still enter the competitions. It's a great way to meet new friends and future team mates.

Where do I find my team?

Whether you are looking at just doing casual 4-way or something a bit more serious, you need to find three like-minded people who want to achieve similar goals. It's no good if one person has a dream of being World Champion if the other three are quite happy to party all night, roll out of bed at lunchtime to do just a couple of skydives. There are a number of ways in which to meet these skydivers:

1. Coaching weekends

Check the diary (inside back cover) and the Council page for the dates of the Coaching Roadshow weekends at various DZ's around the UK. You can get FREE coaching and jump with members of the National teams. Also, many DZ's now run their own weekends where

experienced jumpers organise and jump with groups of people who want to improve.

2. Scrambles competitions

These provide great opportunities for you to do some 4-way with people you haven't necessarily jumped with before, in a fun and relaxed environment. It enables jumpers relatively new to 4-way to learn some valuable skills from their more experienced team mates. And it really doesn't matter if you mess up! Videos of funnelled exits and wipe-outs provide entertaining viewing in the bar.

3. Skills camps

Top teams such as *Arizona Airspeed* and *Sebastian XL* are always running skills camps. They last one or two weeks and normally take place abroad where the weather is more guaranteed. You'll improve your FS skills and meet other people with similar goals.

4. BPA Grand Prix and UK Nationals

Even if you don't have a team, still go along. Nine times out of ten there will be a group of people looking to put a scratch team together. And if that doesn't happen you can still enjoy the party, get your face known and make new friends – who may be future team mates!

It doesn't matter how many jumps you do together as a team, the Nationals is a must. Get a real taste for competition and watch how the top teams do things. It is often the place where new teams evolve in preparation for the following year. You don't want to miss the boat!

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2. Attitude

Everyone is an individual and will no doubt bring different things to the team. It might be that you are the budding T-shirt designer whilst someone else is the born organiser. Recognise that it doesn't matter about strengths or weaknesses, as long as everyone is trying their best to make the team work, then you can't really ask for any more. Different personalities lead to balanced teams.

Understanding and tolerating each other is important. Training camps can be hard work especially if you are not used to making large numbers of jumps in a day. Plus there is a lot of information to remember and then execute in the air. When people are running to the plane for the twelfth time, things don't always run smoothly. Jumps can become ragged, debriefs

What should I look for in a team mate?

1. Availability

Time and money will no doubt spark the most debate! Depending on how serious you want to get, you will need to decide whether you are just going to jump at weekends or whether you are also going to commit to one or possibly more training camps. Will you train in the UK or abroad? Also how long do you want to plan ahead?

You will always have someone who has more money or time to give to training. You need to come to a mutual agreement on the amount of time and money you can put into the team in the beginning. Everyone needs to feel happy and comfortable with the decision so as to avoid any frustration further down the road. You need to be realistic as to what you can give to the team. See the VMax article by Sacha in the next Mag about making your training plan.



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PROFILE



become a chore and people can get grumpy! Choose people who won't take this personally and will recognise that it's just time for a day off!

Skydiving is a very subjective sport. When you debrief, you all need to be able to emphasise the positives of the dive and learn from the improvement points. Team members need to be receptive to input and criticism in order to improve, both individually and as a team.

3. Ability

The level of team (junior, intermediate or senior) will influence the number of jumps your prospective team mates might have. Jump numbers are not directly relevant to ability. A skydiver's performance at any time is related both to their innate ability and the skills they have learned through experience, ie, jumps. Someone with low experience may not have many skills but may possess great natural ability in which case they will learn fast. What's more important is the desire to learn. A coach will reinforce ability and self belief.

In summary

So, what are you waiting for? Don't expect the perfect team will come knocking on your door. You'll have to make the effort to get into a team and it won't necessarily be the right one straight away. You might do a few teams before you finally find what you are looking for.

And finally

Remember, it doesn't matter how serious the team is, make sure you are always having fun. Competitive skydiving can eat up a lot of time and money and it is very easy to get bogged down with improvements and how you are going to fare at the next competition. Winning medals is all very nice, but one of the most important things is to be able to track away from skydives feeling like you have done your best and have turned those points like you have never done before! You can't really ask for any more. Have fun!

Age: 28

Time in sport: 8 years

Slot on team: Point

Number of jumps: 1,600, 350 in the last year

Favourite DZ: Deland / Weston – both are friendly, welcoming and full of happy memories. Deland feels like a second home.

Most memorable jump: Balloon jump – Weston, brilliant experience, great views and vibe. On landing I went into power lines, set fire to the field, (the power cable broke) and finished the jump in tears, with a completely shredded canopy! (hence my nickname Sparky !)

What strengths do you bring to the team? I always see positives. ("In SparkyWorld the sun always shines and we do 12 jumps a day!")

And your weaknesses? I can easily get frustrated when I can't get a block or an exit right despite drilling it loads of times.

What do you like about being in an all-female team? No big egos, everyone is working together to produce a team result. Although I would hope you get that on male and mixed teams.

Favourite underwear: Calvin Klein

Do you watch your weight? All the time!

To what do you find it hardest to say no? Another glass of wine!

Do you 'wear the trousers' in a relationship? I would like to think so, although Andy does get his say! (Andy's nickname is Mr J after Claire's maiden name, Jenkinson, so that answers that one! –Ed)

Favourite film and why: ET. It's sad I know, but I cry every time. He's cute!

Ideal way to relax: Going for a run or to the gym

What's your perfect meal? Italian

What job do you do and why? Area sales manager for Friskies Petcare – I meet loads of people, it's fun, challenging and flexible for time off

What are your other interests? gym, circuits, horse-riding and gardening – not something I normally admit to!

What winds you up? Slow manifesting, broken planes and shoddy weather!

Describe yourself in three words: Competitive, enthusiastic, sometimes gullible

Anything to add? I can be a bit dizzy sometimes!



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DZ SHOP!!!

NOVICE JUMPERS

My girlfriend and I have just returned from a fantastic AFF course at Empuria Brava. I am totally hooked and fully intend to jump at each and every location. I contacted various DZs in the UK and all so far (with the unfortunate exception of one) have been very welcoming. Almost all said bring your logbook, video and come and jump, we might give you a check-out jump with an instructor. (This I would like to do, am more than willing to pay for, and would probably request, as it would give me the benefit of a little coaching at a new DZ.) The exception was the CCI at Dunkeswell. I was sent information and welcomed by the DZ but the CCI gave me a long lecture about 'horror stories' of jumpers trained abroad. He insisted I do at least 15-20 jumps at any drop zone (he 'didn't care where... as long as it's not mine') and then he would 'consider jumping out of a plane with me'. How disappointing a response from a professional. As a scuba diving instructor, I would be severely reprimanded by my governing body if I had this attitude.

I have read The Mag with great interest and enthusiasm over the last few months and picked up the intention to make this sport more accessible to novices. The CCI's response seems to directly contradict this. Is the final call always down the the Chief Instructor? If so it is unfortunate as Dunkeswell is my local DZ. I am now inclined to go elsewhere and keep jumping there, making the journeys required, and NOT jump at Dunkeswell at all. I shall certainly return to Empuria as Kevin McCarthy and the other instructors were able and willing to do anything for their students. If the attitude of this instructor is indicative of other people in England, no wonder people are taking advantage of the cheap flights, cheap jumps, warm weather and fantastic facilities that foreign DZs offer.

Stephen Northcott
stephennorthcott@yahoo.co.uk

In response:

Many thanks for giving me the opportunity to reply. Stephen contacted me on my mobile just as I was about to go into a student RAPS programme with two courses waiting to jump, the weather window of opportunity had just arrived. When Stephen mentioned AFF abroad I thought it best to come straight to the point as I wanted to start jumping my students. I explained my policy is that anyone who does an AFF course abroad must complete their AFF course and, once they have 30 jumps, they are more than welcome here. All we're talking about is an extra 12 jumps. I also have a duty of care to my students to jump them.

At STC several years ago I and several CCIs expressed concern at some of the experiences we were having with some recently qualified AFF graduates. I am extremely busy with my own school which I own and run, dealing with 1,250 students a year, I do not have the resources or time to check out these people.

The BPA Starter Mag recognises the problem, I quote:

AFF – What happens when you get back to the UK?

"If you do a course with us you will be fine to jump in the UK afterwards" If this statement is made you should ask the salesperson or instructor to tell you which drop zones in the UK will accept you. You should then call the drop zone to find out: if they will accept you.. " and so on.

Clearly Stephen was not told the whole picture or encouraged to get extra jumps in, as I advise all students who go abroad to do AFF. Stephen does not know me, he hasn't visited the club and yet he is able to judge me on a one-minute conversation, if that. A very experienced scuba diving instructor once said to me that it's better to pause and see the whole picture than make a snap decision.

Andy Guest, CCI, Dunkeswell
aguest1@compuserve.com

LETTERS

FAX FROM V-MAX

A big THANK YOU to British Parachute Schools, Langar for their hospitality over the two Langar Boogie weekends. We were treated like royalty! Specific thanks to Dave and Angela Hickling who allowed us to continue with a vigorous training schedule, despite it being one of the busiest times of year. Thanks also to Steve and his packers, Dave Morris for organising wicked formation loads, George Pilkington for tracking and good vibes, Rusty for photography and everyone else who welcomed us to their home DZ. We also realise that this support is made possible by the BPA and all the membership so thank-you to everyone. To all those who snoozed the Langar Boogie, you missed out dudes! RAFSPA is our home drop zone and has been supporting the team for a long time, but Langar offered us a 'home away from home' for a couple of weekends. VMax has now returned to Weston which has an action-packed summer schedule. Many thanks to everyone involved, directly or indirectly, to help us in our goal at the World Championships.

From VMax: Sparkey, Kate, Liz, Sacha and Brian,
www.vmax.org.uk

4-way Jumper Wanted

I am looking for a fourth person of any jump numbers for a junior 4-way team, we have three girls and video. We're looking for a friendly, forward thinking person who wants to have some fun but take it seriously too. We're based between St Andrews and Strathallan but we could go to other places. Please email me or call St Andrews at weekends.

Vicky Wilkinson
vicky.wilkinson@quintiles.com

WOT, NO ANSWERS?

I was surprised to read, on more than one occasion in recent magazines, that the BPA was trying to drum up enthusiasm for more junior flat flyers to take part in competition. As a hopeful and enthusiastic flat flyer, I decided to invest a substantial amount of my free time (and money) in being part of a 4-way team. We are all dedicated to improving our 4-way skills and would like to compete this year, at least at regional level. Our problems began with the fact that we could find no available current information on competitive 4-way. Simple questions such as these proved difficult to resolve:

- When and how do we go about entering a competition?
- What are the jump limits? (We even phoned the BPA office on this one and they got it wrong!)
- Are jump numbers defined on totals or since Cat10... ooops, sorry, FS1?
- Which formations are in the current dive pool?
- Do you need a special licence to compete?
- Can any equipment be used in 4-way competition? (eg, frappe hats, rigs without AAD's)

We now have all of the answers to the above questions. Doubtless, most of them could have been answered quicker if we had have asked the right people in the first place, but most junior skydivers don't know where or indeed who to ask. I am lucky in that the CCI and many of the instructors at our club have been very helpful (creep creep), but I'm sure that the BPA could make it easier for juniors by publishing definitive current information on competitions in the magazine – or even producing an additional booklet with the mag once a year?

Phil Bird, Usual Suspects 4-way team
p.bird@nbp.co.uk

In response:

Sorry that the team had such a job to get answers, Phil! The questions you ask are answered in the rules – the person from the office that your team telephoned may not have had immediate access to a copy of the rules at the time and I hope made this clear. The Grand Prix (formerly Regional) Competition rules and entry forms are available on the BPA website, from the host club or BPA Office and the National Competition rules and entry forms are in a booklet (published each spring) available from the host club or the BPA Office. It wouldn't be cost effective – or make a very exciting feature – to publish the rules in full in the Mag because there are eight sets that, between them, cover all disciplines within the current UK Grand Prix and National Competitions. We really do want to encourage members to become competitors and junior teams are our future. Remember the Competitions Committee is here for you – you can e-mail me or contact your discipline rep (Dona Crum on symbiosis.suits@btinternet.com) and we'll do all we can to help!

John Smyth, Chairman of BPA Competitions Committee
smyffy@aol.com

Co-Balt from the Blue !

Who'd have thought that cutting edge sport parachutes would be made in Slovenia ? Well, a small company named Atair has been building state-of-the-art main canopies in the small Balkan state since 1992, starting off with paragliders. Their latest design, heavily marketed in the USA, is named *Cobalt*.

The Cobalt is a zero-P, 9-cell elliptical, with a trade mark double diamond on the lower surface. Atair claims to have put extensive design work into achieving a very smooth aerofoil by the detailed design of rib shapes and stitch patterns, without the use of crossbraces as featured in the PD *Velocity* and the *Icarus Extreme*. The Cobalt is said by Atair to address the need of freeflyers by being designed to open safely at speeds well exceeding normal terminal velocity — up to 160 mph. Atair claims that most freeflyers do not take adequate time to decelerate before deployment and are often deploying at speeds over the maximum recommended for their canopies, risking damage to their equipment or serious injury to themselves.

Accepting that the above will continue to happen, Atair has developed what the company calls a 2 stage opening sequence. Stage 1 is when the Cobalt is deployed from its bag in the usual manner — only the centre three cells will inflate. The third and sixth ribs are solid with no cross-port vents as is standard in all other canopies. These solid ribs combined with the slider, prevent air flowing into and inflating the outer three cells on each side. These centre cells are only slightly wider than the slider, so the force on the lines to push the slider down is low compared to conventional canopies.

Atair says that the deployment process will pause in this position for a few seconds. The three centre cells will decelerate the jumper until the force pushing the slider down overcomes the force of the wind pushing the slider up. Once the slider has moved down enough the end cells are free to catch air and inflate for stage 2. Atair claims consistently soft on-heading openings (using the word robotic) and offer to send a video of openings to any interested potential customers — you can't say fairer than that!

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by Rob Colpus

Max Headroom !



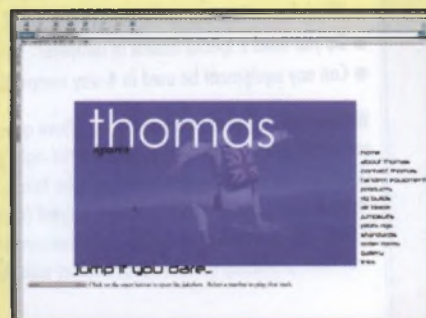
Those boneheads over in California have come up with another nice little addition to their fleet of skydiving helmets. Called the *Havok* this is the first full-face helmet from the bonehead workshop. Like their other products the Havok has some very interesting features. Whereas most of the present generation of full-face helmets incorporate a lifting visor, with the Havok the full front of the helmet including the chin-cup section flips up.

The Havok will accept most prescription specs under the visor without discomfort, and audibles may be worn on either or both sides. As is to be expected from Bonehead the look of the Havok is very space-alien.

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Other news from the home of the *Teardrop* is that stainless steel is now standard and a few new funky fabrics are available as well as the normal Cordura and Parapack



Food for Thought

Rubber bands break for a reason! John Sherman of Jump Shack & Racer fame has recently questioned the continuing search within the industry for unbreakable stow bands. Several manufacturers have involved themselves in the search for stows that will stretch but will not break even after hundreds of jumps. John reckons that many years ago the US military spent lots of time and tax payers' money to find the best material to use for stowing lines on parachutes — they came up with the rubber band, and according to many, including PD, the rubber band is still the best solution. It's true that 'unbreakable' stow band alternatives will last a long time, but as John says "if you haven't had a bag lock yet with unbreakable bands — you probably will" A really positive aspect of rubber bands is that they are still considerably cheaper than any of the alternatives.

www.jumpshack.com

Headcases



Sky Systems of Factory Diver fame has come up with yet two more funky little helmet designs to add to its considerable stable.

The *Vapor* is a platform-style, full-face yet low profile camera helmet, featuring rear entry, utilising a beefy yet attractive single point closing mechanism on the

right side, and external audible port on the left. Extra audibles may be worn inside. The *Vapor* is made from a high tech tri-composite of Carbon fibre, fibre-glass and kevlar making the helmet extremely strong and impact resistant. The spacious platform allows for the fitting of stills as well as video cameras

The *Hurricane* is the latest weapon in Sky System's arsenal of freefly helmets following the *Nvertigo* and *NvertigoX*. Like its predecessors this open-faced helmet incorporates the *SkyDial* tightening system and is reported to provide greater comfort. The *Hurricane* is also constructed from the tri-composite material and has audible ports directly over each ear in a position that Sky Systems claims affords better sound transmission, which is necessary when competing with high speed freefall noise.



Sky Systems has recently introduced a new paint process for its range of helmets. Called *Metallix*, this process produces colours which incorporate a metal-flake base that adds depth and shine to the helmet. The *Metallix* option has a surcharge of around £40.

Sky Systems - 001 303 779 9042 www.skysystemslltd.com

Perfect Speed

Three leading companies have recently launched themselves into a joint project to investigate how modern skydiving gear stands up to faster freefall speeds. Airtec of Germany, plus Rigging Innovations and Performance Designs of USA, have teamed up to study what happens when today's equipment is deployed in a position other than face-to-earth at speeds faster than 'normal' terminal velocity. Rigging Innovations, manufacturer of the *Talon* and *Voodoo* rigs, is interested in learning how harnesses stand up to unusual loading during high speed deployment. Performance Designs will provide the parachutes and Airtec is keen to make sure their *Cypres* AAD is able to cope accurately at higher speeds. Drop test are being carried out using drop dummies at high terminal velocities. One of the problems experienced so far is how to keep the dummies stabilised in head-down. An experienced freeflyer has been employed on some test jumps to harness-hold the dummy in an head-down position. Apparently this solution has worked well at intermediate speeds but will not be possible at the higher speeds attained for instance by top level speed skydiving competitors. The three companies' laudable goal is to identify any potential problems before skydivers discover them by accident.

Winging It!

Parasport Italia has joined the swelling ranks of wingsuit manufacturers with the recent release of their *Crossbow* suit. The *Crossbow* is made from a heavy grade nylon fabric which allows the suit to completely fill up with air, providing rigidity for the underarm and between-the-legs wings. Baffles or air chambers are built into the wings which also aid rigidity. Like the *BirdMan* suit the leg straps and lower parts of the main lift webs are worn inside the suit, and the jumper's arms are freed after deployment by opening long zips

along the length of the suit's arms.

A single point release on the chest allows the jumper to cut the wings away in emergency situations. The *Crossbow* comes in four sizes but some extra measurements are taken to make sure the suit fits correctly with the jumper's rig.



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Bionic Skytronic

The latest version of Parasport Italia's little audible alti/data processor has recently been released with the suffix *FX* behind the name. Like most two letter suffixes this sounds racey but probably means bugger all. We at Kit News heard a rumour it stands for F.. king Xcellent ! The *FX* actually has a few improved and extra features to the standard *Skytronic* which was released a few years ago on the heels of Cool & Groovy's *Time-Out*. The new features include the capacity to store up to 200 fresh jumps along with their individual details such as jump number, exit and pull altitude, freefall time and average freefall speed. The total jump capacity stored is up to 9,999 jumps including such trainspotter statistics as highest exit altitude, lowest pull altitude, total freefall time and highest average freefall speed. Like the *Pro-Track* this info can be viewed on the unit's own screen without the need for a PC. The unit will store up to 10 jump 'profiles' which can be set up for different types of jumps - such as FS, freefly, tandem or AFF, where pull times and break-off might vary. A countdown time can be set if the jumper would like to work a particular freefall routine to time or wants to know when working time expires. The *FX* does not have to be turned on and off but goes into a 'sleep' mode when not in use - press any button and the display comes to life.



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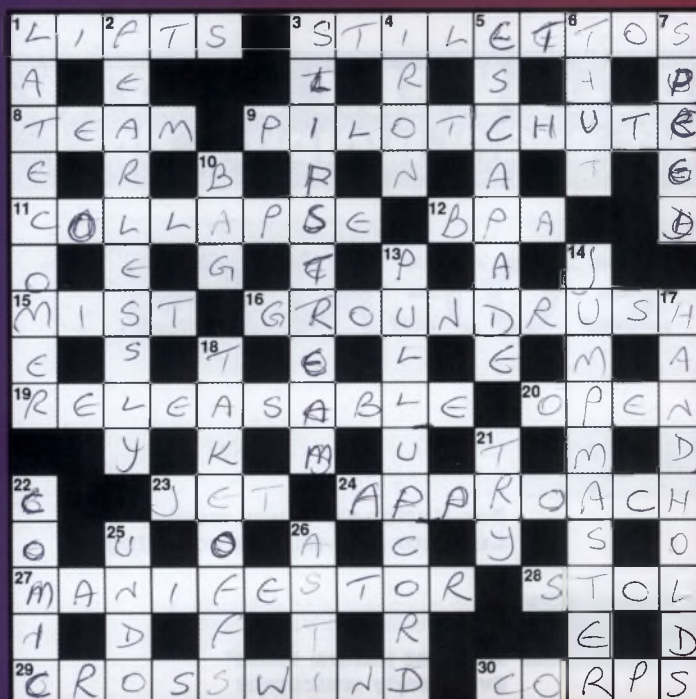
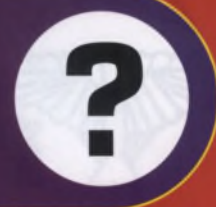
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Reserve clues

Across:

- 1 Elevators
- 3 Narrow heels
- 8 Side
- 9 Alternative to static line (two words)
- 11 De-inflate
- 12 Governing body (initials)
- 15 Thin fog
- 16 Low altitude visual impression
- 19 Not fixed
- 20 Gaping
- 23 Fast plane
- 24 Flight before touchdown
- 27 Load organiser
- 28 Needing more room than a jump jet (acronym)
- 29 At 90 degrees to the breeze
- 30 A regiment

Down:

- 1 Tardy person
- 2 Bravely
- 3 Fast air, near the plane
- 4 Metal
- 5 Jaunt
- 6 Without slack
- 7 Rate
- 10 Inner container
- 13 Packing aid (three words)
- 14 Exit controller
- 17 Floater rails (two words)
- 18 Departures
- 21 Attempt
- 22 Kid's magazine
- 25 Loosen
- 26 Sparkling wine

By Paul Boorer

answers - inside back cover

Quote of the Month:

"One of the things about equality is not just that you be treated equally to a man, but that you treat yourself equally to the way you treat a man"

Marlo Thomas

The main clues

the reserve clues are much more controllable.

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Make a decision - stay with the main - or cut away and use the reserve

Main clues

Across:

- 1 Nicks crazy flits (5)
- 3 PD canopies that get stuck in (9)
- 8 Meat pate for four, perhaps (4)
- 9 Fly canopy, a small round one (5,5)
- 11 Escallop breakdown! (8)
- 12 Organisation of dumb parachutists (1,1,1)
- 15 Tim's disorientated in low cloud (4)
- 16 Crushed reed is a scary sight (10)
- 19 The main is resaleable, after a fashion, the reserve isn't (10)
- 20 Flying OK? Nope, malfunctioned (4)
- 23 Shortened jump aircraft (3)
- 24 Near a very quiet fish (8)
- 27 The spirit who appears to control the DZ (10)
- 28 Some aircraft require little runway, lots fly backwards (4)
- 29 Angry blast knocks one sideways (9)
- 30 Soldiers trimmed and turned over sarape (5)

Down:

- 1 Come in later, did he? (9)
- 2 Boldly fly around, without ears (10)
- 3 Propwash made simple star unstable (10)
- 4 Press in or back in (4)
- 5 Adventure getaway has a little advertisement (8)
- 6 Stretched for gold in time trial (4)
- 7 Drug rush (5)
- 10 Unattractive woman with a lockable mouth (3)
- 13 Stop line you find in the packing shed (4-2,4)
- 14 Was Dick Fossbury in charge of the lift? (10)
- 17 Grips climbers jugs (4,5)
- 18 Launches impressions (8)
- 21 Test score (3)
- 22 Funny man from the communistic fringes (5)
- 25 Free Fiat 500 inside (4)
- 26 It's a cocktail drink (4)



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People in the SPORT

In 1998, Jari did his first wingsuit jump and started BirdMan International in the same year. June 1999 saw the first BirdMan suit from the factory. A world tour followed, covering US, Europe, Asia and Australia.

In 2000, he started BirdMan USA and was featured on several TV shows and media interviews. Jari, 32, says his real age is 20 plus 12!

Jari is Finnish, single, gorgeous and highly (over) sexed. He now lives in DeLand, USA, is moving his business over there and eventually wants a beach house paradise.

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Tell us about your jumping

My father took me flying when I was five and ever since then I wanted to jump out of aeroplanes. My first jump was in 1991 at Helsinki, the Parachuting Club of Finland. I now have 1,900, including 850 wingsuit jumps. In 1991, I made my first trip to Florida, bought a Sabre 135 and started swooping and 4-way. In 1993, I was on the Finnish record 57-way and the Nordic 140-way in '95. In 1997, I gained my AFF rating and worked in Sweden as an AFF instructor.

What made you dream about wingsuits?

I was BASE jumping in Italy with Robert (Pecnik) and we were talking about the possibility to fly from the cliff. We heard that Patrick De Gayardon had jumped his wingsuit from that cliff and we wanted to do the same so we kept on talking about it. Nobody believed that we were serious. A month later Robert made his first prototype and, after jumping it the first time, I cut away from my 'real job' and started my business plan to make wingsuits commercially available to everybody. Jumping one was the best thing I had ever done and I felt I had to share it!

What are your safety recommendations?

Jump last, know where you jump out and have a plan where you are going to fly. Check your gear and make sure you can reach all your handles should you have an emergency.

Is it more risky than conventional jumping?

Yes and no. The concept of travelling in the air changes the game so much. It could be dangerous to fly a few miles to the wrong direction and land out, maybe even in a dangerous alternative landing area. On the other hand, the concept of 'bad spot' almost doesn't exist. You jump last, wherever you want, you fly and have your fun with your friends, you fly back towards the DZ, others have landed, you have all the free air space available just for you and your fellow birdies.

What about choice of gear?

When you deploy, the fact that you are flying away from your canopy instead of falling away from it may result in unpredictable openings if your gear is not up to it. For a long time we thought that jumping a small canopy with the wingsuit was not wise because we had many line twists. After my cutaway in the UK (Weston) we investigated. We found it wasn't the magical 'turbulence' behind the jumper (caused by the wings) that made the line twists – but simply the fact the the container was designed so that the jumper was supposed to fall away from the parachute and bag during the deployment sequence rather than FLY away from it. We solved the problem simply by opening the corners of the rig and tests showed no more line twists. I have done over 800 flights with canopies under 100 square feet with no problems. I now jump an Icarus FX 82.5 and VX 77, a not-so-conservative wing loading.

Wings was the first container manufacturer to agree with me and they have offered a free wingsuit modification for their rigs for a year now. The mod includes open corners, a longer bridle (I use a 9 footer) and a 2" larger pilot chute.

Now, Relative Workshop, Mirage, Strong and soon

Sunpath, will offer a wingsuit mod on their rigs by request. The manufacturers know what we need and they also take us seriously now. But I would stress that it is NOT NECESSARY to have any modification to your rig to jump a wingsuit, the mod is only for skydivers using a ridiculously small parachute. With this combination, the mod gives more consistent openings. But 99% of our customers use regular rigs without mods and they are doing fine.



Mr BirdMan

Jari Kuosma

When Jari jumped his first wingsuit in '98, it was the best thing he had ever done. Jari felt he had to spread the word! He has now brought the dream of wingsuits to within the reach of all skydivers.

Overall, I would say that skyflying is very safe and even adds safety to regular skydive. You are not in crowded airspace when you open your parachute. When you land it you have nobody around to screw your hook turn :) You don't land out, you have more time to break off and react to changes.

Do you have a minimum jump number or experience criteria?

I have changed the recommendations we have now. We still recommend 500 freefall jumps before skydiving the suit but we have lowered the recommended number of jumps to 200, IF the candidate is current AND can be trained by a BirdMan Instructor. I have trained several BirdMan Instructors and on my last course I had in fact two Brits as well, Max Lombardi and Jim Manson. Here in the US we have no limits given by USPA so I have decided to raise the standards of my instructors and dealers rather than try to raise limits. I do not believe in regulations by jump numbers anyway.

How would British jumpers get a BirdMan suit?

If you are female and naked, come to see Jari. If you are a man, see Rob at the Kit Store.

What has made you successful?

Love of life, persistency and my motto: Forever forge ahead and keep the dream in sight.

What was your best jump?

Jumping from a helicopter, flying into the Godvangen fjord in Norway. We flew very close to the top of the

mountainside that still had snow and then entered the valley where we continued flying right beside the cliffs until it was time to open the parachute. The experience made me realise the real beauty of flying.

And your worst jump?

My second base jump with the suit when my pilot chute was caught by turbulence and I almost went in. I learned a lot though.

What have you been trained to do?

I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Helsinki Business Polytechnic. I was trained to get cool ideas and implement them.

What do you do when not skydiving?

Run the business, ski, I enjoy driving (fast), fitness, studying, reading, paragliding, partying, jogging, travel, cooking and trouble-making!

Describe yourself in ten words

Hot-tempered, fun-loving, stubborn, easy-going, demanding, self-confident, intellectual, competitive, controversial, spiritual and disorganised.

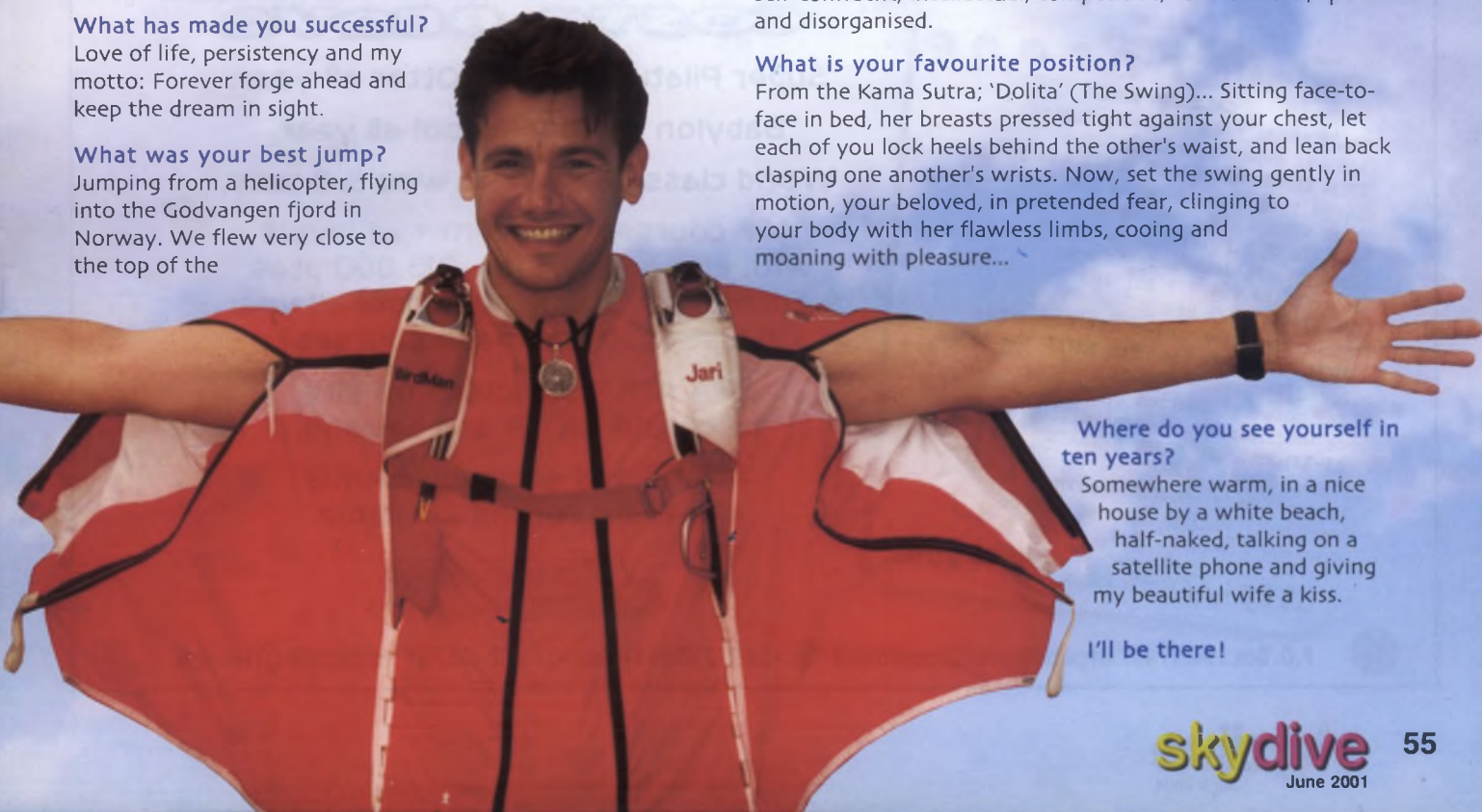
What is your favourite position?

From the Kama Sutra; 'Dolita' (The Swing)... Sitting face-to-face in bed, her breasts pressed tight against your chest, let each of you lock heels behind the other's waist, and lean back clasping one another's wrists. Now, set the swing gently in motion, your beloved, in pretended fear, clinging to your body with her flawless limbs, cooing and moaning with pleasure...

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Somewhere warm, in a nice house by a white beach, half-naked, talking on a satellite phone and giving my beautiful wife a kiss.

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Incident Reports

By Allan Hewitt

incidents

I have received 32 incident reports since the last time, so it's probably the foot and mouth to thank for this – proving that if we stop skydiving then we're bound to be much safer.

What a miserable thought that is!

(I don't agree Allan – we have no way of knowing if the same people who couldn't skydive have damaged themselves doing other sports or even the mundane, like decorating or driving. I'd like to think we might be safer skydiving as we are more in charge of our own risk! – Ed)

No Pull on Ripcords

Three reserve rides were reported within a couple of weeks of each other on similar rigs due to the students not being able to pull the ripcord. In each case good reserve drills were carried out and the student landed without further incident.

Conclusions

On one occasion the student was able to pull the ripcord on the ground after the incident but was surprised at how much force was required. After more training the student carried on jumping and was happier knowing that a good firm pull was all that was required. The other students had jumped previously, but were also surprised at how much force was required on the rigs in question, as previous jumps on similar rigs were not as stiff.

Recommendations

Plenty of emphasis on pull force could have prevented all three reserve rides. Maybe a few practice pulls when fully kitted out would have demonstrated the forces required. Methods of reducing pull force on student equipment could also be used when in doubt. Silicone gel on nylon closure loops reduces friction but it's probably more important that the rigs have the proper closure loop length. Make sure your students are capable of pulling.

Line Stowage

A jumper deployed his Stiletto 135, the canopy became trapped in the deployment bag, resulting in a bag-lock malfunction. The jumper had a normal cutaway and the reserve ride presented no further problems.

Conclusions

After inspecting the cutaway parachute, it was thought that the bag-lock was caused by one line stow becoming wrapped around another, in a half-hitch type knot, preventing deployment of the lines.

Recommendations

In the past it has been a recommendation by some manufacturer's to have approximately 1-1/2" to 2" of line stowed in the elastic bands. If you pack with very long line stows, make sure that when you put the bag into the container, the lines are kept in a clean deployment position, to prevent this problem.

Misrouted Bridle

A jumper deployed his parachute after a normal skydive, the canopy became trapped in the deployment bag resulting in another bag-lock malfunction, a normal cutaway and a reserve ride, no further problems.

Conclusions

After inspecting the cutaway parachute, it is assumed that the bridle line was routed between the lines during packing, which prevented the lines from deploying.

Recommendations

Checking the pilot chute bridle line routing so it was direct from the bag to pilot chute would have prevented this incident.

Worn Velcro

An AFF student found that the control toggles were nearly out of reach and wrapped around the risers and lines. The toggles were successfully released by approximately 1,000ft and control was gained. The same incident happened on the following jump. The student landed safely in the correct area without any further incidents on both occasions.

Conclusions

After the second jump, the instructor was informed and the rig was inspected. The Velcro on the steering toggles were very worn and had very little grip, just snapping the risers caused the toggles to release. This could have resulted in a reserve ride and a lost canopy just because of worn Velcro.

Recommendations

Student equipment receives a lot of use and therefore also requires a more thorough inspection on the high maintenance areas during packing.

Summary

Poor packing is probably the biggest reason for reserve rides this issue as most of the reports mention twists, line-over, hard openings causing damage, knotted line malfunctions, etc. Most of these reports are very vague.

Getting used to the deployment characteristics of your parachute during deployment can give you a good indication of whether you need to work more on good packing techniques:

If your canopy consistently opens off-heading, too hard or just not the way you expect, then give this topic some more consideration.

If your canopy opens comfortably on heading every time then, the chances are, you're a good packer.

Allan Hewitt

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Club News

On Easter Monday we organised a mini scrambles 3-way sitfly, flatfly and accuracy competition. Seeing some of our hardcore freeflyers with RW suits on was most entertaining! Well done to *Slurpy To The Manifest* on winning. The day was ended with a 5-way speed star competition, then some 15-way fun jumps.

Usual Suspects 4-way team had a great time on their training camp in Deland, despite the fact the police had to escort Phil Bird home! The girls are starting their own 4-way team, *Negative G*, to offer some 'healthy' competition.

On June 14-15, the Grand Prix at Silverstone will restrict our altitude so we're having a 3-way launch and accuracy competition, also CF jumps, coaching available for all.

Caroline White

Hinton

Achievements:

100	Catherine Glenister, Rick Millin
200	Mike McHale
400	Zoe Carroll, Steve Carter
500	Rob Zeally
600	Richard Orford
2,500	Gary Small
First Freefall	Russell Jones

Cat 8	Jim Mouradian, David Cooper, Mike Sheehan, Daria
AFF8	Sheila Malone
ICI	Anna Palmer
FSI	Emma Hammersley, Diane Fricker, Rick Millin
FFI	Mike McHale, Alex Waller

Diane Fricker and Dorian Harwood
Photo: Bob Spratley

Strathallan

The Rocket Lands at Strathallan

Take a Cessna, stretch it out a bit, put a huge sliding in-flight door complete with step on it then take an engine from a Let and stick that on the front. Fill it with 10 skydivers and what have you got? Possibly one of the best DZ aircraft in the UK. This one of a kind, custom-built aircraft has all the trademarks of a Porter but with one

very cunning difference, the door is on the right side. The turn around speed is approximately, 17 minutes to 14,000ft. Thank you Steve Swallow for getting this aircraft from Hungary and also thanks to all the unsung heroes Karen, Kieran, George, etc for persuading the Rocket to touch down at Strathallan.

John Finnegan has now got a Decent Haircut! And the shop has now re-opened under Andy Gibson

Dave Pritchard and Anne Johnson

Achievements:

1st Freefall	Alan Parker, Mike Swan	Cat 8	Michelle MacDon
50	Andy Morgan	FSI	Andy Frew
	Joyce Carter		Louise Drummond
	Louise Drummond		Dugald Robertson
100	Jen Stocks	FFI	Rupert Connell
300	Robert Bellamy		Robert Morris
	Rupert Connell		
1,100	Eddie Jones		

Classics Grand Prix

May 5/6 saw the Classics Grand Prix held at Bridlington. The results are as follows:

Senior Accuracy

1st	Katharine Andrewes
2nd	Andrew Bremner
3rd	Glenn Stephenson

Intermediate Accuracy

1st	David Lacey
2nd	Paul Cook
3rd	Paul Simms

Intermediate Style

1st	David Lacey
2nd	Tracy Bartley
3rd	Paul Simms

Bridlington

Despite the weather recently, a lot of people have had tandem jumps and a fair few have started AFF and RAPS. Good luck to one and all and stick with it. As if skydiving wasn't risky enough, word has it that Mark Hankinson and Paul Smethurst are training to be stuntmen. They are spending their spare time in exploding coffins, crashing cars and setting themselves on fire! That's nothing for Mark though, as he is

quite partial to hanging off large ornate statues and climbing huge industrial cranes with rubber dolls! The photos and court summonses prove it – Mark's a dodgy geezer! Here's the proof:



Pilot Steve Ryan is itching to join the growing ranks of bikers at the club. Flying, biking, I don't

know Steve, you'll be jumping out of the plane next! Err... ahem... again!

Welcome back to Chris Watson who got his first freefall after a two year absence, the same goes to Bob Peel who ditched the rope after a 4-year lay-off. Mucho congrats to Stuntman-in-the-making Paul Smethurst on getting Cat 8, likewise to Simon Cathrine, who promptly jetted off to the US of A on a business/skydiving trip. Big jump numbers are Tracy Bartley with 100 and Paul Cook with 300.

Paul Simms

Team Tequila over Nethers
Photo: Ash Hollick

Netheravon

After two months of roaming the south west of England, Netheravon is finally open again. The nice man from the MOD (and an electric fence) has at last said 'yes' just in time for the CF bank holiday weekend. A huge thank you goes to Andy Paddock, Lenny, Jeff and all the staff at South Cerney for putting up with an APA invasion. Grateful thanks also go to the Commandant of the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop, where our 'Caravan club' seemed to entertain theirs. It has to be noted that a liaison seems to have been formed between the South Cerney and APA manifestors — obviously comparing notes on dealing with those pesky double manifestees. Is there anything you want to share with us Kim? The jump-hog of the month award has to go to Tommy 'Twelve rigs' Trindall, who's just clocked up 12 hours in freefall. Some readers may have been concerned about the plans to cull the source of the Foot-IN-Mouth outbreak — our very own Godders. You'll all be relieved to hear that that pity was taken at his appealing ... er ... red eyes, and he was spared. He then went on to survive Go 'Hospital' Vertical, and will be appearing in panto this Christmas. He has asked to be called 'Phoenix' from now on.

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The Peterborough Parachute Centre's Anniversary Summer Ball, July 28, to celebrate the centre's 30th birthday. ALL past and present friends of PPC, call 01832 280 490 to book your ticket. We want to see everyone there. Don't miss it!

Cornelia Waymouth

Red Devils



The team has completed our annual pre-season training camp in the USA. The first phase was at Perris Valley with the whole team concentrating on FS, CF and display skills over a three week period which achieved most of the team's training objectives. Phase 2 saw twelve of the main CF jumpers move across to Key West in Florida to train alongside the US Navy **Leap Frogs** on their pre-season training camp. Jumping from a C130 from 13,000ft (sometimes with only six seats each!) the team managed to build some excellent large canopy formations.

Did you know?...

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Achievements:

FS1 Aff Afsharian, Stu Russell
CF1 Roy Charters
200 Steve Candlish
100 Mark Scobie, Mac McAuliffe
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WHAT'S NEW

With the weather changing and the Scottish ski resorts closing, we've seen the return of the Fair Weather Jumpers. We open our arms to the part-timers — Welcome back!

The skies have been awash with colour and canopies — catching and stacking. Everyone involved would like to thank all the old CREW dogs for taking us on the ride of our lives.. whether it was a stack or a downplane, we've had our eyes (and ears) opened to the discipline.

Parties and barbecues aplenty are on every weekend now, with the light nights and better weather coming in. So take note and get along to the DZ with your sleeping bags and rigs for late nights, blue skies and high spirits... let the fun and frolics continue! (WARNING... Chik Adams — otherwise known as The Original Pringles Man — is now on camera, both night and day!)

We're planning the Annual Club Trip for September again this year. So if anyone is interested in a fortnight in Empuriabrava let us know, we're looking at booking up for the first two weeks. A big thank you to Scotty Milne and John McCourt for helping out with all the tandems recently.

Stop Press! Get well soon Billy Gollan!



Golden Lions

Achievements:

1st Freefall

George Easton, Robin Durie
Derby Reeves
Keith Davidson
Steve Henderson
Matt Applegate

Cat 8:

Wayne Forbes
Keith Davidson
George Easton

FS1:

Neil Taylor, Dain Thorne
Tony De Reya

FF1:

Tom Canty

FF2:

Gordon Mission

Loadsa jumps:

400 Caroline Hughes, Dave Paton
300 Mike Ehlis, Paul Seymour
100 Neil Taylor, Tom Arnold
900 Andy Godwin
200 Tom Canty

Achievements:

1st Freefall

Imogen Howarth

Graduated AFF

Dean Short

FS1
200

Stephen Spence

Oliver Reynolds

Geoff Fritz, Debi Chapman

John Wragg, Kevin Woodrow

Some for the log books

4,000 Jumps George McGuinness

1st Crew Jump Sandra Inglis

1st Downplane Steven Riddell,
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Langar

The Langar Boogie is well under way as I write – and the move from our usual mid-summer spot has paid off with three days of great weather and more to come. Dave Morris, Milko and Stealth have been organising the flatflying, George Pilkington freeflying and tracking, and the VMax ladies have been helping the local teams.

With a total of 91 lifts and more than 1,400 jumps from the Caravan and the LET we reckon we're getting the season off to a pretty good start.

We built a very nice 30-way from the two aircraft on the bank holiday Monday at the second attempt. The first one was a couple of slots short at break-off, as a couple of members of a certain well-known, all-girl 4 way team didn't quite manage to out-cool the local swoopers on the first one! And, of course, everybody was ever so sympathetic about it and didn't extract the Michael at all! Anyway, Milko says that if any more World Champions out there need swooping lessons, they're most welcome; he now reaches 298 mph according to his Pro Track...

Tony Danbury

Milko in Lycra
Photo: Tony Danbury

LANGAR ACHIEVERS

First freefall Nick Shrine
Sharon Coles

Jumps:
1,300 Russell Lewis
1,000 Paul Webb
1,100 Chris McCann
800 Dave 'PD'
Grzeskowiak
700 Stan Hopkins
300 Steve Newman
200 Alex Lewis
Sally Beck
100 Ben Wilkins

Cat 8
Alan Wester
Pete Goodwin

BPA Grades:
FF2 Steve Newman
ICI Simon Whitmore
FSI Sam Bailey
Ben Wilkins
Trevor Dickson

Keith Johnson takes the record for the largest batch of achievements: 20 years jumping, 100 hours jump piloting, 400 hours total flying and 1,500" jump, all during April! Steve Watson managed to reach 2,038 jumps before his first cutaway, which ain't a bad average.

RAFSPA

Following the delayed start to the season, RAFSPA is making up for lost time! Dave Woods and the DZ team are working hard to get the Twin Otter in the air as much as possible, and we have been club jumping on occasional Fridays (keep an eye on your email for regular updates on Friday openings). **If you are not on the RAFSPA email list and would like to be, contact Bev Ford** bev@oxfordgroup.co.uk.

Yet another hugely successful Scrambles competition was held over the first May Bank Holiday (write-up and pics in the August Mag). We are planning to hold another one on 8-9 September. The first RAFSPA Summer Ball will be held over August Bank Holiday weekend – marquee, posh frocks, champagne, the lot!

Freefly School taking off

The **Bodyflight** freefly school is now in full swing, with lots of new faces eager to attain their FF1 and 2. The school offers coaching in wingsuit flying, which is growing in popularity, and organised tracking dives are a regular feature. With all this going on, the coaches at Bodyflight have still found time to form a team, who are hoping to compete at the Nationals this year.

If you are interested in the school, please contact Andy Ford or Paul Floyd at the dz during weekends, or email on paul@bodyflight.co.uk / andy@bodyflight.co.uk

RAFSPA's junior team **UBI** completed 55 jumps in 6 days, together with two hours tunnel time, and still managed to team up with **4 PAK** along with Coach Solly for Ben's landmark 1,000th jump. **UBI** are currently looking for a cameraflyer please contact Ben Wood at RAFSPA during weekends. Congratulations to Jason and Clare Frost, on the arrival of baby Samuel on 18 April.

Achievements:

Cat 8 Jason Everett, Steve Davies, Mike Smith, Graham Rose, Steve Jones, Guy Clark, Al Burdett
FS1 Sarah Price
FF1 Jules Barber, Freddie Lewis
100 Mike Hayes
100 tandems Ricky Capanni
1,000 jumps Ben Wood
4,000 jumps Steve Scott

Sad farewell....

We say a sad goodbye to Hazel, the dz dog, who popped her paws in April. A frequent visitor to Mark's booty van, Hazel could always be relied upon to gaze adoringly at anyone who happened to have food. We will all miss her but the hangar is now a safer place – no more paws on your lines.



Hazel
Photo: Bev Ford

Bev Ford

Cark

It's been a busy start to the season, with the arrival of the Let 410. This aircraft takes fourteen jumpers to 14,500ft and is proving to be a big draw. The Easter boogie at Cark proved to be very successful, despite a little bad weather, we completed 55 Turbolet loads and 10 Islander loads (the Islander is there totally for the use of our student jumpers). The Saturday night fancy dress party was a big success. The fun dives, achievements and progression was proof that the club is becoming a centre of excellence.

Achievements:

Warp Rating
FS1 Pete Connor
Cat 8 Chris Turner, Wayne Thompson
Dave Gabbott
(Dave has been jumping since 1972- better late than never)
200 Jumps Carol Cummings, Phil Stockdale
100 Tandems Mick Carruthers, Mick Morgan

Unlucky for some? On Friday 13, on the 13th lift, from 13,000 feet Mick Carruthers did his 13th hour in freefall as part of a 13-way. All survived.

Doug Summers



Rob Frost, NWPC
Easter Bunny
Photo: Pete Hughes

Tandem Master Danny Smith,
Photo: Colin Whitaker



Anita Johnson back in the sky
after the birth of daughter Ellie
Photo: Colin Whitaker

club news

Black Knights

Plans are coming together, jumping and entertainment wise, for the Fun Week at the end of June. Friends, old and new are welcome to join us. Tony Cowley and Gemma celebrated the birth of their baby boy, John David. Ian and Tracy Pringle, who recently married in Las Vegas, held a reception party in Blackburn. Wild as usual! The centre is now open most Fridays throughout the summer.

Our website is now powered and maintained by Mike Sowden, one of our skydivers. Mike is MD of Payco UK, the UK's leading Skydiving Internet Service Provider. Contact info@payco.co.uk or **0151 353 0221** if you are interested in a website or if you want a nice email address.

Achievements:

200

Steve Hogan
Steve Hankey

Jeff Illidge

NLPC

Beaver Fever hit Chatteris this month, with the arrival of the Black Beaver. A large deposit has changed hands on a Nomad, so the need for CSI's, BI's and camera flyers for this expanding operation has become apparent, **for a job at the DZ call 01354 740810.**

Seven of our members enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of Perris Valley DZ, plus Tony and Kate Cooper. Our group, spanning all levels of experience enjoyed balloon jumps, big-ways, coaching from the Flyboyz, super fast Otters, good food and a hot tub to chill out in at the end of each day.

Congratulations to Dave Lace who won Gold in Style and Accuracy at the recent Classics Grand Prix.

Achievements:

1,700	Sharon Simonian
400	Heidi King
300	John Stevens
1st freefall	Haden Risbrook
FSI	John Stevens
	Chris Murtaugh
	Ivan Peters
FFI	John Stevens

George Katsoulis

St Andrews

Big Sexy Bird:

Yeah! The good news is that by the time this edition of the Mag is out we'll have already met our new plane — an Islander. There is so



Photo: Erica Peters
Lovely Todd, Kelly, Angel & Vicky

much progression going on and now we'll have the capacity to really move things along. There is sure to be a lot of 4-way and more-way going on now. Since we have a former British Team member as a coach we're looking forward to doing some serious team training this summer (well, I'm looking forward to it!) No doubt we're becoming a real centre of excellence. By the time you read this we'll have had a big Anniversary and Welcome to the Islander Party on May 19. Perhaps we'll have sobered up by now!

Jet Set Society:

A few of us went out to Skydive Elsinore in California which was superbly friendly and the level of coaching was top-class. Todd Hawkins of Team Matrix was our lovely Aussie coach. (Lovely Todd.. Mmm.. sigh .. see pic) Ned Blythe's back from Spain and claims he's done some serious training.

Facilities:

We have a shop now, computerised manifest, and hopefully the concrete will have been poured for our outdoor creeper pad by the time this is out!

We've had some lovely landscaping done, our new furniture has arrived and our jumping curtain woman < wink > has fitted out our nice clubhouse. The beer is on draught and the movies are rolling.

Bye-bye Wackos:

A big, sad good-bye to our very own Wacko Strackos! Mike Strachan's work is taking him and Kelly away to live in Brazil. After our trip to Tijuana in April, I think they caught the Latin fever (well, Kelly did). Good luck!

Monumental Achievements:

Cat 10, FSI, IC1

Jonny Hauxwell
Pete Geppert

Graduated AFF, Cat 8

Graeme MacKay
James Birch
Louise Duguid
Max Griffiths
Brian Wilson
Stuart Richardson
Michael Franchetti
Graham Harris

Cat 8

FSI

1st Freefall

FFI

Vicky Wilkinson

Peterlee

Photo: Bryn Chaffe



There was a slight accident with the Turbo 206 on landing! It has been temporarily replaced by another 206, but the original will be back in action soon. Our social at the Gables pub went well, with Lol Bell particularly getting into the swing of things!

Goodbye to Phil Howarth, one of our tandem instructors, who's moved to a new job up in bonny Scotland. Congratulations to Paul Ward and his partner, Nanine, on the birth of their son George, definitely a future AFF student. Nice one Nicola Henderson who won a BPA award for her fund-raising tandem jump, Nicola is deaf and partially sighted. See JM's newsround for details.

Jane Robertson

Achievements:

1st Freefall: Ollie Neuberger
(ages ago-practically Cat 8 now!)

Cat 8:	Neil Smith, Chris Moore
IC1:	Russ Hammond
100:	Rob Rutherford
200:	Tony Fernyhaugh

Bryn Chaffe became the first birdman to soar over Peterlee skies

Novel tandem exit by Chris Lynch
Photo: Simon Hughes



Achievements:

200	Darren Connaghan
700	Andy Wright
800	Paul Stockwell, Baz Smith
1,000	Simeon Lott (and FS coach)

Ian Foreman

All the staff and club members are still shocked and saddened by the death of Ian Foreman.

Ian died of cancer at the age of 24 on March 30, one month after taking ill while at a Skills Camp with friends in Eloy, Arizona.

He was a young man of exceptional talent – just beginning his competitive skydiving career. His first taste was at the British Nationals at Wild Geese in August '99 when he took Silver in Intermediate Accuracy and Gold in Intermediate Style.

He returned to Hibaldstow a year later for the Combined Nationals and won Bronze on an Intermediate 8-way team; Gold in Intermediate Accuracy and Gold in Intermediate Style. Back home a month later at the Irish Nationals he won Gold in the Junior 4-way and Gold in the Senior Accuracy.

He was one of the quietest, likeable, most unassuming people I have ever met and we were so very proud of him. Our thoughts go out to Ian's parents, Ashley and Nell and brothers, Brian and David.

We find his passing hard to accept and he is dearly missed.

Maggie Penny

Ian Foreman with Wild Geese's Skydiver of the Year 2000 trophy



Wild Geese

Team Whatever; Ronnie Smith, Nigel Moore, Willie Jones & Evan Simpson
Photo: John McCourt



The club had a strange request, a tandem student wanted to publicise his business and asked if he could jump with a live rabbit stuffed down the front of his jumpsuit. When told no and informed that the shock would likely kill the animal he replied "Oh that doesn't matter, it's got bad teeth anyway." He was offered the option of using a toy rabbit or wearing a costume but has not been seen again – so beware if a chap turns up at your DZ looking to do a tandem with something stuffed up his coat!

Tilstock

Pat Walters getting friendly with Martin Wilshaw
Photo: Tullis Matson



We've been able to stay open as normal during the Foot & Mouth outbreak. We're planning another re-

location for a week to the Isle of Man from 8 July 2001, 'drop in' and pay us a visit at Turby airfield that week. Welcome back to Alan Sands after a four year lay off and welcome to new pilot Paul Eicke.

Congratulations to Chris & Charlie Gilmore on their recent marriage (pictured to right). Did the vows include the promise to 'learn to pack tandems for my husband'?



First freefall: Amanda Little
Photo: Tullis Matson



Headcorn

A waterlogged runway, foot and mouth crisis and planes breaking thwarted most attempts to get up in the air. We're now back to as normal as we ever will be, and despite numerous problems getting a large aircraft sorted, we'll have (fingers crossed) a Let running by the time you are reading this! Cathy Travers is leaving the staff – good luck to her in her new job. She's not going far – she'll be in the canteen with Billy Riggs! Welcome to Garry Wilson who is joining the staff for the summer.

Ruth Cooper

POPS new website

www.thepops.org



Well done to Evan Simpson on achieving his tandem rating. Now Nigel and I are fighting to see who will retire, also congratulations to Reggie Diamond who got his FS1 after trying for fifteen years.

Jumps are free

There's lots of events arranged for the summer so call in and say hi, you'll be made to feel welcome and, as Taff from SPCNI found out, you can even jump the Caravan for free!*

John McCourt

Achievements:

ICI	Keith Hoy
1st Freefall	Cathal Cassidy
FSI	Reggie Diamond

* (conditions apply - you must take a tandem)

Jen & Paul Donner celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary – Jen proves the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, as we can vouch for from the food at the canteen. Engagements for Pete Carroll (not that one!) to Helen and Hans Donner to Sara and planned relocation to Australia – we know where to come for holidays now! Also congratulations to pilot Louis and partner Sue on the birth of son Joe.

Liz Rimmer

Achievements:

500	Gavin Stanley
1,000	Tullis Matson
1st Freefall	Rob Little and sister Amanda Little (below)

The club is now running again with the G-92 stationed back with us midweek and weekends, so jumping is busy as usual. The first weekend back was celebrated by a big Saturday night in the bar with our very own Nick Battles playing

live, followed a couple of weeks later with a celebration of Torben and Bernie's marriage! We barely recognised our manifestor and his new hair colour(!). Ruth and Derek Kents' hard work has finally paid off with them both getting their Cat 8's within a week of each other!

Beth King

Target

Achievements:

Cat 8	Ruth and Derek Kent
200	Beth King, Erica Peters
400	Lynne Murray
500	Jason Brister
1,600	Paul Hollow
1,000th Tandem	Baldrick

Photo: Daniel Parker

Everyone enjoyed the chance to jump the APA's Cessna Caravan whilst the APA was operating along side us at South Cerney.

We would all like to congratulate Dean and Laura Hoskins on the birth of their first baby, Callum – apparently he's a dead ringer for the postman. We have also been joined by Tommy Parry, our new member of staff, a big welcome from us all.

Achievements:

FS! (at last !)	Neil Freegard
FS!	Tommy Parry
300	Gary Stevens

Lenny

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3-way FS Comp (3 rounds)

Position		Points
1	Team Personality Lynne Murray (York) Beth King (York) Erica Peters (York)	51
2	Jacuzzi Club Simon Brentford (Leeds) Jim Gwyther (Sheffield) Oli Pitchers (Sheffield)	38
3	Up 3 Fun Will Bradbury (Leeds) Rupert Connell (Independent) Paul Channin (Manchester)	19

Experienced Accuracy

1	Simon Brentford (Leeds)
2	Vicky Wilkinson (Edinburgh)
3	Sam Dickinson (Edinburgh)

Student Accuracy

1	Kate Litherland (Leeds)
2	Jon Watkins (Manchester)
3	Lorraine Blacker (Manchester)

STATS

Competitors:	52
Ages:	19-34
Lifts:	68
Jumps:	nearly 1,000
Organisation:	Kai Sherwood

The gods smiled down on the Collegiates as a long weekend of wall-to-wall blue jumping was enjoyed. Plus a great venue, some top notch competitors and fantastic organisation made a superb start to what promises to be a great summer.

Location – Cark Airfield, situated in Cumbria's scenic Lake District, proved an excellent venue, its Turbolet and Islander perfectly complementing the fantastic coastal view. The hangar provided for Saturday night's rave, which continued until the not-so-early hours with beer and alcopops on sale for £1!

Parties – As always, the evenings' entertainments refused to go by quietly, with the Hawaiian themed event seeing free punch and barbecues, before the cheap bar ensured that no-one went to bed disappointed, or without their complimentary condoms!

Jumping – The level of competition was impressive, with nine teams entering the 3-way FS, and **Jacuzzi Club** scoring a record-breaking 24 points on one dive alone. Only scratch teams were permitted, and a heavy handicapping system was used, ensuring that eventual winners **Team Personality** not only free-flew all their exits, but also had to hand-clap inbetween each point!

The experienced and student accuracy competitions also met with a high degree of success. Everybody went home with something in their pockets, from trophies and medals to watches, T-shirts, rig bags, hats and more! The growing posse of BCPA freeflyers jumped both with themselves and the Target funkies. Collegiate freefly coach Daniel Parker took some of the less experienced flyers under his wing for some one-on-one tuition, whilst the dedicated FS dudes tried their hands at some big-ways.

Progression – BCPA has always been as much about progression as it is about competitions and having a good time. So it was great to see Felicity Wood making it onto dummy pulls, Jon Watkins and Kate Litherland doing their first freefalls, and Lynne Murray and Dan Parker doing their 400th and 600th jumps respectively. Will Bradbury, BCPA Chairman, also completed his sixth hour in freefall. Well done all!

Dave Thompson

Rupert Connell, Kate Litherland, Felicity Wood, Rich Aveyard, Kate Foster and Sue



Photos above and below taken by Kai Sherwood

Kate Litherland, Felicity Wood, Sue, Karen Foster



BCPA Babes: Felicity Wood & Karen Foster, taken by Dave Thompson

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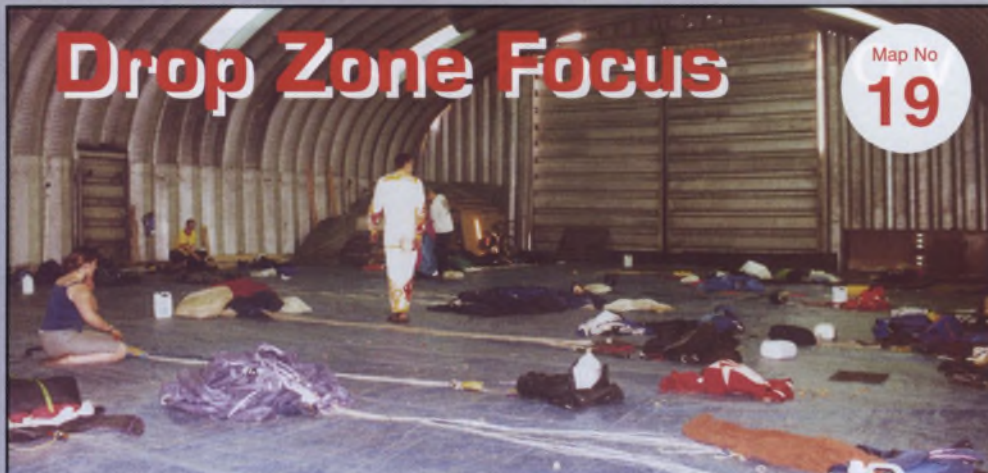
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Aircraft: Do28 G92 (15 place) all year round, SMG92 Turbo Finist (10) mid-week and special events, Cherokee 6 (5). All three available for static lines, if necessary.

Altitude restrictions: None

1st Jump Courses: RAPS, AFF, Tandem

Prices: Student (Static Line & Freefall) £29 plus packing. Experienced £16.50 to 14,500ft. or 10 tickets for £150

Packing Payment: Student £3, Tandem £5

Load Organising: Adi Green, Andy Ibbetson

Coaching:

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2-6 July BCPA Nationals
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Scenery: Humber Bridge and the estuary can be seen on a clear day and the world famous Scunthorpe Steel Works!

Local Attractions: Go-karting, bowling, cinema, leisure centre (swimming pool), paintball, jet ski.

Target Skysport's Commitment: We wish to always move forwards, striving to give the very best skydiving facilities, resulting in skydiving as a whole advancing to a new level. We aim to provide fully for everyone from the weekend fun jumper to the highest level competitor, but having fun is a priority.

Target

Hibaldstow

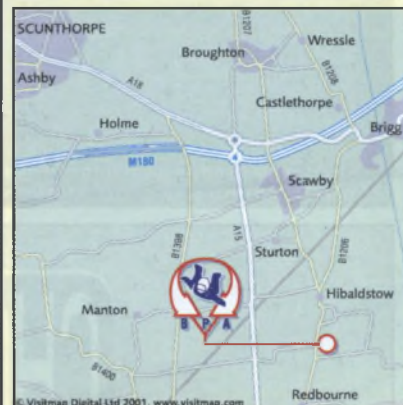
Directions

Travelling from the North or West

Leave the M180 at junction 4 and take the A15, signposted Lincoln. Then take the fourth minor road to the left, signposted Hibaldstow. The road ends at a T junction, turn right and the airfield is about 500 yards on the left.

Travelling from the South

Take the A15 North out of Lincoln, signposted Scunthorpe and M180. Turn right onto the B1206 towards Redbourne, drive through the village of Redbourne and the airfield is on the right just before Hibaldstow village.



Recommended Local Accommodation

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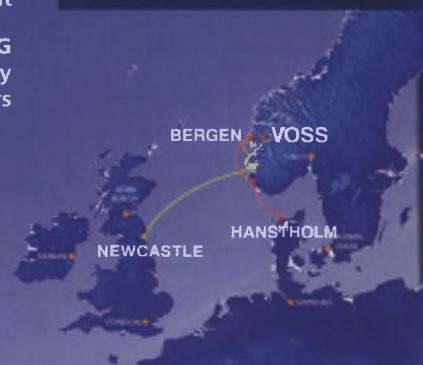
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Key

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Formation Skydiving
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Style & Accuracy
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Freefly & Skysurf
POPS
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JUNE

16-17 FS Grand Prix

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Hinton 01295 812 300
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JULY

2-6 BCPA Nationals

Hibaldstow 0113 250 5600
 BCPA: Awrigh58@ford.com
 www.bcpa.org.uk

6-8 Speed Skydiving Meet

Texel, Holland www.speedskydiving.com
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7-8 Classics Roadshow

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7-8 Andy Kelly 4-way Meet

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7-15 CF Spektakel

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 Bunkhouse: 00 31 55 323 24 62
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9-15 Airspeed Skills Camp

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13-14 4-way Meet

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 Hoexter, Germany 0049 5271 7173

14-15 FS Skills Roadshow

Langar With XL
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14-15 Accuracy and CF Meet

Hinton 01295 812 300 info@skydive.co.uk

14-15 Classics & CF Grand Prix

Border PC, Brunton 01665 589 000
 skydivenorth@email.msn.com
 www.borderparachute.co.uk

14-21 Swedish Freefly Festival

Charles Bryan, Eli Thompson
 and Adrian Nicholas 004 6707 97 97 57
 www.skydiveskane.m.se/friflagj
 freefly@skydiveskane.m.se

15-22 Pre FS Nationals Team/Coaching Week

Royan, France
 pre-UK Nationals team 4 & 8-way
 training/coaching week by Mark Kirkby
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20-22 FS Nationals

1st weekend - 4-way
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 info@targetsky.demon.co.uk
 www.skydiving.co.uk

21-22 Classics Roadshow

Netheravon 01980 678 250
 apa@netheravon.fsnet.co.uk
 www.netheravon.com

25-5A Espace Boogie

boogie@espace-boogie.com
 www.espace-boogie.com
 may be at lapalisse or at Vichy, venueTBA
 * date change from last issue

27-29 FS Nationals

2nd weekend - 4 and 8-way
 Hibaldstow 0113 250 5600
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27-29 2-way Canopy Formation Skydiving Cup

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 www.skyservices.net

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Hinton 01295 812 300
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AUGUST

3-5 Classics & CF Nationals

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3-5 FS Skills Roadshow

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3-12 Extravaganza plus Skills Camp/FS Roadshow

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4-5 POPS Meet

Sibson, Peterborough 01832 280 490
 pete@thepops.org www.thepops.org

4-5 Scrambles Meet

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4-6 Irish Open Nationals

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 www.skydive-northwest.com

4-12 World Freefall Convention

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10-12 Classics & CF Nationals

2nd weekend
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11-17 French Nationals

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14-23 World Games

Akita, Japan.
 FS freestyle, skysurf, CF, classics

16-25 Operation Royal Salute

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17-19 New Age Nationals

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18-26 Karlovy Vary Boogie

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23-26 16-way Meet

Brienne Le Château
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24-26 16-way Meet

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24-26 2-way Canopy Formation Skydiving Cup

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24-25 Fun/Progression Week

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25 Headstock Balloon Festival

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25-26 Dicko 16-way Meet

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25-25 Freefly Festival

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25-27 Third Annual Speed Freaks & International Competition

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30-95 Red Devils Reunion Jump

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SEPTEMBER

1-2 LAC Meet

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1-2 FS Grand Prix

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4-5 POPS Meet

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1-8 World Stack CF Record Attempt

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red_devil_cf@hotmail.com bpslangar@aol.com

28-30 Speed Skydiving Meet

CPCB, Empuriabrava, Spain
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29-30 FS Skills Roadshow

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20-28 US Nationals

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27 End Of Season Party

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Lapalisse, France 00 33 4 70 90 18 03
www.lapalisse-aero.com

27-10N Kenya Safari Beach Boogie

Diani, 0025 4288 4258 www.skydivikenya.com
ronnie_limborg@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER

1-4 Para-Performance World Games

Perris Valley, USA paraprotoour@excite.com
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DECEMBER

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15 Christmas Dinner Dance

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Wild Geese 028 295 58609
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ACROSS

1 Lifts. 3 Stilettos. 8 Team. 9 Pilot chute.
11 Collapse. 12 BPA. 15 Mist. 16 Groundrush.
19 Releasable. 20 Open. 23 Jet. 24 Approach.
27 Manifestor. 28 STOL. 29 Crosswind.
30 Paras.

DOWN

1 Latecomer. 2 Fearlessly. 3 Slipstream
4 Iron. 5 Escapade. 6 Taut. 7 Speed.
10 Bag. 13 Pull-up cord. 14 Jumpmaster.
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