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editorial

FEEDBACK is the subject of this month's editorial. When Simon Ward asked me what I liked best about my job, at the AGM magazine open forum, I said it was getting positive feedback. Unlike most editors, I am lucky enough to meet most of my readers, it's great to find out what you like.

Elaborating on that theme, it's horrible getting negative feedback second, third or fourth hand. I always think, why couldn't that person have talked to me? I hope I'm approachable enough for anyone with a query to ring or talk to me directly. Most people who call with a problem are quite happy when they find out the reason behind it or discover we're prepared to act on it.

So, if you find yourself having a moan about the Mag to someone, please call us instead and maybe we can do something about it. If you don't call us, we can't change anything, can we?

We have acted on the feedback in last issue's letters page about the centre pages falling out. The last three magazines (Aug, Oct, Dec) we tried a new, cheaper print process called web where the paper is printed on both sides of a continuous roll, then folded, glued and stapled as part of a machine line. This issue we have reverted to traditional sheet-fed where there is more control over print quality and finishing.

So - keep talking to us - we're listening!

Lesley

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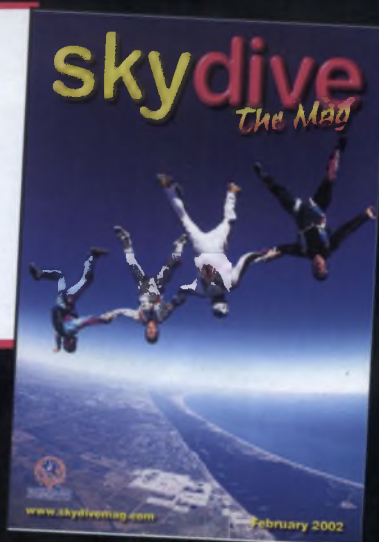
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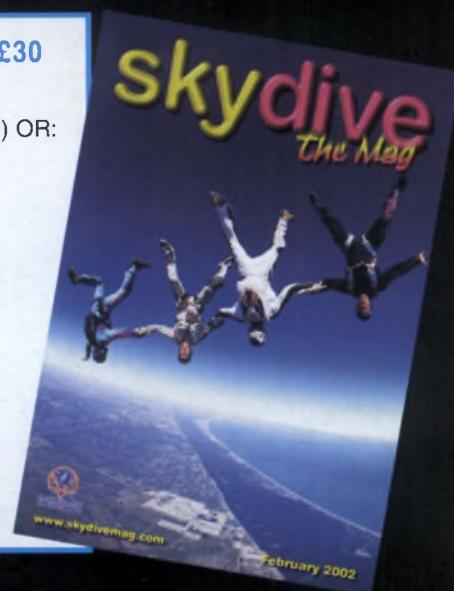
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AGM

The Social Event of the Year

The AGM is the one time in the year that we get together purely to party with no first lift calls to interfere with the task of hard core drinking

The buzz of anticipation could be felt all over the Hanover

Saturday 19th January saw skydivers practically taking over the asylum of the Hanover Hotel, Hinckley for the 35th annual AGM weekend.

At 10am, the reception area was heaving with day-sacs and suit-bags; the London Suite was packed with people wandering around the array of exhibition stands; the brasserie was satisfying demanding appetites; and rumour has it that someone was already attempting to order beer in the Snooty Fox bar (was that Derro Thomas?!).

AGM AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To an audience of record numbers, Chris Allen (together with sound bites) took us through the highs and lows of 2001. His speech is printed as an insert but here's the lowdown ...

2001 was an inauspicious year. We experienced the wettest months on record, appalling even by UK standards; the distressing Foot and Mouth epidemic and the tragedy that was September 11th, grounding both aircraft and human spirit.

Membership Increase

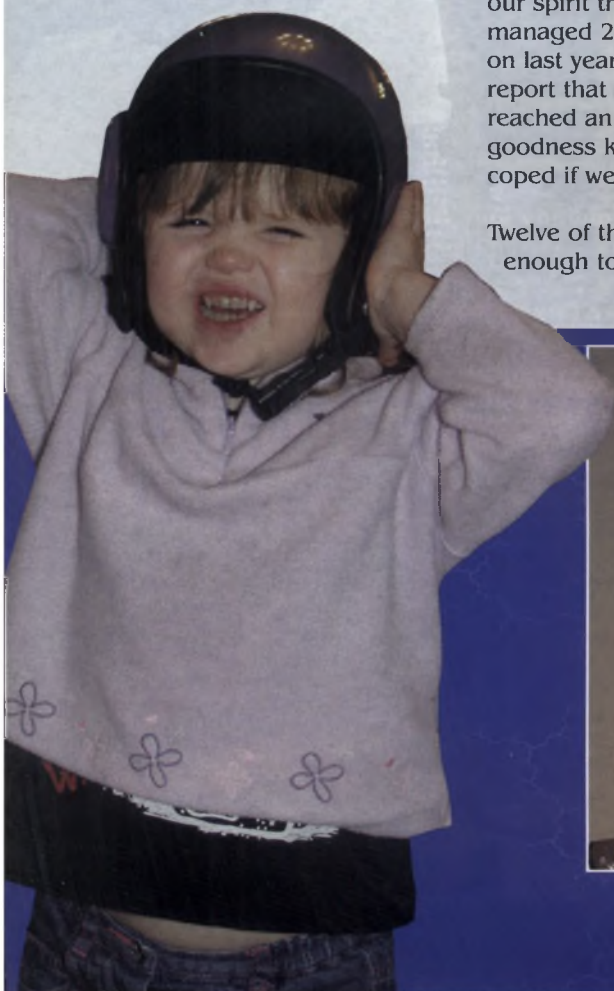
Even in the face of such adversity, such is our spirit that skydivers in the UK still managed 200,000 jumps, only 1.5% down on last year's total. Chris was delighted to report that full time BPA membership has reached an all-time high of 5,383 – goodness knows how reception would have coped if we'd all turned up!

Twelve of these members were brave enough to stand for the fifteen BPA

Council, so all nominees were elected, saving us from the Miss World style "I'll announce the results in reverse order" scenario.

Competitions

With a £45,00 grant from the UK Sports Council, £25,000 was used to support teams competing at world level. *XL* represented the UK at the World Games in Japan, an event that positively demonstrated the marketability of our sport. At the World Air Games held in Granada Spain, competitors experienced an appalling lack of organisation. IPC has promised future event organisation will be of an appropriate standard. The British team manager, John Smyth, worked tirelessly on behalf of our teams and, in recognition of his outstanding (and unpaid) services, John was awarded a BPA Certificate of Merit. Later in the day he was presented with a further accolade – the *VNE* orange bow tie, which he wore with pride to the dinner dance!



Mike Forge Trophy (Skydiver of the Year): Maria Russell of Hinton



Sarah-Jayne Thomas shows off her artistic wares (above) whilst brother Chris (below) models the latest TSE touchy-feely Zerox



Photos:
Simon Ward
& Lesley Gale
on **Olympus Digital**



Instructor of the Year: Richard Allaway of the Red Devils



Weekend Nationals Here to Stay

Holding our own Nationals over weekends proved popular, and will therefore be adopted in 2002. It is hoped this will encourage an increase in the number of teams who enter – little or no holiday required, so go for it – it's invaluable competition experience.

Stuff to Celebrate

Twelve coaching roadshows were run across the country in 2001. Feedback has been tremendous, with top teams and individuals in the sport sharing their knowledge with skydivers of the future. More are planned for 2002 (hopefully including new age disciplines), so keep your eyes on the Mag for more details.



And talking of the Mag – 2001 saw the largest BPA Mag ever – 84 glorious pages – the search is now on for staples big enough to cope! The Mag was also recognised by the Royal Aero Club, who presented our very own gorgeous cool chick editor with the Nexus Aviation Journalist of Year award. Congratulations Lesley, and welcome to Bev Fairhurst who joins the Mag as club news editor and super-capable assistant. The Royal Aero Club further endorsed our sport in 2001, through recognition of other members – Adrian Nicholas (silver medal), Tony Knight (bronze medal) and VMax the coveted Prince of Wales trophy.

Lofty Thomas (pictured left), who retires from Council this year at the tender age of 70, received a special award from the BPA in recognition of his 28 years of commitment. Way to go, Lofty.

TRADE STANDS

This year boasted the largest number of gear stands and trade exhibition yet. The bearded wonder that is Bill Booth from USA, Airtec from Germany and Derro Thomas of Sunpath had all made it to the AGM (although Derro appeared to be trading in the bar not the exhibition hall).

It was obvious that we Brits don't need to go anywhere else for kit. On display were the combined talents of our very own UK rig manufacturer, Chris Thomas of TSE; Colin Bridges with his Time-Out; Rob measuring up for Symbiosis jumpsuits and Steve Swain's collection of helmets from 2K Composites. Plus a plethora of cool stuff such as Rickerby's paintings, Sarah-Jayne's glasswork, Chappy's toasty reptilian gear and Harrison Beaumont's free yummy lollipops and prize draw.

I asked Kai Körner of Airtec who does shows all over the world, what the main differences were with our AGM and other countries. *"The British AGM is very well attended but the main thing is I cannot believe how much everybody drinks over here!"*



BPA Certificate of Merit

John Smyth for his unpaid work as Team Manager at the World Air Games



Judges Certificate

*FAI International Judge in Freestyle, Freefly and Skysurf
Dona Crum*



It's a spectator sport – VMax's lively seminar on the Mantis position had volunteers trying it out on the floor



Paul Morrison of Groundrush and Steve Swain of 2K Composites



Newlyweds Jennifer and Dave Rickerby with his paintings



Judges Certificate
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Karla Cole



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Ian Midgley for his tireless work on the BPA website



GRAND PRIX OVERALL AWARDS

Formation Skydiving Champions



Senior: Handbags at Dawn

Keith Riley, Vicki Priest, Marcus Beck, Sally Beck, Alex Lewis,
Richard Wheatley



Intermediate: Team Quest

Lynne Murray, Simon Brentford, Jean-Philippe Reynard, Andy Wright, Goody



Junior: No Illusion

Peter Hahnfeld, Helen Crowther, Philippa Dean, Rosalind Ayling, Catherine Harrison, Ian Chapman

Canopy Formation Champions



Take Me

Sylvianne Herrick, Pat Hammond,
Karen Brennen, Eugene Brennan,
Yo Lee



SEMINARS

Once again, we were spoilt for choice with seminar subjects and presenters. *VNE*, the *Red Devils*, *VMax* and the irrepressible Ian Chapman, to name a few. It was an impressive line-up, and all were well-attended. The standard of what is offered seems to improve annually as the speakers try to outdo last year's efforts. The bar was buzzing with people off on a rant about what they had heard, learned or disagreed with at the seminars.

It should be noted though that some people resorted to bribery to guarantee attendance. What else can you call *VMax*'s lewd promise to 'demonstrate the mantis position' and Lesley of the Mag's shameless offer of a free drink? Well, really!...

OPEN FORUMS

The BPA Competitions Committee ran an open forum attended by around 40 people, mostly competitors; this is reported in the Council page.

The Mag ran a lively meeting of about 70 people where opinions were aired freely but kept well on track by chairman Simon Ward. The atmosphere of open discussion, banter and good humour was enhanced by a free glass of wine, courtesy of Lesley which was (unsurprisingly) extremely well received. Both Bev and Lesley were open, approachable and reacted positively to any constructive criticism. A full report is in the feedback section of the Mag website, www.skydivemag.com

Classics Champions



Senior Accuracy
Glenn Stephenson



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Sylvianne Herrick



6,000 jumps
Dave Wood



48 hours freefall
Mike Wills





Grounded
packed the
dance floor
from their first
track.

THE POSH FROCK BIT

The dinner dance also saw an increase in the number of people who wanted to dress up and party.

Well, you don't really attend for the cuisine. For the second year running, the food was served hot, and thus followed the now traditional table competition of *Guess the Main Course* (Did you get it right?).

THE PARTY

Dinner over, the party really kicked off. Rhino, Chris, Kev, Leggy and John – better known as *Grounded* played a blinding set, showing off lots of new stuff in their repertoire. Those who didn't attend the dinner still donned their party frocks and joined in the fun. The dance floor just wasn't big enough, so the stage and tables were taken over with disco divas, boogie-woogie boys and rock chicks strutting their stuff.

So, was it a good night? The party never ended, people just went straight into breakfast... need we say more?

Article and Hop Tip by Bev Ford
(pictured below right)
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HOT TIPS

Approach the AGM as you would a training camp

Hollie-Blue Allum with
her father, Pete



Arrive early: preferably on the Friday to allow plenty of time for orientation (bar to seminar rooms; bar to food; food to bar etc).

Stretch: start the weekend with gentle stretching exercises. This will help to avoid injury as you reach for your pint, elbow your way through the exhibitions or boogie on the dance floor.

Drink plenty of fluids: keeping fluid levels high is important as this dulls the shock of how much a round costs. Beer and G&T seem to be most popular.

Arrive well rested and well fed: imperative in order to maintain your pace. There is little time for eating or sleeping between the AGM, seminars, bar time, socialising and telling tall tales.

Seek expert advice: tap into the wealth of knowledge within our sport. Ask the experts for the best time slot for breakfast, the temperature of the indoor pool, the most palatable beer. And of course, which seminars to attend.

Maximise your time: the bar stays open till the last person leaves or runs out of money, whichever is first.

Follow these top tips and you too can enjoy a great AGM in 2003...

See you there!



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JM^{Is} Newsround

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John Mayo



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The Royal Aero Club Trust wishes to appoint a part-time, unsalaried and home-based volunteer to act as The Trust's Youth Air Sport Adviser to manage its 'Flying for Youth' programme. The Adviser will be a member of the management team.

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Tunnel Mania

There are plenty of opportunities available at all levels to take part in wind tunnel training camps at the SkyVenture wind tunnel, Orlando, Florida.

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(includes 2 days jumping)
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30-31 March
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AFF with Skydive U

This is the first tunnel camp aimed exclusively at AFF students
24-26 April

Anne Maxwell
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www.skydiveu.com

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Pete Allum
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Adrian Nicholas

Coaching for Coaches

Skydive U Advanced Coaching Camp 16-19 May

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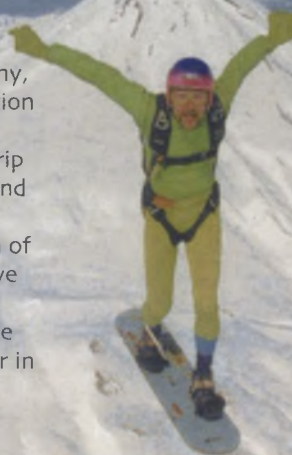
The camp is open to anyone who holds a coaching rating (AFF, USPA coach, Skydive U or equivalent) and is organised by Anne Maxwell, Skydive University Campus Director in Sebastian.

Each day will be a series of workshops, discussions, forums and seminars followed by wind tunnel sessions with these coaches in the evenings.

Anne Maxwell
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Jump over a Volcano

The Dutch company, Fly Russia and Aeroprize, a Russian company, are planning a skydiving expedition in the first two weeks of September to Kamchatka. The trip is primarily aimed at skydivers and pilots, although everyone is welcome. This eastern peninsula of Russia is well known for its active volcanos, unspoiled nature and Indian summers. Lodgings will be in simple huts along the route or in expedition tents. This offers the rare opportunity to jump over a volcano.



Nathalie Chudiak
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Squawk Boxes for Skydivers

Apparently there is a scheme afoot to force all sky users, including skydivers, to carry a gadget called a Mode-S-Transponder or 'squawk box'. The suggestion is the work of Eurocontrol, a mysterious regulatory body made up of the national aviation authorities of more than thirty countries. They plan to bring this into force by 2008. According to an article in the Daily Telegraph these boxes cost about £6,000! Given that a lot of skydivers moan about the cost of a Cypres this would devastate recreational skydiving. The BPA and the Royal Aero Club will be fighting against it as, no doubt will governing bodies in many other European countries.

For the full article, click the link on JM's web page.

Andy Ford

Wingsuits at Weston



Andy Ford would like to see how many wingsuit flyers and wannabes are willing to get together this year for a wingsuit meet. This is where you can exchange ideas and information and promote the wingsuit within the BPA.

This is an opportunity to learn from each other, with some large UK flock or formation dives and try some possible Brit wingsuit records. Hopefully there will be some top wingsuit flyers to give seminars. The meet could have a competitive edge, ie. longest cumulative

freefall over three rounds, slowest fall, farthest flight, etc.

The meet is open to anyone who has the required 500 jumps to fly a wingsuit and there may be demo suits for those who would like to have a go. You are all out there lurking in the corners of all drop zones! Come and build some big stuff! Let Andy Ford know if you are interested and if you have any other ideas for the wingsuit meet this year.

Andy Ford
ford1fly@aol.com

Make yourself famous!

Laurie Steel and Andrew Clinger are working on an unusual skydiving book. They aim to make a collection of logbook entries, with a one-page biographical section and a quote from each contributor. They would like information from all skydivers; famous, infamous and low-timers. When entries are received, they'll send an information form for contributors to fill out.

Book Info regret that they are unable to return photos so do make copies before you send them off! We all deserve to be famous for something. Why not for something we all love? Pick out your two favourite logbook entries, photocopy them and send with any photos to:

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You can also fax your entries to:
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Simon Ward

Stolen Gear

Some kit was nicked from a car in Bradford on Sunday 6 January. All equipment was in a large, black Carlton rucksack. Any information would be appreciated.

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Talon Container – black with red/white closing flap – 0533
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Protec – black with camera mount
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Symbiosis FS Suit – black with purple and green grips.
Aircare FS Suit – black with yellow grips
FF Pants – white with tartan stripes down legs
Document Wallet – black with pink beading Inc docs

CF Coaching Certificate

The introduction of the CF1 category has been successful after the three canopy formation seminars run at DZs in the UK over the past year. With a view to ensuring safety and quality of CF coaching, Aron Jones with the help of Ian Marshall and other experienced CReW jumpers will introduce a formal coaching qualification for the CF1 category, aiming to standardise the CF coaching in the BPA.

This category is for people who wish to coach CF and would work along the same lines as the Formation Skydiving coaching certificate. It would not be compulsory to hold the certificate for CF coaching although it would be highly recommended.

Aron Jones
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British Big-ways

Cool Chicks 50-way

Lesley Gale, VMax and Langar aim to put a female 50-way together this year on the weekend of 7-8 September. Invitations will go out soon and the process of selection will continue throughout 2002. Any hot female skydivers wanting to remind Lesley of their talent, do please contact her by email using Cool Chicks in the subject line.

It seems unbelievable that the women's British record still stands at just 38, this was set at Langar in 1994 (a larger formation of 47 was built but this was incomplete). There are lots of accomplished female skydivers in the UK and the standard has increased over the last few years. It was noticeable at the AGM how many women were collecting awards compared to, say, five years ago. Let's put this talent together and see what we can make as a team.

Lesley Gale
editor@skydivemag.com

Over 40s record

If you're over forty but the thought of POPS makes you cringe, you're just the bod Paul French wants to hear from. Paul and POPS are running two big-way weekends at Langar to smash the POPS formation record way above the current (sad!) fourteen. We want POPS-eligible people from all over the country to pitch up at Langar on 6-7 April and 31 August to 1 September for fun loads building up to record attempts. The BBC has expressed an interest.

Load organisers, cameramen and video debriefing will be supplied by Langar. POPS-eligible leading jumpers will be on hand to critique, provide suggestions and guide us on our way, as well as being a hard core base for the record attempt. There are lots of top Brit over 40s jumpers who've never been to a POPS meet, fair play to you, but why not come out of the woodwork just for these weekends to build something as big as we can?

Paul French
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Photo: Adrien Nicholas

NEED 4 SPEED

Craig Poxon is offering to run taster events in speed skydiving. ProTracks will kindly be provided by Larsen & Brusgaard and expertise by Chappy (of Original Lizard) and Craig. After the success of the seminar at this year's BPA AGM, so far nine drop zones have expressed an interest in running such a meet. They are:
Cark, Chatteris, Langar, Weston, Netheravon, Peterborough, Strathallan, St Andrews, Wild Geese

If your drop zone isn't listed and you'd like to take part you should contact your DZO or CCI. If they are unable to host a competition why not come along to one of the others?

Since the Speed Skydiving World Cup will be taking place over six weekends in July, August and September, the UK meets are likely to take place before these months to give people an opportunity to take part in the world events if they get a taste for it!

Craig Poxon
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Simon Ward

International Speed Skydiving Tribe:
www.speedskydiving.net

PowerPoint presentation and notes on speed skydiving:
www.speedskydiving.org/speedskydiving.ppt

Deaf World Record



Mike Zban

On 1 September a deaf world record was set at Skydive San Marcos, Texas, beating the 7-way record in Australia in the 90s. The team managed a 12-way then beat that with a 14-way from 11,500ft which was complete by 8,000ft! Thanks to all the organisers, sponsors and participants for all your support.

Alan Thompson
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Imagine a dirt dive with 14 deaf jumpers!

Congratulations to the record holders:

Alan Thompson	UK
Mitsuhiro Masuda	Japan
John Woo	China
Charl de Villiers	S Africa
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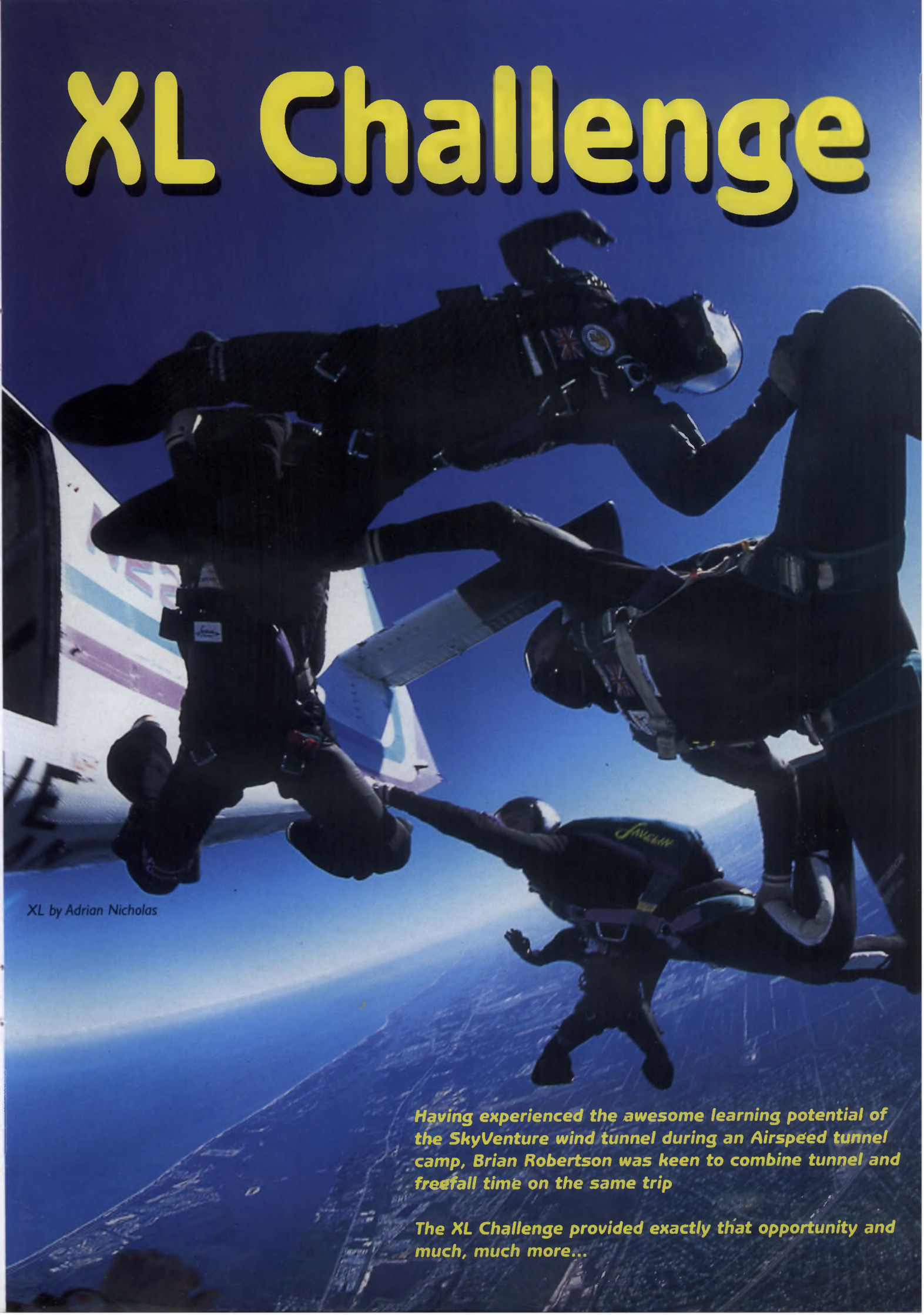
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Slide show on the hangar by Tony Hathaway on the 30th

XL Challenge

A full-page photograph of three skydivers in formation against a clear blue sky. The skydivers are wearing dark jumpsuits with various patches, including a Union Jack. One skydiver in the foreground has 'JAWGUN' written on their back. The wing and tail of a white aircraft are visible on the left side of the frame. The skydivers are in various poses, with one reaching out towards the others.

XL by Adrian Nicholas

Having experienced the awesome learning potential of the SkyVenture wind tunnel during an Airspeed tunnel camp, Brian Robertson was keen to combine tunnel and freefall time on the same trip

The XL Challenge provided exactly that opportunity and much, much more...

XL Challenge

“the best experience we have ever had in the sport”

The XL Challenge aims to coach individuals to their absolute maximum potential. The combination of wind tunnel training and professional expertise of XL coaches in the air, produced results which were way beyond our expectations.

A student to coach ratio of 1:1 ensures a high level of intensive personal coaching. The first day jumping starts with basic 2-way dives, followed for the remainder of the camp by 4-way, with two of XL and two trainees. In order to achieve these ratios there are only eight slots on each camp.

I, Melissa Harvie and Billy Somerville, all experienced jumpers agreed that this was the best experience which we have ever had in our twentyish years in the sport.



The XL Challenge includes 30 jumps with two of XL and two 'campers'...

Mike Myers

The Wind Tunnel

The tunnel is located in Orlando and is owned and operated by SkyVenture. Having heard so much about the tunnel I must admit to being slightly surprised when I first saw it. My first thought was 'Is that it?' But immediately I was in there I fully realised what all the fuss was about and why it's described as totally addictive.

The tunnel is a completely sterile learning environment. An individual can remain totally focused on their body flight and learning processes, with no external distractions.

The machine works via a number of large fans located in the top of the structure, which suck the air up from the open base at ground level. The actual flight chamber is located about 25 feet above the base. A wire mesh prevents people falling out of the flight chamber into the street below. We found this to be a big advantage at times! All the action is monitored by the operator for safety reasons. A mirror has been placed some distance up which you can use to check out your body position. SkyVenture will kindly video all sessions on request.

The airflow is uniform throughout, to the best of my knowledge, and the airspeed seems to be around the 125mph mark. We noticed that the airspeed was much faster during the night time sessions, when the outside air was colder, than during the heat of the day. The weather also has an affect. When it's windy outside there are slight airspeed fluctuations; however this only alters the vertical position of the group in relation to their position in the



... combined with time in the SkyVenture wind tunnel. Photo shows VNE by Colin Bridges

Melissa Harvie and Steve Hamilton over Sebastian, photo by Scott Hartley



tunnel and not to each other. If it rains outside, the rain is sucked into the tunnel and you get blasted just like rain in freefall! This is a major problem for those without full face helmets.

The normal flight time actually on the air is two minutes. Most people find the tunnel seriously hard work, so that is usually enough without a break. We found that any more time became very tiring and performance drops. I have managed six minutes continuously and, having reviewed the video, I would question the value of the last 2-3 minutes due to the tiredness factor.

An open mind is required in the approach to tunnel flight. We had no regrets when we crashed and burned on many occasions! Only by exceeding our limits in the tunnel many times, did we manage to recognise them, which allowed us to then fly to our maximum potential in the sky.

The XL Challenge

The idea of XL was to provide a top quality coaching event. The first day was spent on 2-way warm-up dives, one to one, with XL practising and polishing up basic FS skills. Without this solid foundation further progression could not be possible. When these skills were considered adequate, we then moved on to 4-way, with two of XL.

During the first two days the coaches assessed where we needed to improve and those points were then worked on in the tunnel during our evening sessions. I must admit to driving back from the

tunnel thinking, 'I wonder how it's going to go tomorrow in the air?' During the first jump the next day the benefit was so obvious. From then on the dives really hotted up. After another day's jumping we went back to the tunnel again to work on specific points for improvement. Driving back that night I thought 'I can't wait to get back in the air tomorrow'. Again the benefit was clear and the jumps just got better and better all the time.

This almost vertical learning curve was the case for all who attended the camp. One jumper had done no FS in the previous year and yet almost instantly regained his skills.

The XL coaches progressively increased the complexity of the dives and pushed us harder and harder throughout the camp. The culmination for me was a slot changer using rotating vertical transitions which left me speechless.

In all we did the planned number of 30 jumps with XL. There was also time left for us to try a few jumps afterwards to consolidate and appreciate the skills learned.

The Result

The tremendous benefits of the tunnel time and in air coaching became clear after our first tunnel session. Everyone at the camp experienced an enormous increase in skills. Body positions improved, cross referencing became natural and our general awareness of the entire dive expanded no end. We really nailed our vertical skills on both blocks and during individual flying.



Photos: Scott Hartley





Mike Myers

Melissa Harvie, Brian Robertson with John & Pete from XL in the air and on the ground (right)

The latest XL line-up?
No but you can live the dream for a week!

The Future

The days of teams trying to train on blocks and randoms, plus work on individual flying skills at the same time are now gone. I'm sure many people have done team training when someone has disappeared into the distance while trying to do a simple in-place turn. With the benefit of the tunnel to develop those individual skills, that situation should no longer exist, allowing teams to practice the blocks and randoms after fixing personal skills in the tunnel, thus making 4-way training more cost effective and far more productive.

Teams that have not done tunnel training just will not be competitive nowadays. No serious 4-way team would now consider team training without using the wind tunnel to perfect their personal skills first. I have now spent many years in the sport and have been very concerned about the drift towards freeflying and the decreasing level of interest in FS. Part of the reason for this lies in personal dissatisfaction with FS; dives that just don't work, people going low, incomplete formations, etc. As more and more jumpers improve their skills using the tunnel and events like the XL Challenge, the success levels in FS should increase. Perhaps this will revitalise interest in flat flying, it certainly has for me.

Brian Robertson
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XL Update



by Pete Allum

The last round of the World Games in Japan was a poignant moment for XL; Toby was to be making his last jump with the team. After five years of distinguished service, Toby was off to find happiness behind the controls of an aircraft. He is currently passing exams for all of his various qualifications. The team took a long inhale ... and then decided that 4-way was loads too much fun and that real life could wait for another couple of years.

We tried out two of the nicest most qualified people for the remaining slot and, after the dust had settled, we were joined by a 20 year old guy, he has barely 500 jumps but has over 800 hours of wind tunnel time! Those of you who have flown in the SkyVenture wind tunnel

will recognise the name of Thomas Hughes. He left the UK five years ago and started working in tunnel as soon as it opened.

The team has continued with the excellent relationship it has with its previous sponsors and is currently at Sebastian. As well as training as much as humanly possible Sebastian XL is running a number of coaching events, see Brian's text for details of the XL Challenge and Tunnel Camps. We have trained and coached extensively in the tunnel over the past two years. Contact us for details of future camps and slots available.

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The latest XL line-up: Steve Hamilton, Rob Stevenson, Pete Allum, John Mciver, Thomas Hughes



Thomas Hughes, new Sebastian XL member

Photos: Katarina Ollikainen

XL Challenge

Sebastian XL Tunnel Camps

XL are now hosting tunnel camps, with the first on 23-24 March. The camp is open to twelve people and includes one hour's flying time (actually on the air). There will be seminars and talks by the XL guys along with the usual stretching and preparatory sessions. The cost of the camp is \$800. Food is also included in the camp fee. This represents seriously good value for money!

Additional tunnel time can also be purchased. Hotel accommodation opposite the tunnel costs \$38 per night and a hire car is not required as the tunnel can be reached from Orlando International Airport by shuttle bus.

Having received coaching from both Airspeed and Sebastian XL in the tunnel, I found the XL coaching more personalised towards the areas which I required to improve upon. This differed from the more rigid Airspeed tunnel camp structure.

Brian Robertson

XL Challenge

The next XL Challenge will be on 17-21 April.

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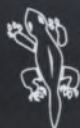
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BPA MATTERS

2002 Council members: (from left) Andy Houston, Jim White, Ian Marshall, Dave Hickling, Kieran Brady, Ian Midgley

Chris Allen (centre), John Smyth, Eddie Jones, Craig Poxon, Barrie Buck (now resigned), Paul Applegate

Renewal Time

Your BPA membership renewal form is included as an insert to this Mag. You must renew before the start of the new Membership year, 1 April 2002, to jump after this date. Complete your form and return it to the BPA Office with payment NOW.

Questionnaire

Please also return the membership survey questionnaire at the same time. Council wants to know your opinions.

New BPA Membership Card

A new style of membership card is being introduced this year (pictured, top right). The background photograph is by kind



permission of Ian Brown. A similar style of card but without a photograph will be phased in for pilots and pilot examiners.

Resignation

Barrie Buck has announced that, with much regret, he has had to resign from the Council because of a change of work that he did not envisage when he stood for Council last autumn.

Martin Shuttleworth, BPA Office

Competitions Matters

Dates and places for the Nationals and most Regionals are shown in the diary. We are asking for a third time to get DZs to host the Classics Regionals. Any offers would be really welcomed, contact the BPA office.

Coaching Roadshows

Drop zones who would like to host a roadshow should contact the relevant discipline rep. Target, Sibson and St Andrews are holding FS roadshows, dates are in the diary, inside back cover. Keep checking the website diary for other dates as it is frequently updated. Cameraflying roadshows will take place alongside the the FS roadshows.

Discipline Reps

FS	Jim White	CF	Ian Marshall
New Age	Paul Applegate	Classics	Andy Houston

Judging

Kate Charters has been elected as judges' co-ordinator, thanks for another year Kate!

New Age

There will be a junior event at this year's New Age Nationals plus compulsories for the seniors. Sue Meacock has offered to host a brainstorming session at Sibson to sort out the rules with Apples (Paul Applegate), Dona Crum and Nigel Holland who has been co-opted on to Comps committee to help.

2-way CF

There will be a 2-way speed competition in this year's CF regionals and Nationals. Rules for this can now be downloaded from the BPA website.

John Smyth, Chairman of Competitions

AGM - Comps Committee Open Forum

The Competitions Committee open forum, attended by about 40 people, generated a lively, constructive debate and great input for the next IPC meeting. The BPA skills roadshows were highly rated for passing on techniques, developing skills and breaking down the concept of skygods (and skygoddesses).

The classics competitors spoke passionately about on or off year selection, finally voting for ON year selection, agreeing with the decision made by Comps committee.

New BPA Ratings

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IPC New Dive Pool

On 27 January, IPC's annual meeting saw vehement world-wide opposition to IPC's suggestion that meets should have fewer rounds. The competitors' choice won through and meets remain at ten rounds. There is now no limit on the number of jumps per day and the meet will be called after five days. The 4 and 8-way FS pools have been reduced from 24 blocks to 22, with the three point blocks gone in 8-way. Many of the changes are to reduce overlap of formations. The female 4-way event will continue. The changes to the dive pool are summarised below with the completely new formations pictured.

OUT in 8-way

BLOCKS:

2. Compressed Accordion – Compressed Accordion
7. In-out – Bipole Donuts
17. Old Bone – Amoeba
23. Bear – Bear – Bear
22. Diamond – Bone – Diamond (now 2 point block)
24. Jammy Donuts

RANDOM:

0. Donut Cross

8-way

NEW BLOCKS:

2. Swiss Bear – Swiss Bear
7. Bipole Donuts – Bipole Donuts
17. Venus – Venus
22. Old Bone – Diamonds (2nd part of old block 22)

NEW RANDOM:

0. Compressed Accordion

4-way

NEW BLOCKS:

5. Opal – Opal
20. Piver – Viper

NEW RANDOMS:

- F. Open Accordion
- H. Bow

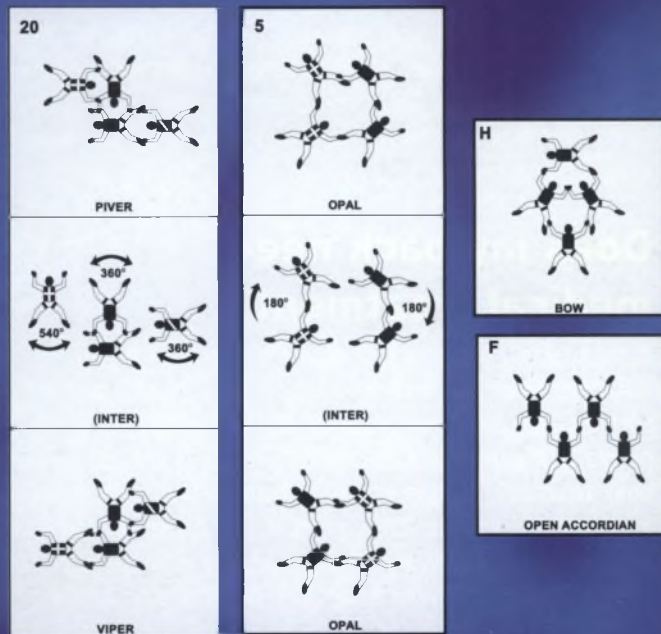
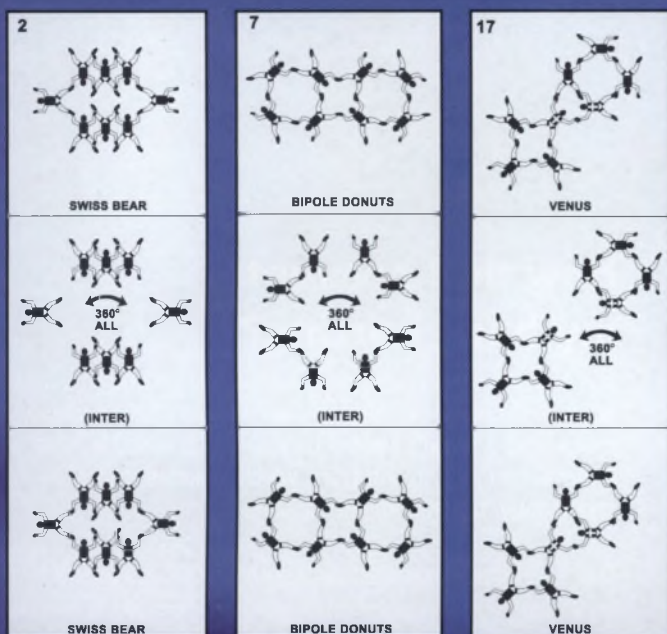
OUT in 4-way

BLOCKS:

1. Snowflake – Snowflake
5. Black Hole – Bipole
16. Side Flake Donut – Side Flake Opal
20. Open Stairstep – Compressed Stairstep

RANDOMS:

- F. Twins
- H. Opal



"The new pool decreases memory in the 8-way event which was considered to be a problem by some; others say it's one of the skills of 8-way. The changes will result in more 'repeater' dives where people stay in slot. The VNE proposal sent to IPC was very much against 'formation - 360 - formation'; however 3 out of the 4 new blocks are of this type. Though it's a simpler pool, scores will probably decrease as the new blocks are designed to be slow. The pool's a better option than IPC or the French were proposing but has lost a lot of the character and imagination that makes 8-way interesting. Anyway, anorak off, at least the meet has been kept at ten rounds, this was the main point of concern."

"I'm happy with what they have decided. The new blocks look fun, especially Piver – Viper. We can't wait to try them! It's nice to have something new. I'm glad they've taken out the old block 20 (open stairstep – compressed stairstep) as it was very similar to 21 (zig-zag – marquis) and 23 (snowflake – offset). The new blocks offer a little more diversity. I'm also glad that they have decided to stick with the ten round meet which allows teams to be tested on many different permutations. When you invest loads in training, to just do five or six rounds (suggested by the IPC) would be an awful shame."

Sparky, VMax

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Other IPC News

The Portuguese Parachute Federation has withdrawn its bid to run World Cups in 2002.

Potential organisers who would like to hold such an event should put bids in to IPC before 1 March.

Pål Bergan has now retired as Chairman of the FS subcommittee after "nine years pf challenging and interesting work" The new FS subcommittee chair is Fiona McEachern from Australia, fiona@ezy.net.au or ipc-fsky@fai.org

Back

Skydiving puts strain on the lower back which can result in pain, stiffness or injury. This is more likely in cold weather and at a time of year when we tend to be less fit than in summer

Adam Rosen, skydiving doctor prescribes...

Skydivers are not the only ones who have back trouble. Low Back Pain (LBP) is one of the main reasons people go to their medical doctor or orthopaedic surgeon. There are numerous causes for LBP; improper stretching, over-use, heavy lifting and sometimes just sleeping or moving the wrong way.

Does my back need medical treatment?

In the majority of cases LBP will resolve with time. There are instances when pain or discomfort in the back may be more serious such as after a fall from a height, a hard landing, a car accident or in people with a history of cancer. If your pain is not getting better with time, is actually getting worse, if you have tingling or weakness in your legs or if you begin to lose control of your bowel or bladder this may be a more serious problem and you should definitely seek out a physician. Although most cases of LBP will resolve on their own there are ways to prevent its onset and ways to speed your recovery.

How do I prevent my back hurting?

The best preventive medicine is a strong and flexible back which is properly warmed up prior to exercise or activity. Developing a strong back is only part of the battle, what is truly needed is a strong trunk which includes, most importantly, the abdominal muscles.

There are many exercises for the back but, for a healthy low back, you need to concentrate on exercises that strengthen those lower muscles. There are many ways to do this with free weights, Nautilus equipment and now the new air-filled exercise balls. If you are not familiar with specific exercises for the back you can speak with friends or read the many books and magazines available. A better approach may be to go to the local gym and set up a few sessions with a trainer. Explain to the trainer what part of the body you would like to work on and for what types of activity and they will be able to set you up with a muscle-strengthening regime.

The second key to a healthy back is the other part of the body's girdle, the abdomen. This does not mean that you need to have a six pack but, by strengthening your abdominal muscles, you will fortify the portion of the body that supports the entire torso. There are many exercises to do for the abdomen; sit-ups, crunches, leg lifts, and working with machines or exercise balls.

Adam Rosen

Freeflying stresses the lower back and requires great torso strength



Arching and deployment put great strain on the back

Photos: Jim Stevenson



To get a thorough workout you should begin with leg lifts and other exercises that strengthen the lower abdomen because these muscles will fatigue most quickly. Secondly, move on to more central muscle exercises like sit-ups. Lastly, work out the upper abdominals by doing crunches.

Before you manifest, warm up and stretch. Grab a few friends or throw on your Walkman and head to the packing area or other carpeted spot. The warm-down is as important as the warm-up. After a day of hard jumping, spend a few minutes to stretch out those sore muscles. Your body will thank you in the morning.

I don't know what stretches to do

At almost every DZ that I have been to there is a group that stretches every morning, just ask if you can join in. If there are no stretchers at your DZ, try accessing the Internet, speak with your doctor for pamphlets on stretching or buy a book called Stretching by Bob Anderson. The book includes all types of stretches and there are sections devoted to strengthening and nutrition. Another good option is to join a yoga class.

My back aches – what now?

The old adage of lying in bed for a month is ancient thinking! Sometimes a day or two of bedrest can be of benefit but generally the best way to treat that sore back is by moving. As with any sore muscle the most effective treatment in the first 24-48 hours is ice, applied for 15 minutes at a time with a towel between the ice and your skin. Follow this up with either heat or contrasts; the latter are a session of heat for 15 minutes then ice for 15 minutes repeated a few times

in a row, 3-4 times a day. Ibuprofen will help with both the pain and the inflammation (Tylenol is good for the pain but does nothing for the inflammation). As soon as the back can tolerate it you should begin some light stretching, best after a heating pad or a warm shower or bath.

IN SUMMARY

Unfortunately all of us at one time or another will experience LBP but you can improve life as follows:

- Stretch and strengthen your back and abdominal muscles a few times a week
- Warm-up and stretch before skydiving or other activity
- The above is especially important on cold days
- If you do develop LBP a combination of ice, heat, ibuprofen and stretching will help you on the road to recovery.

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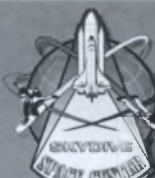
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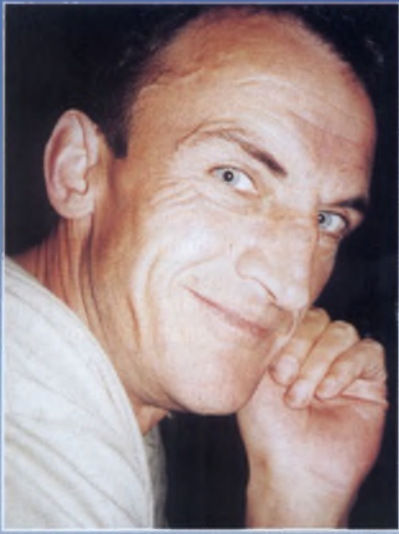
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Nish Bruce

There are very few people that could say they once woke up from a heavy drinking session dressed in a gorilla suit on a pelican crossing, surrounded by police, a group of nuns and a man from the local zoo with a large net and even larger tranquilliser gun

Nish Bruce could



A thousand stories we have of Nish, all different, all unforgettable, almost all hysterically funny.

Charles 'Nish' Bruce died on the 8th January 2002, aged 45. Nish had a diverse, rich and sometimes difficult life. He joined the Parachute Regiment in 1973 and served in the SAS. He was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal in 1986 for Heroism and served his country in Northern Ireland, the Falklands and the Middle East. However, these are details that Nish didn't talk about, he rarely discussed his accomplishments in the Army, those things were private to him.

Conversely he loved to talk about his time with the Red Devils, he regaled us with stories of his and the team's exploits; stories mostly unprintable in an article such as this, he commanded the attention of people for hours with his storytelling. That's one of the big things people will remember him for. People may also remember him for his book, I have heard that it is an excellent read but he deeply regretted his involvement in it and asked me never to read it.

He once accompanied me to a work function in London; high risk I know, anything could've happened, but within half an hour he was surrounded by fifteen people, entertaining them with his stories. I recently received a number of emails from those people to say how sorry they were to hear the news; such was the impression he made on everyone he came into contact with.

When he left Hereford he moved to Peterborough, then to Spain and finally to Hinton. Nish was a regular contributor to skydiving life at both Sibson and Hinton. He was an excellent coach and focussed on, amongst other things, the importance of good canopy handling for junior skydivers, which after his time on the Red Devils he excelled at.

I will remember him for his many qualities; his intelligence, his wit, his kindness, his magnetism, his incisiveness; just as Andy Davidson said at Nish's funeral, "Nish was just about every adjective you can think of". He was an excellent wordsmith, rarely seen without a Telegraph crossword, highly intelligent with an inquiring razor-sharp mind and a deeply ironic sense of humour.

All of this of course is made more remarkable by the fact that for the past ten years Nish had suffered periods of psychological torment and anguish due to a chemical imbalance in his brain. It caused him problems and for the most part he handled it; when he was unwell he stopped doing the things he loved such as flying and skydiving, he recuperated and got better again. He dealt with this illness as he faced every other challenge in his life, fearlessly and courageously.

He was full of mischief. As an example he would drive back home from the pub in Peterborough in reverse, around roundabouts backwards at speed, with the sole purpose of terrifying Kev Goode – a goal he achieved as Kev swore never to get in a car with him again. Talking of Nish's driving, well for a man who loved animals and couldn't bear to see them harmed, the cat and dog populations of any town he drove through faced extinction.

Of course Nish could be very cheeky, always with that devilish little grin of his or his raised eyebrow and especially to us 'Floosies'. He always had a charm with women and he valued his relationships with the ones he cared about, his first wife Christine remained an important and valued friend throughout his life.

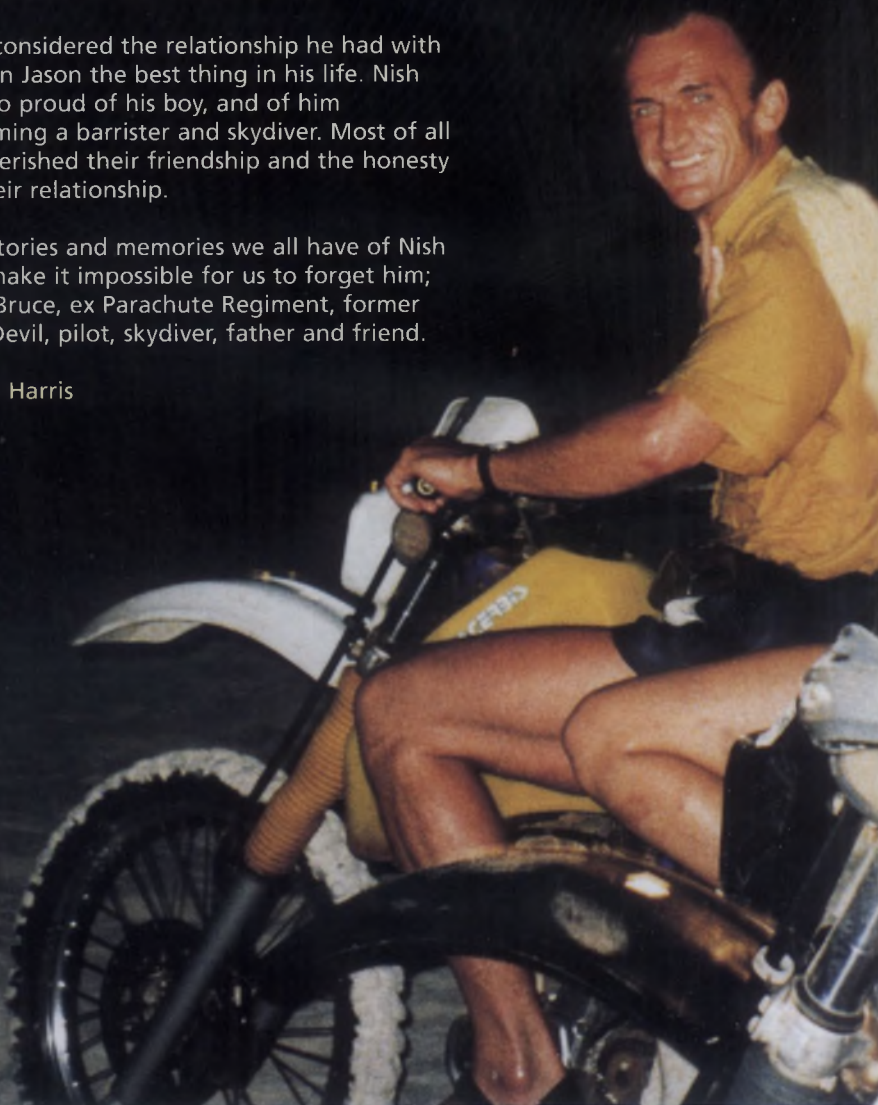
I could talk about Nish forever, I adored him. He was a good friend to me, and to many others.

He achieved many many things in his life; ferrying a Cessna back from the USA when he had a very low number of flying hours; his involvement in the Skydive from Space Project; his work in Africa on an anti-poaching project; his time in the Parachute Regiment and the SAS. Ordinary people would be proud to have achieved just one of these things but to Nish these were just things he did or was involved with.

Nish considered the relationship he had with his son Jason the best thing in his life. Nish was so proud of his boy, and of him becoming a barrister and skydiver. Most of all he cherished their friendship and the honesty of their relationship.

The stories and memories we all have of Nish will make it impossible for us to forget him; Nish Bruce, ex Parachute Regiment, former Red Devil, pilot, skydiver, father and friend.

Lizzie Harris



Photos: Lizzie Harris and Esther Reynolds





VERTICAL VACATION

As temperatures plummeted across most of the northern hemisphere, a lucky bunch travelled to the warmer climate of Sebastian for the Freefly Training Centre's first Vertical Vacation



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Vertical Vacation ran from Boxing Day until New Year's Eve with jumpers from the UK, USA, France, Germany, Holland, Canada and South America. The aim was to share knowledge through organising and coaching. There was no registration fee, apart from \$10 for the tracking competition which was all given out as prize money.

Organising

The organising covered all skill levels with participants signing up for specific types of skydives; sit flying, head-down, combos, tracking and hybrid jumps. The



group size was kept to a minimum, mostly two participants to one coach, to maximise the learning. As the event progressed the groups became larger and more testing skydives were made resulting in several multi point 10-ways. One-on-one coaching was also available for those looking to improve specific skills outside of the group environment. On the sunset load each day, big-way tracking dives were organised, the largest being a 27-way from the Casa. Videos from the day's jumping were played nightly at the Tiki bar for all to watch and learn from. Congrats to Rob Colley for achieving FF1.

Tracking Competition

This was completed in a day with fourteen competitors. All races were one on one, single elimination with a minimum opening height of 3,000 feet. It ended in a tie between Rook Nelson and Chris Lynch who split the cash purse of \$140. Two swooping courses were set up by Lyle Presse of Skydiving.com throughout the event, one using wind blades and the other using very flexible, spring-loaded foam targets that you had to kick as you flew by.



Pond Swooping

Lyle also organised night pond swooping with kind permission from the local golf course. One of their ponds was lit up and a lane marked out for the jumpers to swoop. The swoops were spectacular, although a tad more cautious than usual, demonstrating smooth water displacement and controlled exits on to dry land. There were two soggy exceptions who had to swim out much to the amusement of the crowd.

Tunnel Time

As part of an ongoing programme, 31 participants of the Vertical Vacation went to SkyVenture's wind tunnel in Orlando over two evenings to take part in the coaching system being developed by the Freefly Training Centre. Those new to the tunnel started with back flying, moved on to sit flying and then onto dimensional control. Those who could went head-down and all involved rated the experience very highly.



The event wound up in great style with the New Year's Eve party. Local band *Garage Starr* played live in the packing hangar while Rook Nelson spun the decks in the main hangar with the assistance of Rob Stevenson and Matt Robinson. New year also marked the opening of the Freefly Training Centre's new headquarters upstairs in the main hangar. This very comfortable, climate-controlled facility offers two enclosed debriefing areas, plenty of rig racks, gear storage and large lounging area with four huge couches.

Chris Lynch
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Chris Lynch will be returning to UK for the summer to open the Freefly Centre UK at Headcorn and will also be available to coach canopy flying skills



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John DeRosalia



John DeRosalia is the only licensed psychotherapist dedicated to working with skydivers to achieve peak performance. He has 800 jumps and is the sports psychologist for British 4-way team Sebastian XL.

John has a successful private psychotherapy practice in New York where he works with athletes, musicians, writers and business professionals.

He is also a motivational speaker, hypnotherapist and author.

John's book, *Mental Training for Skydiving and Life* has been highly acclaimed by world class jumpers such as Jack Jefferies who stated "The mental world of skydiving is key to high performance".

Why is there a need for peak performance training?

For most people, old and faulty belief systems interfere with our ability to achieve peak performance. These systems damage, limit and narrow our belief in ourselves and our abilities. They rob us of the joy we used to feel about making our dreams come true. They tell us, 'Don't bother trying. You'll never get there anyway. It's just a waste of time.'

What's the secret to believing in ourselves?

Think of a child at play. Children don't 'try' to learn or succeed. They just learn and succeed. They're not playing at being firemen. They ARE firemen!

Adults find it more difficult to dream and think positively and joyfully about our goals. We've lost the courage to dream because, over the years many of us find that our enthusiasm for life somehow vanishes. That's when it's time to fearlessly look inward. We all have a passion for something. Sometimes it just takes a while to uncover or rediscover it.

How do we get in touch with that passion?

I begin by helping people reconnect to what they love to do and why. Only then are they able to achieve a level of personal excellence. Once they discover a goal they're passionate about, we design a realistic plan to achieve it. Hypnotherapy is one of the tools I use because it puts people in alpha and theta brainwave states; highly receptive levels of consciousness where suggestibility is at its maximum. Working in these states of consciousness enables me to access dynamic and creative centres in the brain that are generally unavailable during a normal waking state. Powerful, positive suggestions can be programmed into the unconscious that greatly stimulate the ability to learn, improve and even perfect technical skills, as well as increase confidence and self-esteem.

Why is picturing success important and how is it done?

In order to be successful, you need to have a clear picture of what your goal looks like. You

also need to be very certain about why you want to accomplish this.

To be able to picture success requires learning and practicing some mental skills such as visualization and imagery which can help you experience and benefit from achieving the goal even before it occurs.

Ultimately, peak performance isn't just about technical excellence. It's about the purpose behind the whole experience your deepest motivation.

Remember that success comes in many forms. Realising a goal you've set – even if that goal is just to enjoy yourself – is success.

What should a skydiver do when negative thoughts interrupt their mindset?

Positive images are a good place to begin. If you're having negative thoughts in the plane, you can 'change the channel' by replacing the negative thoughts with positive or neutral ones. Think about anything else; a great skydive, the band you saw last night or an exciting movie. A technique I sometimes use is to pretend I'm a great skydiver (I get a clear picture in my mind of my favourite skydiving hero) and then I ask myself, 'What would he be thinking now? How would he be acting now?' Then I act and think as he would. Pretending you're someone else can produce amazing results because you wind up doing things that you couldn't normally do. You temporarily forget your limitations and then they're not limitations any more.

Why is mental training important?

Mental training helps to ensure that, at least for the duration of that skydive, negative thoughts won't return. If you've practiced, you can learn to get rid of self-doubt the first time it invades your mind. This isn't to say that those thoughts don't warrant your time and energy at a later point. It's important not to ignore your feelings. But for the time being, you need to concentrate on the task at hand.

The point is to have a number of mental techniques at your disposal. Carpenters don't

walk around with just a hammer in their tool box. When negativity invades, and it does for everyone at some point, you need to be well prepared.

What other tools are useful?

Try looking at a situation from a different perspective. I have my own way of looking at things. So do you. Most of us believe that ours is the only one. But you can make a mediocre experience into a great one just by thinking about it in a different way. We move towards what we see and if you see a mediocre skydive, that's probably what you're going to create. That's why you hear smart people say, 'Don't practice mistakes.' It's not a good idea to watch a video over and over, focusing on the errors. If you make a skydive with ten mistakes and one good point, take a quick look at the mistakes, learn what you can from them, but then delete them from your mind and magnify the good point. Fix it in your head. You're not changing the reality. You're just being selective about the reality you're choosing to hold onto.

What's the most powerful peak performance tool?

My 'miracle tool' is a Personal Vision Statement; a written description of the goal, its time-frame, the steps you'll take to achieve it, and a list of reasons that make it important to you. Writing this out can be time-consuming but it's worth the effort. Most people have thoughts, ideas and dreams of what they'd like to do. But thinking about something is only the first level. Putting your thoughts into words is a second, much more powerful level. A recent study revealed that over 90% of Olympic gold medal winners had their goals down in writing. The third level is taking action in the direction of your goals. The idea is to begin living your dreams and not just thinking about them. Thought, word, and deed are cornerstones in every major philosophy and religion throughout time. The idea in peak performance is to reach for the highest thought.

Why is this tool so powerful?

It forces you to answer the question, 'Why am I here?' That's the hardest question for most of us to answer, which is why it's usually the one we're afraid to ask. What keeps each of us moving toward what we want to achieve is our level of passion. If you desire peak performance in any area, you first have to access the passion behind it – the passion that created the goal to begin with – and then you have to constantly draw on that passion as fuel, especially when the going gets tough.

If you want to run a certain time in a marathon or achieve a level of excellence in skydiving – or whatever it is you aspire to do – you have to face the fact that there will be days when you don't want to train. But if you hold fast to your highest thought, which ultimately turns out to be your deepest and most compelling motivation, then you can continue through the difficult times. And then anything becomes possible.

John was talking to Margaret Winchell Miller who can be contacted at MM28@aol.com



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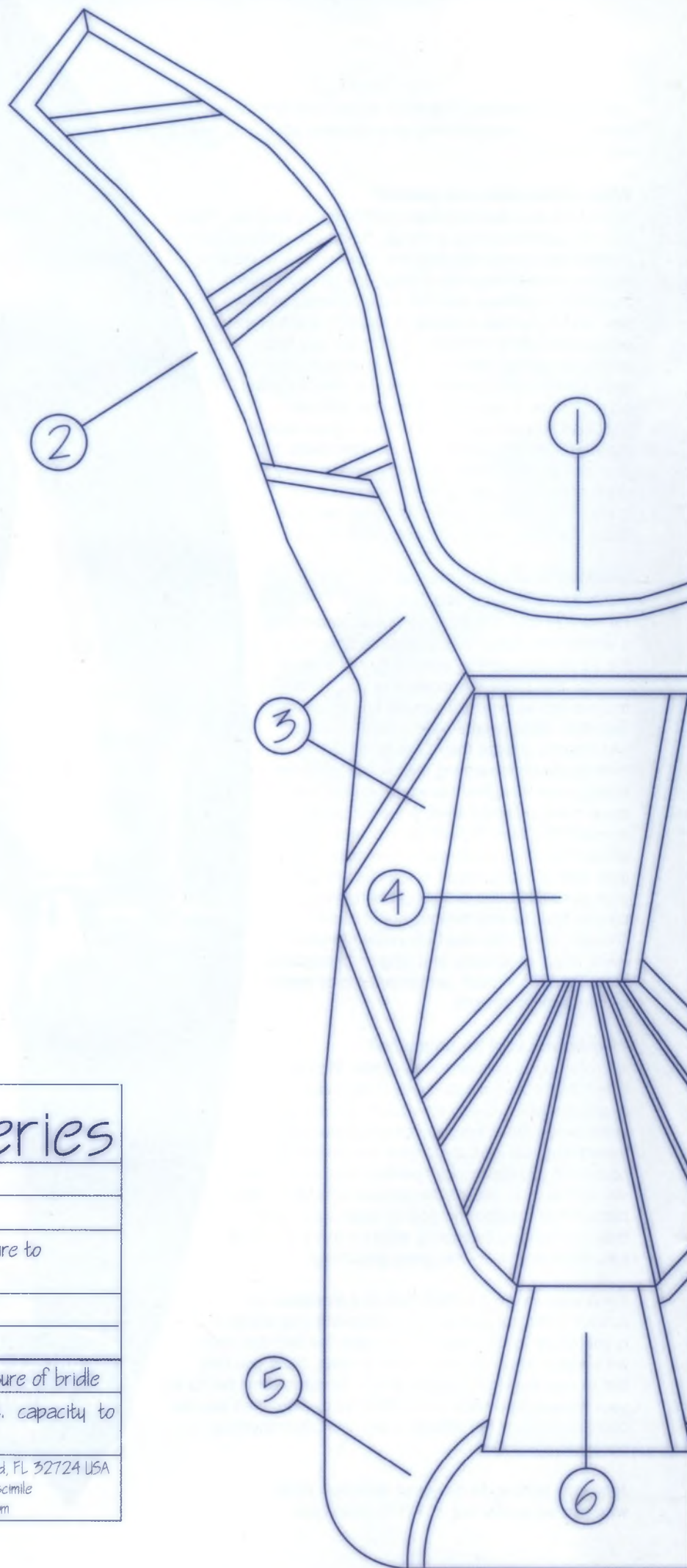
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Calling All Kidlingtons

Whilst touring in Australia my wife and I chanced upon an old parachuting friend, Murray Cosson, who now operates an Air Charter business in Alice Springs. We had not seen him since the early 1960s.

Murray produced his collection of 1960s vintage photographs and his parachuting log book which not only bore our signatures but those of Ron Griffiths, Tony Unwin, Brian Porter, John 'I am cracking up' Murphy, Joe Sacker 'The Tracker' and Ted 'Sacre Bleu' O'Gorman.

If any of the aforementioned ex-Kidlington jumpers would like to re-establish contact with Murray we would be pleased to provide details of his whereabouts. Murray and Joan would be delighted to meet up with old friends.

Peter Denley

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Spotlight Poster?

I think that the Spotlight photospread in the Mag is a good idea as photos are one of my favourite things about the Mag. I think that it would be a good idea to put the main two page photo in the centre of the Mag so that it could be pulled out and used as a poster.

Marc Evans

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Thanks for your suggestion Marc, it's a good one and we've put Spotlight in the centre this time. We generally do make the centre spread photo-based and self-contained so that individuals can use as a poster if they wish. We don't usually use a complete double page photo as the image clarity needs to be outstanding to cope with such an enlargement.

If we were to do a poster in the Mag (certainly a future possibility), we would prefer to include as a separate insert rather than a centre spread which will create holes in the poster and leave the magazine with four pages missing if it is removed. Input on whether readers would like a separate poster is welcome.

Lesley

XL Challenge 'fantastic'

After a long period of domesticity I returned to the sport in 1997 to find myself presented with a personal challenge to rebuild my body position and get to grips with new techniques and technology. After replacing my Spandex and Fury with turbo drive booties and a Stiletto I thought I had arrived but, after years of fooling myself, I went to the experts for help.

It started with a trip to Florida for some one on one coaching with John McIver including both in-air and tunnel work and was closely followed by the first *XL Challenge* in October 2001. This is such a fantastic concept. Billy Somerville and I teamed up to be coached two-on-two with *XL*. We suffered with post hurricane season winds and managed only 12 coaching jumps but did do over two hours each of tunnel time.

With my personal skills at an amazing new level I returned to Florida with Brian Robertson for the second *XL Challenge*. Both Brian and I came to the camp with tunnel experience. This ensures that as an individual your flying skills have been honed, making your moves predictable and solid. This meant we could take full advantage of the 'Challenge' concept. After 6 one-on-one skills dives and 24 two-on-two 4-way dives together with another half hour of coached tunnel time I can honestly say I have challenged the bounds of my capabilities and am ready to learn more.

The Challenge camps are sponsored so that the camp fee only needs to cover the cost of your jumps, the coaching and camera fees. This means great value for you, the keen skydiver. The format of in air and tunnel coaching, full on briefs, dirtdives and debriefs together with the team learning environment and close friendships that develop with the seven other 'campers' is just a sure success.

Melissa Harvie

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'Too Titillating' Response

Who is Adrian Bratby? Does anyone want to admit to knowing him? Girls not slaving over a hot stove, Adrian?

The world has gone mad! Congrats to the girls involved and to Adrian, have you ever considered bowling?

Cheers for the Mag and letters Lesley and keep up the good work!

Ian Lewis, Staffordshire

I joined the BPA many decades ago when it was 'a bunch of lads', and there were no tits in the Mag then. Since that time, the inclusion within our sport of more and more women each year has been most welcome — indeed a blessing; and I managed to find a wife or two as a result.

Thanks for a great year of magazines.

Dave Turner

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Just read the latest Mag and thought it was awesome. It's strange to hear Adrian that you don't find any value or interesting content in the Mag but hey, you're entitled to your views. I remember times when the Mag was not so content-rich. I wonder what you would have made of the Mag in times past? Personally, I find myself amazed at the content of our Mag and eagerly await it landing on my doormat. Congrats to Lesley and Bev for a damn fine job. I can't think of any way in which the Mag could be improved but I don't doubt that you will find a way. Good on you both.

Sad Old Pervert

Call me a sad old pervert but I welcome the sight of bikini-clad ladies in our magazine. A little recognition is the least we can do for someone, with or without breasts, raising a couple of quid for a worthy cause. If Mr Bratby finds articles like these offensive I feel it my duty to warn him of the behaviour he may find at any boogie, post competition party (especially CReW), or indeed any DZ I have been lucky enough to be active at. Where do you jump mate, a convent?

Ribs (Graham Ribbons)

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Loving It

I just read the December 2001 Mag and thought I would say how much I like it. I started on an AFF course at Weston in August and I am loving it so far. Your Mag gives me loads of great info and advice as a learner, so basically, keep it up!

Get a Life

The letter you had about someone concerned about the 'laddish' nature of the Mag was ridiculous. Saying the pics of the girls at Weston doing the bikini jumps were demeaning is even more laughable. I was there; they were all having a good laugh and were doing it for a good cause. He needs to get a life!

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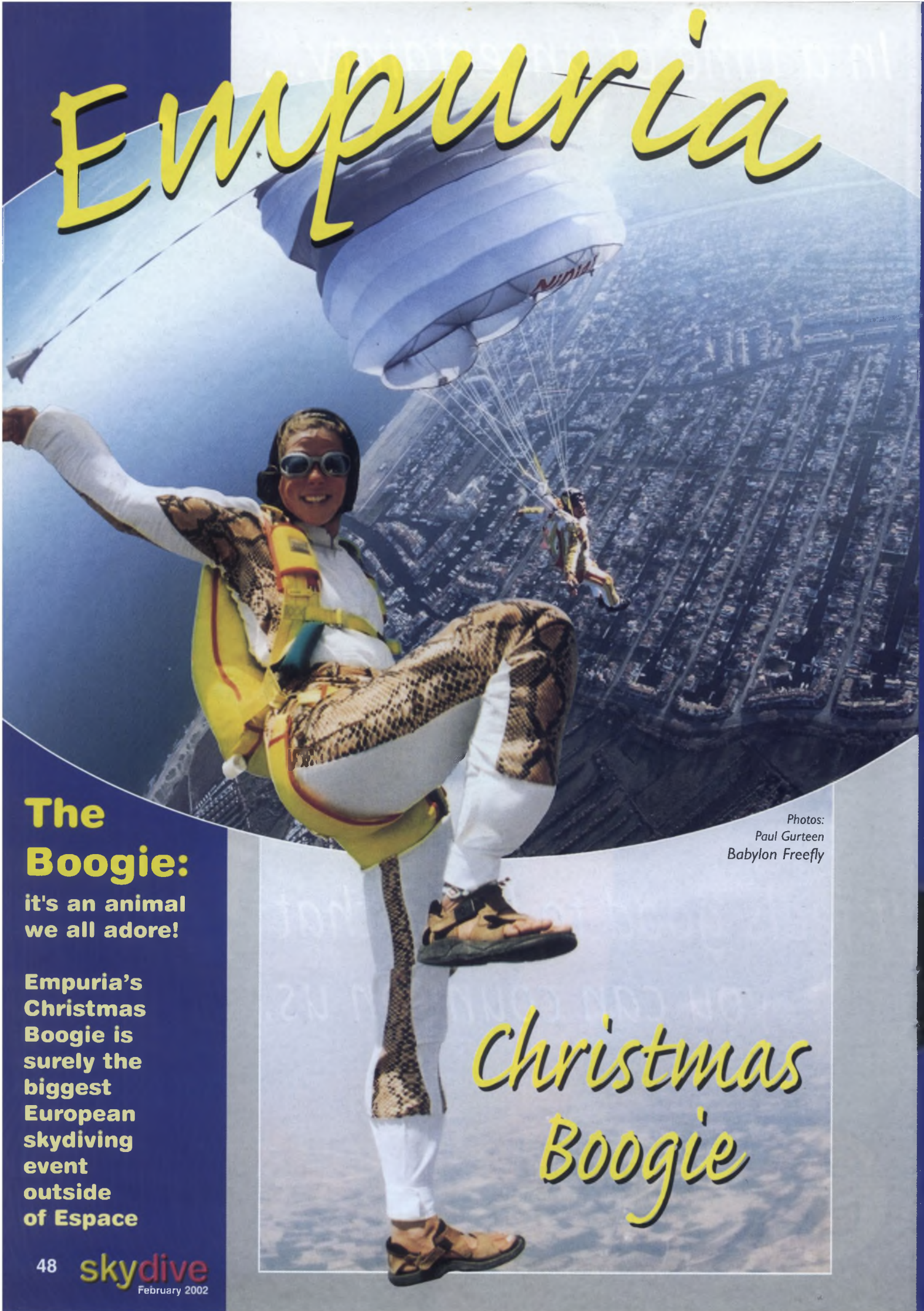
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Empuria's Christmas Boogie is surely the biggest European skydiving event outside of Espace

Photos:
Paul Gurteen
Babylon Freefly

Christmas Boogie

Empuriabrava, a fairly small and quiet tourist town, is descended upon for two weeks by a load of strange people wearing lots of orange and purple. They come from all walks of life and all nationalities, determined to do Christmas their way: not a turkey or an auntie in sight!

Empuria is one of the most amazing drop zones in the world. The freefall views are beautiful and the light quality, if you're a camera jumper, is amazing. It's no accident so many of the world's most talented cameraflyers live and work here at the Centro de Paracaigudisme Costa Brava (CPCB).

This year saw 500 people registered from 18 countries, less than in previous years which gave the place an intimate, mellow and warm atmosphere.

9,500 jumps were done, bringing the yearly total to a staggering 133,700.

There were three Super Twin Otters (including the CPCB's very own beautiful new Alpha Echo), one Twin Otter, a Porter and a Turbolet. With less people and fast planes it was amazingly easy to get on your choice of aircraft.

BABYLON FREEFLY

The first week was dedicated to the Babylon freefly week, a quality not quantity event, with relatively few participants who all had a high level of flying. This lent itself very nicely to some good big ways and head-down tracking dives as well as fun tube stuff.

Lupo, Tom, Kuri, Nimmo, Steff, Nico and the other Babylon members all contributed to load organising and video debriefing after the jumps. Some familiar faces made an appearance too; Stuart Meacock working for Babylon for the winter was all smiley and lovely as expected and the French freeflyer, Fred Fugen, the latest and youngest Babylon recruit was bright and shining. There were many freefly newbies going for a dive into unexplored space and using the chance to get some training with the Babylon boys.

FORMATION SKYDIVING

Load organising was free and the usual round of suspects were there offering advice to the newbies and kicking up the backsides of the more experienced groups. Richie Hornig reported that he and Milko both had 20-way groups of a really good level who were getting four to five points and doing some really nice flying. Both groups joined with the CPCB staff building a couple of very successful 42-ways. One go at a 60-way only built to 52, due to a mis-timing on exit on one plane.

Freefly Licence

With the aim of improving safety, CPCB is bringing in a freefly licence on 1 March 2002, known as the Compulsory Basic Training (CBT), details can be downloaded from: www.babylon-freefly.com

10-WAY SPEED

The traditional 10-way speed star competition, supported for many years by Captain's Cabin, was newly sponsored by The Surf Inn and boasting a brand new trophy. Unfortunately the challenge was cancelled due to bad weather at the end of the boogie, a big disappointment for many eager for the traditional battle for supremacy.

CANOPY FORMATION

Under the keen organisation of Richard Hayden an attempt to break the drop zone record of a 9-way stack fell short of one and eventually achieved an 8-way. Richard will be running a CF seminar in CPCB this year.

WINGSUITS

English and French wingsuit flyers plus a couple of locals made a few interesting wingsuit formations as well as a particularly funny rodeo style jump with Lynne of Langar fame riding on the back of wingsuited Max Hurd, looking cool chica!

BALLOON JUMPS

Richie, who organises balloon jumps all year round in Empuria, said that 58 were managed throughout the boogie. *"We all had a lot of fun, there is something extra special about this kind of jump".*



Did you know?...

A boogie highlights video is available from CPCB



GO KARTING

The annual traditional karting championship was won by local boy Michael Holmes and was good clean fun for all the family... er, well, almost! A fierce and heated contest took place, both on the track and in the bar afterwards! The road rage carried on and claimed a few victims: what is it they say; don't drink and drive?

PARTYING

After sunset the bar would come alive with live music and a marquee for dancing. Thanks to Fonsz and James Boole who put together a 'best of the day' video each night. This provided a focus for everyone and a chance to review the day and laugh at your mates.

There was a tombola with great prizes from leading names in the sport. New Year's Eve for me was the best bit of the whole thing: jump, eat delicious food, party on with a vengeance, dance like a demon and fall asleep on the way home... in a rubbish bin!

Actually it was generally far more laid back than usual – what's happening, are we all growing up or something? Nonetheless it was great to be a part of a big mass of beautiful

people all joined by a common passion. In the wake of all the aggression we have witnessed in the last few months, it was good to start 2002 in peace and harmony.

Many thanks as usual to all the CPCB Staff. I for one am looking forward to the next time already.

Muchas gracias and adios amigos!

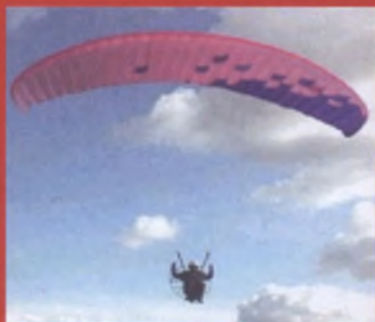
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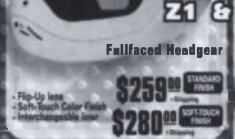
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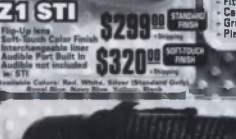
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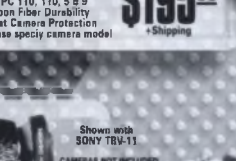
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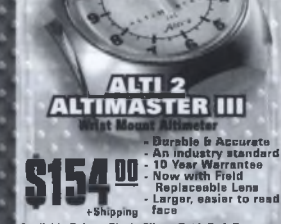
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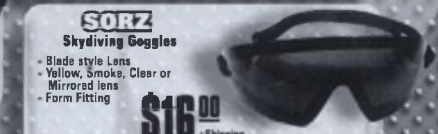
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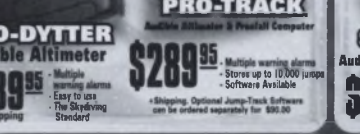
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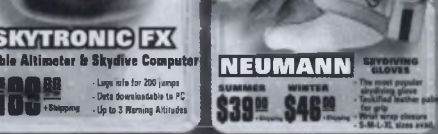
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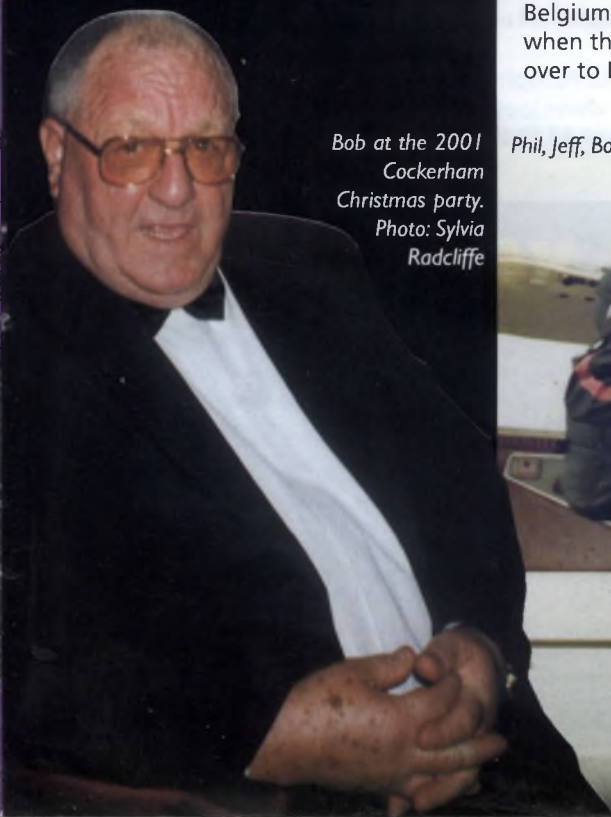
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BOB PARRY

Jeff Illidge pays tribute to Bob, who passed away peacefully at home with a heart attack on New Year's Day



Bob at the 2001 Cockerham Christmas party.
Photo: Sylvia Radcliffe



Bob with trophy at a party night in the 70s

Bob went into the Army joining the Kings Liverpool Regiment. He moved to 1 Para and started his parachuting career in 1948. Rejoining the Kings Liverpool Regiment turned out to be a bad move as straight away he ended up seeing action in Korea. On leaving the forces he returned to Liverpool and started a successful heavy plant and taxi businesses.

Joining the Local 12/13th Para TA REME attachment, he met Frank Lec and the Pegasus Skydivers. In 1964 Bob founded the Black Knights Parachute Centre and Display Team with Frank Lec, Stan Palin, Barny Ward, Brian Jerstice and Phil Cavanagh. He qualified as a BPA Instructor in the late 1960s and trained hundreds of students, many of whom are still in the sport today. He became well respected for his knowledge and in particular, his ability to pack new equipment for which there were no instructions. He was a very active parachutist and would travel the length and breadth of the country doing displays with the team or just fun jumping.

He travelled to the States in 1983 spending three weeks at Perris Valley. Bob made many trips to Europe. His favourite was the Belgium Herc Boogies, attending every year when the Black Knights took a coach load over to Moorsele.

Bob achieved many firsts in his life but a notable one, never to be forgotten: He was the first person to land by parachute at Cark (uninvited!).

He had a tree named after him (Bob's Tree). This tree refused to get out of his way on a missed approach. A signpost was erected pointing to the tree. He never found out who did that! Many tried to get one over on Bob. Those few who did went into his 'Little Black Book' and for months awaited 'Pay Back Time'. He had a dry sense of humour. With Bob, what you saw was what you got. He was a great character, larger than life and loved by us all.

He gave up skydiving in 1990 having completed over 2,000 jumps. For the last eleven years he has been the DZ and Office manager at Cockerham, a demanding role as anyone who owns a DZ will know.

I can never recall Bob missing a party, he was usually there to the end. The last memory many will have of Bob is at our Christmas Dinner Dance when he looked so smart in his dinner jacket, enjoying himself and living life to the full.

Jeff Illidge
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Phil, Jeff, Bob, Roger and Cliff ready for a display in the late 70s



Twist Again!

The Jumpshack Inc, a long time rig manufacturer has thrown doubts on the effectiveness of riser housings in preventing high cutaway forces being experienced on canopies with line twists. The Florida company carried out a series of suspended harness tests with twisted risers. Some tests routed the ends of the cables through the loops and riser housings while others routed the ends of the loops outside the riser housings. No significant differences were found in pull forces with or without the riser housings. They found that the added pull force required was mostly due to added load being applied to the small locking loop due to side loading and misalignment of the rings themselves caused by the twisted risers.

Jumpshack went on to say that it's far better to avoid twists in the first place by keeping the shoulders level with the horizon during deployment, using a deployment bag with centre mounted stow bands and leaving 12-14 inches of unstowed lines between connector links and bag. Having said this twists are sometimes hard to avoid on heavily loaded high performance semi-ellipticals.

They conclude by saying that they acknowledged that the riser channel can cause a minimal increase in pull force, but it is not the principal problem – the ring twist/side load is.

Kit News has pointed out in the past that a 'large' ring set, as opposed to mini-rings, will reduce any load at the locking loop by a factor of 4 to 1. The so-called 'large' rings are shown on the Thomas Sports Teardrop to the left.

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Kit News



by Rob Colpus

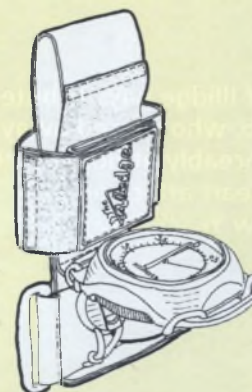
LookMa, no hands !

A nice little accessory from LookMa that we at Kit News thought worth a mention is a harness alti mount with a difference, named the *Wedge*. In the past most altimeter mounts that were attached to the chest strap tended to move around, left and right, up and down, making it difficult to check at a quick glance. Whilst using a full face helmet, the chin part of the helmet obstructed a clear view of the alti, the only way to see is then to bend the head downwards, cupping air and creating a floating position. A chest strap mounted altimeter during tight exits is always in the way and becomes uncomfortable and even hazardous to wear. Facial injuries might occur during hard openings.

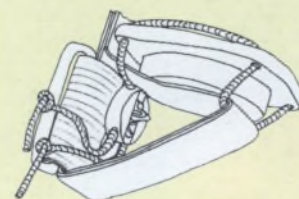
Hand mounted altimeters can also have their problems when it comes to safety and comfort – they can't be seen when taking inside knee grips or tracking and they stand the risk of becoming entangled in lines if your hand comes in contact with them. Sit-flyers even have to give up their stable position by bringing in their arms forward, in order to check their altitude.

LookMa reckon they've solved all these alti mount problems after working with the *Golden Knights* in the States to develop the *Wedge* – a harness mount for altis that fits around the main liftweb of the harness just below the 3-ring and level with the chest strap. They've included a little stretch pocket on the back of the *Wedge* which may be filled with a variable spacer made out of closed cell foam, in order to correct for any altimeter misalignment due to different rig configurations.

Their standard version includes a uni-loop and is attached with an elastic strap and velcro. The chest strap can be routed through this two inch uni-loop, keeping the mount close to the body. Freeflyers especially appreciate this feature as the mount is not pushed up by the wind anymore whilst in a stand-up. The elastic strap can be adjusted in length with a variable velcro attachment in order to handle different rig configurations. The mount can easily be installed onto most rigs, is flexible in order to prevent injuries and to enable tight exits, and most types of alti may be attached to the *Wedge* with supplied cord and a special heavy duty cord-lock. It retails for around £16.



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Precision Aerodynamics report that they're getting very good response to their offer of 50% discount on their new *Ground Zero* range of main canopies. The offer which kicked off in December, requires the customer to exchange 'any airworthy canopy' plus 50% of the list price for either a *Xaos*, *Nitron* or *Synergy* main. So far the company have collected some interesting canopy types for their collection, including old Para-Commanders, a Russian UT-15 round plus more mundane old 7-cells and others.

The company have initiated the scheme as an alternative method of getting the new designs out into the field in numbers without having to run an expensive demo programme. The offer may be taken up with Precision dealers worldwide where the exchanged canopy is given to the dealer saving the shipping costs across the pond.

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Raven Mad, Pal!

Precision Aerodynamics issued a mandatory service bulletin in January which affects the original config *Raven Dash-M* reserve canopies and *P-124* round reserves produced before April 1999. The bulletin does not affect any canopies in the original *Raven*, *Super Raven* or *Micro-Raven* series or *Dash-M* canopies produced after 12 April 1999.

The bulletin requires 16 additional bar tacks to be applied to the line attachment loops. The company explained that the *Raven Dash-M* reserves and *P-124* round reserves were originally tested with 300-360lbs at 180 knots and developed opening forces in the range of 2,168 and 3,660lbs as measured in accordance with the USA's FAA TSO C-23d standard for reserve parachutes.

Since the introduction of the *Dash-M* in 1996 hundreds of documented 'saves' have been recorded with no canopy damage suffered, but within 30 days at the end of last year, two separate incidents of damage were recorded by jumpers who were within the maximum operating limitations of weight and speed. In both cases the jumpers reported exceptionally hard opening shocks. In both cases damage started at A-line attachment points and resulted in torn fabric and broken lines. Damage was consistent with canopies having been tested to destruction when dropped beyond their maximum operating limits of both weight and speed, whilst at the same time tumbling and therefore presenting a non-symmetrical loading scenario during the opening sequence.

According to Precision the addition of the extra bar tacks at the attachment points as specified by the service bulletin will increase the line attachment integrity by more than 100%.

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On REFLEXion

The *Reflex*, a discontinued harness container system which featured in several Kit News items towards the end of the 90s due to its controversial Catapult reserve pilot chute/bridle system, has now been re-

released by a small company in Northern California which goes by the name of **Bomber Manufacturing**.



Before



After

Bomber have made one change to the ex *Fliteline* rig with the addition of flapettes to the top and bottom of the one pin *Pop Top* reserve tray. The small flaps partially cover the top and bottom of the pilot chute cap which helps to protect the cap during door strikes. **Bomber** is also building replacement parts for older versions of the *Reflex* plus field-installable flapettes for existing models.

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Silver Sleeve Shelved

Airtec, manufacturers of the ubiquitous *Cypres* system issued a statement in January which removes the need for the *Silver Sleeve* pocket which was introduced in 1997.

The *Silver Sleeve* was developed as a field retrofit means to provide an additional layer of protection to guard against strong electro-magnetic (radio) signals, and was distributed to *Cypres* owners and riggers at no charge. During this same period, a series of internal upgrades were implemented to provide even more protection against 'RF pollution'. After two years of testing and experience, **Airtec** determined that *Cypres* units with the internal upgrade no longer required the *silver sleeve*, and in April 1999 they announced that new production units no longer required the sleeve.

Today, all *Cypres* units have the internal update, either during the original manufacturing process, or as part of the scheduled four or eight year maintenance procedure. The company pointed out that at this time if there are any *Cypres* units without the internal upgrade, they can not be used anyway until the required four or eight year scheduled maintenance is completed.

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Heavy inVESTment

LookMa Paraphernalia are a small German manufacturer who've come up with some nice skydiving accessories built to a high standard. In addition to gear bags and helmet bags the company markets a quite sophisticated weight vest which can be put on like a sleeveless jumper but taken off in an emergency situation by the use of a cutaway system which allows the vest to be dragged off over the head (if you've been working out) without taking off the jumpsuit.

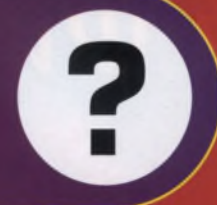
The vest is built to the individual's measurements, with different designs for male and female. It's made from ballistic type material with heavily padded shoulders. All the weights are individually made and curve around the body. Some weights are removable while the majority are built-in.

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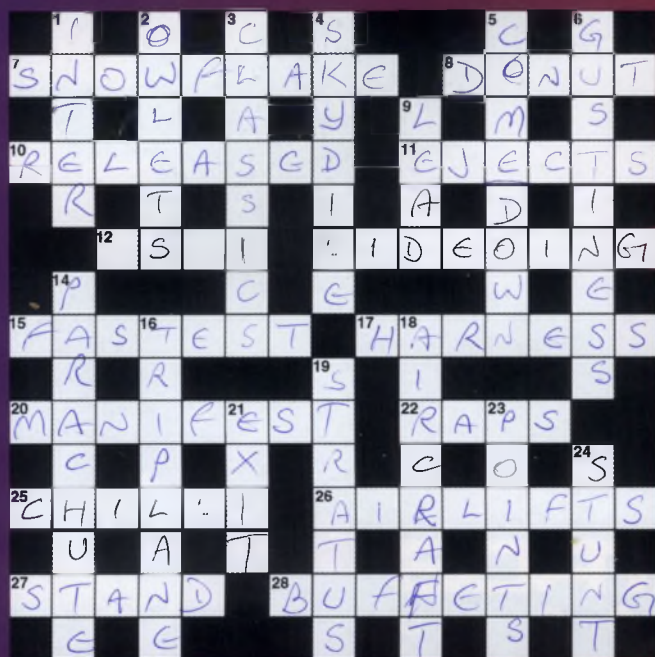
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- 7 Freezing point (9)
- 8 Homer's favourite formation (5)
- 10 Cut away marsh plant around meadows (8)
- 11 Throws out and uses pilot chute (6)
- 12 Teacher backs out of crib school (1,1,1,1)
- 13 Camera flyers activity disturbed G.I. on dive (8)
- 15 Nothing quicker than soccer's international match (7)
- 17 Hitch up straps (7)
- 20 The political platform's short list of high fliers (8)
- 22 Starting regimen at parachute school (acronym)
- 25 Pepper, is it cold on the tongue? (6)
- 26 Emergency transportation using Stannah products. No way! (8)
- 27 Handle pre-delivery instruction from Turpin (5)
- 28 The thumping you get if you box too stiffly (9)

Down:

- 1 Bury in the middle of a block (5)
- 2 Lowest flying birds (6)
- 3 The 1000G and 2000G skydiving disciplines (8)
- 4 Jump for joy (7)
- 5 Exit or stay aboard for an anticlimax (4,4)
- 6 I point after guts let out bad winds (9)
- 9 The compiler initially put on weight (4)
- 14 It's in the bag but with strings attached (9)
- 16 Short triplet has an old flying machine (8)
- 18 E.G. helicopter display skill (8)
- 19 Stuart's flying into low cloud (7)
- 21 Go inside for flexi-time work (4)
- 23 Oval hammer breaks piston (5)
- 24 Stop the growth of Kenny's Cupid (5)

Reserve clues

Across:

- 7 Ice crystal
- 8 Fried dough
- 10 Let go
- 11 Bails out
- 12 Instructor rating (1,1,1,1)
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By Paul Boorer

answers – inside back cover

Quote of
the
Month:

"Always behave like a duck – keep
calm and unruffled on the surface but
paddle like the devil underneath"

Jacob Braude



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Club News

EDITORIAL

My first AGM experience was brilliant. I had a great time and have not talked so much in years. I really enjoyed finally meeting many of you I have been emailing for so long. Plus all these fictitious names I have typed next to photos turned into real people!



Participating on the Mag exhibition stand and our open forum was a really positive experience. Many of those who approached us smiled and expressed their thanks for a great Mag which was a real confidence boost.

The main criticisms raised at the forum were which way up some of the freefly pictures are printed and where to draw the line on 'particular types' of party photos (you know what I mean!) Lesley and I came to the conclusion that if these really are our main worries, we must be doing well.

Bev

Club News

"If yer name's not down,
it's not goin' in!"

Don't forget to write your name and achievements on the Club News poster. That's where your Club Rep gets the information to send to us...

Don't rely on telepathy, osmosis or carrier pigeon. Pen and paper work much better!

Simon Cupples combined his first freefall with his first reserve ride and first round descent; the jumpmaster was Mike Gorman, despatching his first lift after gaining his BI rating! How's that for a list of firsts?

Our increase in student retention and masses of tandems have made 2001 the best year ever, with over 24,000 jumps made at Langar. Lots of visiting jumpers and a hard working Grand Caravan kept things going nicely with 28 lifts over the festive season. Building work is in progress to create new equipment stores and manifest, so when you turn up and can't find anything, it's because we've moved it. As part of the improvements, Janet Curtis will be taking over the manifest office as new shop premises.

Recent achievements include Russ Gittins who finally managed a stand-up landing. Take my word for it, this is a real achievement!

Tony Danbury

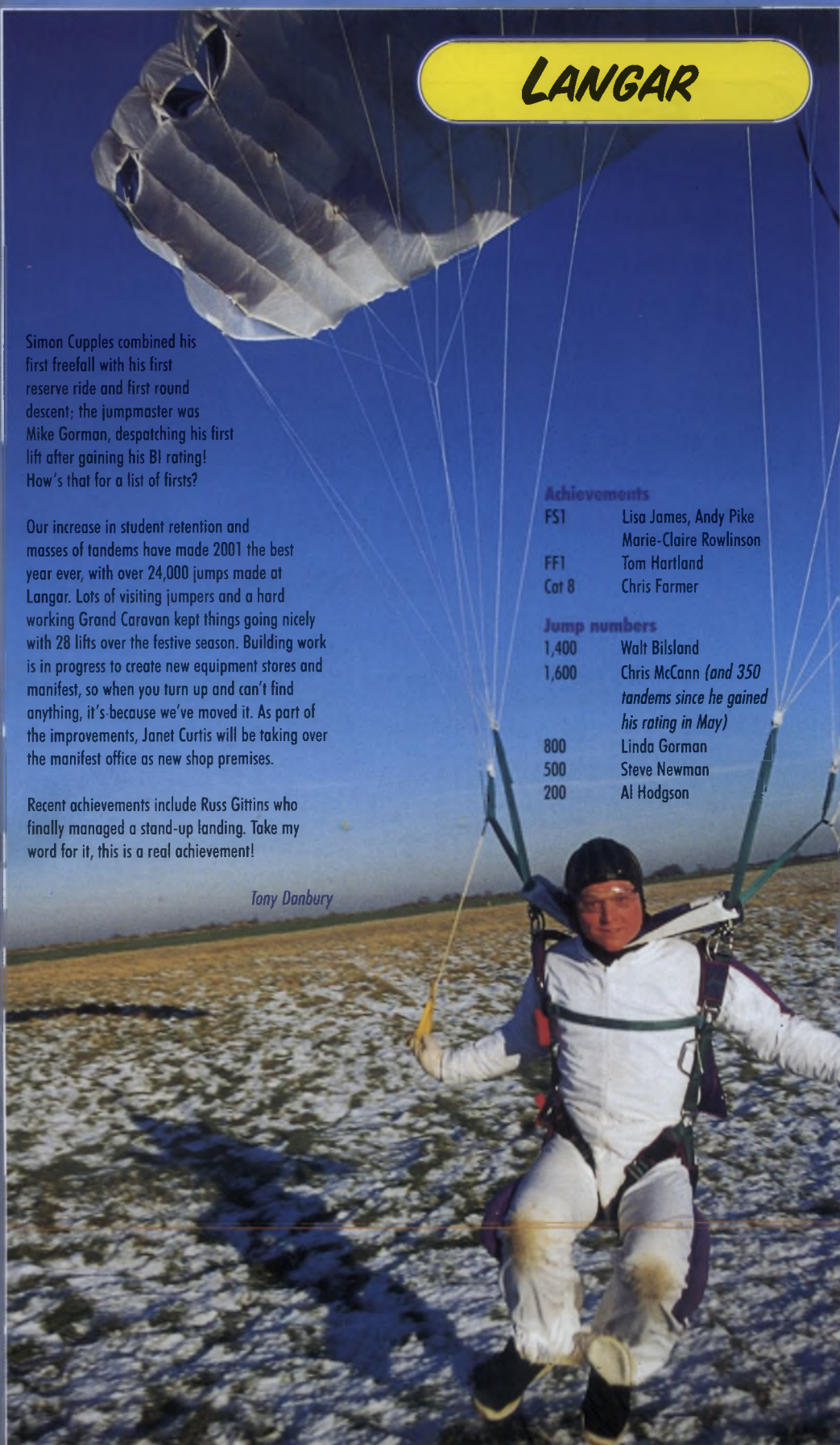
LANGAR

Achievements

FS1	Lisa James, Andy Pike Marie-Claire Rowlinson
FF1	Tom Hartland
Car 8	Chris Farmer

Jump numbers

1,400	Walt Bilsland
1,600	Chris McCann (and 350 tandems since he gained his rating in May)
800	Linda Gorman
500	Steve Newman
200	Al Hodgson



Rusty Lewis jumps at Langar on New Year's Day, fair play to ya!

Gary Wainwright

TARGET

2001 was Target's most successful year to date with nearly 22,000 descents made. For Christmas we put on an excellent bash and thanks to rock band *Gypsy* and DJ Aidan for keeping us up. The G92 (CO) is having a holiday at Skydive Algarve where a few of us went for the Christmas boogie. They had a fantastic time there — who wouldn't? The freefall views of the beach and facilities were excellent and the accommodation was cheap. Club jumpers are looking to return for the Spring boogie. See the details at www.skydive-algarve.com

Back at Hib, we still have the SMG which is already working hard. The G92 should be back in the Spring along with a brand new G92! The first big event of the year is the Hib Easter Bash at the end of March with a top party or two and load organising and coaching for freefly and FS.

Au revoir to Rob of *Advance Rapide* who is leaving us to travel at the end of January, see you in August.

I'd just like to point out that Beth, Lynne, Tom and a few others enjoyed themselves very much at Hib's Working Men's Club a few weeks ago. Yes, they were dancing away with the best of them from the village... nothing to be ashamed of guys!

Ruth Covell

Achievements

FS1 Jane Dyke

Jump Numbers

100	Felicity Wood
200	Steve Rossall
400	Sue Skull
800	Chris Guntrip

Steve Murphy and his student
Photo: Christian Hinchliffe



TILSTOCK

The Christmas party was well attended with the usual consumption of alcohol. Congratulations to Ria Bremner on winning the Student of the Year award and well done to all the other students on their excellent progression, making it a close call. Also, congrats to Steve Smith on Club Member of the Year and to all the other award-winners who have asked to remain nameless! We had a few weeks break over Christmas and are now open again.

Welcome to Mel, joining manifest; goodbye and good luck to Richard on his posting to RAPA. Congratulations to Chris and Charlie Gilmore who became proud parents to a baby boy on 4 January.

Liz Rimmer



Pat Walters presenting Student of the Year,
Ria Bremner

Achievements

First freefall	Vincent Green
Cat 8	Ria Bremner



Lyn George presenting Club Member of
the Year, Steve Smith

BRIDLINGTON

The highlight of the Christmas period was the Lad's Night Out in Scarborough that lived up to all expectations. Any girls out there want to earn extra cash for jump bills? We might have an idea! Even 'dyed-in-the-wool-bachelor', Phil Lyall got a dance with a young lady. Teetotal CCI Nicky Johnston entered into the spirit (excuse the pun) of the night and drank everyone under the table. Thank God the weather wasn't playing the next morning!

Richard Baldwin is forming a 4-way team. Interested? Contact him at the DZ. Bon voyage to Dave and Lynn Johnston who went for their annual winter jaunt in the States.

Paul Simms

Achievements

FF1	Mark Hankinson
IC1	Tracey Bartley
Cat 8	Craig Smart
	Alan Westerman
	Paul Dughan
	Phil Robinson



BLACK KNIGHTS

2001 ended with a good weekend's jumping and the Christmas dinner dance turned out to be one of the best doos ever, with us completely filling Thurnham Mill Hotel. We'll be back there in the future.

Sylvia Radcliffe completed her 400th jump and during the year she visited seventeen drop zones in nine countries! Congratulations to Paul and Sandra on the birth of their daughter on New Year's Day. Phil Cavanagh's son, David became a proud father too. What does that make you Phil?

2002 started in the worst possible way with the death of Bob Parry who passed away on New Year's Day morning, at home with his family. This great man will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. See page 55.

Jeff Illidge

Bernadette Whitaker and Anne Morrison

WILD GEESSE

The last trip of the year was team *Whatever's* participation at an FS skills camp in DeLand in November. Six other club members tagged along, two static line students and a couple to try skysurfing. Bad weather for the first few days gave everyone the chance to use the wind tunnel. This paid off as both students qualified Cat 8 and the team upped their points average.

The Christmas dinner was held in the Bushtown Hotel and as usual everyone had a great time. Well done to Joanne Meredith and Robert Madden (pictured) for their awards.

Achievements

You know who you are but nobody else does. You need to tell your club rep!

Words & photos: John McCourt

PETERLEE

Well done to Chris Beattie and Mick Glover on getting their Approved Instructor ratings, received in style (especially by Chris!) at the Christmas party. This year's party was brilliant, thanks to top notch organisation by Eric and Tina. The Christmas raffle raised £171 which has been donated to the RNLI.

Guy Radcliffe was presented with a special award by Mick Glover for providing the entertainment on a trip to Hibaldstow!

Words & photos: Jane Robertson

Annual Awards

Best University Club	Teeside
Most Improved Student	Ollie Neuberger
Pilots Award	Ken Glendenning
Most Persistent Student	Stephen Joyner



Bill Steele (centre) receiving his ICI award from Dave, Bryn and Chris



Eric Hall and Tina Evans

Achievements

FS1	Steve Ashman
ICI	Bill Steele
	Ollie Neuberger



Girls team G-Spot, Stephanie, Christine, Joanne and Joe



Maggie presents Joanne with Wild Geese's Skydiver of the Year award



Robert Madden, Student of the Year

WESTON

Team U181 by Andy Ford



Weston re-opens on 2 March and we've got big plans for 2002. Events include the traditional scrambles, the Rodders 4-way meet, a skills camp, RAFSPA 8-way competition, a wingsuit festival, club celebrations over the Golden Jubilee weekend, and the annual summer ball. It promises to be a great year with the Twin Otter and turbine Islander, Dave Wood and the dedicated DZ team, and plenty of parties already booked. Congratulations to Ricky and Lottie who got married on 21 December and to Shane Wood and Lyndsay who got engaged on 25 December.

Bev Ford

Jump Numbers

100	Clare Skiba
200	Vicky Kilby

POPS

The Coming Year

We have a full programme this year. Firstly there is the World Meet in New Zealand in March. We have the usual three UK meets, this year at Cockerham, Hinton and Bridlington. Like last year the focus will be on 4-way competition with just one round of Hit 'n' Rock during the weekend.

The last weekend in June is now to be a regular date for a British POPS meet which is guaranteed not to clash with European POPS meets.

New Zealand

If you're going to the World POPS Meet in New Zealand you should be packing your cases. As well as the Catalina, DC3 and M18 fun jumps, there are now balloon and para-bungee jumps on offer. I am told that UK repack cycles are accepted.

Check out POPS diary dates on the inside back cover and over 40s record attempt details on page 16

New Members

Lee Townsend	Ken Taylor
Melvyn Oxley	John Belza
Ian Grout	Melinda Grant

Pete Shew

pete@thepops.org

ST ANDREWS

"Get in the van boys"

For the last weekend before the DZ closed a large party was required so jumping stopped at 4pm and everyone hit the bar. After the drinking games, and the celebrated 'let's write on the sleeping, drunk guy', we headed into Anstruther to test the local taverns there. The three that decided to stay for that 'one last drink' came back at 5am, having signed everyone up in the local police station for a RAPS course! Only time will tell on that one.

Benchmarks

Graham Harris, part owner of the centre, recently introduced to the club the new requirement for reaching any major benchmark in your skydiving career. Upon your achievement the newly skilled skydiver must consume a three pint bottle of Grolsch in as short a

time as possible. So far Colin (pictured right) holds the club record, but with the progression of the Edinburgh Uni Skydiving Club students, his title is in danger.

New Year Party

The club opened on Hogmanay and was well attended by a collection of regulars, new students and our new friend Wendy from Elsinore who brought delight to the club with her Christmas email poetry.

Those who were unable to jump the next day could be forgiven for staying in the clubhouse because of the fantastic aromas of our turkey and honey roast ham dinner, care of Alan and Vicky. A highlight of the new year party was an appearance by Smelvis, our CCI's pet ferret who will hopefully become one of the regulars.

Gordon Morison



Achievements

First freefall	Colin Booth
Graduated AFF	Andy Hutchison
	Sarah Rhind
FS1	Gordon Morison
400 jumps	Phil Elston



Colin Booth after his first freefall.

Photos:
Louise Duguid

Charlie's first jump



HEADCORN

Has this been done before?
Last month in Eloy a 4-way raft jump from a balloon
from 6,500ft was launched by Rich Moulton of
Headcorn, Kev McGill, Georgie Pulman (camera)
and Brian Vacher.

Achievements

First freefall Roy White, Sally Turvey
AFF 8 Fay Ritchie
Cat 8 Daamon Parker, Wizzy
IC1 Kevin Dawes, Dennis McTaggart
Pete Davis
12 hrs freefall Nick Little

Jump Numbers

500 Mike Hennessy
600 Garry Wilson
1,000 Nick Little
1,200 Steve Tomkins



Paul Stockwell

CCI Pete Sizer awarding Newcomer of the Year, Daamon Parker

We've been taking full advantage of our lovely warm Black Beaver, which has been racing us to altitude and beating the canopies down. Our students have been making great progress, including David Hartley who went from 15 second delays to tracking in one weekend.

Dave Tunks has joined *Zygosis*. Good luck to the team!

Baz Smith would like to inform people that it's not a good idea to go canoeing on the fishing pond, especially after visiting the pub.

The guys and girls from the University of Kent headed off to Eloy to celebrate the new year in style and several regulars once again went to Spain for the Christmas boogie.

How Do You Eat Yours?

Watch out for a Cadbury's Creme Egg TV advert that was filmed at Headcorn recently, taking the 'How do you eat yours?' experience into freefall. The video of Jane Buckle and Garry Wilson eating and being fed Creme Eggs in freefall may put you off them for life! (Creme Eggs, not Jane and Garry!)

Newcomer of the Year

Congratulations to Daamon Parker who was awarded the Blue Skies Shield for Newcomer of the Year. Daamon persuaded us to take him on after our regular AFF season had ended. He persevered and got his Cat 8 in time for Christmas. Well done!

Christmas Dinner & New Year Party

Christmas dinner, organised by Ruth Cooper was held at the Rose and Crown. It was great fun and some of us had to wait to see the photos to figure out what had happened! The new year party, held in Wings was well attended with plenty of bubbly and a great atmosphere. The following day jumping started at noon and most people managed to get on a lift or two before it got dark. Some never quite made it out of bed – you know who you are!

Vicki Tomlinson

NETHERAVON



"Cracking party Grommit!"

As if the staff exodus to DeLand wasn't enough, some of the girls decided to take Ros Ayling away for her hen weekend in December. The organised activities included rock climbing, abseiling, pot-holing and of course, an excessive intake of alcohol. We all send Ros and Tag our best wishes for their wedding early this year in the Dominican Republic.

The theme for the Christmas party was 'magazine rack', which produced some imaginative interpretations! The top shelf generated quite a lot of interest, closely followed by versions of *Loaded*, and *Horse & Hound*. Other efforts included Al Hewitt for *Nursing Times*, although I'm not sure it was really necessary to test the stethoscope on all the ladies. Trevor Hookings walked away with first prize dressed as the magazine rack and was absolutely delighted with his prize – free jumps!...on a pogo stick! Very funny Gwyn – don't give up the day job.

Senior (old git) jumpers from Nethers deserve a mention: John 'Grandad' Powell reached his 1000th jump, and Eric Bagwell achieved his FS1 at the tender age of 63. Well done lads!

Words & photos: Kath Salisbury

Achievements

Cat 8 Jeff Lindsay, Lydia McCormick
FS1 Eric Bagwell

Jump Numbers

50 Stephen Northcott
1,000 Ash Hollick, John Powell



HINTON

The Let is back, with a lovely door and an even lovelier heater.

Many thanks to the Red Lion pub for letting us back in for our Christmas party. The girlies looked great in their party best, but lads, try harder next time or at least iron your shirts. Thanks to Steve and his band *Touch* for a great gig and getting the dance floor going.

The 'You're Mad' title of last year has gone to Steve Stringer for doing a naked skydive from 12k in December. Despite him saying that he wasn't cold I think the video footage tells a different story!

Caroline White

Achievements

Cat 8 Ben Dawson
John Penigast
Ashley Deacon
Jamie Hutt
FS1 Peter Turner
Neil Garrido
Phil Hartree

12 hrs freefall
Student of the Year

Rich Orford
Maria Russell

Jump Numbers

100 Phil Hartree
200 Catherine Glenister
500 Steve Carter
700 Maddie Moore
5,000 Simon Rushton

BCPA Freshers' Meet 22-23 November, Chatteris

The weather dice showed a mixed fate for the first collegiate meet of the year, but clouds never can stop a good party.....

As usual, most arrived early on the Friday night. Some hours later, amidst drunken slurs and hazy glances, it was possible to detect a big-way being planned for the morning. But just as the rest of the BCPA clan were forcibly removed from their drinking den, a late coach pulled up outside. The evening was too far gone for anyone to recognise the Scots by their accent, but the speed with which they invaded the bar and consumed alcohol was enough patriotic declaration for most.

Despite the following morning's beautiful, blue skies, most seemed less eager than they had predicted but briefings were mercifully efficient and Chatteris's rather fine Nomad was soon in the sky. The experienced mixed admirably with the less so and loads of instruction and coaching was achieved during the morning. The more reluctant then emerged as some freely saw the day to an end. Beer, alcopops, free punch, wine and a disco provided entertainment in the bar and many sought out the den, where some were seen to be stripped and covered with cream (but more were found licking it off).

There was some debate over who let Saturday end or Sunday begin but someone was responsible. The weekend was clearly at a close.

Dave Thompson

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CYPRUS

We've had our winter shutdown so things have been fairly quiet. Club members have taken the opportunity to do some skydiving in the States and Chris and Helen joined a group of RAF skydivers for ten days in Sebastian. Helen celebrated her 500th jump with a big-way with some of XL, Skydive Sebastian staff and friends! On the other side of the country in Elsinore were Steve, Paul, Mike, Reg and Smudge who banged out 400 jumps between them.

We're looking forward to the new season starting again in March and welcome new staff members, Chris Kelly and Darren Frohlich.

Helen Mills

Achievements

FF1 Steve Thomas
Smudge
Reg Green
500 jumps Helen Mills
Paul White

BCPA

PARAGON

About forty of our regular jumpers plus their wives, girlfriends, other people's wives and their boyfriends went to the Wild Geese Skydiving Centre, Ireland in November. We had a ball and would like to thank John McCourt, Judith and all the staff for their help, not forgetting Drew, their pilot who did a wonderful job.

The trip will be repeated on 15 March (St Paddy's weekend) so if you like the crack, come over to Ireland with the Paragon jumpers. Everybody's welcome: wives, girlfriends, other people's wives and boyfriends, all levels of experience for a fun, safe weekend. Thanks to Wild Geese for looking after my regulars!

See Paragon's DZ Focus, page 72.

George McGuinness



STRATHALLAN



Photo by Jim Stevenson, winner of the Tom Dickson Memorial Quaich

TOPCLIFFE

Merlin reopened in January with a new CCI, Trev Dobson. He returns to Merlin following an absence of six years and hopes to have a Cessna 206 shortly. Well done to Jerry 'Stoofers' Wood on his 100 jumps.

Ken Wharton

Good weather and plenty of enthusiastic jumpers on New Year's Day got Strathallan off to a good start, probably the best in the last ten years. Congratulations to Kenny getting his first freefall and his first mal on the 1st of January (loads of free beer!) Congrats also to Marian and Kevin McPhilips on the birth of their son Conor. Thanks to Eddie Jones for entertaining us once again with the end of year video. Following the SSPA AGM, a new committee is now in place for 2002.

Anne Johnson

Annual Awards

Student of the Year	Chris Reeves
Albert Wheeler Trophy	Ray MacDonald
Tom Dickson Memorial Quaich	Jim Stevenson

Achievements

First freefall	Kenny Shaw
FS1	Joyce Carter
IS1	Rupert Connell
	Calum Grant
	Andy Frew
	Julie Terry
	Alan Russell

Jump Numbers

150	Joyce Carter
200	Bunny McGeehan
300	Alan Russell
900	John Finnegan

REDLANDS

For those that don't know, we are situated outside Swindon in Wiltshire (See the map on page ??) and have just finished our first year of operation. Having started Skydive Redlands in 2001, we were badly affected by the Foot and Mouth outbreak which caused a late start. Aircraft used during this year included the AN2, Islander and Cessna 185. Thanks to Tigs for your time and use of your aircraft.

Welcome back to Keith Mace who returns to the sport. Thanks to the instructors Mike Bolton, Dick Barton, Danny Ng, Rob Zealley, Gary Stevens, Rick Boardman and all the people who gave up their time to pack and help out.

Eddie Robertson

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Achievements

Cat 8 Rachael Sandham

CARK

Great efforts were made in November last year when Children in Need saw five of our jumpers participating in a fancy dress charity jump. Craig, Fiona, Mick, Jan and Pete raised over £300 for the charity.

We completed over 8,200 descents in 2001, including the fab organised 16-way as our last dive of the season. We plan to get more up and coming skydivers in the air this year.

The Cark Christmas Dinner at the Swan Hotel was a great

laugh. We even managed to get Amanda (who broke her leg on a night jump), boogying on the dance floor with her crutches! CCI Dennis did his cabaret in fine tradition whilst Mick and Kay handed out awards to Cark's achievers. Skydiver of the Year went to Mick Morgan and our Dutch pilot, Jan received an award and a huge jar of mayonnaise for flying the Let. Wendy and Jo from Wendz café were given flowers for providing such a marvellous service and Lloyd the water fluffer (dish washer) was rewarded with a crate of beer. The Commitment to the Sport award went to Andy Brass who took



Amanda Baillie dances despite her crutches!



Jan the pilot receives his award — a jar of mayonnaise!

SIBSON

The Centre has been closed for most of the last two months, allowing the staff to recuperate in France, Australia, Dominican Republic, USA, South Africa and Cornwall. We saw the season out with Birdland Bar's annual fancy dress party. This time the theme was fetishes — interesting!

The Let is back in March and check out the 206's new paint job, including its 'go-faster' stripes! We are hosting the New Age Nationals in August, with the following weekend set aside in case of bad weather.

Achievements

Cat 8	Dave Pook
	Johnny Shelton
12hrs freefall	Russell Smith

Cornelia Waymouth



Giles Owen and Richard Annandale

only six weeks to get back into jumping after his accident last Christmas.

The Let will be back in March, just in time for our Easter boogie (29 March – 7 April) where we aim to hold another FS skills camp as the last one was such a success.

Many of us were lucky enough to go to warmer climes over Christmas and new year — Portugal, Empuria, Perris Valley and DeLand. Unfortunately not everybody could leave behind the traditional family Christmas — this goes out to you Rob! Maybe next year.

Michelle Meakins

Jump Numbers

100	Rachel Stott
200	Duncan Stott
	Pete Dennett
	Gary Crisp
300	Michelle Meakins
500	Jan Fallon
600	Pete Hughes
700	Duncan Haynes

Photos: Pete Hughes



SILVER STARS

We have had another change around in the staff at South Cerney. Away goes Tommy, back to his unit with a big thank you from the Silver Stars and Wilky joins the team after completing his AFF last year. Jeff Montgomery (Instructor of the Year), returns to his unit to go back into green kit, only for a couple of months before he rejoins us.

The Silver Stars ran a very successful night jump programme in December and everyone who took part enjoyed the experience. Lots of curry was consumed afterwards and the huge list of first time night jumpers meant there was plenty of beer bought. Thanks to Dave Lewis and all involved for organising.

Lenny

Achievements

Graduated AFF	Gillian Walker
400 jumps	Peter Blake
700 jumps	Duncan Hathaway
	Paul Kendall

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Tandems, RAPS, AFF

JUMP PRICES:

Tandems	£195
RAPS	£40
Students	£28
Experienced	£16

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Annual BCPA FS/CF Skills Camp
23-24 February and in June (dates TBC)

COACHING:

CF, FS, WARP

Paragon Skydiving Club

Errol Airfield, Grange, Errol
Perthshire, Scotland PH2 7TB

Tel: 01821 642 454

Fax: 01821 642 656

www.paragonskydiving.20.com

DZ ATTRACTIONS:

There's a good video room to watch your day's jumping. Hot showers are available and the DZ barbecue is fired up most weekends (bring your own drink!).

OTHER BUSINESSES:

AFF business run by Scotty Milne. DZ Shop, selling a variety of skydiving accessories, equipment and clothes.

FOOD & DRINK:

The DZ café offers breakfasts, sandwiches, snacks and confectionery. Five minutes drive down the road is a fish and chip shop. Two pubs in Errol serve evening meals and the Inchture Hotel serves meals all day.

ACCOMMODATION:

Heated bunkrooms are available for £3 per night and camping is free (sorry, no dogs please).

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

A few miles from the DZ in Perth and Dundee are loads of shopping opportunities, museums and swimming pools. Historical attractions include Captain Scott's ship, the Discovery and the oldest war ship in the UK.

OVERVIEW:

Paragon's scenery of mountains and rivers, roads and railways is likely to be one of the best freefall views you will see in the UK. It's a friendly, small DZ where you can jump for fun or do some serious FS or CF. The staff are always on hand to help you out.



Billy Gollan

Directions

Errol Airfield is situated on the east side of Errol in a village called The Grange. It lies between Perth and Dundee on the A90. Look for the signs to Errol.

Recommended Local Accommodation

Inchture Hotel
01828 686 298
five minute drive from DZ



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BPA Affiliated Drop Zones



1-23 Civilian BPA Centres
A-D Military BPA Centres

1 Black Knights Parachute Centre

Patty's Farm, Hilliam Lane, Cockerham,
Nr Lancaster LA2 0DY
Tel: W/end 01524 791 820 or 0151 924 5560
www.bkpc.co.uk e-mail jeff@payco.net

Open: Weekends, bank holidays 8am - 8pm
First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 185

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2 Border Parachute Centre

Bruntton Airfield, Chathill, Northumberland NE67 5ER
Tel: 01665 589 000 Fax: 01665 721 053
skydivenorth@email.msn.com
www.borderparachute.co.uk

Open: Weekends winter, any day by call in summer, 9am - dark
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 182, larger aircraft on call

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3 British Parachute Schools

Langar Airfield, Langar, Nottingham NG13 9HY
Tel/Fax: 01949 860 878 info@bpslangar.co.uk
www.bpslangar.co.uk

Open: Every day 9am - 8pm (or sunset), 10am start Sunday
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Porter and Cessna 206. Turbolet (summer), Grand Caravan

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4 British Skysports, Bridlington

East Lays Farm, Gindale Rd, Bridlington, E.Yorks YO16 4YB
Tel: 01262 677 367 / 07836 276 188 Fax: 01262 401 871
www.britishtskysports.co.uk

Open: Every day 8am - 8pm
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206

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5 Cornwall Parachute Club

Fran's Ranch, Old Naval Airfield, St Merryn,
Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7RT
Tel: DZ 01841 540 691 CCI 01208 813 310
cpc@madasafish.com
www.skydivcepc.com

Open: Weekend 8am - dark, 3pm - sunset Wed - Fri (summer)
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 182, 206

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6 Devon & Somerset Parachute School

30 Tower Way, Dunkeswell, Nr Honiton, Devon EX14 4XR
Tel/Fax: 01404 891 690
AGUEST1@compuserve.com
www.parachuting-uk.com

Open: 9am - sunset Wed - Sun, midweek by arrangement
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206

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Coaching & Facilities

LO	load organisers	video room
FS	formation skydiving	equipment shop
CF	canopy formation	canteen
FF	freelying	evening restaurant
AC	accuracy	bar
WP	WARP	bunkhouse
SU	Skydive U	showers
<	rigging room	camping welcome
		caravans welcome

7 Headcorn Parachute Centre

Headcorn Aerodrome, Headcorn, Kent TN27 9HX
Tel: 01622 890 862 Fax: 01622 890 641
headcorn@btconnect.com
www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk

Open: Every day 9am - dark (Closed Mondays in winter)
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Turbolet (Apr-Sept), Beaver (Oct-Mar), Islander

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8 Hinton Skydiving Centre

Hinton Airfield, Steane, Brackley, Northants NN13 5NS
Tel: 01295 812 300 Fax: 01295 812 400
info@skydive.co.uk www.skydive.co.uk

Open: 9am - 7pm Tues - Fri, 8am - 8pm Sat and Sun
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206 (all year), Turbolet March - Dec

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9 London Parachute School

31 Green Street, Hazlemere, Bucks HP15 7RA
Drop Zone located off Junction 6 of M40
Tel: 01494 459 500 Fax: 01494 444 326
info@londonparachuteschool.com
www.londonparachuteschool.com
Mob: 07970 818 458

Open: Weekends 8am - dark
First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, tandem
Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206

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10 Merlin Parachute Centre

Alanbrooke Barracks, Topcliffe, Nr Thirsk, N Yorks
Tel: W/days 01204 391 860 W/end 01748 875 367

Open: Weekends and bank holidays 9am - dark
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Islander

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11 North London Parachute Centre Ltd

Chatteris Airfield, Manea, March, Cambs PE15 0EA
DZ Tel: 01354 740 810 Fax: 01354 740 406
Office Tel: 01473 829 982 Fax: 01473 829 515
chatpara@aol.com www.chatpara.com

Open: Tues - Fri 10.30am - dark, Weekends 8am - dark
First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Nomad

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12 North West Parachute Centre

Cark Airfield, Flookburgh, Nr Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria
Tel: 01539 558 672 Fax: 01772 787 106
skydive-northwest@totalise.co.uk
www.skydive-northwest.com

Open: Weekends and bank holidays
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: Islander, Turbolet 410

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13 Paragon Skydiving

Errol Airfield, Grange, Errol, Perthshire PH2 7TB
Tel: 01821 642 454 Fax: 01821 642 656
www.paragonskydiving20.com

Open: Wed - Sun
First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 182

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14 Peterborough Parachute Centre

Sibson Airfield, Wansford, Peterborough PE8 6NE
Tel: 01832 280 490 Fax: 01832 280 409
www.skydivesibson.com

Open: 8am - 8pm, Tue - Sun (summer), Wed - Sun (winter)
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206, Turbolet (summer)

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15 Peterlee Parachute Centre

PQ Box 192, Durham DH1 5WD
Tel/Fax 0191 517 1234
Email: Shottonairfield@aol.com
http://members.aol.com/skydiveamy

Open: All day Sat/Sun/Bank holiday Mon all day. Occasionally midweek (especially Wed & Fri pm) - phone to confirm before travelling
First Jump Courses: Squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 182, Turbo 206

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16 Skydive Redlands

44 Springhill Grove, Penn, Wolverhampton, WU4 4SH
Tel/Fax: 01902 653 220 skydiveredlands@aol.com

Open: Weekends, 9am - 8pm Please call 07855 908 083 prior to coming
First Jump Courses: squares

Aircraft: Various

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17 Skydive St Andrews

Kingsmuir Airfield, Saint Andrews, Scotland
Tel: 01334 880678
skydivestandrews@mail.com
www.skydivestandrews.co.uk

Open: Every w/end & Public holiday 8am - 10pm,
Regularly open midweek (by arrangement)

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 185, Islander May - September

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18 Skydive Strathallan

Strathallan Airfield, Nr Auchterarder, Perthshire PH3 1LA
Tel: 0777 468 6161 Weekend 01764 662572
kbrady@tsdbial.co.uk www.skydivestrathallan.co.uk

Open: Fri 5pm - 9pm, weekends 9am - 9pm

First Jump Courses: rounds, tandem

Aircraft: Turbine, 3 x Cessna 206

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19 Skydive Wales

Pembrey Airfield, Pembrey,
Carmarthenshire,
Wales SA16 0HZ
Tel: 01554 891 534 Mobile: 07779 019655
will@skydivewales.co.uk www.skydivewales.co.uk

Open: Friday - Sunday

First Jump Courses: tandem, squares

Aircraft: Cessna 182

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20 Target Skysports

Hibaldstow Airfield, Hibaldstow, Brigg, N Lincs DN20 9NN
Tel/Fax: 0113 250 5600 or 01652 648 837 DZ
info@targetsky.demon.co.uk www.skydiving.co.uk

Open: 9am - dusk every day
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem
Aircraft: G92 Turbine, SMG-92 Turbo Finist, Cherokee 6

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21 The Parachute Centre

Tilstock Airfield, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HA
Tel: 01948 841 111 Fax: 01948 840 638
skydive@theparachutecentre.com
www.theparachutecentre.com

Open: Sat 8am - dark, Fri 2pm - dark (summer)
First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: 2 x Cessna 206

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22 UK Parachuting

Old Buckenham Airfield, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1PU
Tel: 01953 861 030 Fax: 01953 861 031
jump@ukparachuting.co.uk www.ukparachuting.co.uk

Open: Weekends & Weekdays (but phone first)
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: PA-32 (available for weekend displays)

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23 Wild Geese Skydive Centre

Movenis Airfield, 116 Carrowreagh Road, Garvagh,
Coleraine, Co Londonderry, N Ireland BT51 5LQ
Tel: 028 295 58 609 Fax: 028 295 57 050
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

Open: Every day. W/end 8am - dark, W/days 9.30am - dark
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan

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A Army Parachute Association

The Commandant, JSPC Airfield Camp, Netheravon,
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 9SF
Tel: Bulford Camp 01980 678 250
apa@netheravon.fsnet.co.uk www.netheravon.com

Open: Every day. W/end 8am - dark, W/days 9.30am - dark
First Jump Courses: squares, tandem
Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan

B RAFSPA & RAFSPA Hawks Parachute Team

JSPC (W) RAF Weston-on-the-Green, Bloesler, Oxon OX6 8TQ
Tel: 01869 343 343 / 343 201 Fax: 01869 343 676

C Services Parachute Centre

Shackleton Barracks, BFPO 802
Tel: 01504 721 472 Fax: 01504 721 342
Mobile: 0780 232 8755 SPCNI@aol.com

D Silver Stars Parachute Team

Duke of Gloucester Barracks,
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Active Skydiving
Glengoyan, St Fillans,
Perthshire PH6 2ND
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Mobile: 07803 041348

scotty@skydive.prestel.co.uk
www.commercepark.co.uk/skydive

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78 Bexley High Street, Bexley,
Kent DA5 1LB

Tel: 01322 557375

Mobile: 07802 472 566

France: 00 33 (0) 619 605 997

skydive@air-waves.co.uk

www.air-waves.co.uk

BPA Approved instructors Rod Bartholomew (22 years experience), Chris Lynch (ex XL), & Coco Cazalas (USPA) offer AFF, RAPS / RAPS progression, tandem, FS, FF and team coaching at our beautiful seaside resorts in Royan, Corsica and Florida. Operating full-time all year, our professional and personal skydiving holidays have everything. Video included. UK support on return.

British Collegiate Parachute Association

Dave Thompson - Chairman

Mill Hollow Barn, Stockwell Lane, Sulgrave, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 2RS

www.bcpa.org.uk chairman@bcpa.org.uk

The BCPA aims to promote parachuting and skydiving at collegiate level. We hold events for our 25 affiliated university clubs and we provide help on setting up and running these clubs. Most importantly we provide a community where university skydivers of all abilities can find like-minded people to jump and socialise with.

David Morris Action Sports

2 Daleside, Cotgrave,

Nottingham NG12 3QA

Tel/Fax: 0115 989 2050

Mobile: 0777 498 6600

dave@daleside2.demon.co.uk www.daleside2.demon.co.uk

Dave specialises in AFF courses and tandem introductions in the UK, Spain and France. The AFF course includes free jumpsuit, altimeter, helmet, goggles, video log with re-jumps at cost. A great deal if you want to learn to skydive. Dave has over 7,000 jumps and is a BPA Tandem and AFF Instructor and Examiner.

East Coast Parachute Centre

8 Burns Crescent, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0TS

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RAPS, static line and progression courses. AFF — UK and abroad.

Tandem Video by arrangement.

Currently sharing facilities with the London Parachute School at Lewknor drop zone.

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kevin@freefallco.com www.freefallco.com

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doug@paratrg.demon.co.uk

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pete@thepops.org www.thepops.org

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Wiltshire SP4 9SF

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Tel: 01980 678203 (Courses)

Fax: 01980 678349

reddevils@reddevilsonline.com

www.reddevilsonline.com

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Scottish Sports Parachute Association

Bunny McGeehan (Chairman, SSPA),

Strathallen Airfield,

Auchterarder, Perthshire PH3 1BE

Tel: 01698 812 443 (weekdays)

Tel: 01764 662 572 (weekends)

info@sspa.co.uk www.sspa.co.uk

NewsGroup: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scotspa

The SSPA aims to promote parachuting in Scotland and provide training grants and subsidies for all aspects of the sport.

Skydive Academy

PO Box 192, Durham DH1 5WD

Contact: Ian Rosenvinge

Tel/Fax: 0191 386 5261

skydiveacademy@aol.com

http://members.aol.com/skydiveamy

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Overseas Military Affiliated DZ's

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Contact: Club CCI,

Dhekelia Garrison, BFPO 58, Cyprus

Tel: Office 00 357 474 4337

DZ: 00 357 474 4245

Fax: 00 357 474 4180 skydive@logos.cy.net

RAPA JSPC(L)

(Rhine Army Parachute Association)

Flugplatz, 33175 Bad Lippspringe,

Germany, BFPO 16

Tel: 00 49 5254 98 2378 or 98 2740

Fax: 00 49 5254 98 2740 awright91@aol.com

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Empuriabrava, Spain

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Fax: 001 561 388 2105

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FEBRUARY

18-22 Instructor Course

Netheravon 0116 278 5271
CSI/Pre-Advanced trudy@bpa.org.uk

19 BPA Council Meeting

skydive@bpa.org.uk 0116 278 5271

20-2 Mar Umm Al Quwain Boogie

United Arab Emirates
Pete Marsden 01932 701 321
pete@boogieclub.co.uk www.boogieclub.co.uk

20-23 DeLand Majik Tunnel Camp

SkyVenture Wind Tunnel, Orlando, Florida
joey@delandmajik.com www.delandmajik.com

20-24 Skydive U - The Search III

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22-9 Mar Borneo Boogie

Herman Landsman 0031 222 311 658
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23-3 Mar Airspeed Skills Camp

Eloy AZ dan@airspeed.org www.airspeed.org

23-3 Mar 3rd Annual Freely Boogie

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skydive@turboweb.net.au
Dee Bowring 0061 0409 995 802

23-24 Mar Skydive Algarve Spring Boogie

Alvor, the Algarve, Portugal.
Organised trip www.skydiving.co.uk
from Hibaldstow www.skydive-algarve.com

24-2 Mar DeLand Majik Tunnel Camp

SkyVenture Wind Tunnel, Orlando, Florida
joey@delandmajik.com www.delandmajik.com

25-27 Dave's POPS Trip to Belgium

Paracub, Moorseele, 0171 417 062
Belgium dave@12000ft.freesev.com

27-3 Mar XL Challenge Skills Camp

Pete Allum 001 561 589 6734
Skydive Sebastian, www.skydiveseb.com
Florida pete_allum@compuserve.com

MARCH

1-10 World POPS Meet

Matamata, Fax: Val 0064 927 34 263
New Zealand paul.faulkner@xtra.co.nz
www.thepops.org

2-9 Kenya Safari Beach Boogie

Geoff Wood (Hinton) 01295 812300
info@skydive.co.uk

7-12 Airspeed Basic Tunnel Camps

www.tunnelcamp.com 001 480 283 2603

9-11 16-way Fun Fax Meet

Skydive Nagambie, Vic, Australia
James Boyle: 0061 03 5794 1466

11-15 Instructor Course

Langar 0116 278 5271
AFF/Tandem trudy@bpa.org.uk

13-18 South of the Border Boogie

San Carlos, Mexico dan@airspeed.org
www.skydiveaz.com

14-17 DeLand Majik Tunnel Camp

SkyVenture Wind Tunnel, Orlando, Florida
joey@delandmajik.com www.delandmajik.com

15-16 Paragon Goes to Ireland

Wild Geese PC, N Ireland 02829 558 609
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk
Paragon PC, Scotland 01821 642 454
www.paragonskydiving.20.com

23-24 Sebastian XL Wind Tunnel Camp

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info@skydive.de www.skydive.de

23-7 Apr Empuria Easter Boogie

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cpb@gna.es www.skyrats.com

24-28 Skydive Portugal RW Skills Camp

www.skydive-portugal.com
info@skydive-portugal.com

28-31 Colorado River Boogie

Perris Valley, USA www.skydiveperris.com

28-1 Apr Easter Big-way Boogie

Skydive Nagambie, Australia
Louise Cross 0061 0357 941 466

29-1 Apr 4-way Meet

British Parachute Schools 01949 860878
www.bpslangar.co.uk info@bpslangar.co.uk

29-1 Apr Hib's Easter Bash

Target Skysports, 0113 250 5600
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk
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29-7 Apr Ark Easter Boogie & FS Skills Camp

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29-7 Apr Skydive Portugal Easter Boogie

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30-31 DeLand Majik Tunnel Camp

SkyVenture Wind Tunnel, Orlando, Florida
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31 Weston Easter Party

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APRIL

6-7 POPS Big-way Weekend & FS Record Attempt

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11 BPA STC Meeting

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11-16 Airspeed Basic Tunnel Camps

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17-21 XL Challenge Skills Camp

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18-21 DeLand Majik Tunnel Camp

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5 Weston Bank Holiday Party

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4-7 Australian National Classics Championships

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11-12 Classics Southern Regionals

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13-17 Instructor Course

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16-19 Advanced Coaching Camp

Coaching for experienced coaches
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17-18 Irish FS & Accuracy Nationals

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18-19 CF Central Regionals

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18-20 French FS Cup

European Freefall Center, 1st Round
Lapalisse, France info@lapalisse-aero.com
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20-24 Instructor Course

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21-26 Go Vertical Boogie

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25-26 POPS Meet

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www.thepops.org jeff@payco.net

25-26 New Age Central Regionals

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Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

29-2 Jun Basic FS Skills Camp

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www.skydivedelmarva.com

30-4 Jun Airspeed Basic Tunnel Camps 25/26

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JUNE

1-3 Scottish Nationals

Skydive Strathallan 07774 686 161
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4&8-way/FF/Surf/FSstyle/S&A/CF

1-3 CF & Classics Northern Regionals

Skydive Strathallan 07774 686 161
www.skydivesthrathallan.co.uk

1-4 Scrambles Competition & Golden Jubilee Party

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6-9 Intermediate/Advanced FS Skills Camp

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8-9 POPS Meet

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8-9 Speed 8

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8-9 VMax FS Coaching Roadshow

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8-9 4Pak FS Coaching Roadshow

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8-15 RAPA Meet

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15-16 FS Coaching Roadshow

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15-23 Target's 1st Summer Boogie

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22-23 New Age Northern Regionals

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29-30 Rodders 4-way Meet

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JULY

5-26 Ostre Aera Summer Boogie, Norway

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6-7 FS Central Regionals

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6-7 Hinton CF Festival

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8-12 FS Week

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8-14 European Freely Convention

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13-14 4-way Meet

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19-21 POPS Meet

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20-21 Wingsuit Festival

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20-21 New Age Southern Regionals

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25-3 Aug World Cup of Champions

Lucenec, Slovakia lsc@pronet.sk

27-29 FS British Nationals

Target, Hibaldstow 0113 250 5600
 1st weekend (4-way) www.skydiving.co.uk

AUGUST

3-5 FS British Nationals

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 2nd weekend (8-way) www.skydiving.co.uk

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10-12 New Age British Nationals

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10-18 Target's 2nd Summer Boogie

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10-18 Espace Boogie

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12-16 Instructor Course

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15-17 International 16-way Meet

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17-18 POPS Meet

Bridlington 01262 677 367
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24-25 POPS Meet

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25 Weston Summer Ball

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31-1 Sep POPS FS Record Attempt

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31-1 Sep Tracking Meet

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SEPTEMBER

5-8 Women's British Record

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6-8 International 16-way Meet

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7-8 LAC Meet

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Hoogeveen, Netherlands pete@thepops.org
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14-15 FS Northern Regionals

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21-22 Speed Skydiving World Cup

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21-22 POPS Meet

Jelenia Gora, Poland pete@thepops.org
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22-31 Skydive City Boogie

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27-29 CASA Fallfest Boogie

Skydive Delmarva, Laurel, Delaware, USA
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13-23 Equinox Boogie

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22 BPA Council Meeting

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26 Weston End of Season Party

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26-3 Nov Halloween Boogie

European Freefall Center,
 Lapalisse, France info@lapalisse-aero.com
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26-10 Nov Kenya Safari Beach Boogie

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11-15 Instructor Course

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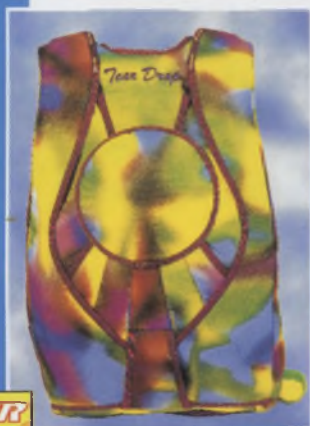
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