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## editorial

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to my new assistant Mike Pascoe. Without him you wouldn't be reading this – his help with this magazine was invaluable. Mike is massively over-qualified; having worked as a systems developer for Lloyds TSB for eight years he has experience of databases, administration, publishing, internet, communication and systems analysis. I am looking forward to him implementing some new systems here which are going to make the office more streamlined and efficient.

Mike has 35 jumps so brings enthusiasm for the sport and ideal input from the newbie level. He enjoys many adventure sports such as scuba diving, climbing & ice hockey, and has played in-line roller hockey to national level. He's already got well stuck into the magazine website, doing newsround updates and the latest educational articles. I've never seen anyone work so hard for me, we put in 80 hour weeks to get this magazine out two weeks earlier than usual – and publish a new Starter magazine the week before!

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# Euphoria

## A Max Cohn Focus Project

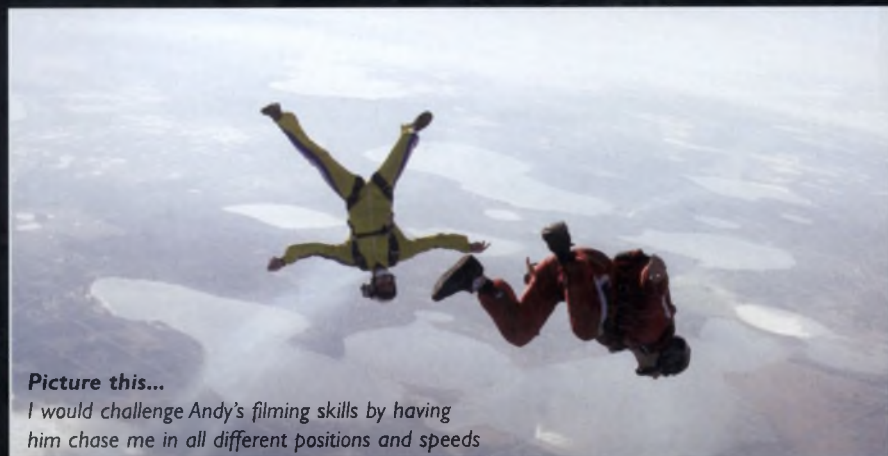
This year, Max Cohn coached British freefly team *Euphoria*, in an intensive training fortnight at the Florida Skydiving Centre in Lake Wales, Florida. Team members Alec Cotton, Mike Carpenter and Andy Newell are preparing for the Freefly Nationals in August. *Euphoria* and Max completed a mammoth 13 hours of tunnel time and 160 jumps each, with the aid of a super supportive manifest.

Week one consisted primarily of one-on-one coached jumps with Max, the goal being to strengthen individual skills. Week two brought the team members back together with compulsories and the very beginnings of their free routines.

*"We took a very slow but steady approach. Like anything, there is no point in rushing and the more thoroughly we synthesised each concept, the stronger the team became."* said Max. The group emerged unscathed minus some sore muscles and some sleep deprivation!



*Euphoria did 13 hours of tunnel time in 14 days*



**Picture this...**

*I would challenge Andy's filming skills by having him chase me in all different positions and speeds*

**Picture this...**

*"Andy was designated to be Euphoria's camera man for the training camp, filming on about 130 of the 160 skydives. He did an awesome job, and his improvement was astounding. He dialled in his framing and he could stay with almost ANYTHING by the end of the camp.*

*"We did several jumps where I would challenge Andy's filming skills by having him chase me and I would not even look at him. I would fly in all different positions and at all different speeds. I'd go from super fast head-down to my belly to tracking and so on. He cursed my name, but he followed me the whole way and kept almost everything in frame. I was very impressed."*





#### Chase me!

These dives teach you to fly your whole body and to be able to stay with anything

### Chase me, chase me!

"When I teach people to fly their bodies at an advanced training level, like Euphoria, I find chasing dives very effective. The goal is to have the student (Alec or Mikey in this case) chase me out of the plane. Their goals are very simple:

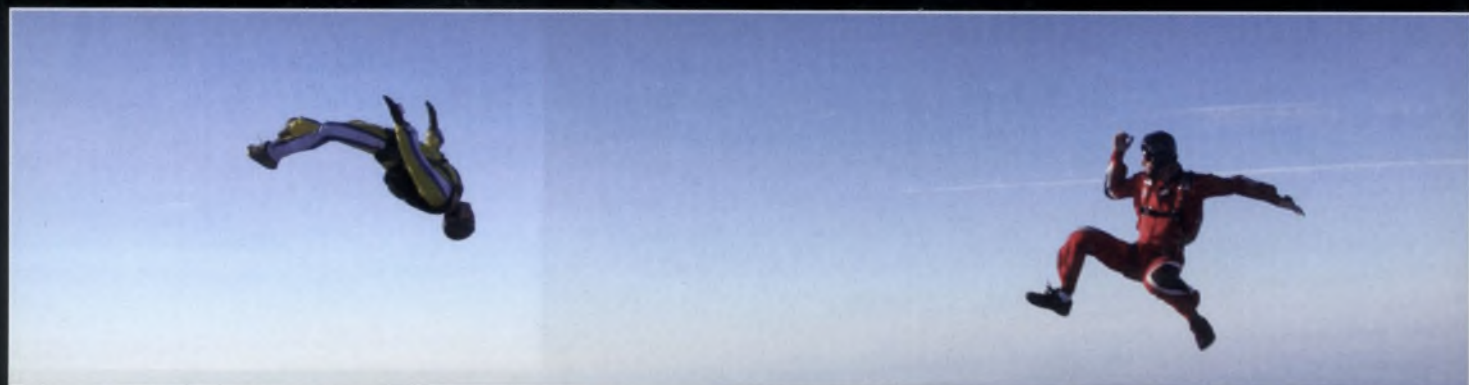
- 1 always keep eye contact with me (no matter what!)
- 2 do whatever it takes to chase me.

"It's important for the student to remember that they should not 'copy' my body position. This means that if, for example, I'm backsliding in a stand, they should chase me head-down because it is more efficient than chasing me in a stand. I would go through an extreme variance of speed and angle changes.

"This kind of jump is very dangerous. If both flyers do not keep eye contact, a collision

could be deadly. These types of flights take up a lot of space in the sky, so it's crucial for the leader to know where he or she is going and to make sure to know what group exited before you and after you. It's really best to go out last, wait a LOT of time after the group before you, and then pull high.

"These dives teach you to fly your whole body and to be able to stay with anything, more or less."





## Mirror mirror...

"Mirror dives are cool, people always have a good time. The goal is simple; copy my poses exactly. There are really only a few things to remember. Firstly, to make things simple, I usually say to do it 'mirror image', meaning that if we are both head-down, and I put up my left arm, the student should use their right arm. That way, it is like we are looking in a mirror. You could do it the other way, it is just important you decide on one or the other.

"The next thing to remember is that when I make a pose, I'm already in the pose – obviously! – so the student should not feel compelled to rush into it. Take your time trying to get your arms above you, for example, and, if you feel wobbly, bring your arms back down, take a breath, and try again. In other words, don't let yourself get to the point where you will go unstable.

"Differentiate between poses and signals. I might give a 'breathe' sign in the middle of a

pose or during a neutral point of the dive. Do not give me a breathe sign back! The same thing goes for an 'eye-contact' sign, 'strong legs' sign and so on. I usually make the pose clearly a pose; with a little briefing on the ground, it is not a problem.

"In head-down, the mirror dive helps us to use our arms independently from our body. It really strengthens up our legs. The dive can be done in any position. I find it particularly fun and challenging to do it upright."



## Mirror mirror...

The mirror dive helps us to use our arms independently from our body and really strengthens up our legs





## Patience is a virtue

"One of the biggest themes I use in my coaching is 'heading, level, proximity'. I suggest that the first thing to do when trying to fly relative with another person is to establish a heading. This means that you are

- 1 looking at the person
- 2 on a fixed heading (ie, not moving or orbiting).

After you establish a heading, the next thing to do, is establish your level. Many times it is head to head, but not always.

"After you set your heading and after you make your levels, I suggest you double check that your heading and level is still on track. Then start to work on closing your proximity. In theory, if you are on heading, on level and in proximity, a dock is quite easy. This is

because the dock is just 'right there' because the two of you are flying perfectly relative.

"We spent a lot of jumps working on these concepts one by one. Euphoria showed great discipline and skill in NOT just going for the dock. They took care, they made sure their heading was correct and if it was not correct, they took the time to fix it. And, if that meant that they ran out of time in a particular jump

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before they even got to the dock, then so be it. They realised that by building a strong foundation now, they would become exponentially better flyers as each skill compounded on one another."

**Quotes by Max Cohn, Generation Freefly**

Max has over 7,000 skydives, has coached thousands of students worldwide in freefly and has over 40 published articles in six languages.

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Sorry about the delay but I'm sure the PAC will be well worth waiting for!

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### Espace Boogie

An Espace Boogie 2003 DVD has been released. All the usual antics are on offer at this year's Espace, 7-15 August at Lapalisse, a more luxurious venue than Vichy, with swimming pool, indoor air conditioned parking area, rooms to stay in and bar/restaurant.

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Skydive Lillo is the proud owner of Europe's first swoop pond (see page 18). It is 430 feet by 60 feet at both ends and 25 feet in the middle. The size makes it ideal for competitions and practice, as the options for starting and terminating a swoop are increased. Skydive Lillo will be organising training seminars and competitions. Any organisation that wishes to host their own swoop competition is welcome, call the drop zone to book.

Lillo operates a Super Pilatus Porter B2H4, with another Porter on call. The club offers high speed internet connection, a pool, bar/restaurant, and all the usual DZ stuff, (shop, showers, bunkhouse, camping, rigger, packers, team rooms... ) and they will collect you (gratis) from Madrid. Their attitude to the customer is outstanding.

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## Atmonauti Cometh To Town

Roll up, roll up, the greatest show on earth – well not really the earth, more the greatest show in the sky – is coming to town... the Atmonauti Circus is on the way to Langar. Marco Tiezzi and and Gi Borgnis, the pioneers who invented Atmonauti and all it stands for are coming to Britain for the first time. "We are looking forward to bringing this to the UK, as the support we have received from the Brits abroad has been excellent."

Langar Boogie 2 will host Atmonauti – flying in flocks will be backed by seminars, small group training and 1:1. There will be a chance to be involved in shooting footage for a project for the Flyboyz Film Festival 2004. DJ Richie will be giving 'music to video' editing seminars, vibes and ambience. Free energy drinks will be available courtesy of Go Fast Sports. All this plus Langar



Boogie and FOUR aircraft including a SkyVan, the Brit Chicks 60-way attempt and Milko's invitational 50-way skydives.

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Note: Next issue brings a 'how-to' article from George Pilkington on Atmonauti

## It's a Kind of Majik

DeLand Majik did a 41 in time in an NSL (National Skydiving League) in May, more than the FAI World Record of 39 set by Airspeed. (For anoraks, the round was: C E F L K.) As it was not an FAI sanctioned meet this is not a world record and the French still hold the unofficial record of 42. Majik averaged 25.5 over the six rounds which is also a non-sanctioned record – but damn fine nonetheless!

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DeLand Majik by Andy Wright

# German Record 122-way



## German & European Record

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| Average jumps | 2,742                 |
| Lowest:       | 640                   |
| Highest:      | 10,800                |
| Average age:  | 42                    |
| Youngest:     | 22                    |
| Oldest:       | 65 (5 in all over 60) |
| Gender:       | 77% male              |

Great weather, aircraft and facilities, including a brand new indoor air conditioned packing area, set the stage for an attempt for a new 122-way German record. One jump later, a broken hip and the group was down to 121! The organising was by Pete Marsden (location and event), Dieter Kirsh, Pit Weber & Christoph Aarns (sky) and the Barbara Hausmanns (ground). The Germans really are efficient, it all went like clockwork with everyone jumping, no bench, and from start to finish it was a 122-way team.

Five warm-up 60-ways, then record attempts, six jumps later they had it – 121-way! – and the party started. It was on the first load so the party was long! Two days later the group brought in Barbara from manifest. One attempt and they had 122 (followed by another long day of partying!).

Words & photo by Pete Marsden  
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Mike Frost by Andy Ford



## BirdBirds

The first British women's wingsuit record attempt will take place on August 20 as part of Peterborough Parachute Centre's Wingsuit Weekend (Aug 20-22). All you need is your suit, the right attitude and a bottle of champagne for a weekend of top quality girly fun and a take-home T-shirt which fits we chicks (and wee chicks). This record attempt isn't for complete beginners but all levels are welcome. Crack winged flyers from Sibson will be joining in, also the rather gorgeous Jari Kuosma of BirdMan is desperately juggling his hectic European summer tour to get involved. All we had to do was mention wingsuits and girls...



Jo Malone

Colin Bridges

## Freestyle Swooping

The Pro Swooping Tour (PST) opened in April with their brand-new event; freestyle, at Perris Valley. In freestyle, points are scored depending on moves involving contact with the water. The three events were; *Freestyle Random* moves drawn from the pool of defined PST moves, see website; *Freestyle Accuracy* moves (from the pool), performed before landing in with an accuracy zone; and the final *Free* round where competitors chose and pre-declared their own freestyle moves. They were scored on approach (20% total), execution (60%), and landing (20%). The moves carried different scores depending on degree of difficulty. In the free rounds, competitors went all out to perform high scoring moves.

The meet had to be completed in one day due to poor weather; out of a field of 42 Jay Moledzki was first, second was Jim Slaton and third Shannon Pilcher. Our own Paul Gurteen came 23<sup>rd</sup> with Mikey Holmes in 32<sup>nd</sup>. At the end of the day many competitors were drying out their canopies but it was great entertainment for the crowd who saw some awesome swooping action, showing once again that canopy piloting is super spectator-friendly.

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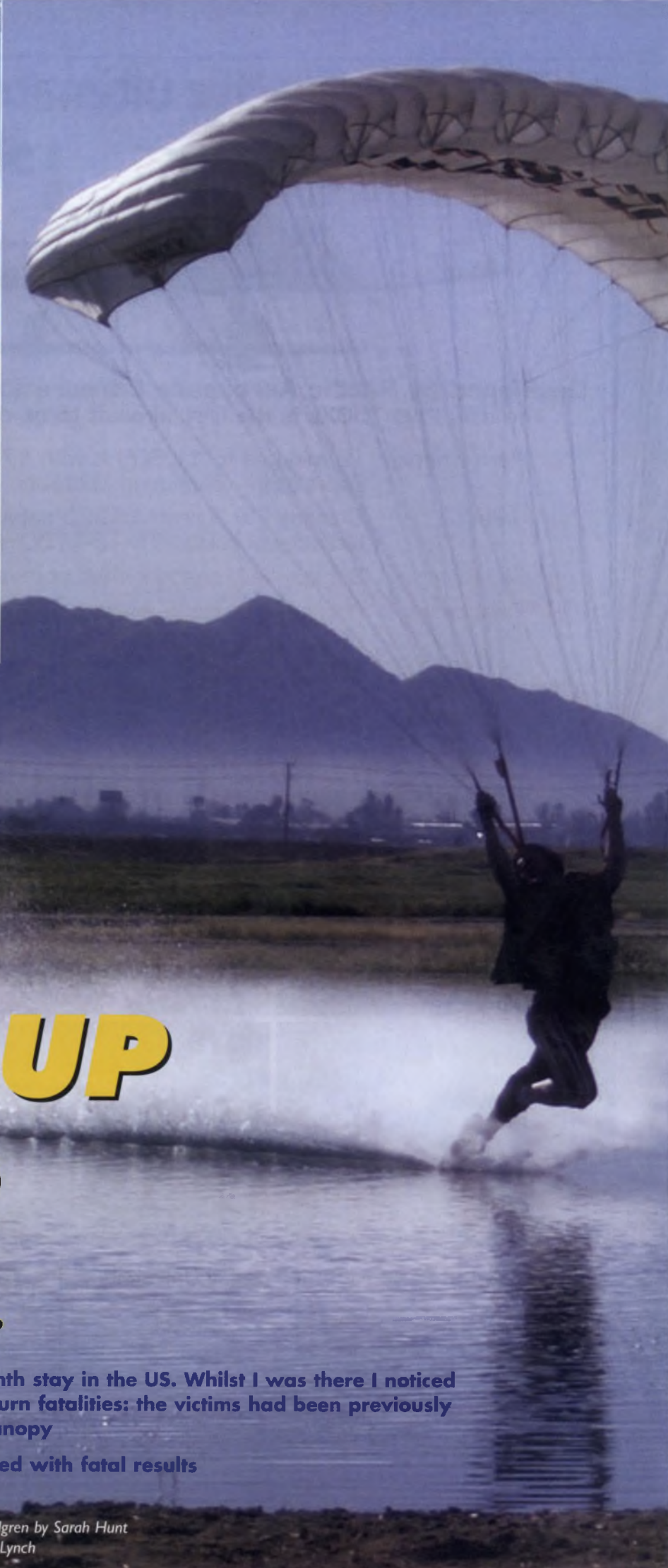
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# WAKE UP

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and **LISTEN**  
to this free advice...

I have recently returned from a six month stay in the US. Whilst I was there I noticed a trend in the incident reports for low turn fatalities: the victims had been previously warned about their behaviour under canopy

Unfortunately the warnings were ignored with fatal results



From what I can gather about the recent low turn fatality in the UK there were similar circumstances.

- In view of this I wish to appeal to anyone considering a swoop landing that they do not attempt it without some ground schooling and coaching.
- I would also like to appeal to all Chief Instructors that they do not allow anyone to attempt swoop landings without coaching and that this is strongly enforced.
- I would further like to appeal to anyone who has been warned about their behaviour under canopy, particularly swooping, that they heed the warnings. There is a very good chance that the warning has come from someone who has a better perspective of the swoop than the canopy pilot in question and has seen that the corner is being cut. Wake up, stow your ego and listen to this free advice.

### Don't Underestimate Preparation

It takes a very long time to become proficient enough at flying a canopy to attempt swooping. Trying to take shortcuts can be fatal – way too many victims have proved this to be true. A lot of preparation must be made before attempting any kind of turning approach. Strong observational skills and good altitude awareness under canopy are both essential. Lots of practice and experimentation at altitude are vital. Do not underestimate how much preparation goes into safe swooping.

### Don't Use Up Your Safety Margin

Every swooper needs to understand that sooner or later we will turn too low, that is guaranteed. All swoopers do it from time to time but the good ones realise it early and only have to do minor work to regain the safety margin. Unfortunately there are many swoopers that use the mid range of their urgent recovery all the time because they turn too low. This means that approximately 50% of their safety margin is already used up. They are not only endangering themselves, they are

because it helps me be more consistent and it gives me a precise measurement which makes it easier to make adjustments if necessary on later jumps. Do remember that the priority under canopy is observation of traffic and landing safely.

### Tandems

Swooping tandems is completely unnecessary and should be banned immediately. Tandem passengers do not need the extra buzz and it's ridiculous to endanger them for the sake of satisfying the tandem instructor's ego. If your tandem canopy needs more speed to create enough lift for a gentle landing you probably need a newer canopy.

### Competitive swooping

Anyone considering entering a swooping competition needs to understand that it is very different to swooping the DZ. The added pressure of getting into a position to make the gate and fly through the course requires plenty of planning and a very high degree of skill. To have a competition you need officials who will be in very close proximity to the course. We also hope to have spectators close enough to see the action. This is why only extremely competent canopy pilots are allowed to enter and why qualifying is generally mandatory.

### UK Swoop Tour

To apply for qualification to enter the UK canopy swooping tour you must have a minimum of 1,000 logged jumps, with at least 150 in the last year. You must also have received some formal coaching from a recognised canopy school such as (but not limited to) *Wing Tips* in the UK and Sebastian in the winter, *Flight-1* at DeLand and the *Canopy Pilot School* at Perris Valley. To qualify you must complete 3 out of 5 runs through a 150ft course with a 10 foot entry gate without penalties. Anyone who has already qualified for the Pro Swooping Tour automatically qualifies for the UK meets because it is a more difficult test.

We have organised a list of highly skilled canopy pilots to act as course directors and run qualifiers in the UK. The list will continue to grow so if there is no-one in your area get in touch with me. I will also be running qualifiers at *Wing Tips* and most competitions have a seminar just beforehand.

Chris Lynch

also setting a bad example of how swooping should be done. If you need to use toggle input to get back onto a safe glide angle then do it, the sooner the better, but realise that this means you are turning too low and you are in the corner – which means you are in danger. Wake up!

### Speed

The whole point of swooping a canopy is to create extra speed. If you are turning from an altitude that requires you to apply brakes to pull the canopy out of the dive you are slowing the canopy down – which means there was very little point to performing the manoeuvre in the first place! If you don't want the extra speed gained from swooping, stick to straight-in approaches, they are very cool. If you think that you have to swoop to get a decent landing you probably should not be jumping the canopy you have.

### Alti Check

If you do swoop I strongly recommend the use of an accurate altimeter to help you assess altitude loss during your high altitude training and as a double check just prior to making a turning approach. Personally I use one all the time



If you wish to compete contact one of the following:

|                 |                                                                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Brian Vacher    | <a href="mailto:brianvacher@aol.com">brianvacher@aol.com</a>                   |
| Gary Wainwright | <a href="mailto:gary_wainwright_uk@yahoo.com">gary_wainwright_uk@yahoo.com</a> |
| Al Macartney    | <a href="mailto:alastair@macartney.co.uk">alastair@macartney.co.uk</a>         |

Dates for the UK Swoop Tour are in the diary, see inside back cover.

# The Five Second

## Efficient Swooping

**A kamikaze dive at the ground followed by digging yourself out on brakes? No way José!**

When first approached by *Team Havoc* of Ireland to host a Canopy Piloting training course with UK swooper Brian Vacher I was very dubious. What coaching would one need to complete a kamikaze dive at the ground with increasingly larger turns and ultimately more frantic stabs on the brakes to dig yourself out? How wrong I was!...

### Core Drills

On meeting Brian Vacher the first thing we were impressed by was his professional approach to teaching canopy skills. The manual for the course was like a telephone book, packed with information and what we came to know as 'core drills'. I was amazed to realise that after 2,500 jumps I knew little about my canopy.

The core drills were a series of exercises to help me better know my 'wing'. How much altitude did I lose in a 180 degree riser turn? Exactly how long and shallow could my flare be? In fact I knew little about my Stiletto 107 and had been considering purchasing a Velocity 96.

### "Turn Higher ...Go Further!"

Brian gave us a host of exercises to complete to help us better understand our canopies and then critiqued each landing with video.

*"Let the canopy fly for a minimum of five seconds after completing your turn. If you have to give any 'input' before this time you are turning too low"*

Brian explained how a recovered canopy will fly more efficiently and hence further. To somebody used to finishing my dive on brakes this was a new concept.

However over the first two days of the course and having attended a number of seminars we realised that all we had been doing was building up speed in a dive and then killing all the speed while we 'hopefully' saved our butts in deep brakes to level the canopy out! Wow! If I do my turn high enough, the canopy levels out on its own – this was the start of swooping with efficiency!

We have all seen posters with **Low Turns Kill**, etc but if I were to design a poster now I would say **Turn Higher and Go Further.**

More advanced techniques were covered such as the use of rear risers to increase the distance. (I would *not* recommend using the rears until you have had some coaching, as it's easy to stall the canopy – with potentially fatal results.)

### The Mother Of All Swoops

Brian did a few jumps to demonstrate the techniques he was talking about. Towards the end of the fourth day the winds were 2mph tailwind down the 430 ft pond; favourable for a



Conor King's 300 ft swoop

# Rule



go at some real distance. Knowing that the world record stands at 430 ft nobody was quite prepared for what was to come...

Brian finished his 270 degree turn at more or less the height I used to start mine (!) with an entry to the pond that was both graceful and controlled. Entering the pond with his canopy recovering to full flight we knew it was going to be a long one. In a matter of seconds Brian went from one end of the pond to the other and finished his swoop with a flare that allowed him to run out his swoop, touching down exactly 30 feet from the end of the pond. It dawned on us that if this had been an official event, the record would have been busted. But alas it was 'only' a course designed to show people how to go further safely!

Next up was Conor King with a 300 ft swoop. And all this after 30 jumps doing the core drills and having his previous landings critiqued on video by a professional.

## The Lessons

Many of us know little about our canopies beyond flying a pattern and finishing with the flare we were taught on our first jump course. As canopy design puts us more on the edge I suggest that everybody should attend some sort of advanced canopy skills course before moving to a

performance canopy. In my case there is so much I didn't and still don't know.

When I'm not managing the Freefall University I spend my time jumping from 5,000 feet playing with my canopy. How it reacts to a turn, how it recovers, how to turn with minimum height loss etc. I have also examined our student programme and begun to integrate some of Brian's basic drills into our consolidation jump programme.

The 430 ft pond shown here is at Skydive Lillo, 60 miles south of Madrid. Another canopy piloting course will run from 7-9 August.

Words & pictures  
**David Cowman**

**Britain's Brian Vacher does an unofficial swoop of over 450 feet!**  
**You can view the video at:**  
<http://pictures.freefalluniversity.co.uk>

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## Grand Prix League Table

The first two Grand Prix events in 4 and 8-way had been completed when we went to press; the current league table is below. As the competitions happen through the year, points will be accumulated to decide the winners of the overall awards, which will be presented at the 2005 AGM.

### 8-way FS

| Team         | Place | Points |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| VNE          | 1     | 20     |
| Om           | 2     | 15     |
| Box Of Frogs | 3     | 11     |
| Sounds Grrr8 | 4     | 9      |
| Tequila      | 5     | 7      |
| Vision       | 6     | 5      |

### 4-way FS

#### Senior

|                 |           |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| Swingers        | 1         | 20 |
| V2              | 2 (joint) | 15 |
| Spank the Champ | 2 (joint) | 15 |
| Misstral        | 4         | 9  |
| 4 Motion        | 5         | 7  |
| Dunno           | 6         | 5  |

#### Intermediate

|                 |           |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| South Parc      | 1         | 20 |
| S Sense         | 2         | 15 |
| X Chicks        | 3         | 11 |
| Last Resort     | 4 (joint) | 9  |
| Orbital         | 4 (joint) | 9  |
| Grrr8ed         | 6         | 5  |
| Let's Get Horny | 7         | 4  |

#### Junior

|                          |   |    |
|--------------------------|---|----|
| Quake                    | 1 | 20 |
| Sod Jumping, Let's Party | 2 | 15 |
| Airworks                 | 3 | 11 |
| Aspect                   | 4 | 9  |
| Psychosis                | 5 | 7  |
| Flying Circus            | 6 | 5  |

## Competitions

### Speed 8 - Anything Goes

Speed 8 Nationals will place at Sibson, 2-3 October. The rules change the format to allow hybrids; sit/head-down/flat mixes are catered for except for a 'no head-down with flat flying' safety rule. The team with the fastest time to exit to last grip total over six rounds (max) will be the winner. The formation is anything you like that links eight people via arm or leg grips.

[www.skydivesibson.com](http://www.skydivesibson.com)

### FS Grand Prix Rescheduled

The 4-way Grand Prix at Cark has been moved from 5-6 June to 28-30 August as the drop zone have been let down by the supplier of their new aircraft, a PAC 750XL.

### ESL / UK 4-way

The following UK events will be run in conjunction with the European Skydiving League meets:

**10-11 July:** The Grand Prix at Target Skysports (Hibaldstow) runs alongside the Dutch meet.

**31 July - August 2:** The FS Nationals at Target Skysports, will run alongside the French Nationals.

The top three senior teams from these meets will be invited to compete head to head against the national medal-winners from other European countries, at the ESL finals, 3-6 September, in Spa, Belgium.

[www.euroskyleague.com](http://www.euroskyleague.com)



## BRITISH TEAMS UPDATE

### Women's UK 4-way

The British ladies 4-way team at this year's World Meet, Croatia, September, will be *Misstral*, as the highest placed all-female team at the Headcorn Grand Prix in May (scoring 21 points over two rounds). *Misstral* will pay their own way and are Beth King, Alex Stone, Lynne Murray and Sally Beck, with Andy Wright on camera.

[www.misstral.org](http://www.misstral.org)  
[www.wpc2004.com](http://www.wpc2004.com)

### Freefly

British freefly team *Oh Boy!*, now called *Space*, have a new team member, Rob Simpson, who replaces Tim Carter and joins Hibaldstow's Dan Parker and Jim Harris. They have a three camp training programme lined up with coach Max Cohn taking in Florida and Stockholm before pre-meet training in Brazil, just prior to the World Freeflying Championships.

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*Misstral* by Andy Wright



*Space* by Rob Simpson

## Roadshows

You can get free coaching from our top senior teams at BPA roadshows, see dates below so far. (Others will be added.) Call the host centre to register, to make sure you are catered for (you're also welcome to turn up on the day).

### FS

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 17-18 July | Target Skysports, Hibaldstow |
| 24-25 July | Black Knights, Cockerham     |

### Artistic

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 12-13 June | Target Skysports, Hibaldstow |
| 3-4 July   | St Andrews                   |
| 10-11 July | NWPC, Cark                   |

## Insurance Action

The BPA Insurance Committee is reviewing the BPA public liability policy to try to contain future premiums. You won't need reminding that the insurance element of BPA membership increased by a massive 150% this year.

The current cover worldwide (except for the USA) is considered to be too extensive and a greater risk than the BPA might reasonably be expected to cover. It's recommended that the policy is changed from 'worldwide cover except the USA', to 'BPA Affiliated Drop Zones and UK parachute displays notified by BPA Registered Display Teams'.

The Committee also recommends that BPA insurance coverage of displays is not renewed from 1 April 2005. Teams will be advised that events at which they jump should have their own insurance.

These changes and others are unlikely to result in a lowering of the premium at the next renewal. We must be prepared for further increases until we can demonstrate an overall downward trend in claims history.

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## Mandatory AADs

AADs become mandatory from 1 July 2004 for all parachutists below B Certificate, excluding those jumping traditional static line equipment. AADs also become mandatory for jumpers taking part in display jumps (excluding water displays) from the same date.

## UK Sport

UK Sport has given the BPA a grant of £25K for the year 2004/5. £20K is for Competitions and £5K for Safety and Training. This is a cut of £15K on Safety and Training compared with last year due to the ever-greater squeeze on UK Sport's government funding for non-Olympic sports. Other airsports have had similar cuts.

Council has completed work on the BPA Action Plan 2004/5. It has been sent to UK Sport as a funding bid for next year.



## New Insurance Web Page

The BPA website now includes a new page on travel insurance for skydiving trips abroad, with links to some insurance companies and a checklist of questions. Let us have your feedback.

[www.bpa.org.uk](http://www.bpa.org.uk)

## Let The Good News Roll

Don't forget to let BPA's volunteer Media Co-ordinator Weed Stoodley know your good news skydiving stories this summer, so she can try for media coverage. Mail the Who, What, When, Where and How to:

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## Communications 2005 Calendar

As a result of positive feedback from BPA members, the Communications Committee, chaired by Eddie Jones (pictured, right) has decided to publish a calendar again next year. Entries are invited, please send to the magazine office. The same format as last year, with two connected shots for each month, a large and a small, will be used. As the theme is again British skydiving, we would like to see more entries from the UK!



## Starter Mag

The Starter Mag has been updated and revised, new copies will soon be around your drop zone. The aim has been a maximum refresh on a minimum budget. The magazines are ordered by the DZ with the P6 memberships and provided free of charge to be given to first-timers *after* they jump. The aim is to improve retention by giving inspiration, advice and information. Since its first publication in May 2000, the BPA's steadily reducing membership has turned around from around 4,800 to 5,200 at a peak last year although of course other factors such as weather are relevant too.



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## Who or what is Godzilla?

- a) A big scary fictional Japanese monster.
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FS 8 Way Regional Grand Prix Competition

**3rd**  
Drop Zone Hangar Party!  
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**10th**  
Drop Zone Hangar Party - Beth's 21st  
Birthday Bash! - BBQ & Band

**12th**  
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Coaching (Fundamentals)  
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**13th**  
Chris Lynch - "Wing Tips" Canopy Pilot  
Coaching (Swooping)  
Registration Required

**14th**  
Chris Lynch - 1 on 1 Canopy or FreeFly  
Coaching

**14th (pm) - 16th**  
BPA Canopy Formation Skills Road Show

**17th - 18th**  
CF & Classics Regional Grand Prix  
Competitions

**17th**  
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# For Starters

## Preparing for the Nationals

How to peak at the Nationals and get the most out of the meet

### Familiarisation

Hopefully you will have already visited the Nationals venue as suggested last issue. It still pays to arrive a day early or squeeze in a visit just beforehand to acclimatise yourself to the zone, the boarding procedures, the DZ layout, etc, so you can focus completely on the task at hand. The more it feels like home the more relaxed you will be; this will enhance your performance as well as meaning you will enjoy the valuable experience it is, rather than turning it into something daunting.

The earlier you can get there on Friday the better as you will feel more comfortable watching the place gradually filling up, rather than arriving to an overwhelming skydiving metropolis. That will give you plenty of time to sort out all you need to without feeling hassled.

### Personal Admin

Arrive with your equipment in date and your docs in order to save on any unnecessary flapping! Avoid getting there with your main unpacked, your logbook out of date or your helmet in need of a new visor as this all uses up unnecessary energy.

Keep things simple and delegate specific team members to be in charge of the registration paperwork and booking rooms. If you don't fancy tenting it, book your bunkhouse or B&B accommodation early.



### Friday Night

When you get the draw, start puzzling it by walking the jumps backwards from round 10 to round 1. Stick to your continuity plan, ie, don't try new tactics that you have never tried before just because you see another team creeping them. If there are a couple of options on a dive, keep them both in mind and check them out on the creepers.

Once you are happy with the mechanics of the draw, creep backwards from rounds 6 to 1. Keep it simple by just looking at the angles and keys, then just run through the sequence a couple of times (two 'pages'). If you do have a couple of options, try them both and discuss which feels best and come to a team decision. For round 1, you will want to creep it in more depth, looking at last grips and any random sprints (potentially high-scoring random sequences) so that you feel ready for your 15-minute call.

- Try and run through all ten of the exits with rigs and jumpsuits on in the aircraft, as you won't have time to do this after the meet has started.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. There are plenty of experienced teams that won't mind giving you some tips.
- Make sure that you have the first jump of the day firmly in your head.

### Visualising

Visualisation is a great way to experience the jump before you actually do it. Find somewhere quiet where you can sit down and talk through the jump. In Gap, our coach Solly would normally lead the visualisation, but you can take it in turns. Visualise the climb to altitude, your team shake, your position in the door, and what the exit looks like on the hill. We would visualise the first page in slow time, concentrating on last grips and keys before visualising three pages and then 35 seconds of the skydive at normal speed.





*VMax at last year's Nationals by Andy Ford*

## Team Leader

You need to generate a means of direction during the meet. In VMax, we wouldn't have a team leader, but would nominate a leader of the day, a system that worked well for us. They would be responsible for leading the team stretch, attending meetings and time-keeping, eg, we would meet to creep or walk the dive every 30 minutes. Whichever way you choose to play this, you must give the team leader your support in terms of being on time for team creeps, etc.

## Coaching

Some teams find it great value to have their coach at the competition. Your coach will mechanic the jumps, taking away any doubt as to how you should do things. They will remind you of what to think about on certain jumps as well as keeping you focussed throughout the meet. Solly was a great help to us in Gap and knew exactly what to say to keep us calm! If your coach can't make it, don't worry as there are still lots of people who will be more than happy to give you some helpful tips.



## Conserving Energy

Meets like the Nationals are always good fun and they give you the chance to catch up with old friends. By all means mix with other teams but be aware that this can use up a lot of energy, something you need to conserve for the job in hand. Be sensible when it comes to socialising in the evenings. You don't want to throw away months worth of training by overdoing it in the bar! Have a couple of drinks if you like, just know your own limits!



Everyone has different means of relaxing, such as reading, listening to music or watching the dives. Be aware of your teammates' habits and respect their wishes. You may want to keep up to date with the scores whereas other people may rather not know.

Make sure you have enough water and the right foods to keep you energised throughout the day. You may not have time to order food from the canteen plus you don't want to eat big meals that make you feel lethargic. It is best to eat meals containing complex carbohydrates in the evening; eg, pasta which will slowly break down releasing energy. During the day you will need food on the go that is not too bulky eg, apples, bananas, dried fruit, nuts. Pasta is great if eaten little and often. Choccy bars are good for an instant energy boost but be aware it won't last long. You may want to delegate someone to shop for these specifics.

## Team Image

Promote your team image by remaining cool and calm, maintaining your professionalism at all times. During team time ie, when creeping or kitting up, move together as a unit. If you have disagreements with your teammates, don't let them get out of control on the creeper pad, save controversial debate for private time.



## Keeping It Fresh

Keep the dive fresh in your mind by creeping a couple of pages every 30 minutes, or walking it through energetically is just as good. If the jump has lots of blocks, it is sometimes better to walk it more than creep it, so that you can develop a rhythm.



## Fifteen Minute Call

This is the time for your last creep, which should feel completely natural by now. If something doesn't feel right on the last creep or someone forgets

the dive, don't panic. Give it a couple of minutes and calmly start again. After the creep, get geared up and run through the exit, using the mock-up if it's nearby. Make sure you have done your gear checks and you're safe to jump. Before you board the aircraft, do one last walk-through, preferably before the plane has landed... don't keep it waiting!



## The Jump

On the ride to altitude, stay focused visualising the jump in your head. On your team shake, stay calm and keep smiling, as this will help your teammates! Don't forget safety; carry out any equipment checks you usually do.

In the door keep visualising that perfect exit, be definite if you have the count and keep your eyes open on the hill. Refrain from going faster than you are used to. Slowly build up a team rhythm, which you can then pick up a notch as you get into the jump. If there is a glitch, just press the re-set button (forget it!) and start to build that team rhythm again.



When you land, it doesn't matter how good or bad the jump went, make sure you all do the high fives, keep smiling and walk in together as a team unit.

## Managing Expectations

The likelihood of doing ten perfect jumps is pretty slim! The winning teams are generally the most consistent; no peaks or troughs but a good steady performance throughout the meet. If you do have a bad score, by all means debrief the jump if you feel there are improvements to take into the next rounds, but don't get worked up about mistakes and start apportioning blame.



If one of your teammates does feel they have messed up, then your support is vital in helping them to regain their confidence. How you cope with a bad score will make or break the rest of the meet. You have to remember that the jump is history, and dissecting the scoreboard and saying 'if only' isn't going to help! You can't do anything about it except learn from it, and then aim at focusing all of your energies into the next round.

The same goes if you get a camera bust (NJ) either from your own cameraflyer or a pool camera. It's all part of the rules you have agreed to be judged by so there's no point in carping. Be big enough to shrug it off and not penalise yourself further by wasting your energies on angst.



VMax at last year's Nationals over Target Skysports by Andy Ford

## DID YOU KNOW?

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Ground Shots: Colin Bridges and Darren Birkin

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**Lindsey Ashwood**

## Mental Attitude

It's your Nationals, you've paid a lot of money to train and compete – enjoy it, and make the most of it. Don't take yourselves too seriously or you will miss out on the fun and it can be detrimental to your performance.

So, go on... join in the action at this year's Nationals...last year's 4-way was a blast with 46 teams!

**Claire Scott / Sparky, VMax**  
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## HOT TIPS

- Always go to sleep with the next round in your head, this will help cement it in your memory for the morning.
- Ask around for another team to do intermediate 8-way with the following weekend. The rules are designed so you can join with a senior team if you like, now go and talk them into it!



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## Hib Events Diary

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| June 12-13    | Artistic Roadshow             |
| June 20       | Tandem Record Attempt         |
| June 23-25    | Mikey McGrath Freefly Camp    |
| June 25-27    | Speed Skydiving World Cup     |
| June 26-27    | FS 8 Way Grand Prix           |
|               | POPS Meet                     |
|               | Mikey McGrath coaching & LO   |
| July 10-11    | FS 4 Way Grand Prix           |
| July 17-18    | FS Coaching Roadshow with VNE |
| July 26-30    | FS coaching from XL           |
| July 31-Aug 2 | FS 4 Way British Nationals    |
| Aug 5-6       | FS coaching with John McIver  |
| Aug 7-9       | FS 8 Way British Nationals    |
|               | Artistic British Nationals    |
| Aug 14-15     | Nationals back-up Weekend     |
| Aug 21-22     | Wingsuit Festival             |
| Sept 18-19    | FS 4 Way Scrambles Meet       |
| Oct 30-31     | Halloween 10 Way Speed        |

All dates subject to change.

Please keep checking website in case any dates have to be changed.

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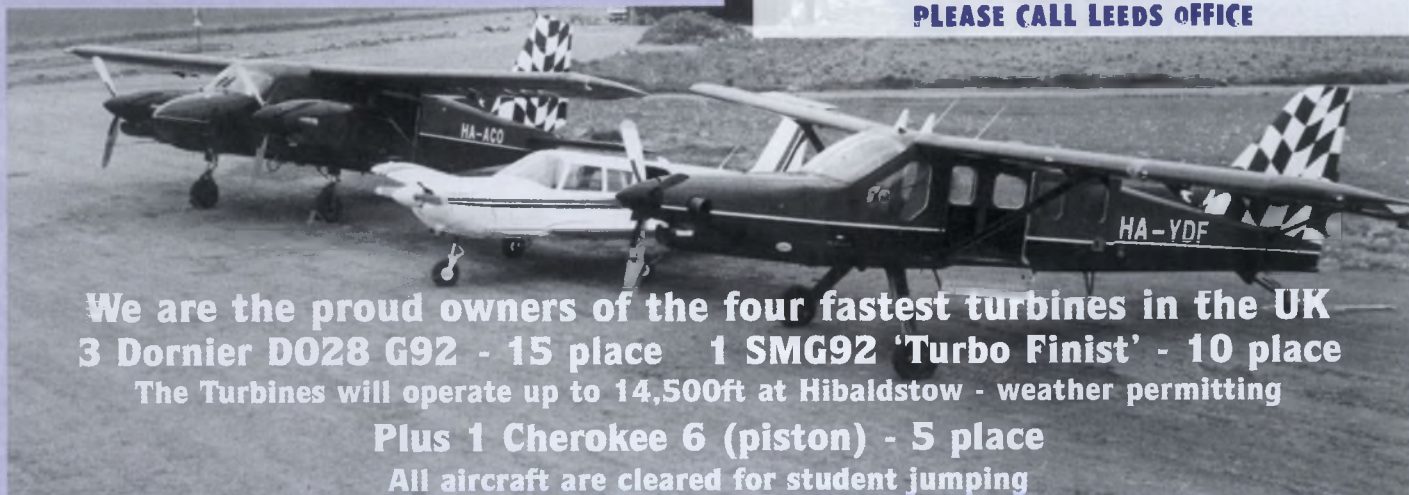
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# Kit News

by  
**Rob  
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## It's really going off now!

In the last issue of Kit News we reported on a spate of inadvertent firings reported by owners of the new Vigil AAD from Advanced Aerospace Designs (AAD) of Belgium.

The first of these, in December last year, was not considered inadvertent by the company as the jumper reportedly opened too low – low enough for his Vigil to fire as he was being pulled upright by his main. The company claimed that the Vigil acted as it should in this situation.

The second firing, which occurred in a rigger's loft, was found to have been caused by a short circuit in the wiring where the battery unit was not moulded-in and was equipped with over long connecting wires which became trapped between the two halves of the case by the rigger. The rigger in question denied this.

A few weeks later a third Vigil fired while the main was deploying at around 3,000 ft. This unit was also returned to AAD who were reportedly unable to offer any explanation. In fact this Vigil's memory showed no indication that the device had in fact fired.

Since then two more firings have been reported, one in France and one in the USA. Both of these fired whilst the main canopies

were being routinely repacked in packing sheds.

AAD were later able to duplicate these ground firings by packing a canopy on a carpet in low ambient humidity. The Vigil fired when the bagged canopy touched the pack tray even though the units were switched off at the time. AAD have concluded that the culprit is static electricity. A representative from AAD likened this to an electric shock when applied to a person's arm would make the arm move without any signals from the brain. This same rep thought there was a chance that the 3000 ft firing may also have been caused by static generated as the jumper fell through the air. This phenomenon has been experienced in the past, usually during large formation attempts when jumpers taking hold of a grip on the formation have received a jolt from static electricity.

AAD issued a service bulletin in early April, recalling all Vigils manufactured before March 26. The bulletin explains that the Vigil's printed circuit board has now been redesigned to be less sensitive to static discharges which can also cause the device's display to go blank – AAD states that the Vigil will function normally in this situation.



The company recommends that jumpers using the Vigil at drop zones in a 'highly electrostatic environment' contact them for 'a priority exchange service'. How they're supposed to determine if they're in a highly electrostatic environment remains a mystery of course!

'During the time it will take to exchange all the units, the Vigil can still be jumped since an electrostatic misfire can only happen on the ground' the bulletin said. But neither the bulletin nor an open letter to owners has explained why an electrostatic misfire which 'can only happen on the ground' may have been responsible for at least one firing in freefall.

The company have suspended production of the Vigil while they concentrate on replacing those already in the field. No doubt AAD will eventually sort out these teething problems, but the damage done to the credibility of a device fresh on the market, which must of course earn that market's confidence, may be a fear, extensive.

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## CanonEye

SkyTools in Sweden have informed us of a few small compatibility problems which have arisen recently between their popular CamEye SPORT and CamEye II remote camera switches and certain Canon camcorder models.

One or a combination of the following symptoms may be evident:

1. The camcorder power off delay (activated by pressing and holding the switch down) is much shorter than the 2 seconds described in the manual.
2. Difficulties to start and stop recording in VTR mode. The switch appears to be very sensitive and gives an erratic record and/or pause behaviour.

Canon models affected by this problem:

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Canon MV500i (Euro model)  
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The cause is a timing issue in the software used by CamEye. The software bases the timing on the assumption of regular flow of

information sent from the camcorder every 16 milliseconds on NTSC devices (20 milliseconds on PAL devices). The signal received from the affected Canon models does not always follow the timing interval which results in the above described problems. To remedy this, Skytools have developed a special version of the software for all camcorders affected. The new software version is available on request from Skytools and has the revision number 1.4. All CamEye IIs with a production date after 20 March already have the new software, and a label on the front of the manual identifies the new version. All first time CamEye end users with Canon camcorders which are affected by the above problem will be able to get a replacement remote if they send in their old CamEye SPORT or CamEye II together with a proof of purchase to SkyTools or to the dealer from which the remote was bought. This offer is valid for one year from the purchase date until further notice.

### Got the Blues

SkyTools have now replaced the green light on CamEye II with a high visibility blue led. The green gave rise to two problems; low visibility in sunny conditions, and colour blind skydivers could not see the difference between the red and green!

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## MAINly Tandem



Aerodyne Technologies, the joint European/US/South African company which in the past year has given us, amongst other things, the Icon harness container, Pilot main and Smart reserve, have now introduced a tandem main canopy onto the market. Originally named the Gemini, Aerodyne were forced to change the products name to A2, when they learned that a Canadian company already had a canopy called Gemini.

The A2 is a 389 sq ft hybrid 9-cell elliptical. Hybrid means that the top skin is made from zero-p fabric while the bottom skin is standard F111. This configuration was used, the company tell us, because hybrids are easier to pack, particularly when wrestling with 389 sq ft of slippery fabric several times a day.

Aerodyne claim that the A2 is a very tandem master friendly canopy with light toggle pressure, good response to toggle input, lots of flare potential on landing and, here it comes again – slow on-heading openings of course.

The A2 comes standard with 1500 spectra (microlines) whose low bulk, Aerodyne tells us, allows for a smaller pack job and whose lower weight reduces the chance of line dump and the subsequent premature opening of the deployment bag, sometimes resulting in a malfunction.

The A2 comes ready set up on a set of Aerodynes's innovative Miniforce risers (as reported in April 03's Kit News) which feature an elongated middle ring on the 3-ring system. The miniforce ring system significantly reduces cutaway forces at the handle due to the law of levers. By supplying risers with their canopies, Aerodyne claim to make life easier for owners to fit the A2 into any existing rig without having to worry about steering line lengths and brake settings due to different positioning of the steering line guide ring.

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This mini weather station is supplied with Virtual Weather Station (VWS) software and may be tripod mounted or fitted to a wall and is supplied with all the necessary equipment to do so.

Using VWS internet software, a drop zone would have the option of automatically posting their current and changing weather data onto a website for jumpers to check before setting out. The unit is even available with a spread spectrum radio base station which can transmit the data from the WeatherHawk to a PC over distances of up to 0.4km.

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# Freefly comes of AGE

## Freefly record raised by a ginormous 75%

Wowzerz what can I say? This time bigger was better! Not just big but the biggest yet, and by no small margin.

Last year team *Alchemy* organised the first official record in Florida. Team members Mike Swanson, John Devore, and Rook Nelson put in the hard work going to USPA meetings with proposals and getting FAI judges to be present. The outcome was a 24-way which, at the time, was amazing, but with the talent there seemed it could have been bettered if the weather had played fair.

Also in 2003, *Alchemy* made a big move to Perris Valley, joining forces with the *Flyboyz* to create the Freefly Megacentre with the help and experience of Dan BC. It's been a powerful force in freefly and this year is buzzing, exciting and charged with an energy not seen since back in '97 when freeflying was just sprouting its wings.

Freeflying is totally coming of age, the skill level, training and discipline it takes to make formations happen is growing rapidly. The Megacentre brought in over sixty freeflyers from around the world to break the 24-way barrier, with the realistic goal of a 40-way. Three training camps were organised and, if you weren't on the previous record, you had to do at least one camp. Most came to the last event, just prior to the record.

The final 6-way base was formed during the camp; Rook Nelson, Charles Bryan, Greg Compton, Jason Jerusalem, Curt Swanson, and Matt Lewis. The 21-way base was worked out – the 6-way base with three 5-way pods. Headings were almost always spot on, and we were assembling the 21-way in under 21 seconds from 12,500ft. (The record time was 17 seconds!) This made the event happen.

It was more structured this year, by relaying flyers slots, sticking to them and specifying all hand docks. (This wasn't necessary to achieve the record.) One thing that was really nice about practicing from normal altitude was, there was no time to mess around, these dives were 28 seconds from exit to break-off and time was of the essence.

*"Well the dive was so fast, I'd get there, hear the Dytter, turn and go! Sometimes I would be frustrated finding my slot, but the coolest thing was being the rear floater watching the lead plane, waiting for the exit. Over all it was awesome! By the end of each day I was*

*so exhausted, it was almost relaxing to fly in the tunnel afterwards but just to fly with that level of experience was worth every bit."*

**David Gershfeld**

On the first record attempt day jumps were from high altitude (16,500ft) with oxygen. Jump 1 started off with a 39-way attempt. It wasn't complete but with 33 docked we were on the money. The strategy was with new single stingers on the pods as well as long stingers at the ends. Jump 2 was a very nice dive, smooth, everyone was stoked, but with one out at 38, no dice! Needless to say one went on the bench and one came off. On Jump 3, a 39-way – we got it!!



It wasn't the prettiest dive, but with the new FAI rules only a moment in time means gold! (Meaning you only have to submit a photo or video of a completion to break a record.) With the old rules you had to hold a formation for three seconds, now any full completion with submitted grips counts. The funny thing is, now we're in the age of digital, with full zoom capability, when you submit a digital photo on the computer it becomes a whole new ball game. Judges were Scott Smith, Kama Mounts and Jaime Palasch, they did an excellent job going by the book and, although we thought for sure we had a record, the jump came into question.

By the sunset load we were doing 43-way and people were coming on and off the bench. It was flying nicely, but big waves seemed to prevent the completion

from happening. In freeflying big-ways everything is magnified, one little move or push here creates a big wave over there. To counter this we relied on the experiences of our world class organiser Dan BC. Using his knowledge we worked out better break-offs and smoother exits. Cross referencing and levels were the biggest assets to our success, which Jon Devore was blue in the face for mentioning over and over each day. By the end of the day the judges had declared a 39-way world record and everyone felt a real sense of accomplishment.

*"Feels like Christmas!"*

*Kyle Stark*



Alchemy did an amazing job of efficiency as well as safety. Imagine this, 40 people on the same dive – all with ultra performance canopies! They made restrictions on in-air canopy docks and freestyle in the landing area. Following the pattern, holding brakes, and crossing the runway together were all part of being on the team. Every single person rose to the challenge – not one accident or injury during the event proved these kids of yesterday are really pushing the envelope professionally and safely into a new tomorrow.

Rook Nelson lead the briefings with Mike and Jon putting people in the right planes and slots. By Friday we were ready for three planes, two Otters and a SkyVan as the lead plane. We had called everyone we thought could rise to the occasion and breaking the record again was top of the list.

One of the newest technological advances used was a communication device brought out by Ryoichi Komiya. Ryoichi is quickly becoming a pivotal innovator of our sport. Extremely smart in the way of electronics this guy can literally take your digital camera apart right in front of your eyes, fix the problem, and put all those hundreds of screws back together. Ryoichi brought this one-way communication system out, Mike Swanson tried it first



and loved it. He and John Devore were on different planes doing formation loads – Mike would talk John would listen. This has been used in the past, but never been applied in freefall. The coolest part was as the records were attempted, Charles Bryan in the base would give the count with the device and Mike would lead the trail plane on exit. As this helped our timing many ideas of future communication (coaching, tunnel and sky) ran through our heads.

By the end of the first jump on Friday we had learned some valuable lessons. We didn't need to leave as early as before – exits were cleaner with less traffic. An overhead projector would be great. *Alchemy* and the *Flyboyz* were busy working their magic figuring out how to keep people on the cleanest lines and on the first jump we nearly completed a 40-way. The only problem was the outside lines were getting so long they were like whips and people furthest out were taking punishment. The second jump was a 48-way but with lots of breathing and pulsating it didn't quite happen. On the third jump, a 45-way, the stinger was shotened by putting singletons on the inner parts of the pods. This worked on some but not others. So, more reconfiguring, they kept what worked and moved what didn't. The result, on the fourth jump – even out of three Otters – a new record was born! 42-way!

This was well beyond what seemed possible just days before. I was completely blown away, I knew we could do it, but to see it was something else. This dive didn't take nearly as long to confirm, the judges looked it over and it was good. With two records under our belt we were on a serious roll. At sunset we did a 46-way with the SkyVan and although it didn't happen everyone was once again in their happy place, knowing that this weekend had been full of spine-tingling surprises.

By the last day the formation loads were tighter than ever, we started with a 47-way. Although there were no more records it was really close. People were up for getting the job done but were wearing thin from such a big challenge day by day. All the while the flyers knew they were going home with a record that nearly doubled the previous year. Just before the last jump all the skydivers on the drop zone came to the landing area clapping us and showing a unity, it was an awesome feeling and an incredible experience.

**Sarah Farooqui and Eli Thompson**





*Watching their World Record skydive*



# Freefly World Record Group

Perris Valley, May 2004

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*This 44-way did not quite complete, but the group still had a 42-way World Record (page 3).*



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The organisation behind Exotic Sky Adventures (ESA) is exceptional with regard to travel and hotel arrangements and of course the skydiving itself. We all met up in Bangkok where ESA staff had arranged an excellent hotel, the Windsor Suites, to allow everybody time to relax and enjoy wonderful Bangkok with its daily splendour of temples, markets and excellent restaurants. For the evening there was an endless variety of entertainment, which I am sure I do not have to explain to your readers.

After two days in Bangkok we then travelled down by coach to Prachuap, where parties had been organised so we all had a chance



**Place** Wing 53 Royal Thai Air Force Prachuap, Thailand

**Area**

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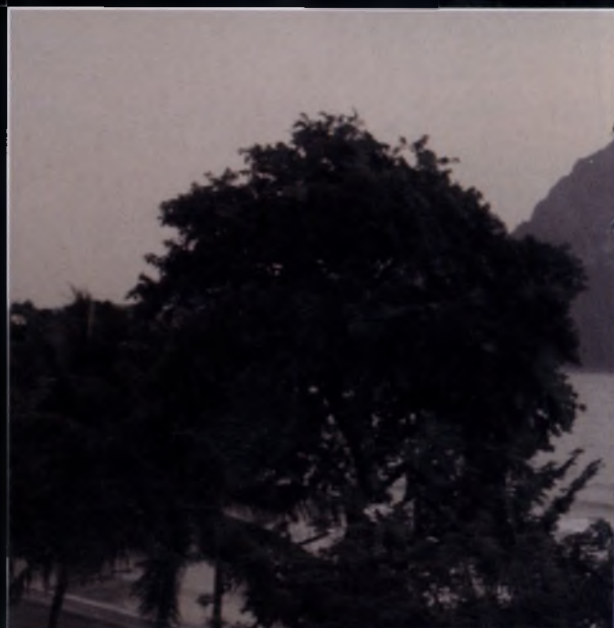
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**Loads** 32 Herc  
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**Jumps** 4,667

**Tandems** 34

**AFF** 55 jumps





to meet each other. Daily coaches to the zone were available whilst those who couldn't get out of bed early enough, me included, had the luxury of getting there by tuktuk. (For the uninitiated, a tuktuk is a motorbike with an elaborate metal frame attached to make a sidecar in which you could easily get four people in for the hugely expensive price of 20 baht, about 30p.)

On the first day of skydiving our Herc was not available, so we had the delight of a DC3 which the Royal Thai Air Force were extremely proud of, as it had upgraded engines of BT 67's and took just over 40 skydivers to altitude in around 15 minutes.

Tragically, on the second day of the boogie, there was a canopy collision and Antonio from Italy (a regular skydiver at Empuriabrava) and André from Russia, both died when their canopies collided at around 50 ft. Everyone found this extremely difficult to cope with. After several hours of meetings and discussions, ESA staff ensured that the boogie carried on for those that wished to skydive that day and they were remarkable in providing support to the attendees, which numbered around 230 in all. Antonio and André will be sadly missed, not only by their families, also the skydivers that knew them. I will particularly miss Antonio who could hardly speak a word of English but certainly knew how to bum a cigarette.

Eventually, we had the use of the Hercules C130 and the skydiving continued with the organisers arranging big-ways for those who wished to do relative work and catered for all levels of experience, so that those with little experience had the chance to do 2, 3 and 4-ways as well. Eli (*Flyboyz*), Dave and





Wendy organised the freefly loads with individual one-on-one up to tracking dives for more than 20.

The scenery in Thailand was just absolutely amazing. Although sometimes when you exited the Herc you really wondered whether you would actually make it back to land, as everything from 15,500ft seems so tiny... and there was a lot more water than land! Two individuals ended up swimming, both were under canopy too low (one Cypres fire, one low pull), but the Royal Thai Air Force had rescue boats on standby.

After several days of skydiving everybody was transported to Hua Hin for relaxation at the Sofitel Hotel, which some of you may know from films such as *The Killing Fields* and *The Quest* (with Roger Moore and Jean Claude Van Damme). Indeed, some people enjoyed Hua Hin so much that they stayed there for an extra few days rather than go back to Prachuap to skydive. Most of us resumed jumping with the use of the Hercules C130 and as a special extra, the helicopter.

On the last day the ESA farewell party included Thai dancing, live music and delicious food. Thanks to every one that attended the boogie, especially the staff and also in great memory of Antonio and André.

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#### **DID YOU KNOW?...**

The next ESA Boogie will be early 2005 rumoured to be Uruguay, South America



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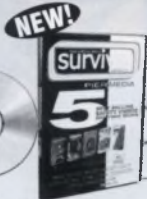
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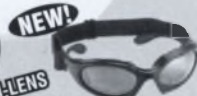
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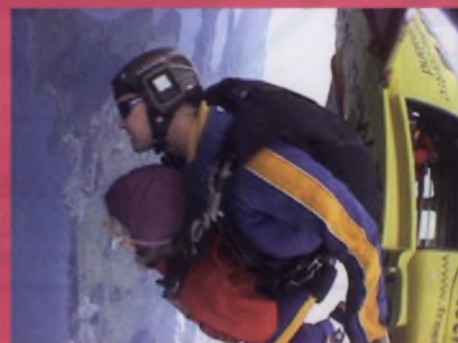
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| 28 May - 6 June         | Skydive Cark Open Week, Launching of the XL 750, 18 Place Brand New Turbine Aircraft | <b>CANCELLED</b>                        |
| 28 May - 1 June         | Freefly Coaching and Organising with Rob Silver                                      | <b>RESCHEDULED to 7 - 9 July</b>        |
| 5 - 6 June              | 4 way FS Grand Prix (Come and train midweek, team rates available)                   | <b>RESCHEDULED to 28 - 30 August</b>    |
| 19 - 20 June            | British Parachute Association FS Roadshow (Coaches TBC)                              | <b>RESCHEDULED to 18 - 19 September</b> |
| 25 - 27 June            | Birdman Meet, All levels welcome                                                     |                                         |
| 7 - 10 July             | BCPA Nationals                                                                       |                                         |
| 10 - 11 July            | BPA Artistic Roadshow                                                                |                                         |
| 15 July                 | Wing Tips Basic Seminar with Chris Lynch.                                            |                                         |
| 16 July                 | Wing Tips Swooping Seminar with Chris Lynch                                          |                                         |
| 17 - 18 July            | Swoop Meet                                                                           |                                         |
| 24 - 25 July            | Operating at Carlisle Airport for Experienced and Tandems                            |                                         |
| 6 - 15 August           | North West Skyfest                                                                   |                                         |
| 6 - 10 August           | Freefly Coaching & Organising (Coaches TBC)                                          |                                         |
| 11 - 15 August          | XL Skills Camp - Limited Places                                                      |                                         |
| 28 - 30 August          | 10 Way Speed Meet                                                                    | <b>RESCHEDULED to 2 - 3 October</b>     |
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# Ethan Brentwood

Ethan was outgoing, easy to be friends with and one of those people that just got himself noticed straight away, wherever he was. Like all of us he had the odd darker moment, but he hated to show that side of himself and spent most of his time with an infectious grin on his face... planning yet more mischief... proposing the construction of some impossibly Heath-Robinson device... telling one of his infamous stories or jokes...

He was also a gentleman and more than one of us ladies at the parachute club borrowed him as an escort when our partners were otherwise occupied, in the certain knowledge that he would be an entertaining and charming companion quite happy with a no-strings-attached arrangement!

Everyone who knew him would say he brought that bit of extra sparkle into their world. I expect he'll have a cold drink waiting on the bar whenever any of us catches him up and, in the meantime, he'll send us some blue skies to remember him by.

**Louise Hawkins**

Ethan said to me that if he died tomorrow then he would feel content because he was happy. That was because he had made some deep friendships with fellow skydivers.

Skydiving was his passion and joy. He talked all the time about how it made him feel free like a bird. I was glad to be part of his life even though it was such a short time that we had together. It was so precious and full of love. When we met we connected instantly on so many different levels. We were in love and we told each other that. He died knowing that he had my love and that of his family and friends. I believe that his spirit will always be flying above us.

**Claire**

Ethan came into our lives as a AFF jumper who did a little dance in the TurboLet before his qualifying jump. He became a character in our community and never missed an opportunity for a joke. From dragging ourselves around the airfield in a bin bag behind the DZ bike to changing the sign on the manifest board, his love of mischief was unstoppable.

**Wiggy**

The empty beer can is still in my car. When I close my eyes I can see the grin on your face before that static line you did. I laugh every time I think about you walking around with your shoes on your knees pretending to be Wiggy and, yes, your joke about the little aeroplanes was funny! All these reminders of you are here mate, and it's so difficult to accept that you are not. You shone so bright, and made all our lives richer.

**James**

Ethan was a great guy, never to be seen without a smile and always looking for the next rush.

**Richard Best**

We will be talking for years about the mischief you created, the joy you brought, and the drive you gave to everything. You will be missed more than words can ever say. Thank you for all the support you gave me, and bringing my rig back intact from the killer whale jump (not sure I can say the same for the whale!).

**Justin Milner-Walker**

He will be in my thoughts and I'm sure to watch and keep a sunrise and sunset for him whilst away.

**Dave Dalzell**

Ethan; a generous spirit and a good soul, with a naughty-boy's grin and a truly outrageous sense of humour. Thank you for your continuous encouragement, your willingness to give up your time and jump tickets in order to fly down the tube to allow me to practice RW, and your hysterical laughter when I fell off the plane. Weather holds won't be the same without your entertainment – who else can impersonate Wiggy with such accuracy, play football with such panache or liberate items from the pub with such innocence? But most of all – thank you for being a shining example of human spirit; generous, humorous, positive, forgiving and always ready to see the goodness and joy in all about you.

**Gina Coulthard**

Go fast or faster but go safe with your new life. My thoughts are with his family and friends at this time, I will miss him greatly. "FEEL THE LUV BUDDY".

**Peter Leighton**

You brought so much laughter and happiness into my life and for that I can't thank you enough. I am so grateful for the time we spent together in Dubai; I will look back upon it with fond yet crazy memories. Your generosity, enthusiasm and zest for life overwhelmed me.

**Clare Smith**

With his boundless enthusiasm he is probably leading the angels astray!

**Pete Sizer**

Ethan was always lively and enthusiastic, especially about his new love which was skydiving. He was great fun to have around; his cheeky comments and his even cheekier grin made him great company. Even in the world's worst nightclub (sorry Lou!) he managed to have a laugh. I wish I could have done more skydives with Ethan, although I will never forget our last jump together, a beautiful three point 8-way, which he talked about for hours! Big smiles that day. Keep smiling Ethan... We're trying to smile too, but it's hard right now because we miss you.

**Steph Lawlor**





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# 1-2-1

## Sequential Record

**Who would you like to have a 1 2 1 with?**



**More than 20 Brits were enticed to Z-hills for five days of FS sequential world record attempts organised by Guy Wright in April. The previous record was a two point 120-way, set by Guy's team at Z-hills last year (see The Mag June '03).**

### Ingredients

Guy had assembled a talented squad of 140 experienced big-way jumpers, plus a support team of over 30. A Casa and five Super Otters were oxygen-equipped and ready to deliver the jumpers in close formation to 18,000ft. Bill 'Boxman' Engel was dive engineer, with seven captains to select and organise – including Lesley Gale and ex-pats Gareth Holder & Derek Thomas.

### Getting Started

Several hours of high winds on the first day were used to work out and brief all the details; slot and plane assignments; dive flow; sequence keys; break-off; canopy discipline and landing patterns. We settled into the friendly laid-back atmosphere of Skydive City.

Once jumping started on the second day, the planned warm-up dives were binned and we went straight for 130+ways. Inevitably this led to more variables, meaning more mistakes and less completions – but there was gradual improvement as people got used to their slots, honed their approaches and docked more quickly and precisely. Several people were stood down from the load and joined the support team dives organised by Mike Woods. Boxman evolved the dive design as lessons were learnt, and the five or six jumps per day produced some excellent results with two completed 133-way formations. But consistency was missing and a second point felt a long way off.

The captains worked well together with Guy and Boxman leading the dirtdives with the whole group and the captains debriefing their planes individually. Guy spent as much effort on the vibe and getting people to have a good time as he did on the mechanics. The result was it felt as much like a boogie as a world record attempt.

Jumpers were assigned two separate landing areas to avoid everyone converging on the same area. These zones, landing direction and traffic pattern were set before every jump and participants were regularly reminded to be super-aware under canopy. Despite this, on the second day a canopy collision at 15 ft put one jumper in hospital with broken bones, fortunately the only injury of the event.

### How hard it can be!

During dirtdives and debriefs, Finnish captain Markku Teivainen was often convincing us that the skydive was easy, saying "It's only two points – how hard can it be?". But with his imperfect English the last part of this phrase came out as "How hard it can be!" – a perfect sentiment as the jumps, and days, rolled on.

### Final day magic

Why is it so many big-way records go right down to the wire? This one was the same but with an extra-special twist.

As the cool early morning mist rose from the swoop pond on the final day Guy, Box and Co cajoled the team to deliver the performance we were capable of. But the first two dives were incomplete, although one with a lovely second point, but with people out. After some more personnel changes and more tweaking of

the formation, we went for the penultimate jump of the event – where some went low and a third of the formation funnelled. This was by far our worst dive yet!

This last jump seemed to convince some that the record would remain elusive, and a few dropped out. My limited experience of big-way records (Brit100 and World Team '04) has always resulted in some final day magic and I was still convinced we could do it.

Some others left early because they had travel commitments which led to about 20 slots opened up to the support team. After a week of delivering great skydives, they were finally to get a shot at the record on jump 20 – the last jump on the final day... no pressure then!

What is this final day magic? Is it extra focus? Is it the pressure? Is it the thought of going home with nothing? Whatever it is, we needed final jump magic...

The dive was smooth and calm, and we were docked for what seemed an age as Boxman waited high to signal to Guy, before docking to complete the first point. The wait was so long I was shouting to myself 'Key it, come on, key it' as the formation felt so smooth. Guy did just that, and the people in the centre transitioned smoothly to a spiral-shaped core to make the 'hurricane' formation second point.

When we'd safely landed there was much whooping and hugging. But like all big-ways, no-one could be sure that all the grips were there. Was anyone out? Did everyone in the centre do the transition? There isn't an official FAI criteria for big-way sequential but our unofficial rules were strict – a slot-perfect complete formation as stamped, with a clear showing and photo of each point. The whooping started again when Guy announced that the record was in the bag.

Once again a final day record, this one was made all the more special by giving so many of the support team their dream shot and most of those previously axed getting back on the load. All of them delivered the goods on the jump that really mattered. Their energy, enthusiasm and hungry attitude contrasted with some of the slightly jaded veterans. Those that didn't commit for the duration of the event were the big losers.

## Close-Out

Guy ran a close-out session to thank everyone during which Tony Hathaway produced large-scale framed prints of the record dive – within an hour of landing! The base 6-way were awarded the 'good vibes' prize for delivering 20 out of 20 perfect launches and setting a great fall rate and atmosphere. Alicia was thanked; we found out her count at the last dirt-dive found that there were only 119 people on the load! (Two extra bods were hastily added.)

## Why?

I love doing big-ways (mostly as I can't remember more than a couple of points!). Seeing several aircraft in close formation on the way up is always a stunning sight. Linking up with mates who've left another aircraft is an amazing thing and the visuals you see as these monsters build are incredible. Best of all is the team spirit. When the big-ways get really big, almost everyone on the airfield is either a teammate or offering advice, support, practical help and encouragement. You're all one big team.

## The Wright Future

Next year will see an invitational 105-way to set a new world record largest star, including sequential points and a room dive, 6-10 April 2005 at Skydive City. This record proved once again that support team players with skills and the right attitude are likely to get on the load – GO FOR IT!



Gordon Hodgkinson  
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## World Record 121-way Sequential

18 April 2004

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Mike Woods

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Pete Reynolds  
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Steve Smith  
Steve Watson  
Tash Higman  
Tina Wiseman  
Toby Stafford (Pilot)

*Brits abroad!*



Aerial photos: Tony Hathaway

Ground shots: JP Kelly

"Arriving on the support team, after a few days I was offered my dream slot, rear floating from the right rear trail plane. I screamed with delight then ran around like a headless chicken getting all my stuff together. The first jump was AWESOME, I did a complete 133-way! I bought a LOT of beer that night. I really enjoyed the next two days, especially the large influx of support teammates for the record-breaking dive."

Fiona Birnie

"It was great to see all the plane captains and their teams pull together, re-motivate and gee-up their teams for the last jump of the last day. And, wow, what a top support team... if it hadn't been for them stepping in and doing such a top job, 100% right when it counted, we wouldn't have this world record! The 121-way two pointer... we just knew it, the calm, motionless, timeless feel in the air just tells you it's 'The ONE'... now the fat lady is hollering her heart out!"

Julie Woodrow



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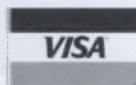
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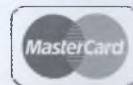
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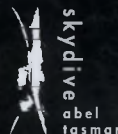
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# Club News

## Hinton



Bob Spratley, by himself

Mid March saw most people trying out a night jump for the first time. Nish Bruce Memorial Scrambles were held over Easter but the weather was against us so we ran an accuracy comp with Bob Miller being the closest every time. There were a lot of bruises after the evening's games and all we had to play with was a table, three chairs – and a unicycle! On Sunday we managed to complete three rounds. *Cliff Hangers* took gold with *Cloudbusters* in silver and *Lead Devils* bronze. It was great to see Cat 8s taking part and learning skills; Alan McHamon was awarded his FS1 in the competition.

A very cold wet April Sunday saw some regulars in an Oxford to Birmingham bike ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation. They raised hundreds and, despite being soaked to the skin and a bit on the blue side, they all enjoyed it.

We said goodbye to Debs in the burger van although there is no doubt we will bump into her in the pub! We have a new chief pilot as well in Gee Watkins.

### 1st Annual Hinton Film Festival and Awards Dinner

Hinton Skydiving Centre is rolling out the red carpet and hosting the first Annual Film Festival on Saturday of August bank holiday. Teams, individuals, budding cameraflyers and film makers are welcome to join us, no talent required, for what promises to be a glittering night of entertainment.

The format will be firstly the film debuts, then a pig roast dinner, followed by the awards and the after show party. (Tickets £7.50 on the night.) Film entries are particularly invited in the following categories (although ALL are welcome): Classic Films, Erotica, TV Shows, Best BASE escape, Comedy.

Awards are as follows:  
Best Film  
Best Skydiving Sequence  
Best Comedy Moment  
Best Production

Caroline White

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

Natalie Keith

Pete Malan

#### Cat 8

Pete Costello

Will McCarthy

Howard Aldridge

Peter Dalloz

Alan Carrington

Tim Summers

#### IC1

Simon Mitchell

#### FS1

Alan McHamon

Trevor Haynes

Mark Stone

Gerry Price

Bob Nicholson

### Jump Numbers

#### 100

Mark Stone

#### 200

Duncan Humphreys

James Hutt

Phil Wakefield

#### 500

Bob Miller

(not 50 as in last mag)

Mike Beeden

#### 600

Mike Sheehan

#### 700

Chris Lewis

#### 1,400

Maddy Moore

#### 4,000

Mike Browne

#### 5,000

Steve Scott

Lauren Bannister



## Cark



### Achievements Cat 8

James Hollis

### 50 Jumps

Nik Barnett  
Benny Holt

Unfortunately our PAC XL750 has been delayed from production in NZ so some of our events have changed:  
5-6 Jun 4-way FS GP Now 28-30 Aug  
28-30 Aug 10-way Speed Now 2-3 Oct

In the pipeline is a new large hangar doubling up as an indoor creeping and packing area with a new mock-up facility. This will be a welcome addition, how nice to be able to trolley indoors on wet days!

Vision have started the season with a training camp in Empuria and a bronze at the 8-way Grand Prix at Langar. Jason Keith who was out of jumping due to injury is now back in the skies. Congrats to Stu and Martine, they are expecting again. There must be something in the water, with all the babies and toddlers, maybe we should open a crèche!

Welcome to Manchester Met University and well done to CCI Dennis Buchanan for doing his 1,000<sup>th</sup> tandem. Dennis runs flat-packing seminars, these are going well with the help of Fiona and Trish. It's great to see eager students packing and some getting their packing certificates. If any students want to learn to pack, just contact Dennis or Fiona.

Come along to our SkyFest in August, with jumps, comps, coaching, beach barbeques and parties! Mail me for info. Oooh, I can't wait till we get the PAC!

Michelle Meakins

Photos: Pete Hughes

## Silver Stars

Come and jump our TurboLet, which is as quiet as the locals, who have not complained for a while. We've done the odd demo and plenty of tandems, one of which was Cirencester's mayor who jumped for the local access group to help improve

the facilities for disabled people. Welcome Wayne Clark to the team and (I know this sounds big headed but) well done to my wife on the birth of our child, Gareth.

Stuart Miller-Hall



### Achievements 200 Jumps

Gill Walker  
Nige Page

Carl Williams

## Bridlington

Nicki Punchard



### Achievements First Freefall

Keith Brooksbank  
Steve Whaling  
Andy Braye

### Cat 8

Andy Braye

### FF1

Helen Moon  
Dave Walker  
Lara Walker

### Cat 8, IC1, FS1

Kyle Thomas

### Jump Numbers 200

Paul Scott

### 300

Lara Walker

Dave Walker travelled the globe to achieve his freefall time for his tandem course – never missing a chance to jump he reached his 8 hour target. Well done Dave, to confess some of us did doubt that you would make it, but you proved us wrong!

Over the Easter weekend a helicopter provided great fun for all who jumped it. Now that it's cleared we hope to have it available again, with pleasure flights for non jumpers. The Caravan will be at Bridlington during 16-20 August while the instructor course is on. Phil Harris has decided he will be the next CSBI candidate for British Skysports. Students beware! We need a new member of staff since we have lost Phil Lyall to his new job on the buses.

Andy Braye achieved his Cat 8 in little over a week, keep up the good work. It's good to see Dave Dawes again, recovering well from his injuries, unable to jump but never once complaining.

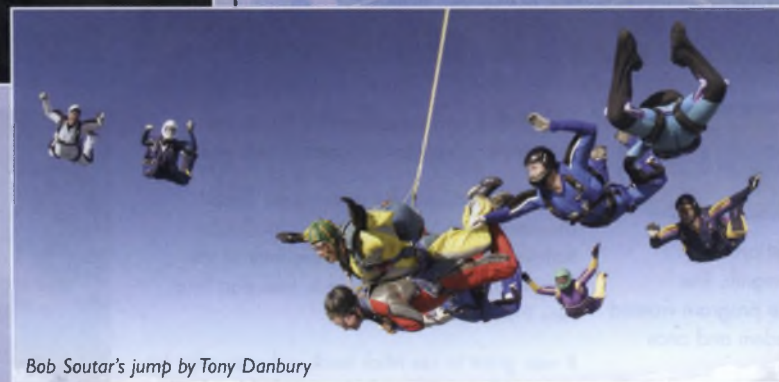
Tracy Pollitt

Craig Paxon's 1,000<sup>th</sup> jump by Stan Bailey



Eight teams competed in the BPA 8-way FS Grand Prix, and all but two teams completed all six rounds (special thanks to Alex Stone for a sterling job in manifest). Senior gold went to British Champs VNE with 76 points, who did a great job of coaching other teams. Silver went to Om (35 points) and locals Box of Frogs took bronze with 31. Intermediate placings were: gold to Sounds Grrr8 with 24, silver to Team Tequila with 20, and bronze to Vision with 15.

The Langar Boogie again hosted both Brit Chicks (organised by Lesley and Kate) and POPS record (Jack Felstead). Despite variable weather, the SkyVan made 56 lifts, and the Langar Grand Caravan Collection made 57. Flat groups were organised by Billy, Glenn, Caroline, Milko and Rich. The Bullet Freefly School was again augmented by the talents of Rob Silver who



Bob Soutar's jump by Tony Danbury

coached along with Steve, Al and Eliot. George Pilkington kept the vibe going with as many Atmonauti dives as he could fit in, parties and live music completed the scene.

Many of you will know Bob Soutar, who injured himself and is now wheelchair-bound. That hasn't stopped him; the Boogie saw him in a 15-way with a little help from Chris and Milko. Nice one Bob!

Marco and Gi of Atmonauti (see [www.atmonauti.com](http://www.atmonauti.com)) organise at the Espace Boogie, and the Flyboyz Film Festival – and now they're at Langar Boogie II (August/September). The Boogie will also include the Brit Chicks record (four large aircraft, so watch for details of the fleet), and we're planning a 50-way sequential group – this'll be invitational, but if you think you ought to be invited email [50way@bpslangar.co.uk](mailto:50way@bpslangar.co.uk).

Tony Danbury

## UK Parachuting

April 2004 saw the start of AFF training run by Grant Richards and Jason 'Tomo' Thompson. Our first student, Neil Houston, qualified in just two days. Congratulations! We look set for a great season, with many AFF, RAPS courses and regulars rocking up to this beautiful part of the country. We are organising events and have sorted

some special deals with our local pub.

Grant Richards

### Achievements AFF Graduate

Neil Houston

### IC1

John Gullen



Andy Page

## Langar

### Achievements

#### Cat 8

Caroline Ward

#### IC1

Chris Smith

Jo Snodin

Pete Bacon

Guy Martin

Rob Peterson

Colin Bell

#### FS1

Pete Bacon

Caroline Ward

Chris Cook

Colin Bell

Lee Attenborough

### Jump Numbers

#### 100

Pete Bacon

Will Reddaway

Guy Martin

David Shefford

Shaun Wade

Chris Smith

#### 200

Abi Fineberg

Garry Clarke

Cheryl Marks

Darren McGing

#### 300

Laurence Richardson

Darren 'Swift' Swift

#### 500

Lisa James

#### 600

Alli Armstrong

#### 900

Larry Burton

#### 1,500

Steve Newman

#### 2,000

Steve Smith

### Hours Freefall

#### 36

John Baggaley

Chris McCann

#### 120

Chris Harrison



## Cyprus

Photos: Phil Bell

### Achievements Cat 8

Clare Morefield  
Allan Vaughan  
Dave Statter  
Charlie Brown  
**FS1**  
Tyrone Jones  
**100 Jumps**  
Huw Thomas



Grossmith & Son



Mike Vesanen

CCI Dave Wood has reintroduced the Cyprus Championships, 26-28 November. A TurboLet 410 will be here 20-30 November with the club's faithful piston Islander, and a turbine Islander on standby. We promise beautiful sunny days, wall-to-wall jumping and long nights with more food and drink than you can shake a stick at. For any enquires regarding the competition, courses, accommodation, car-hire, etc, contact Dave or Chris on [dwchainsaw@hotmail.com](mailto:dwchainsaw@hotmail.com) or telephone the DZ before 1.30 pm (local). The competition will include 4-way FS (senior, intermediate & junior) and accuracy, with CF if sufficient interest is shown. Tandem and AFF will still be available.

We saw the first birdman jump in Cyprus by

visiting instructor Mika Vesanen from Finland. He was on his honeymoon (apparently) and I think we saw more of him than his new wife did! Dave and Gregor McKenzie completed a tandem week which seemed to overrun into the following one. Many took the opportunity to view the newest EU member from a different perspective. The Garrison Commander Col B Grossmith and his 16 year old son, Luke, joined in too.

The Cyprus Parachute Centre is now a 'bunny-free zone', a story which will echo for many years to come... which Tyrone will gladly tell if you ask him - along with side-achingly funny sound effects.

Phil Bell

## Wild Geese

Lights... Camera... Action! Yet another TV camera crew, the second this month. The presenters of an Irish language program wanted to finish their series with a tandem and once again Stevie was chosen to star.

The club made a trip to Peterlee for their St Patrick's Day Boogie; despite the weather we all had a great time, thanks to the staff and regulars. Eric and Tina who run the bar/canteen went well beyond the

call of duty and Regan ran his disco and innovative party games superbly (see pic).

Our skills weekend for Easter went ahead despite poor weather. Dirtdiving and exit training will be put to good use later in the season as some are hoping to take part in a new Irish formation record.

It was great to see Mick back in the air after his car accident - although the metal plates in his



foot did not improve his dancing skills! May bank holiday weekend we had our first BBQ of the year. It was great to see so many of the students join in the festivities and we all partied the night away. The Geese have revived the tradition of humiliating Cat 8 qualifying students and poor Rod McCorry was the first victim. Eddie Black passed his Cat 8 that day and decided to make the most of Rod's doing as he knew he'd be next!

John McCourt

### Achievements First Freefall

Gerry Cepelak  
Owen Murry  
**Cat 8**  
Rod McCorry  
Eddie Black

### Jump Numbers 50

Warren Howard  
Rod McCorry  
**300**  
Stephen 'Sally' Marley



Mick Gook  
Photos: Jim Hunter

Our fab pilots Vladimir and Russlan have been delighting jumpers with the reconditioned TurboLet; 14,000ft in just under nine minutes! This super speedy ascent combined with gorgeous weather has meant a new record for jumps in a day (9) by Pete Farrow. *South Parc* are cracking the jumps in and are looking exceptionally hot. Shane Loates' commitment to skydiving is without question; while his wife was in the early stages of labour he snuck up to the DZ for a skydive leaving his phone at manifest in case there were any developments! (Congratulations on their baby boy.)

Alex's tracking dives, wingsuits and the regular freeflying has been mixed with lots of FS, big and little ways. The 'bunnies' are doing really great flat stuff, nice one Alison, Andrew, Pete, Kevin. Steve Tiller, John Shaw and Dave Lehane have become more familiar with their reserve drills, two still owe beer! John Maguire celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> jump with a navigation exercise thrown in for free (BTW congratulations on becoming a dad). We welcome back Justin Noones & Debbie Chapman after a bit of a lay-off. We also welcomed a flying visit from old friends Sparky, Val & Mike, Paul & Pam and the ever gorgeous Ray Kalnins. The Haycock bar bill resembled the national debt of a third world country! Sparky delights skydivers at home (USA) as he jumps a suit older than most of them! (It's a Symbi!!)

At Easter we said goodbye to Chris Donaldson and Ronnie O'Brien. Chris moves onto pastures new, we wish him and Steph all the best for the future and thank him for many years of instruction, coaching, happy manifest and bar madness.

After 35 years in skydiving, 29 as CCI at Sibson, Ronnie has elected to pursue an entirely different career in West Africa. There are few people who've jumped here whose skydiving career has not been influenced by Ronnie, he has made a massive contribution to our sport. The depth of respect and love for Ronnie was borne out by his leaving party. It was hastily arranged due to Ronnie's imminent departure but still over 200 people turned up. A totally kick-arse night, there were a few tears, lots of laughter, gifts for Ronnie and we drank the bar dry of cooking lager, gin and JD. Ronnie, much loved, will be missed at Sibson, we wish him the very best in his new adventure and look forward to seeing him return for holidays. And so a new era, welcome new CCI Kevin B Goode, ably supported by Stuart Meacock who



*South Parc by Craig O'Brien*

is training for his advanced rating. They are already making their mark. The DZ is open seven days a week until the end of September. Stuart is installing a wireless LAN so, if your job allows, you can mooch up to the DZ midweek, hire a LAN card, connect to broadband, work online and jump with ease. The office won't even know you're missing!

Skydive Ltd students are sporting gorgeous brand spanking new AFF gear, they are now training students on throwaway rather than ripcord. Chris Allen you still owe beer!

Derek Hancock (Leaf Man) qualified Cat 8, and is looking forward to when he can jump a wingsuit as everyone's is pretty certain he's light enough to land himself!

The Birdland Bar snail race was beyond funny. Giant African snails as seen on the Guinness ads provided serious amusement – not for their speed but as there was money involved! Well done the winner, Phil Knowles. Check our website for upcoming events, like the women's UK wingsuit record (21-22 Aug) and the Speed 8 Nationals (2-3 Oct). Just one more thing, Derek King... where are you?



*Chris Allen & Leaf Man*



*Lizzie Harris*

*Congratulations to Vicky and Liam*

## Sibson

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

Stephen Seeling  
Andrew Hughes  
Jeremy Chaplin  
Colin Simons

#### Cat 8

Derek Hancock  
Rob Martin  
Alan Luckett

#### FS1

Georgina Atkins

#### FF1

Martin Prescott  
ICI  
Simon Brown

### Jump Numbers

#### 50

Martin Cole  
John McGuire

#### 100

Georgina Atkins

#### 200

Dom Taylor  
Tim Earlam

#### 600

Phil Knowles  
Matt Robinson  
Oliver Denham

#### 1,300

Jo Malone

#### 2,000

Dave Bailey

### 24 Hours Freefall

Steve Spingys



*Ronnie O'Brien leaves John Meacock and PPC after 29 years as CCI!*



*Ronnie's leaving jump*

*Photo: Graham Tricker*

*Photo: Stuart Meacock*

# Headcorn



Nigel Rowlan

Welcome to our new Islander pilot, Justin Wells, who flew his first demo on May Day, when Jane Buckle jumped into the local school fair. We had two planes full of eager jumpers but owing to the typical bank holiday weather only Jane got out. When everyone else saw how wet she got, they were glad they stayed in!

It was great to get our Let back a week earlier than usual and we jumped our sox off, doing 40 Let lifts that first weekend at the end of April. The Let crew are Andriy, Anatolii and Ruslan (KGB) the engineer. It's good to see Andriy back, and a warm welcome for the other two. This summer at HPC we have an extra comp and our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 25 June!

Ruth Cooper



Dan Rofe

## Achievements

### IC1

Al Redler  
Adrian Bond

### IC1 & 100 jumps

Keith Stock – Mr Beer!

## Jump Numbers

### 600

Mark Lawson  
Richard Wiggins

### 700

Graham Cooper  
Graham 'Dolly' Stone



Nigel Rowlan

# Peterlee

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Stephen Leach  
Laura Battarbee

### Graduated AFF

Kev Mitchell  
Joanne Dawson

### Cat 8

Gary Wishart  
Kev Mitchell  
Ashley-John Dunn  
Adam Potter  
David Robinson  
Sam Del-Greco  
John Graham

### FF1

Dave Leonard

## Jump Numbers

### 200

Jason Tippins  
Richard Head

### 600

Glen Staley  
Mal Richardson

### 700

Alan Thompson  
2,000

Paul Moore

### 1 Hour Freefall

Wayne Wilson

There has been a lot of progression with eight new Cat 8s some of whom have mysteriously lost hair! (see pic.) Visitors from Wild Geese for St Patrick's Boogie brought lots of drinking games and laughter; they even managed to get a few jumps in. George McGuinness visited for Easter and did some CF coaching; he and Richard Head performed the first downplane over the DZ – albeit only for few seconds.

We had a Nomad in for a few weeks with pilots Jan and Torsten (who did a tandem!) We now have the SMG from Hib for the rest of the year, it's performing really well with a record

21 lifts in one day. Jason landed the SMG with a full load with high cross winds and poor visibility – top job fella!

Steve Hamilton and John McIver of XL are providing FS coaching, 16-20 June. Chris Lynch will run *Wing Tips* on 17-18 June and coach freely on 19-20. Places may be limited, contact us to register. 18-19 July sees Mark Calland with another speed meet. Our very own Alan Thompson will compete in the World Cup speed meets, we wish him success.

Planning approval has been granted for a tarmac runway. We welcome Trev Dobson who will be taking over as CCI from Ian Rosenvinge on weekends. Free coaching for Cat 8 jumpers has been welcomed enthusiastically with Regan Tetlow and Geoff Bowler providing most of it.

Paul McCormick



Regan Tetlow & Sam Del-Greco, Hair today...

Photos: Paul McCormick & Geoff Bowler



Paul Dorwood & Joanne Dawson



Richard Head's 200<sup>th</sup>

# Target

At the April scrambles, all five teams got coaching and jumped the four drawn rounds in a day. Winners **Token Black** celebrated in style with their free crate of beer – well done Geetha, Karen, Simon and Mark! Andy Montriou did his first board jump, the video is definitely worth a look, and Dan Andrews his first wingsuit jump.

Dave Walker went to Algarve and did 40 jumps in two and a half days, although a lot of credit must go to his faithful (and very tired) packer Simon. H got one of his AFF students through in one and a half days – well done Vince. G92 pilot Jason and his girlfriend did a tandem each out there.

H and Baldrick took a very special student up for AFF level 1. 'Spank' the monkey seemed very calm and funnily didn't say much on landing. We managed a record of 30 lifts to 15,000ft from one G92 in a day in May. A big congratulations to Rich Baldwin and Kerry Connell who got engaged under canopy during Rich's first live tandem jump... very smooth! The BCPA Northerns had high levels of competition and a massive party on Sunday night, which we all were punished for on Monday morning.

Simon Brentford and Clare Murphy won the speed seminar competition run by Mark Calland. 15 people turned up, some very high speeds were recorded, winning great prizes from Larsen & Brusgaard. The entertainment on party nights has been fab, *Funkenstein's Monster* (Rob Harwood's son Will and friends) played on the Easter weekend... very funky and including a didgeridoo.

*Evolution, Spank and Misstral* and many others are having regular team training sessions. Together with our regular organisers (Simon, Rob, Christian, Brendan, Jim) they enable jumpers to walk on to organised big-ways, smaller FS dives, tracking loads, FF groups, hybrids... the number of loads each day is ever increasing.

Hannah Swallow

## Tilstock

### Achievements Graduated AFF

John Lintern  
Sarah Robers  
Tom Gateley

#### IC1

Andy Starr  
Rosie Walls  
Mike Allsopp

#### 50 Jumps

James Doyle  
Sally Thompson

We are pleased to announce the signing off of our latest jump pilot, Lee Salway. Here's to accumulating some hours!

Wilko



Rob Simpson



Photos: Andy Wright



Spank the Monkey

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

James Freemantle  
John Newborough  
Michael Taschler  
Andy Goddard

#### Cat 8

David Humphrey  
Jason Bates  
Holly Kilham  
Simon Watkinson  
Carl Leary  
Nina Barker  
Vince King  
Jonny Flowers  
Volker Guilde  
Darren Hirst

#### IC1

Kay Holford

#### FS1

Dave Downham  
Aillie Hardman  
Mark Chapman  
JJ

Henry Tonnison

#### FF1

Steve Hogan  
Rich Aveyard  
Will Powell  
JP

Blair Stent

#### FF2

Gerv Henderson  
Rich Aveyard

### Jump Numbers

#### 100

Allie Hardman  
Ben Askew  
Dave Trevitt  
Rachel Aspey

#### 200

Mark Chapman  
Andy Wesley  
Blair Stent

#### 300

Rob Harwood  
Trish McDonagh

#### 400

Amanda Truman  
Louis Harwood

#### 500

Jane Henderson  
Rich Aveyard  
Steve Hogan

#### 600

Derrick Kent  
Beth King

#### 900

Rich Baldwin  
Darren Glover  
Jay Southall

#### 1,600

Andy Wright

### Hours Freefall

#### 24

Andy Wright

#### 38

Steve Murphy

# Weston

## Achievements

### IC1, FS1 & 50 Jumps

Pete 'Ricky' Butcher

### FF1

Nick Anthony

Dave Francis

Mike Hayes

Sharon Scott

## Jump Numbers

**100** Dougal Seeley

**200** Baz Kruger

**500** Phil Hartree

**700** Diane Fricker



Fly Trix  
Paul Floyd  
Photos: Alf Batchelor

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It hasn't been seen above RAFSPA for a very long time... CReW; Ash Kemp, Ralph Mitchell and Josh Burrill can be seen performing some spectacular aerial stunts. Top respect guys!

We are keeping the Dornier and Islander busy with some excellent formation and rocking freefly jumps. The last Friday evening each month is set aside for packing lessons or IC1 briefs. These evenings are very popular, all are welcome; they're a great way to progress without interrupting your jumping. If you can't make Friday then the lessons are still available at weekends.

A big get well soon goes out to Nick Whitely and Claire Jones, members of *Damn* who are both nursing broken bits. The Weston FS teams are training hard, with X-Chix, NSP (Formerly UBI), *Orbital*, Beaver and 4-Play turning in

some good scores. It's going to be intense... but hopefully less stressful than the last round of the junior comp at the 2003 Nationals! Come and try your luck against the best (and worst) teams that we can offer at the Rodders 4-way meet, 26-27 June.

Tom Crawley's tracking dives have become a regular event; a full aircraft bringing together the freeflyers and FS guys, a great way to end the day! Well done Becky and Paul Allen who ran the London Marathon raising money for the charity Shelter. They held a fundraising raffle here with some great prizes although I hope to never see another Kit Kat Kube!

Our website is now looking slick after an early season makeover, it has all our upcoming events.

Alf Batchelor  
[www.rafspa.com](http://www.rafspa.com)

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Naomi Farmer

### Cat 8

Jonny Flowers

Vicky Bingham

### FS1

Tom Fletcher

Catrina Adam

Ruth Morrison

## Jump Numbers

**100**

Alan Mackay

Bill Hughes

**1,000**

Vicky Wilkinson

**2,000**

Ian 'Freddy' Macdonald



Freddy Macdonald

# St Andrews

Edinburgh students popped to Empuria to progress and soak up the Spanish sunshine. A group went to Elsinore with the annual BCPA trip for blue skies, big planes, wind tunnel and balloon jumps. We held a CReW weekend, *Hinton-8* making the journey up to St Andrews to provide coaching for first-timers and a bit of fun for the CReW dogs! Everyone got to jump – and lots of beer was demanded!

The BCPA Scots meet, once again, was a great success, thanks Bob for judging. Saturday evening everyone was entertained by Kevin McPhillips, back by popular demand with his hypnotism show. This was followed up by drinking games, strangely it was organiser Ally Milne's team who won every round. Congratulations to Dave & Lynne Drewette, and Kevin & Marian McPhillips on their new family members!

Gordon Morison



Louise by Stuart Cameron



CF coaches Hinton-8 by Jim Stevenson

# Paragon

Ah spring! Time to cast off the thermal undies, burn them and show the world what a true Scotsman keeps under his jumpsuit. Yes, the first mooning session of the year took place at Gavin and Dianne's barbeque. The lucky target of this time-honoured tradition was John Brompton on short finals with our 182! Despite this stirring sight he still brought her in to land with barely a waggle of the wings. At least he had somewhere to park his bike later!

We're all in deep shock, coming to terms with the fact that Alice did three jumps in one day! This personal record has given her a new goal to beat. Come on Alice, we know you can do it! That's if we let you out of the packing shed for long enough.

The jury is still out on how many beers are due from Chik following his cutaway where he threw away not one but both of his handles. The video is quite spectacular and the lack of swearing throughout is nothing short of a miracle. Major congratulations to Steve and Fiona on the arrival of Thomas Alexander at a whopping 9lb 2oz.

Sincere thanks to Lorna for her hard work with our new website, it's just about complete. Any Paragon jumpers with photographs you'd like to be considered for inclusion, send them to Bob Henderson, 24 Clark Terrace, Crieff, PH7 3QE or email to [robert@valueprint.freemove.co.uk](mailto:robert@valueprint.freemove.co.uk). (Sensible sized files please!)

**Bob Henderson & Lynsey McLagan**  
[www.paragonskydiving.com](http://www.paragonskydiving.com)

Walter Gillan by Bob Henderson



## Achievements

### Cat 8

Alex Mullen

### First Freefall

Kyle Officer

Alan 'Sharkbait' Bremner

### 500 Jumps

Alice Gillies

Chik Adams

# Black Knights



James Ackland

Photos: Rob McVey



Fantastic spring weather has seen the return of shorts and Tevas. Combined with the lighter evenings we've been spurred into post-jump evening meals and beers, culinary delights created by Hilda Henshall, Mo Ashton, James Ackland and Ann Taylor.

Soggy Cockerham fields are in the past now that the new runway is completed. No more excuses from students struggling to find the DZ, the runway is visible under canopy for miles! Thanks to Chris Taylor and everyone who's contributed to this mammoth task.

Pete Connors has been zooming under his latest colour co-ordinated pocket rocket with a wing loading far too scary to print!

We can't remember seeing so many students progressing onto freefall – keep it up guys (and Vicky!). We're also delighted to see Will Cooke getting ready to work through WARP with Ian Pringle. May's open week saw a larger aircraft to give nine days of focused student progression and fun jumps followed by evening clay pigeon shoots, meals and drinks. The week also provided practice for a BKPC entry into next month's BPA 8-way FS Grand Prix that we're hosting.

We're madly preparing for our Monster Month of July; building a Porter mock-up, and arranging coaching from Tim Porter, plus Chris Lynch's Wing Tips. Beth's 21st party on Sat 10 July promises to be the biggest bash of the year – all welcome! There will be NO increase in prices to jump Godzilla the world's most powerful Porter, which will transport you to 15,000 feet in 12 minutes! See website.

**Mathew Walmsley**  
[www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk)

Will Cooke



## Achievements

### First Freefall

Richard Koenig

Anthony Mould

Thomas Stead

Mike Jameson

Vicky Scargill

Pete Smyth

Martin Stalker

Gary Jones

Michael Tracey

Gavin Holmes

### Cat 8

Will Cooke

## Jump Numbers

### 50

Beth Richards

### 100

Danny Rowlands

### 200

Neil Henshall

Mark Blackhouse

Nick Brown

## Hours Freefall

**5** Arthur Wrennall

**14** Pete Connor

## Dunkeswell



Photo: Skydive UK

With two planes both running regularly, the levels of students doing RAPS courses are good with the intention of getting as many as possible to Cat 8 by the end of the summer. With a third school/university being based at Dunkeswell we all look forward to some fresh new faces to the sport.

A few balloon jumps have been the highlight for some regulars and that's thanks to the owner/pilot, Mandy. Congratulations to Red on getting her Cat 8 on her 50<sup>th</sup> jump and within seven days of Smithy (dad), of his 500<sup>th</sup>!

Dan Batchelor

## Netheravon

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

Ali Davies

Marion Bryant

#### Cat 8

Mark Coldham

Mark Standen

Lorraine Bennett

#### FS1

Graham Joliffe

Graham Farmer

Andy Sydenham

#### Jump Numbers

##### 200

Winnie Ponsonby-Smythe

##### 100

Chalky Whyte

##### 1,000

Paul Seymour

Billy 'the man the God' Steele



Photos: Darren Birkin & Kath Salisbury

Spring at the Easter Boogie got off to a promising start with four days of fun. Thanks to South Cerney for the loan of the Let – due to the mislaying of the Caravan's petrol cap! The Saturday night sci-fi theme party produced some absolutely out of this world costumes.

Contrary to rumour the early BOGOF May weekend did not involve Gwyn's award-winning brand of customer care! The School Days party theme allowed many to exhibit hidden fantasies including the incredible Trevor Hookings as the accident prone chemistry teacher complete with lab!

Congrats to *Sounds Grrr8* and *Tequila*; gold and silver at Langar's 8-way Grand Prix. Apologies to management for their bar antics; however, they're nothing to do with Nethers... especially Einstein (just ask Godders)!

Good luck to our teams at the Nationals, especially to *Dumplow*, Helen A and Godders (leggings-free zone) are putting their own special interpretation on the artistic (autistic?) event. Good luck also to Liz 'pedal-powered' Ashley who is cycling between all the UK mainland drop zones this summer, raising money for the Air Ambulance – please be generous. Congrats to Nick and Ronny Brownhill who swelled the already bulging Nethers crèche, with baby Elizabeth in March.

Kath Salisbury

## Red Devils

Five weeks of training at Skydive San Diego was a great success, with each of the 26 team members doing around 80 jumps and four days at the wind tunnel in Fort Bragg. With the likes of John Hoover coaching us, those few days were priceless and everyone came on leaps and bounds. For one week out of the five most of the team returned to their bread and butter with military static line descents from a C130 at 800ft. This was in the middle of the Nevada desert, in a sweltering 95°!

We now have eight newly qualified demo jumpers, two more AFF and two more tandem instructors. The baby boom continues with Gav and Laura Tuckley being the proud new parents of Millie, born in April. The whole jump team had trained hard to run the London Marathon after jumping in. Unfortunately (depending how you look at it) the cloud was far too low and the jump was aborted. This left three of the ground party to run the marathon while the rest team settled down at home to watch it on TV. Well done Dan, Nathe and Pete!

Adele Murray



Red Devils night jump – or a scene from the film Tron?

## Pumpkins

Well done to all who were in on the best April Fool's wind-up I have experienced in years. I won't bore you with details, just think Dave Fish and BASE jumping courses, enough said! Congratulations to all of TP, too many to name, on obtaining jumping milestones. We have more members in TP from the April course and are looking forward to our future events, at Sibson and Wild Geese.

Martin Williams

## POPS

Congratulations to our POPS members present and future who were in the 357-way (average age 42). Welcome to Steward Brookes. We're nearly at our main meet, June, at Target Skysports, look forward to seeing you there; register up to 10.30am Sat. Five weeks later we're off to the world meet in Switzerland, see [www.swisspops.ch](http://www.swisspops.ch)

I'll be setting up our POPS tent on the airfield mid-morning Saturday 29 July, come and see me. There may be another record attempt during the Langar Boogie in September, check website and email [jack.felstead@connectfree.co.uk](mailto:jack.felstead@connectfree.co.uk). The end of the season meet is 11-12 Sept at Hinton.

Nils Hansen



## Southerns, Netheravon, March

Seven 3-way teams for the comp, plans for freefly and accuracy and with 50 people registered it was looking good. But gusts of over 40 knots meant a quick plan B. Rick Boardman gave an excellent seminar with examples of poorly maintained equipment; he showed how far we've come in the last 20 years. We ran flight line checks. Paul Housley set up a 14-way, with good advice on big-ways. We even dirtdived it, this was stupidly optimistic! Some were brave enough to try blind packing, congrats to Ru as the quickest. Don't worry - we repacked the results!!

A raffle started off the party which continued late. Thanks to Liz and Tim for arranging sponsors: Sunpath, PD, L&B, Winter Sun, Symbiosis, Birdman, DZ Sports (Hinton).

Iain Firkins

## Northerns Hibaldstow, May

With clear skies over Hibaldstow six collegiate 3-way teams completed three rounds. 57 loads of hybrid, tracking, big-ways and competition went to 15,000 ft over the weekend. 52 people registered from Leeds, Manchester, York, Sheffield, Hull, Brunel, Warwick, Exeter, and UWE.

Sunday night saw the band Scrapyrd Dogs put on a fine show as the party took off. The surprise 3-way results were first, Greatway; second Warwick and Leeds in third. Mark from Warwick competed in Greatway as the non-FS1 team member, everyone was impressed with his progress, culminating in eight points on round 3, pipping the official Warwick Uni team to gold. Leeds's shock result in third surprised everyone, not least themselves. Many thanks to the staff at Target, judges Ruth and Chris, cameramen and packers at Hib for one of the best BCPA weekends in recent memory.

Rob Sherrington



## Achievements AFF Graduates

Sam Peters  
Ash Dunn  
Ben Leatherday  
Harry Griffiths  
Dave Polley  
Celine Fournier  
Cheryl Allen

John Donohoe  
Chris Marriner  
Daryl Bradley  
Pete Truran  
Pete Hughes  
Scott Palmer  
Neil Swann  
Steven Carter  
Kate Parratt

Sally Meacham  
Beth Halliday  
Ben Churchill  
Lloyd Morson

## RAPS Graduates

John Edridge  
Damian Austin  
Wendy Palmer

James Hollis  
Kim Mason  
**FS1**

Chris Cooke  
Kim Mason  
Tom Fletcher  
Anthony Matthews  
Mark Harrington  
Mike Tibbetts

Ifan Banfield  
Mark Stone  
**IC1**

Guy Martin  
Will Reddaway  
Anthony Matthews  
Mark Harrington  
Mike Tibbetts  
Ifan Banfield

## FF1

Matthew Brady  
**100 Jumps**  
Guy Martin  
Will Reddaway  
Lucy Herrett  
**200 Jumps**  
Abi Fineberg  
Matthew Brady

## 500 Jumps

Iain Firkins  
**600 Jumps**  
Jason Brister  
**1,000 Jumps**  
Vicky Wilkinson

BCPA Photos: Bryan Harrell, Will Reddaway & Darren Birkin

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## Foreign Trip

The annual BCPA Foreign Trip aids rapid progression and this year's, at Perris & Elsinore, was the best ever, creating all the milestones below. Many people left Heathrow having never jumped and came back with their Cat 8!

Coached in the tunnel, RAPS & AFF students, having no bad habits, were doing perfect turns and side-slips before they'd even jumped! Some of the old hands found it frustrating, but saw vast improvements when they got back in the air. A freefly seminar interested freeflyers, flatties and AFF & RAPS students thinking ahead. An evening do raised \$600 for an injured Elsinore instructor. The deal started off as, you paid a couple of bucks to take a swing at an old car with a sledgehammer. It progressed into a free-for-all with increasing bribes to remove clothes and use ever more dangerous implements - culminating in Carl the pilot running full speed towards the car, naked and wielding a chainsaw!

Despite three cutaways but all but one jumps were injury-free (the one minor). A (nameless) person either did or didn't do up the clasp on his Protec which was in freefall at 12 grand! The owner was thrilled that he landed next to his helmet and it was still intact with a working Protrack still inside!

RAPS students joined a 2-way skills camp, a 6-way Easter scrambles saw three winning BCPA teams and the first Perris Hybrid Challenge saw our very own Iain F and Sam S freeflying into second place! The week's highlight was when almost all of the experienced jumpers took off at a most beautiful time of the day (5.30!) for a silent stunning balloon and parachute ride, we were blown away. Full credit for a fabulous trip to organisers Rosie Harland, Jason Brister and Iain Firkins; the hard working UK instructors; the incredibly helpful DZ staff and all the new skydivers who gave the sport their best shot.

Abi Fineberg





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**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem

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#### British Skysports, Bridlington

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Fax: 01262 401 871

[www.britishskysports.co.uk](http://www.britishskysports.co.uk) [info@britishskysports.co.uk](mailto:info@britishskysports.co.uk)

**Aircraft:** Cessna 206

**Open:** 8am – 8pm every day

**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem

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**4 Dunkeswell**  
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[aguest1@compuserve.com](mailto:aguest1@compuserve.com)

[www.parachuting-uk.com](http://www.parachuting-uk.com)

**Aircraft:** Cessna 206

**Open:** 9am – sunset Wed-Sun, midweek by arrangement

**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem

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#### Headcorn Parachute Centre

Headcorn Airfield, Headcorn, Kent TN27 9HX

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[headcorn@btconnect.com](mailto:headcorn@btconnect.com)

[www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk](http://www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk)

**Aircraft:** Beaver (winter), Let 410 (summer), Islander

**Open:** 9am – dusk Tuesday to Sunday. 1pm – dusk on Mondays in summer.

**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem

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[info@skydive.co.uk](mailto:info@skydive.co.uk)

[www.skydive.co.uk](http://www.skydive.co.uk)

**Aircraft:** Nomad/Beaver (Mar-Oct), Cessna 206

**Open:** 8am – 9pm at weekends. 9am – 7pm, Tue-Fri

**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem

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## 7 London



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info@londonparachuteschool.com  
www.londonparachuteschool.com  
**Aircraft:** Islander, Cessna 206  
**Open:** 9am – dusk at weekends  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem, AFF  
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## 8 Chatteris

**NLPC**

**North London Parachute Centre**  
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Tel: 01354 740 810 Fax: 01354 740 406  
chatpara@aol.com  
www.ukskydiving.com  
**Aircraft:** Nomad  
**Open:** 8am – 8pm Tue-Sun in summer.  
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Tel: 01229 889 516 Weekends: 01539 558 672  
Fax: 01772 787 106 skydivenorthwest@totalise.co.uk  
www.skydivenorthwest.com  
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www.paragonskydiving.com  
bg@gallan66.fsnet.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 182  
**Open:** 9am – 6pm Sat, 10am – 6pm Sun all year. 9am –  
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**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem  
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## 11 Sibson



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www.skydivesibson.com skydivesibson@btconnect.com  
**Aircraft:** Turbolet (summer), Cessna 206  
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## 12 Peterlee



**Peterlee Parachute Centre**  
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shottonairfield@aol.com  
http://members.aol.com/skydiveamy  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 182, Let 410 (Apr-early Nov)  
**Open:** 8.30am – 8.30pm weekends & bank holidays.  
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**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem  
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www.skydivesouthwest.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 182, Turbolet  
**Open:** Fri-Sun (weekdays by arrangement)  
**First Jump Courses:** tandem, RAPS AFF  
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## 14 St Andrews



**Skydive St Andrews**  
Kingsmuir Airfield, Saint Andrews, Fife KY16 8QQ  
skydivestandrews@mail.com  
Tel: 01334 880 678  
www.skydivestandrews.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 185, Turbo 206, Turbine for special events  
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Tel: 07774 686 161 Fax: 01236 732 461  
kbrady@fsbdial.co.uk  
www.skydivesthathallan.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Turbine (for various events), 2 x Cessna 206  
**Open:** 9am – 9pm weekends & bank holidays.  
5pm – 9pm Fridays in summer  
**First Jump Courses:** rounds, RAPS, tandem  
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## 16 Target



**Target Skysports**  
Hibaldstow Airfield, Hibaldstow,  
Brigg, N Lincs DN20 9NN  
Tel/Fax: 0113 250 5600 DZ: 01652 648 837  
info@targetsky.demon.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Dornier G92 twin turbine, SMG-92 single  
turbine, Cherokee 6  
**Open:** 9am – dusk every day  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem  
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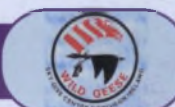
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Tel: 01948 841 111 Fax: 01948 840 638  
skydive@theparachutecentre.com  
www.theparachutecentre.com  
**Aircraft:** 2 x Cessna 206  
**Open:** 10am – dark Fri. 8am – dark Sat. 9am – dark on  
bank holidays  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, AFF, tandem  
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## 18 UK Parachuting



**UK Parachuting**  
Old Buckenham Airfield, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1PU  
Tel: 01953 861 030 or 08456 585 544  
Fax: 01953 861 031  
jump@ukparachuting.co.uk  
www.ukparachuting.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** PA-32 (available for displays), Islander  
**Open:** Weekends & weekdays by arrangement  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem, AFF  
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## 19 Wild Geese



**Wild Geese Skydive Centre**  
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Tel: 028 2955 8609 Fax: 028 2955 7050  
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk  
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk  
**Aircraft:** Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan  
**Open:** Dawn – dusk at weekends. 9.30am – 5pm  
weekdays (or later by arrangement)  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem  
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## UK Military DZs

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## Overseas Military DZs

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## Active Skydiving

Active Skydiving

**Active Skydiving**  
Glengoyan, St Fillans, Perthshire PH6 2ND  
**Tel/Fax: 01764 685316**  
Mobile: 07803 041348  
scotty@activeskydiving.com  
**www.activeskydiving.com**  
**Contact:** Scotty Milne  
**Courses:** AFF  
**Location:** Spain, USA

## Parachute Training Services

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**Parachute Training Services**  
11 Godwyn Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1BU  
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doug@paratrg.demon.co.uk  
**www.paratrg.demon.co.uk**  
**Contact:** Doug Peacock  
**Courses:** RAPS, progression courses  
**Location:** UK (Hinton Skydiving Centre)

## Royal Navy & Royal Marines Sport Parachute Association

**RN & RM SPA**  
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skydiveandski@hotmail.com  
**Contact:** Phil Elston

## Airwaves



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Mobile: 07802 472 566  
France: 00 33 (0) 619 605 997  
skydive@air-waves.co.uk  
**www.air-waves.co.uk**  
**Contact:** Rod Bartholomew  
**Courses:** AFF, RAPS, progression, tandem  
**Location:** France, USA

## PhD Skydiving



**PhD Skydiving**  
Ramsdean House, Ramsdean, Petersfield GU32 1RS  
Mobile: 07971 665815  
martin@phdskydiving.co.uk  
**www.phdskydiving.co.uk**  
**Contact:** Martin Williams  
**Courses:** AFF, Skydive U  
**Location:** UK, Spain, USA

## Skydive Academy

**Skydive Academy Ltd.**  
Peterlee Parachute Centre, Shotton Colliery, Co Durham DH6 2NH  
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skydiveacademy@aol.com  
**http://members.aol.com/skydiveamy**  
**Contact:** Ian Roseninge  
**Courses:** AFF, Tandem  
**Location:** UK (Peterlee) & abroad

## East Coast

**East Coast Parachute Centre**  
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slattery@blueyonder.co.uk  
**Contact:** Val Slattery  
**Courses:** RAPS, progression, AFF, tandem  
**Location:** UK (London Parachute School)

## Red Devils



**Red Devils**  
Airfield Camp, Netheravon, Wiltshire SP4 9SF  
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Fax: 01980 678349  
oc@reddevilsonline.com  
**www.reddevilsonline.com**  
**Contact:** Captain Edward Paxton  
**Courses:** Tandem  
**Location:** UK (Netheravon)

## Skydive Limited

Skydive Ltd.

**Skydive Limited**  
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Fax: 01832 280067  
Mobile: 0785 000 7178  
chris@skydiveltd.com  
**www.skydiveltd.com**  
**Contact:** Chris Allen  
**Courses:** AFF, Skydive U, tandem  
**Location:** UK (Peterborough) & abroad

## The Freefall Company



**FreeFall Company**  
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**Tel: 00 34 972 45 45 63**  
Mobile: 00 34 626 54 53 98  
kevin@freefallco.com  
**www.freefallco.com**  
**Contact:** Kevin McCarthy  
**Courses:** AFF  
**Location:** Spain

## Pops UK



**Pops UK**  
Flat 14, 21 Victoria Square, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 4ES  
**Tel: 0117 973 8341**  
**www.thepops.org**  
**Contact:** Niels Hansen, Top POP  
A society of skydivers over forty. We hold regular national and international meets at host parachute centres.

## BCPA



**British Collegiate Parachute Association**  
5 Laxey Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0JA  
**www.bcpa.org.uk**  
chairman@bcpa.org.uk  
**Contact:** Iain Firkins, BCPA Chairman  
The BCPA aims to promote skydiving at collegiate level. We run regional and national events for over 40 affiliated university clubs. The BCPA provides a community where university skydivers can find like-minded people to jump and socialise with.

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Fax: 0034 972 450 749  
info@skydiveempuriabrava.com  
**www.skydiveempuriabrava.com**

### Skydive Spain

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info@skydivespain.com  
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#### Florida Skydiving Centre

440 South Airport Road, Lake Wales, FL 33859, USA  
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info@floridaskydiving.com  
**www.floridaskydiving.com**

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400 West Airport Drive, Sebastian, FL 32958, USA  
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skydivemik@aol.com  
**www.ffadventures.com**

#### Freefall Adventures/ Skydive Cross Keys

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**www.skydiveperris.com**

#### Skydive Sebastian

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apa@netheravon.fsnet.co.uk  
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0117 973 8341  
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