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Cover Photo: Another Planet take the trophy at the European Cup at La Ferté. Photo by Billy Morris. (See page 44 for write-up)

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NOTE: Some of the photos contained in this magazine may show skydivers without helmets, in which case they were jumping abroad. In the UK it is mandatory to wear a helmet for obvious safety reasons.



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Letters



BRIT 100

Re: The Daily Mail 14 July '98
(*Centre Spread on 98-way*)

Firstly, well done to all those who were a part of the British record.

Secondly, well done to whoever it was that managed to get this achievement into the national press. It makes a welcome change to see our sport receive a positive representation, rather than the normal 'Horror death plunge at 120mph' rubbish.

First class!

Yours
Neil Parker

('whoever it was' is Simon Ward who emailed images and press releases daily from the Brit 100 event. I'd like to echo your thanks and congratulations to Simon whose professionalism, energy and efficiency never cease to amaze me – Ed)

Dear Phil Gibbs (Chairman, BPA)

I have been a member of the BPA since 1989. During that time the BPA has not really done much for me. Certainly it has not inspired, excited or motivated me. It does do those thankless tasks such as insurance and dealing with the powers that easily endanger the sport. It now provides a quality magazine.

The Brit 100 week was without doubt the best week's skydiving ever in this country. And it can only be better next time. It is my understanding that without the BPA's help, it would have come to nothing, and I guess your 'Inbox' would now be empty...

No other sport can take all its best and put them on stage for one moment, on one team to achieve something truly spectacular like ours. It was spectacular on the ground and in the air. The media coverage alone could justify the

investment, let alone the incalculable rewards simply associated with doing such a high profile project. What better way to break barriers and get people talking positively about us?

All I can say is a huge thanks to those on Council who had the courage and vision to release and use the funds needed to seed this, and ask they ensure it happens again and again for these big events whatever the discipline.

BPA is VFM this year.

Best wishes
Micky Brennan

Dear Lesley,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After Brit 100, I feel that I need to write a quick note to apologise to everyone involved for being unfit and not able to join you on the 100-way attempts that went ahead on Thursday and Friday at Langar. It was a great disappointment after being so heavily involved in the preparation and organisation – you just wouldn't believe how much I wanted to be with you all right there at 17,000'!

Each and every one of the Brit 100 Team were incredible. It was an honour to work with the organisers and to be on the same drop zone as the jumpers that week and, as I said afterwards, I felt truly humbled by the strength of our union and by the levels of emotion generated both in the good and bad times we all shared.

We have something special going here, and there is some unfinished business to take care of. Till next year. . .

Yours
David Turner

Dear Brit 100 team,
Arnold Palmer said:

*If you think you're beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you like to win but think you can't,
It's almost certain that you won't.*

*Life's battles don't always go
to the stronger woman or man,
But sooner or later, those who win
are those who think they can.*

'I BELIEVE'

Thanks for giving us all the chance to share your dream. Next time we will make it a reality

Blue Skies
Ali Lawley

Dear Lesley

We really did it, didn't we? It wasn't just a dream? 98 British skydivers in a beautiful, smooth flying formation over Langar at our very first attempt on the 100-way. I watched several of the early build-up jumps from the bench. The 68-way built so smoothly and looked beautiful directly overhead. When I saw that, I knew we were going to make it all the way whatever the weather tried to do. And the noise of that formation pushing the air out of the way is quite marvellous – and the cheering on the ground was pretty neat too. But nothing can beat actually being in the air in the 100 way.

So there are many thanks due – but mostly to the 120+ 'Brit 100' skydivers involved in the attempt. To the base and 80-way; you are stars! Thanks for being there so smoothly, for arching like bad things and keeping the fall rate so sweet for some of us fellow anvils. To the rest of the bench; thanks for build-up 20-way and 40-way jumps that were so good and disciplined, safe and fun.

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone on the ground – skydivers and non-jumpers alike – who were as buzzed up as we were and kept the vibes going. Yes – I loved it. Let's do it again, and even bigger next time!

Tony Jones

(Just in is the news that the Brit 100 is on again for next year – see page 6 and 9 for details – Ed)

EUROPEAN CUP

Dear Lesley,

After competing in this event for the first time this year I felt compelled to write a letter to the Mag.

If you're not a hard core competition jumper and don't get enthusiastic about boogie jumping, this could be what you're looking for.

I recently entered this event as part of *Mixteen 16* and think it is one of the best skydiving meets I've been to in my ten years in the sport. I found the boogie atmosphere mixed with an underlying spirit of competition to be something I had not encountered before.

The competition format has several advantages over doing boogie jumps. These are, you're jumping with friends, being in competition adds an extra edge, there is an increased sense of reward from doing a good jump, a real camaraderie and vibe builds amongst the team. It also gives a natural conclusion to the event and because people take it easy until the competition is over you can guarantee everybody is 'up for it' on the last night!

The competition was held over three days, commencing on the Thursday and reaching a high on the Saturday night with the prize-giving and a party that went on till dawn. There were 13 teams ranging in ability and beauty. The *Space Girls* were close to the bottom of the pile in ability but they more than made up for this in their contribution to atmosphere and beauty. At the other end of the scale were *Another Planet*, who have skydiving ability and character in abundance – but beauty? – as they say, it's in the eye of the beholder.

There were 10 rounds drawn from the official dive pool. Four rounds were completed on the first day, the same on the next day and two Saturday morning. Four aircraft were used, these were: Skyvan, Twin Otter, Casa 212 and 235. Each round was allocated to a particular aircraft. This meant you had teams doing different rounds simultaneously. For instance team A could be doing round 1 out of the Skyvan while team B would be doing round 4 out of a Casa. However, at the end of each day things had evened themselves out so you could take stock of the overall position.

Although *Mixteen* was never going to be in contention for a medal you do find yourself wanting to beat the teams at your level. I am proud to say *Mixteen* managed to tie with *Armee De L'Air* who have hundreds of training jumps and overall we came 8th. We also managed to put a three on the board, not bad for a group of individuals who had never jumped together before the start of this year.

The highlight of the event was the prize-giving with *Another Planet* taking gold and setting a new World Record to boot. It was great to see a UK team come out on top in international competition.

After the prize-giving was a meal and a truly memorable party that went on through the night. The competition was done in exactly the right spirit and the French were the most welcoming of hosts. See you there next year!

Regards
Chris Greenfield

Ed Speak



Hello Reader!

Well we continue to make your Mag more up to date. This issue we have reports from the recent PD Tour at Weston on the Green (centre spread) and the Freestyle, Skysurfing and Freeflying Nationals, both happened over the August Bank Holiday weekend. There's stuff about Headcorn's LAC meet on September 5-6 in WoTS (page 5) and an update on the *Brit 100* project (pages 6 and 9) which is happening again in '99, as of September 7.

The repro, print and mailing still take just as long (3 1/2 weeks). So how do we make your Mag this current? The pre-production and design team (that's me, Julie Gray and Trish Jones) just work harder!

The Mag is nearly all event-based this issue, see reports from the FS Nationals (page 16), the Espace Boogie (page

34) and the European Cup (page 44) at which *Another Planet* set a World Record. To quote Tony Butler, 'The UK has a right to feel proud of your team as this is the most successful a British Team has ever been.' I hope this justifies putting myself on the cover!

Council Nominations

I have noticed the BPA recently becoming more pro-active, more positive and more sensitive to members' needs. We are moving towards a partnership where the BPA acts as a member's resource rather than a ruling body. Please read page 33 to find out more about what Council does. I encourage as many people as possible to stand for Council so we can have a meaningful election and continue to change *our* association for the better.

Lesley

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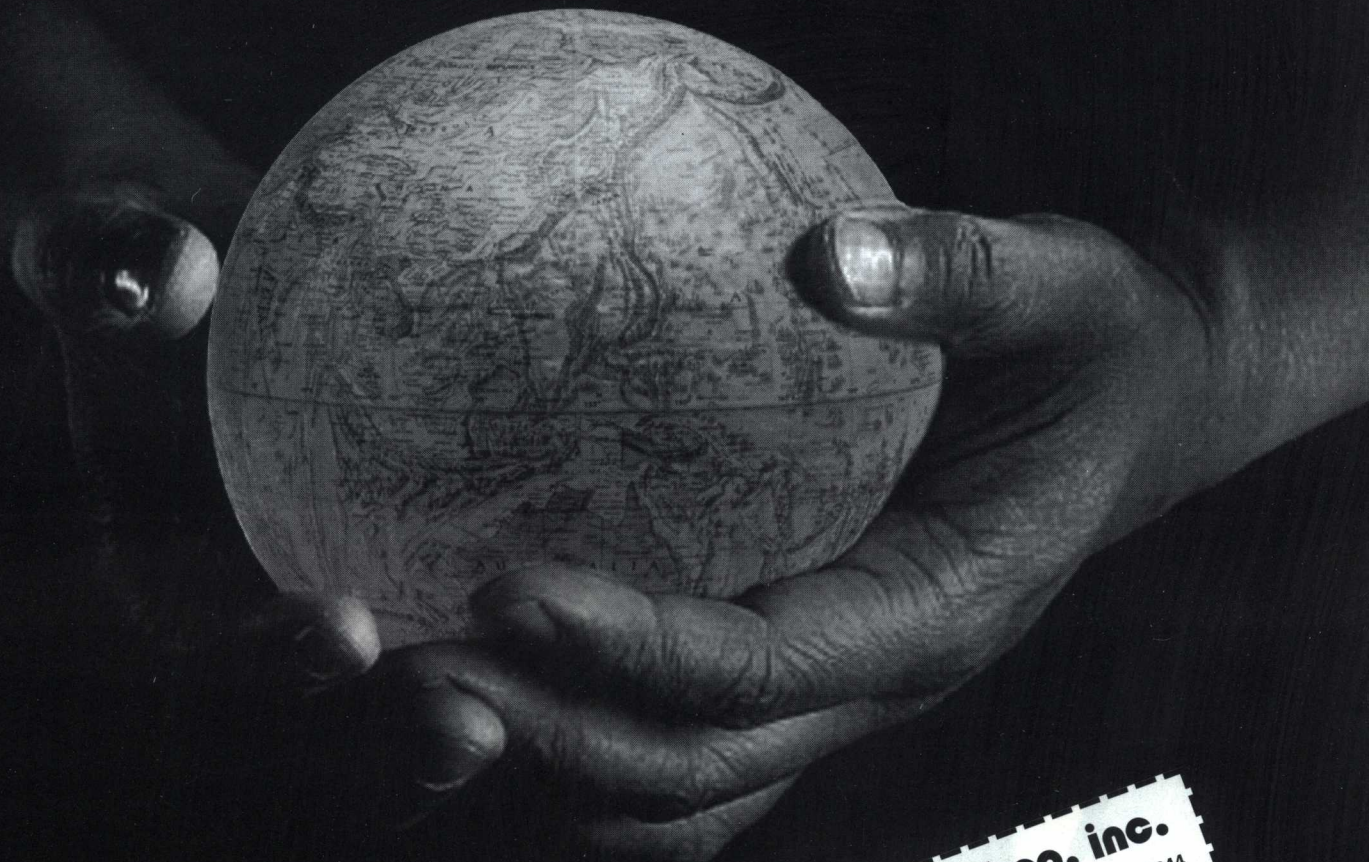
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QUINCY

The World Free Fall Convention went off again in early August in Quincy, Illinois, USA. This year attendance was down a little with ONLY 4,000 skydivers registered. There are more aircraft here than you can shake a stick at. 727 Jet, Ford Tri Motor, 4 Super Otters, a Casa, Skyvan, King Air, Bell Huey helicopter, flown by an ex 'Nam and Hollywood Pilot. This is the 'E Ticket' ride, it only goes to 5,000ft but is exciting to the extreme. The pilot puts the skids into the crops, does massive stall turns and generally goes off, especially if you cross his palm with folding wonga. There was a Pitts Special from which the skydiver dangles when the plane is inverted before letting go and falling away to open over the boogie (see pic on page 40). (Managed to get a Cool & Groovy sticker on the bar you hang from, but it took 5 minutes of idle banter with the pilot, before he turned his back on me...) The pilot shoots a load of stills before you let go. Nice. Balloons are available for jumping at dawn or sunset. Quincy is a unique boogie. There are 'No Rules' apart from your own! More skydivers are on the DZ than at any other boogie, anywhere. The average no of jumps is in the 150 - 200 jump mark. Most of them come from 'Cessna' DZ's around the USA. These skydivers are presented with situations that are not normal for them such as

50 canopies in the sky and relatively small landing areas. They hook themselves into the ground, each other, RV's, cars and sundry - be careful dudes! Every night bands play and the skydivers party harder than anywhere else. Golf carts zoom around the DZ at all hours festooned with skydivers. Quincy is somewhere all skydivers should go, just for the experience. Provided you keep your wits about you, there is little problem. The strange aircraft are fun to jump and the vibe on the DZ is excellent. Next year there will be an English House DJ for one night, care of Cool & Groovy, so put the dates in your diary and I'll see you there!

EUROPEAN CUP

The Planet went OFF!!
World Record Holders,
European Champions, Nuff Said!

HIBBLE BIBBLE

Mike Frost & Andy Ford, *Team Playstation* are once again National Skysurf Champions. Well done fellas. Good luck in next year's Pro Tour. Chris Gauge, Tim Porter and Giles Fabris made a shock victory in the Freelyfly event, beating a very experienced team from Sibson. Cunningly they combined freelyfly with a surfer (Giles) and the judges obviously liked it as they were awarded first place. A strange result that shows Freelyfly is just that - Free!
What's up with that then? (All

gold medalists were jumping *Time-Out!* What are you using?) Target Skysports did a great job, filling all the skydivers needs, and making all feel especially welcome. Well done Target, you are becoming a very 'Customer' orientated DZ. More power to you and all like you.

AUDIBLE INITIATIVE

From 1 January 1999 at Strathallan DZ, all experienced parachutists will be expected to wear an audible altimeter in addition to their visual altimeter. Support for this has been given by Cool & Groovy with demo *Time-Out!* available on the DZ. Keiran Brady, told WoTS "I feel there is no valid reason for jumping without *Time-Out!* today." Strathallan are following the New Zealand Parachute Association who have also made audible altimeters mandatory. (*The rest of this item has been deleted as advertising drivel - Ed*)

HERBAL PAIN KILLER

WoTS had a call from Bob Waugh, a jumper who wanted to share the secrets of Chinese herbal food supplement. Bob suffered severe landing injuries many years ago, causing rheumatism and pain. He has recently discovered *Intra*, a herbal pain killer and reports 'a pain-free existence for the first time in years'. Bob is **not** selling the stuff but said he'd be really happy to talk about it to anyone interested, call him on 01373 822 885.

RENT-A-BABE

Skydive Sebastian now have their own car agency, Gator Car Rental run by ex-Weston jumper Debbie Bull. The DZ will now pick up a party from Orlando Airport by air-conditioned bus, drive them to the DZ and then rent them a very reasonable car for the duration of their stay. Sure beats fannying around at

the airport. Nice One. They also offer convertibles, jeeps and Harley Davidsons for if you want to go out on the pull. If anybody needs a car contact Debbie on RentGator@aol.com or 001-561-388-9399.

SWOOP, SWOOP, SWOOP - STOMP

The 18th Headcorn LAC Meet was held on the 5-6 Sept and attended by 12 teams. For the first time the event was run from the centre's newly placed Turbolet 410. (When we looked at the front it looked to Cool Cat like a 'Rat' so it has been nicknamed "TurboRat") 5,500ft was the exit height for the launch, the weather played the game and we were able to complete the 4 rounds by 1pm on Sunday. The individual accuracy was won by a very happy Jane Buckle, who reclaimed the title from last year's victor Rob Colpus, and managed to get 2 'lucky' discs during the meet. The Overall Senior Launch and Accuracy Gold was won by *Swoop, Swoop - Stomp* (2 x Stiletto 120, Fandango 120 & Pegasus). Alex, Rotti & George swooping, Rob stomping. This was a shock result as George and Rotti both scored a zap, also one launch was not shown to the judges on telemeters although showing clearly on video. *Swoop, Swoop, Swoop - Stomp* were very happy to receive the gold!! A great weekend, try it next year. Finally, Headcorn have the most expensive food establishment on a DZ. £2.30 for a bacon & egg sandwich! Wow! The view behind the counter is good, but it ain't that good! Run by non-skydivers, take your packed lunch or get an overdraft! Go to Headcorn, check out the TurboRat!

George Pilkington



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News



SKYDIVING CALENDAR

Well known photographers Patrick Passe and Wendy Smith are producing a 1999 calendar in large format on high quality paper. It will measure 30 x 42 cm with two pictures for each month, relating to each other in a story.

Subjects include the following:

- Omar Alhegelan/skyball
- Opening of a Stiletto
- 4/8-way US teams in Turkey
- 297-way
- Patrick de Gayardon
- Rickster Powell swooping
- Tandem above Tahiti
- Freeflying
- Sunsets

The sponsors and partners in the calendars will be PD, Sunpath, Airtec and *Time-Out!* The layout will be by Paramag, the French skydiving magazine. When we went to press it was not known who the UK

distributor will be, people interested in the calendar please call Lesley Gale on 01733 755 860 for the latest information.

EXHILARATION

BPA member Tim Homer has started a business offering a range of adventure and adrenaline activities in four media: air, land, water and adventure. Tank driving, motor racing, caving, sailing, paragliding, vintage aircraft flying and of course, skydiving are included among many more. Group or single activities are included, also gift vouchers for presents. Interested members call Tim on 01525 222 888 or email XSportsUK@aol.com.

FAI LICENCE CHANGES

The BPA reports an excellent uptake of the new system FAI

licences (see April SP for details). They have issued 330 in three and a half months, compared to 350 annually under the old system.

LOST PROPERTY

A Divers watch was found at Weston over the bank holiday weekend, anyone wanting to claim it contact John Matthews on skydive10@hotmail.com

pockets last year to put the attempt together. For '99 they will also not be paid. They are looking for voluntary assistance in the following areas:

1. Design a logo competition

The organisers are looking for a new logo. Designs should involve the British flag, be simple, must reproduce in mono (fax and photocopiers). The winner will receive no copyright or no prize but will get thanks, admiration and see their logo used through all of next year. Send your entry to Sward at

simonw@musicradio.com on JPG or BMP file.

2. Database Developer

The Brit 100 team need someone to design and maintain a simple database of potential participants.

3. Web Page Designer/Developer

The Brit 100 team will put together a web page and seek someone with the flair and knowledge to put this together.

Anyone who feels they can help, email Simon Ward on simonw@musicradio.com

Stop Press!



BRIT 100 STRIKES AGAIN

Brit 100 organisers met on 7 September to debrief last year's record 98-way and discuss possibilities for next year. The record attempts will be held again, see page 9 for more details. The organising committee paid out of their own

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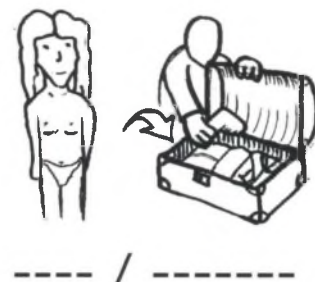
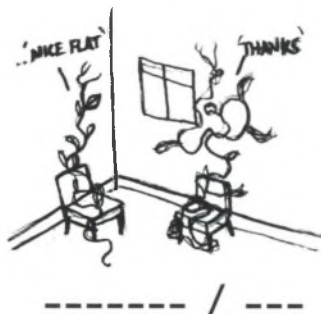
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ALL AIRSPORTS

An International Airsports Exhibition will be on 5-6 December at Telford Exhibition Centre. It is organised jointly by the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (BHPA) and the British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA). Other aerial sports such as ballooning,

flying, gliding, aeromodelling and hopefully skydiving will also be represented. Entry is £4, or free to children under 14. Any traders interested in a stand at the exhibition, call David Wootton on 01366 383817 or dw.photography@dial.pipex.com

SEBASTIAN SKILLS

A quick reminder to register for the annual Skills Camp at Sebastian, run by members of *Sebastian XL*. Top coaching, camera, beach jumps, barbeques and fun are all included. Interested jumpers, call Gary Southam, team manager on 01252 717701 or gsoutham@compuserve.com

WOMEN'S WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

A Women's World Record attempt will be at Skydive Sebastian on February 19-21, 1999. Interested ladies should contact Lesley Gale on 01733 755 860 or sportpara@aol.com

HURRAH FOR HERCULES

Not one but TWO Hercules are booked for the Herc boogie, 11-20 June 1999 in Lidköping, Sweden. The Hercules Boogie is a big formation boogie, organised by Gothenburg Parachuting Club in co-operation

with the Swedish Air Force and the Special Forces Corps. Registering in advance is recommended. More information is available at their website www.gfk.se/hercules. Any questions, please contact Nils Bernhardsson at T: 0046 31 92 34 45 or Nils.Bernhardsson@gfk.se

PUMPIN' PARASKI

The 7th Para-Ski World Championships will be held in Igls, near Innsbruck, Austria from February 2-7 1999. Contact Michael Egger, Chair of the IPC Para-Ski subcommittee by fax on 0043-5574-45137 or via the Austrian Aero Club on office@oe-aeroclub.at.

IPC INVITATION

The 50th IPC Meeting will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia from February 10-14, 1999. For agenda items, contact: Gillian Winter, IPC Technical Secretary on gill.winter@ibm.net. For details of accommodation etc. contact: Secretary General of the Croatian Aeroclub, Tomislav VAJDA ontvajda@as411.tel.hr or fax: 00385-1-484 8761. Other IPC events are published on the IPC page of the FAI Home Page at <http://www.fai.org/ipc>

VERITABLY VERTICAL - 2
Train in Spain's Go Vertical event, featured in June's Sport Parachutist, will be rerun due to its popularity. Once again Chris Gauge and Tim Porter of *Vice Versa* will be on hand to offer coaching and advice. Open to all funky fliers, registration is \$25 and jumps cost \$17 to 16,500 feet. Dates are 18-24 October, call Ros on 0034 953 123 233 or TrainIS@aol.com. Train in Spain reopens on 15 October for their season which lasts until 1 April.

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6-11 End of Season Party (Jump tkts £12)
18-24 Go Vertical
20 Council Meeting
20-21 Freefly Seminar
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14-30 Thanksgiving Boogie
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20-29 Latin America Friendship Cup (FS/S&A)
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DECEMBER

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15 Council Meeting and EGM
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Email your event to sportpara@aol.com by 9 November (latest) to be included in the December issue



It's on Again!!

This year we narrowly missed our target of the first all British 100 formation, beaten in the main by the weather. Monday 7 September saw the debrief meeting of the Brit100 organisation in London. We all agreed there's 'Unfinished Business'. In 1999 we will produce the UK's first 3 digit formation and we don't intend to stop at 100, that's just the first step.

Instead of just 2 months pre-planning, we now have 11 to get this record and we intend to start **right now**. Brit 100 is open to everyone, it is not an elitist thing. The team organisation has committed to helping anyone through the selection process and onto the record. Furthermore, it doesn't have to stop in 1999, there are always more records to break...

We will pick the best available who are prepared to commit to a week of skydiving (probably next August) with the sole aim of creating a new British record, no individual stuff and no egos. If you want to be part of this as much as we do, then:

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- Every person registering interest will be considered
- Brit100 organisers will help prepare anyone interested over the next 11 months
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E-mail us to register your interest and watch the Mag for regular information.

We also intend to be at the AGM with more details.

Simon Ward

Dive Captain

DARRYL MORAN
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- Leisure centre with pool, gymnasium, sauna, etc

How much?

- AGM – free, of course
- Dinner – around £18 per head (menu to be confirmed in December mag, book later)
- Dance – free to all members
- Rooms – we've negotiated a special rate of £35 per person per double/twin room per night, including breakfast. This is the best rate we found having investigated numerous hotels in the area (thanks to David Oddy for his ground work on this). We've booked 150 rooms but urge you to book early to avoid disappointment.



What's going on?

- AGM
- Talks, seminars, activities, videos, discussion groups, (details in the December mag)
- Dinner (formal dress)
- Dance



When?

Saturday 23 January 1999

Why attend?

It's a chance to meet up with skydivers in the winter months, share ideas, see new products, talk with Council members. Most of all it's

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What if I've never been to an AGM?

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What now?

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to reserve your rooms – quote the BPA's AGM for the special room rate. The dinner reservations will be done in December.

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KIT NEWS

by Lesley Gale

Come the Evolution

Cool & Groovy, manufacturers of the *Time-Out* audible altimeter, have developed a more advanced product, the *Evolution 2000* which features three operating modes. In *Solo* mode the unit performs as a standard *Time-Out*; the break-off height bleep is user set, the deployment warning is at 2,500ft and the flat line at 1,500ft. In *Custom* mode, all three altitude warnings can be user-set. The *Timer* mode is designed for competitors and will indicate the end of working time, the number of seconds after exit specified by the user. Cool and Groovy claim this is accurate to +/- 0.25 seconds.

Electronic Log Book

The *Evolution 2000* automatically stores data about the jumps which can be downloaded to a Mac or PC. Then this information can be viewed, manipulated and analysed. The data can be inputted directly into *Log Book Software* supplied with the unit on CD ROM to give an electronic log book. The software offers a range of options, such as including reminders



for reserve repack dates, Cypres battery change dates, etc. Digital videos and photos can be stored linked to jumps for a permanent, easily accessible video logbook using a Zip, Jazz drive or similar. Personal details such as jump number and freefall time to date can be inputted.

Data Capture

Through the interface and your PC / Mac, you can choose the level of information you would like, for example date, cumulative jump number, exit height, opening height, speed and fall rate at any point, averages, G force on opening, and cumulative freefall time. This will provide an accurate record of the jumper's time in freefall (which has traditionally been a bit of a guesstimate!).

Volume and pitch controls are included in the *Evolution 2000*, a good feature for head-down flyers who need the units to be loud. Battery life has been increased to between 3 to 5 years and the unit is 16 times more accurate than before. The *Evolution 2000 Time-Out* is

smaller than the original with dimensions of 11.2 x 36.5 x 64mm which, the manufacturers claim is the smallest audible altimeter in the world. The operating switches are three tactile 'bumps'. The *Evolution 2000* is available from Cool & Groovy or dealers from 1 November.



Sales Director George Pilkington pointed out that the *Time-Out Evolution 2000* and (not-so) *Final Frontier Flashing Edition* are the only audible altimeters that couple altitude information with descent rate information. He stated that "This unique feature enables the skydiver, during a malfunction scenario, to audibly monitor both altitude and speed while focusing their attention on rectifying the problem. If the malfunction has not been cleared when the 1500ft Flat Line warning sounds, the jumper should action reserve procedures immediately. During any malfunction with an unsafe descent rate, the skydiver absolutely must know where 1500ft is. Only *Time-Out!* will definitely give you this essential information."

Cool & Groovy - 01788 860 882

If the Glove Fits...

A Floridian based company, Complete Sports is marketing their sports gloves to skydivers at a lower cost than the similar *Newman* gloves which many skydivers use. Three different glove ranges are suitable for skydiving. The *Hitter* is a light, close-fitting glove in Spandex and very soft leather with a wrist band closure, it costs £12.95. The *Sure-Tack* is the same glove made from tackier leather and costs \$19.95, this new model will be available from November. The *SPL Tech* is made from a heavier weight of leather and would be suitable for colder weather. It features a wraparound wrist band and seamless palm and costs \$34.95. The *SPL Tech* is designed for skydiving but our



testers felt they preferred the *Hitter* or *Sure-Tack* for summer jumping and for competition.

Gloves are available from mid – end October in a range of sizes in black, some with coloured trim. In November the *Hitter* will be available in white. The Complete Sports catalogue offers other gloves which look suitable for skydiving such as their fingerless cycling-style gloves, the *Mesh-Back*, $\frac{1}{2}$ finger and $\frac{3}{4}$ finger and the *Premium Cabretta*. As a bonus the company also offers glove sizes and styles specifically designed for women.

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Definitely Not A Javelin – No Siree!

A French company has released onto the market a new harness/container called the *Advance*. In appearance it looks very similar to a *Javelin* and it is manufactured by Sunpath's ex-distributor in France, Parafun. Several features are included as standard such as hip rings, velcro-less toggles and cloth loop cutaway/reserve handles which the company claim offers security in all freefall body positions. The container is Cypres ready and can accommodate a Steven's Lanyard or LES system.

LES is a new system designed by Eric Fradet which works like an RSL but is attached to the reserve free bag.

The LES system is used by BASE jumpers as it gives a quick reserve deployment. But informed opinion recommends **against** LES for



normal skydiving as it requires an absolutely stable body position for clean reserve deployment. At any normal reserve opening altitude, the increased deployment speed of LES would not be a significant advantage.

Parafun - 0033 494 73 47 88
<http://www.parafun.com>

Just the Prescription

It was with interest I read of Dr Neville Cohen's prescription goggles in last issue's Kit News. Cohen make goggles for many different sports, all illustrated at

<http://www.bobster.com>. Approach the site with caution as just two

models are recommended for skydivers; *EZ Riderz* (model BA001) and the *T2Z* (model BC006). The company admit that

ordering by phone will be quicker than using the online web site order forms.

The *EZ Riderz* are available in clear, grey or amber tints. Grey is apparently the most popular with skydivers, available in four shades and recommended 'for glare protection and accurate colour transmission'. Amber is recommended for 'sharp definition in low light conditions'. The goggles themselves are extremely comfy, thanks to the squidgy foam



backing, they did not leave irritating red marks the way previous goggles did. There are small vents in the foam backing to prevent fogging which certainly seem to work. All-round vision on the clear lenses is fine and (touch wood!) the polycarbonate lenses seem to do a good job of protecting the lenses from scratches.

I'm never aware they're there – I could

never have said the same about my previous 'glasses and goggles' combination.

The *EZ Riderz* prescription goggles cost

\$79.95 plus shipping costs plus \$20 for (essential) scratch-resistant polycarbonate lens. A discount is offered for additional pairs. In my case it worked out at £125 for two pairs – not much more than the cost of the glasses I trashed on my first few jumps. The goggles arrived 3-4 weeks after ordering.

Ian Smith

Cohen Prescription Goggles -
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See the Light

Those contemplating night jumps could find a Canadian company's invention useful. Their battery powered *Lazer Sticks* are reusable and, distributor Bailey Industries claim, will outlast chemical versions such as *Cyalumes*. Sticks are available as flashing versions or constant-on.

The company states the latter will last for 12 hours before batteries need

changing. The light is a 6" plastic stick, which twists at one end to switch on and off.

There are no filaments which could break. *Lazer Sticks* are available in several

colours and cost around \$15 plus shipping costs. The company also offers a *VIP Signal Light* which is much brighter and can be switched between flashing, constant-on and SOS mode.



Bailey Industries - 001 519 681 3863

Warp Speed



Bonehead Composites report great demand from freeflyers for the *Mindwarp* helmet featured in last issue's Kit News. The *Mindwarp* has a carbon fibre shell with a therma-fit liner which moulds to the head when heated. Features include a neoprene padded chin strap, interior audible altimeter socket and an adjustable circumference latch. Camera options are also available.

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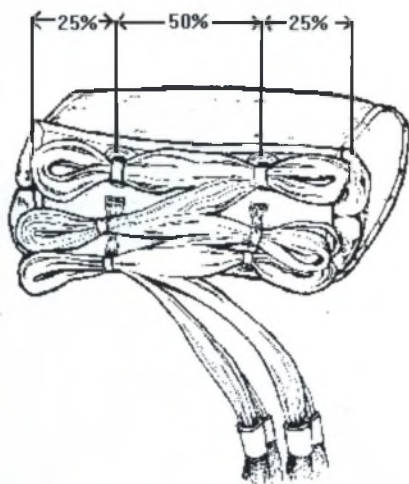
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New Line Stowage

Jump Shack, manufacturers of the *Racer* harness/container have developed a bag with line stows nearer to the middle of the bag.



The company claims that the new location prompts jumpers to make properly-sized stows that align with the edge of the bag but do not wrap around the corners. This seems logical now that most jumpers are making bigger stows (2-3" is normal) than when deployment bags were originally designed. The company claims the new positioning balances the weight of the loops with the weight of line between loops. The added benefit Jump Shack states is that the deployment bag will fit more easily and neatly into the container.

Jump Shack have developed the bag over about four years, incorporating them on their tandem rigs two years ago. During the last year Jump Shack has been putting both old and new stow band retainer loops on all of their bags. The results from the field have shown the new stowage position is so popular that they now only offer this new location.

Jump Shack - 001 904 734 5887
<http://www.jumpshack.com/read/default.asp>

Cypres Battery Leakage

The BPA Riggers Committee were recently advised of an incident where a *Cypres* battery had leaked causing damage to the container, reserve and free bag. Anyone finding a *Cypres* unit which cannot be switched on, has an acidic smell or discolouration on the bottom of the reserve tray, should take the unit to an appropriately qualified person.

More KIT NEWS

by Lesley Gale



Vision-On

Well known skydiving photographer Simon Ward (aka Sward) and Tony Silman (Intermediate FS Champion and Development Engineer) have got together to develop new solutions for cameraflyers. Their first product is the *Vision-On* – a video indicator which doesn't require electronics, maintenance or blocking out existing light. Sward and Tony claim the product is easy to fit, dismantles instantly and is cheaper than electronic or battery dependent competition. It retails at £19 plus P&P. The hi-tech *Vision-On* fibre simply replicates any light source.

The product should be good news for team videographers who don't want to hassle their team by asking 'Is the red light on?' as the exit command is given.

Simon and Tony have also developed some innovative camera mounts without the use of screws or heavy duty velcro. They will have a

rotating stills mount and a range of sighting systems available very soon, especially for freeflyers. And they are also offering a 'cost effective solution' for any camera mount problem and state 'no challenge is too great'.



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FS Nationals 1998

From the word go the atmosphere at the FS Nationals was of confident professionalism. Sibson staff had a calm, 'no worries' approach to manifest and aircraft management, flying 26 lifts effortlessly on practice day. Teams were getting their 'tent corrals' sorted and familiarising themselves with the Turbolet and its superb door. The talk on the ground was of training camps and high averages. The senior 8-way teams had brought in their own world class coaches; Solly Williams was there with the *Army*, Mark Kirkby with *Inversion 66* and John Hamilton with *Junction 9*. The Omniskore system was up and running with operational video links into the bar. The scene was set, the forecast good. Twenty-three 4-way teams and nine 8-way teams were champing at the bit. Time to stop talking the talk it was time to walk the walk...

Saturday, Day One

Sibson was transformed into a groovy Bedouin village thanks to Sue Meacock providing gazebos for every team. 31 lifts were flown and four rounds of 4-way completed. *Sebastian XL* commanded the senior event from the off. But in the other 4-way events there was little in it. In the intermediate 4-way only 14 points separated the first five teams. Last year's junior winners *XS* had jaws dropping with a first round 18 points in 35 seconds working time! Teams were delivering the skydives, the competition and the weather were hot!

Sunday, Day Two

26 lifts, 4-way was halted with 6 rounds complete, two rounds of 8-way were done. For senior 8-way teams *Inversion 66*, *Army 8* and *Junction 9* there was the World Meet at stake. The day closed with the top three teams on exactly equal scores.

Monday, Day Three

The weather started to get blowy with just seven lifts flown and five gazebos taking off! High scores across the senior 8-way. Mark Scott in only his second year of jumping was doing a styling job on *XL8*. In the intermediate 8 *Army*

White, were up against *Party Pak*, which was *4 Pak* and *XS* combined but I just remembered them as *Team Giant* as they were all massive! *Angels of the North* and *How Bizarre* got together to form *Bizarre Angels*, we had no 8-way



Senior 4-way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Average	Position	
Sebastian XL	13	19	14	17	17	16	22	17	21	16	172	17.2	1 Gold	
Air Ecosse	9	11	12	14	9	12	15	11	9	8	110	11.0	2 Silver	
Quicksilva	9	12	11	13	10	13	13	9	10	9	109	10.9	3 Bronze	
Junction 5	5	9	10	12	10	12	13	11	11	9	102	10.2	=4	
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Downside Up	9	11	8	8	11	11	10	11	12	7	98	9.8	7	
Upside Down	7	5	8	10	8	7	10	9	8	8	80	8.0	8	
Animation	8	8	4	8	5	9	8	8	0	WD	0	58	7.3	9
Zygosis	6	6	3	7	5	2	2	0	WD	0	31	4.4	10	





experience at all but top coaches like Mark Kirkby volunteered to help which reflected the spirit of this Nationals. The presence of three international coaches at the nationals was a great bonus for all the teams, especially juniors and intermediates.

Animation by Chris Davis



"I would like to see more teams going full time with sponsorship from British and International drop zones"

Sarah Laughton *Army White, Army 8*

Tuesday, Day Four

16 lifts. Clouds and showers tried to ruin the concentration of the 8-way teams. *Inversion 66, Army 8* and *Junction 9* landed in the aircraft seven times between them over Monday and Tuesday CCI Ronnie O'Brien "appreciated the teams not moaning when they had to kit up again and again". Six rounds of the senior 8-way were now completed. The intermediate 8-way finished with *Army White* in first with 21 points, *Party Pak* second with 20 and *Scratch 9* third on 13.

"Excellent standard by the cameramen, really good job"

Kate Charters *Event Judge*

Wednesday, Day Five

Rain! No lifts! *Party Pak* amused themselves with a home-made mortar. Risk players went for world domination. Long stand downs were appreciated by all. This gave us time to reflect on our performance so far and to try and sustain energy and concentration levels for the final sprint.

Friday, Day Seven

15 lifts. This completed the senior 4-way. Sebastian XL finished 62 points clear of the next team!! They posted a British competition record of 22 points in round 7 and a 17.2 average, a true reflection of their professionalism and dedication. Pete Allum was pleased with *XL's* score, as on review they felt it to be a 'slow' draw. He felt, "We performed as well as in our recent victory in the Florida skydiving league". *Air Ecosse* took silver with Dave Ruffell coolly stepping in just before the competition, then *Quicksilva* just one point behind in bronze. Close indeed.

"We would like to personally thank Sibson for an excellent meet"

Nigel Rogoff *Junction 9*

Thursday, Day Six

11 lifts. A late surprise clearing of the clouds

Saturday, Day Eight

10 lifts. Many teams were now relaxing and with the focus on the senior 8-way, the Omniskore really came into its own. This saw people dropping their packing to rush into the bar to stand with the teams watching their jump being scored. We were all sharing the tension of every slow grip (*Come on!*) and the 'Wow!' of a slick transition. Truly electric. *XL8* gold, *Junction 9* silver, *Inversion 66* bronze.

Party time! The party in the front hangar kicked off with punk band Dirty Toys followed by The Vow, then DJ's Wingy and MacD mixing top tunes. Podia mania hit town with babes dancing on the fan trainers. I remember going outside for a lie down (!! - Ed) and watching two naked squaddies ride a bike around in the dark with chemi-lume liquid all over them!



Army Teams



Turning Tricks by John Lemming



Inter 4-way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Average	Position
XS	18	11	11	11	15	9	8	10	93	11.6	1 Gold
Red Devils Black	15	9	24	34	42	53	64	72	83	10.4	2 Silver
How Bizarre	12	8	9	9	13	8	8	9	76	9.5	3 Bronze
Turning Tricks	16	11	11	2	11	8	7	9	75	9.4	4
Cosmosis	12	7	9	10	13	7	5	7	70	8.8	5
Army Black	9	9	18	6	10	7	5	8	64	8.0	6
Sebastian QE	10	7	2	6	10	7	8	7	57	7.1	7
Gripswitch	10	5	5	4	8	8	5	5	50	6.3	7

FS Nationals 1998

Senior 8-way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Average	Position
XL8	12	6	9	11	13	10	10	4	10	10	95	9.5	1 Gold
Junction 9	10	8	9	9	12	9	9	9	8	9	92	9.2	2 Silver
Inversion 66	9	9	9	6	9	5	9	10	7	8	81	8.1	3 Bronze
Army 8	9	8	7	8	9	5	9	6	7	7	75	7.5	4

Judging

With two judges short, Bob Charters, Kate Charters and Bob 'H' Hyatt were anticipating a tough week. The three judges were always ready to give competitors advice on how to make things more easily judgeable. Kate Charters told me, "If you have a problem, come to us to see if we can sort it, *before* it goes to protest". Controversy emerged later in the week with some contested decisions. Kate felt this was due to not having enough

"I believe that in future years the draw should be done earlier. Most teams have arrived by 5pm and we then wait till 8pm for the draw, with a wheels off the next day at 8am. Let's be civilised about this and have the draw earlier so that people can dirt-dive in the light and then have a few hour's kip before the big day"

Dave Tyler *Qucksilva*

judges. She felt the standard of skydiving was, "very impressive, making it very exciting".

Event Management

Top praise has to go to the Sibson team for their slick running of the Nationals. At manifest Cornelia Waymouth was a pleasure to approach and CCI Ronnie O'Brien was more like a favourite

uncle than a teeth-gnashing CCI! Meet Director Sue Meacock added considerably to the event with lots of sheer hard work. Every team got a brimming picnic hamper on Saturday night, a great idea and much appreciated. Stuart Meacock, Chris Donaldson, Peter Male and Jon

"The competition was easy to run as the competitors made it so"

Ronnie O'Brien *CCI, PPC*

highest scoring battle. Even in senior 4-way which Sebastian dominated as expected, Pete Allum noticed that "the next six 4-way teams were closely matched and doing superb scores, all averaging 10+". Proving there is a growing mass of top quality British FS talent.

Air Ecosse



Angels of the North by Goody

Greenfield worked hard in the background. The Ukrainian flight crew did a peachy job getting us all to altitude.



Sebastian QE



Downside Up

Competition Standard

It has been repeatedly said to me that the standard of intermediate and junior jumping was excellent. The senior 8-way was a



How Bizarre by Ian Brown

most closely contested and



XS

Why Compete?

One year ago my wife, Joey and I were fun jumpers with around 250 jumps. Like many people in the UK, we would go the airfield at weekends and 'lob-out' for fun. I would read write-ups just like this one that seemed to be about the secret world of competitive FS. Then with Sarah Walker, Regan Tetlow and Neil Sharpies we formed *Angels of the North*. We looked at XS's average last year of 8.25 as an impossible dream. We committed to training camps with quality coaching. We also jumped every weekend possible and have now fulfilled that dream, exceeding that average. It's out there!

The Future

Junction 9 and Sebastian XL will represent Great Britain in the World Meet in Australia, 1999. We wish them all the best in their preparations. Junction 9's Nigel Rogoff told me, "Our



XL8



Inter 8-way	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average	Position
Army White	2	5	6	5	3	21	4.2	1 Gold
Party Pak	4	4	5	3	4	20	4.0	2 Silver
Scratch 9	1	4	1	4	3	13	2.6	3 Bronze
Devil Tricks	4	1	2	3	1	11	2.2	4
Bizarre Angels	0	0	0	2	1	3	0.6	5

FS Nationals
1998

Portugal for the FS World Cup in September (just gone), then will compete in the US Nationals in October and the Florida Skydiving League in winter. They will be back at next year's Nationals to compete and help other teams. With dedication and

"There's a lot of people here this weekend"

Steve (finger on the pulse) Mikos



The Rollers



Inversion 66

4 Pak

immense personal sacrifice the boys are recognised as a force in world class 4-way. Some see XL's dominance of the senior 4-way as difficult to compete against. I believe that the vast majority of us see it as inspiring and something to be proud of. There were so many people at the Nationals commenting on the raise in standards at all levels. There is no doubt that the majority of this increase can be attributed to *Sebastian XL* – for directly sharing their knowledge, techniques and enthusiasm and for providing inspiration. We are proud of you XL!

Dave Eardley
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Gripswitch



Junction 9

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Ronnie O'Brien
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New event – 5-way
Something the judges failed to spot was the extra team member jumping with *Angels of the North* – the day after the Nationals we found that my wife and team member Joey is pregnant!



Red Devil Black

key to success at the Nationals was down to the depth of experience across the team. We are very excited

1999 Nationals and we want to win!". In the meantime as well as training with emphasis on fitness, they are keen to put much of their energy back into the sport.

Sebastian XL plan to do 1200 training jumps over the next year and go to

"Fantastic meet, very high standard by all participants"

Toby Stafford
Sebastian XL, XS, XL8



about the future and the vibes are really up. We are a team in the true sense". He added, "We feel that a twelve average is well within our grasp as we skydived cautiously at the Nationals. *Junction 9* will definitely be at the

Junior 4-way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Average	Position
Army Red	10	6	8	9	9	9	10	9	70	8.8	1 Gold
Angels of the North	8	6	9	9	10	10	7	9	68	8.5	2 Silver
Army Blue	7	8	8	3	3	9	10	8	56	7.0	3 Bronze
Fiatliners	4	4	3	4	5	3	6	6	35	4.4	4
The Rollers	6	6	4	3	1	4	3	4	31	3.9	5

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Council Matters



DEVELOPMENT

The main task facing the Committee at the moment is the setting out of the Development Plan – what we want to happen to our sport over the period of the next five years. This subject will affect every member of the Association, all are welcome to contribute. If you have ever thought how we could do things better, or wanted the Association to do more in a particular area, or are just aware of how funds are being unnecessarily wasted – then let us know. Now is the time to help shape the future as the current Plan is being written before the end of this year. Our Sports Council grant is being seriously reduced.

Remember it is always easy to spend money; only by the good planning applied to the BPA's funds have we moved from being in debt a decade ago, to now having a margin of available reserves. The original intention was to build up a substantial amount and then use the interest payable each year to fund the Association. At present we are halfway to that amount; members' subscriptions only represent half our required income. If you feel you can positively advise please do get in touch with Charles Ross.

Sponsorship

The BPA is still looking for someone to raise corporate funds for the Association. Newcomers to the sport are people with available income who want to take part in perceived dangerous pursuits; this is a carefully targeted audience of interest to sponsors. What the BPA needs is someone who understands the complexities of modern sponsorship co-ordination to present these facts. If you know someone who can do it – then get in touch.

Merit Payments

The Development Committee has been awarding money to various different parties who have been benefiting the Association. The *Brit 100* project did a brilliant job of getting the sport into the public's eye; *Team Playstation* have been getting more exposure for the sport and are putting a package together

that might be suitable for interactive educational projects. Riggers Committee have been awarded some funds to bring their manuals and course structures up to date. *Another Planet* were made an extraordinary payment of £5,000 to assist them in attending the first 16-way FS World Cup as the British Team.

FXC's

The donated units from RAPA have been modified, given a current service and distributed to various DZ's around the country. There were still a couple of units available for hire when this magazine went to print: contact Ian Midgley if your DZ needs some.

COUNCIL

Dave Ruffell is the new CCI at Strathallan, Dave Emerson is CCI at the renamed Hinton Skydiving Centre – a new operation at the old Oxon and Northants DZ. Andy Dixon is the new CCI at Merlin Parachute Centre (Topcliffe). George McGuinness is CCI of a new operation at Errol airfield. The new company is called Paragon Skydiving and has no connection with the old operation, Skydive Scotland or its owner, Dave Lowden.

The date of the next Council meeting has been changed from 27 October to 20 October, one week earlier.

COMPETITIONS

The committee is intending to re-examine the rules for intermediate 8-way in light of competitor's comments at the recent FS Nationals. The event has been popular but there are some suggestions of increasing the number of rounds and also changing the formations in the pool. Junior and intermediate 4-way event will also be re-examined by the committee. Anyone with any input please write to Chris Allen.

STC

Foreign Instructors
STC discussed the matter of foreign instructors wishing to work over here. It was decided to make this easier for all concerned. From now on, AFF and/or tandem instructors will be



THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Association to be held at
The Hanover International Hotel
5 Watling Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire
on **Saturday 23 January 1999 at 10.30am**

AGENDA

1. To receive, and adopt if approved, the Report of the Council.
2. To discuss any items of Special Business (see below).
3. To fix subscriptions payable by non-provisional members for the 12 months commencing 1 April 1999.
4. To close the formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

Other items of business

- (a) To announce the election results for the 1999 Council of the BPA.
- (b) To present various annual awards.

Note: Members are reminded that under Article 31 of the Articles of Association, only such business as is notified to the BPA, in writing, at least 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (ie by midnight on Monday 14 December 1998) can be included under Item 2 (Special Business).

able to work over here provided that they are full members of the BPA, have a good knowledge of the English language, successfully complete an exam on the BPA Ops Manual and are evaluated in air (at least one descent) by an Examiner, nominated by Technical Officer Tony Butler or National Coach and Safety Officer, John Hitchen. In addition the foreign instructor must fulfil the following:

AFF

1. Hold an AFF rating acceptable to their governing body.
2. Have a minimum of 100 AFF

instructional descents.
3. Have at least 1,000 descents and 10 hours of freefall time.

Tandem

1. Hold a tandem rating acceptable to their sport parachuting governing body.
2. Have a minimum of 100 Tandem instructional descents.
3. Have at least 800 descents and 8 hours of freefall time.

Fulfilling the above criteria will allow foreign instructors to work in this country for a period of six months, following which they should attend a BPA course.



Notice is hereby given that an **Extraordinary General Meeting** will be held at the offices of the **British Parachute Association Ltd** 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9TF on **Tuesday 15 December 1998 at 6.30pm**

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA
Tony Butler - Technical Officer

AGENDA

1. To receive, and adopt if approved, the Annual Accounts of the Association and the Report of the Auditors for the period 30 June 1997 to 30 June 1998.
2. To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
3. To set the Provisional Membership Subscription for the 12 months commencing 1 April 1999.

freestyle, freestyle & skysurfing Nationals 1998

Photo by Phil Parker



Back Row: Chris Wakes, Sam Durrant, Chris Gauge, Igor Van Aperen, Tim Porter, Jayne Harrison, Mike Frost, Giles Fabris, Andy Ford, Tony Danbury
Middle Row: Trevor Dobson; Bottom Row: John 'Goody' Goodyear, Ann Beckett

Blue skies and nil winds greeted the competitors at this year's 'New Age' Skydiving Nationals. This was the second year that the BPA had run this event which includes the disciplines of freestyle, skysurfing and the increasingly popular three person freeflying event. . .

freestyle

Gold – Pari Passu, consisting of the reigning British Champions of Hibaldstow locals Ann Beckett and her cameraman/husband John Goodyear, put on an excellent performance, especially considering they had put in less than half a dozen training jumps during the year. A combination of Goody's tight framing and Ann's classic poses made this team unstoppable.

Silver – Creature Comforts, new faces Sam Durrant and her video flyer Chris Wakes. This team nearly did not enter the competition due to lack of confidence in their abilities. They were convinced to compete and demonstrated finesse with their execution of basic moves and transitions. This could be a team to watch out for next year.

"Great fun for beginners and experienced alike. Come and give it ago next year"

Creature Comforts



Photos by Julie Beckett

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Position
Pari Passu	61	64	62	61	66	314	1 Gold
	61	125	187	248	314		
Creature Comforts	57	54	50	56	50	267	2 Silver
	57	111	161	217	267		

skysurfing

Giles Fabris by Tony Danbury



Vice Versa 2 by Chris Gauge

Sony Playstation by Phil Parker



Come Back Brighter by Milko

Vice Versa Skydiving Team

(Tim Porter & Chris Gauge)
Gold medalists — Freeflying
Silver and Bronze medalists
— Skysurfing

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Gold – Sony Playstation, still fresh from the Extreme Games, put on a great performance displaying to the other competitors just why they are at the cutting edge in worldwide skysurfing. Mike Frost's varied and intricate moves combined with rock solid camera angles from Andy Ford delivered this team the highest scores of the meet. Both participants also freely shared their knowledge with the other competitors which is always good to see.

Silver – *Vice Versa*, the pairing of Chris Gauge and Tim Porter. They pride themselves on being multi-skilled in various disciplines and being the only dual performing team. This was their first competition together and speedy moves coupled with radical freesurf camera angles was the name of the game for this team, for example in their first round of 50 seconds Chris spun just over 70 360° revolutions, dizzy stuff!

Bronze – *Vice Versa 2*, not content with the silver medal, Chris and Tim switched roles and took a bronze medal also. In contrast with their preferred roles, this team showed an altogether more conservative approach with both camera angles and skysurfing moves. Their final round secured them the bronze with solid moves and good framing and ending sequence.

Fourth – *Come Back Brighter*, very closely behind was one of the strangest names of the meet. This pairing included the very experienced cameraflyer Tony Danbury and skysurfer/freely instructor Giles Fabris. This team combined slow, precise and controlled sequences which

combined relaxed-ness and interaction to make enjoyable viewing. Like many teams this was their first competitive outing and their potential for a medal next year is high.

Fifth – *Clockwork Orange*, Dave Sturgeon and Cath Symonds, two relative newcomers to the funkier disciplines. Dave surprised competitors by attempting difficult moves which are usually only attempted by boarders with many more jumps under their belt. Some of these moves came across well on the video, others not so well, but all the participants credited this pairing for their extreme approach, especially on Dave's canopy openings!



Vice Versa 1 by Tim Porter



Playstation

"Vice Versa 1 & 2 are crazy but are doing some real free things"

Igor Van Aperen,
Chief Judge

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Position
Playstation	70	70	73	71	77	361	1 Gold
Vice Versa 1	62	61	56	63	62	304	2 Silver
Vice Versa 2	58	58	57	56	61	290	3 Bronze
Come Back Brighter	58	56	58	58	57	287	4
Clockwork Orange	55	25	53	55	47	235	5



It was also the second time that Target Skysports in Hibaldstow catered for the funky flyers. DZ Operators Steve and Helen Swallow and Meet Director Trevor Dobson did a flawless job of keeping competitors happy and no team spent a long time ground-bound

"My trainee judge Jayne and myself found Target Skysports to be a most welcoming and friendly centre"

Igor Van Aperen,
Chief Judge

whilst the weather was jumpable. Two of the competitors even managed to do 9 competition jumps on Friday, the first day. Many of the teams came from the larger Turbine centres of Langar, Sibson and Weston. As such the piston Dornier used during the meet took a bit of getting used to with the slower running-in speed and of course the extra time on the way to altitude! Progress on Saturday was disrupted by low cloud which didn't shift until 6pm. This still allowed many of the teams to complete their 5 rounds of their discipline — apart from the greedy jump hogs of *Vice Versa* Chris and Tim who entered no less than three teams and had to wait until Sunday to finish off their 15 jumps!

The Judging

The Chief Judge was Igor Van Aperen from Holland who was assisted by the

very able trainee judge Jayne Harrison. Both judges were very approachable and during non-jumpable time gave invaluable advice and knowledge to all the participants who asked. Unfortunately the Chief Judge turned up late in the afternoon on the first day of the meet after being misinformed. When he did arrive, expecting a pleasant restful Friday off, he was parcelled off into a small room with handfuls of tapes to start judging.

The Party

Many of competitors stayed right till the end, some left after completing their respective jumps and a few even left before then! Target Skysports went way beyond what they needed to do, all of the medal winners received nice goodies from the centre and George from *Time-Out!* generously provided money off vouchers to the first place winners in each category. A great disco with Gregster on the mix and fire jugglers was laid on in the

"Great vibes, people and dives and good enough weather to finish the meet, can't be bad!"

Vice Versa

Phil Parker



Judges Igor Van Aperen and Jayne Harrison with Meet Director Trev Dobson

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Freefly, Freestyle & Sky Surfing Nationals 1998

☞ Saturday evening. Come the next morning many individuals were not looking exactly their 'Sunday best'!

The Future

All of the competitors that this reporter spoke to expressed praise for the meet, although several commented that the event would benefit by having more judges. Especially since all of the jumps involve free routines and the teams had a mixture of different styles and camera angles. For

"The boys from Langar did us proud bringing us back Gold, Silver and Bronze – Well done"

Angela and Dave Hickling,
British Parachute Schools

next year's event it would be nice to see at least three judges, preferably with at least one being an experienced competitor. This is especially important since next year's event is an 'on year' for the World Championships and subjectivity amongst judging is something that plagues these newer disciplines.

This year's event was great, the vibes were good and the standard much improved since last year. Although the turnout of competitors was a significant improvement on last year's event there is a crying need for new faces at future events. Next year we need more participants, it is the competing that is important not the winning, so come on you funky flyers, get practising and we hope to see you at next year's event.

Chris Gauge

Quote of the Month



"The most important thing is not to win, but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the attempt. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

The Olympic Creed 1894

Freeflying

Gold — Future Freesurf Langar, disappointingly, only one serious team turned up to enter this event, so without much ado Langar boarders and freefly instructors Tim Porter, Chris Gauge and Giles Fabris teamed up to put in a fun team. Throughout the rounds they combined all boards (including the videoman), two boards, single boards and no boards. Perhaps the biggest shock of the meet was that they convincingly snatched the gold medal. Their style of innovative flying and good



"Both the freestyle and the skysurfing entrants would benefit greatly with a coach/trainer to bring forward their disciplines"

Igor Van Aperen, Chief Judge

framing made them popular amongst judges



and other jumpers alike. Perhaps combining boards and freeflying in competitive freeflying is coming of age?

Silver - Freefly Sibson, comprising Alex Meacock, Kieran McLoughlin and Darren Casey, on the other hand performed classical freeflying transitions including 3-person head-down exits, eagles and head-up to head-down switches. Unfortunately, for judging purposes several of the sequences failed to score highly due to limited camera angles and proximity problems.

Photos show Future Freesurf Langar taken by Tony Danbury

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Position
Future Freesurf Langar	70	65	71	67	20	293	1 Gold
Freefly Sibson	60	57	60	47	0	224	2 Silver
	60	117	177	224	224		

All-rounder!

Chris Gauge wins this month's 'Mr Versatile' award. He competed and won medals in the Freeflying and Skysurfing National events, flying with and without a board and with and without a camera. Chris also took part in formation skydiving, being on the British 98-way in June and proved his versatility by videoing Junction 5 4-way team at the FS Nationals. Nice one Chris! And something we can all learn from – let's stop being so compartmentalised in our sport.

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Official World Record

A World Record formation skydive of 246 people was built over Skydive Chicago, Illinois on 26 July from an altitude of 20,000ft. The formation was held for 7.3 seconds and is a World Record, beating the previous record of 200 built in Florida during July 1992. The record-breaking jump was the twenty-fourth out of a planned twenty-five that were to be made over the period of 19 - 26 July. Jump number 20 completed as a 259-way but was held for only 2.2 seconds, 0.8 seconds longer would have made that a record. The first day of the record attempt was marred by tragedy – the death of Sandy Wambach on jump number three due to a mid-air collision. Sandy was not wearing a Cypres.

Roger Nelson, owner and operator of Skydive Chicago had been planning the World Record attempt ever since the previous largest formation attempt that he organised in Lake Wales, Florida in 1995. The attempt was planned for 300 skydivers and was part of the opening attractions for the new Skydive Chicago drop zone. The participants list had been full and oversubscribed, since about October 1997. It was thus not a lurker-friendly situation! Roger's plan was to start jumper number one with 300 people and reduce the numbers jump by jump until left with a team that could deliver a World Record.



The World's largest formation is still 297, built in September 96 in Russia but this did not qualify for official FAI recognition. To qualify, a formation must be held for three seconds and grips exactly match those on the pre-determined formation submitted to FAI judges, who must approve the record.

The axe was sharp, fast but as compassionate as possible. The draught from the swinging axe was felt close to the jumpsuit collars of very many more than the fifty-four who did not make it to the final jump. The pressure on participants was relentless with the days starting at 6 am for breakfast followed by full gear-on for a dirt dive at 7 am. Often days would not finish until as late as 9.30 pm. The ten team captains then frequently worked until after midnight in the 'War Room', re-engineering the formation for the following day. There were a few short weather holds when people caught up on sleep or cooled off by plunging into the DZ swimming lake.

The aircraft used were three Casas, one Skyvan, seven Twin Otters and a DC3. The venerable Mr Douglas was the DC3 and at 55 years old was older than 245 of the 246 participants.

Mark Dyson of Ilkley, West Yorkshire and Pete Stone of Paignton, Devon were the only Brits in the attempts and on the World Record skydive.

Pete Stone

Photo by Oscar Oczkowski

THE FACTS

- 300 skydivers registered
- 2,200 descents
- 135 lifts to altitude

THE VIPS

- Bushman
- Patrick Passe
- Wendy Smith
- Mark Kirkby
- Olav Zipser
- Derro Thomas
- Sven Zimmerman
- Tony Uragello



Bushman

THE AIRCRAFT

- Turbolet
- Skyvan
- Turbine Islander

THE WEATHER

- Fantastic!

THE PARTIES

- Rockin' - we had to obtain more beer from local pubs!

Weston on the Green played host to the now famous Performance Designs Free For All Tour. For those not in the know, PD brings to the DZ world class load organisers in many disciplines, PD demo canopies and a fun boogie atmosphere.

The weather was great for a change and we skydived for three days without a weather hold. Olav was very impressed with the quality of the Brit freeflyers. The biggest freefly load was 15 on Saturday night. Nice.

Patrick Passe was organising all and sundry. Each skydiver was totally impressed by Patrick's load organising skills and motivation, they all performed above themselves. 'Pastie' is without doubt the best big sequential load organiser in the world. Mark Kirkby, World 4-way Champion was jumping with 5 & 8-ways as well as coaching teams. What a nice guy, always fun, always smiling.



Nigel Rogoff

Dazzle had the Planeteers there on Saturday for a day's training. Thanks to Weston organisation and CCI Nigel Rogoff for looking after our guys' skydiving requirements. Everyone had a great time. Performance Designs, please bring this gig back to our shores next year. Stewkins, well done AD61!!

George Pilkington



Patrick



PD Tour





Tony



Mark



Photos by
Simon Ward



Olav



POPS CORNER

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HIBALDSTOW

Another good turnout of members, 18 jumpers registered, but due to the rescheduling of the Northern Regionals we had to use the Cherokee 6, so the competitions moved slowly.

We started with the Hit & Rock (kit on). Due to the blustery winds this was very entertaining for judges and spectators alike, trying to pick up half-inflated canopies and run with them is rather difficult. After the Hit & Rock we carried straight on with the accuracy and managed to get two full rounds and part of the third round completed, before having to finish for the day.

Saturday night we had a really good barbeque, thanks to our Top Pop's blowtorch. Sunday morning – although the winds were still blustery we managed to finish off the third round of accuracy. It was nice to have the



Trev Dobson CCI, Hibaldstow, picking his raffle prize.
"I think it's a bit late for that Trev!"

accuracy tuffet for the judges and spectators to lie on and use as a trampoline while waiting for the

competitors, it's a pity non of them managed to use it in the accuracy, better luck next time folks. SEE PHOTO QUIZ BELOW!

After the prize giving and raffle some members carried on and did some fun jumping, it was a really good meet. Our thanks to Hibaldstow and the staff.

WORLD MEET CHILLIWACK 1999

As of going to press a lot of members are very interested in going. Unfortunately we have not been able to get any deals with the airlines at the moment but will keep on trying. I have a list of accommodation in Chilliwack if any members would like to go ahead and book their own.

PAT ON THE BACK

Congratulations to John Crowhurst and Pete Shew for gaining their Advanced Packers rating under the steely professional eyes of Allan Hewitt. John urges other POPS to do the same – hard graft but 'one of the best courses ever.'

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HIBALDSTOW MEET RESULTS

HIT & ROCK

1st	Ian Topps	18.66 secs
2nd	John Knight	22.47 secs
3rd	Peter Brown	24.53 secs

ACCURACY

1st	Glenn Stephenson
2nd	Ian Haylock
3rd	John Crowhurst

TEAM ACCURACY

1st	Ian Haylock, John Crowhurst, Graham Fowler.
2nd	Lenny Mobbs, Peter Brown, Caroline O'Hagan.
3rd	Sigrid Pradel, Niels Hansen, Phil Harris.

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COUNCIL '99

Did you know?

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Well this ad caused a stir!!

What was the point behind the ad?

The vast majority of Council members are more than just fun jumpers. Many make their living from the sport. The current Council includes two CCI's, two Riggers, three self employed AFF or Tandem instructors and most others have some commercial interests in parachuting. These people see and understand the need to direct our sport and protect its future.

The rest of the jumpers in the UK tend to feel the running of the sport is outside of both their control and their interest. Neither of these feelings is correct. Let me explain:

No control?

There are only 4,500 experienced jumpers in the UK, together we form an Association known as the BPA, which is controlled by a group (Council) of just 15 people. *Anyone* can stand for Council. If more than 15 people stand then Council members will be voted for by the membership. It is so rare to have more than 15 people interested that generally, those who stand for Council will be on it. Once on Council you have a big say in what goes on. Council members become the directors of BPA Ltd, a company which has a turnover of £1/2 million and reserves in the bank of £2/3 million.

No interest?

What if I said that skysurfing will be banned, that AAD's will

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If you are interested in the position:

- Chat to some skydiving friends
- Speak to Council members
- Come to the next Council meeting, 6.30pm, Tuesday 20 October, at the BPA Offices
- Obtain a Nomination form from your drop zone or the BPA office
- Fill in including a proposer and seconder, both BPA members
- Return to the BPA Office by **Wednesday 4 November**
- Go for it!

become mandatory all over the UK, that all over-30's will have to have a medical, that funding will no longer be given to National teams and that no-one will be allowed to jump after 6pm? Still not interested? I think you get my drift. Deep down we all do care – or we wouldn't moan so much at decisions we don't like. You will probably find, when you look inside you, that you do have strong ideas about what should and shouldn't happen in our sport. Why not put these ideas into action?

Is it time for a change?

We need more than 15 people to stand or there is no point in having a democratically elected Council. We need more 'Joe Public', more of the fun jumper's point of view, a more varied Council composed of people with a range of backgrounds and interests. For many years Council has been mostly made up of people who work in the sport. There is no suggestion that any of these people have

abused their position or lack integrity – it is just that the Council this creates is more business oriented purely by the nature of its members.

What does Council do?

Council is the governing body of the Association, and hence is responsible for all things to do with the sport. There are three standard levels of operation:

- long term** – Council directs strategic policy
- medium term** – Council is broken down into subcommittees which create tactical plans
- current** – Operations are down to the BPA Office and individuals appointed by subcommittees

The Council does not involve itself with day to day operations but subcommittees do. The skill of Council is to be able to pull resources together, to be aware and to be proactive with the needs of the membership.

Council members need to work hard to be effective, there is an abundance of paperwork to read as well as specific tasks. It is important that individuals also sit on subcommittees appropriate to their talents.

The subcommittees with areas of responsibility are as follows:

Development & Finance

- directing the future of the sport and financial planning

- writing and implementing the Development Plan

- applying to the Sports Council for grants

Competitions Committee

- regulating individual disciplines
- arranging Regional and National Championships

- choosing and financing National Teams for World Championship events

Communications Committee

- communicating to members and to potential first time jumpers

- overseeing the magazine, first timer brochure and the web page

Could **YOU** contribute to Council or its subcommittees? Could you help take the Association into the next millennium? Stand for Council. You only regret what you never attempt...

Lesley Gale and Charles Ross

NB: Closing Date for receipt of completed nomination forms – Wednesday 4 November.

Note: STC (Safety & Training Committee) is NOT a subcommittee of Council, it is a separate committee made up of the CCI's of all the Affiliated drop zones. Riggers and Pilots Committees are subcommittees of STC.

Espace

(Small Aircraft !?!)
Boogie

The Espace Boogie in Vichy, France ran from 25 July-2 August. Because of the success of last year with the Antonov, which climbed to altitude in just eight minutes, many skydivers planned to be here this year. However, the plane was blocked in Yemen (Middle East) one week before the boogie started. The organisers were obviously very disappointed about the aircraft problem. They spread the bad news to as many people as possible and compensated by bringing in two Casas, a Skyvan and a Super Otter and dropping jump prices.

629 skydivers still registered, completing 413 lifts and 8,840 jumps. Amongst them was a big group of freeflyers who were impressed with the big name freefly organisers. Next to the Freefly Festival in Eloy, this boogie must be *the* biggest Freefly party. The organisers included; Olav Zipser, Omar Alhegelan, Charles Bryan, Stephan Fardel, Sylvain Turina, Seb Merian, Knut Krecker, and the FlyBoyz. A group of chute assis led by Oliver JB performed a new world best performance with a 14-way chute assis.

The FS organised groups were well attended with 10 load organisers leading groups from 12-way to 40-way sequential. The Boogie organisers wanted to fly only two aircraft in formation to prevent the manifest being slowed down. Most participants understood that the problems of aircraft and bad weather were out of the control of the organisers and it was still a very good boogie with high quality skydives and a great atmosphere.

The organisers are already working on next year when the Antonov 72 should be back. Place and time are still unsure but Vichy in the begining of August is the first option, if the organisers get clear guarantees from the city of Vichy and its air traffic controllers.



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Club News

A Sibson 'So Long...'

Cornelia Waymouth, my friend and colleague of 11 years, has left the full time staff at Sibson, although we do still hope to see her at weekends.

She takes with her the gratitude and thanks of countless students and the respect of all the staff she has worked with over the last decade.

We'll miss you. I'll miss you!

Chris Donaldson

A Matrimonial Moment

Congratulations go to Sibson jumper Kerry Fletcher on her marriage to Andrew Burgess on 22 August.



VGT for Cornelia



Rosi Thornton

Scared newcomers to the sport John (Judy McIver's husband) and Toby Stafford (Rosi's cousin) nervously await a static line jump at Peterborough PC. Don't worry lads, it's never as bad as you think, train hard and you could be British Champions some day!

Hibble Dribble

Wedded Bliss

Ann Beckett and John Goodyear (British National Freestyle Champions – *Pari Passu*) married at the end of May. However, Ann is keeping her own name – Goody can't understand why she didn't want to be called John!!

Congratulations

Cat 8

Timo Blake
David Badcock
Pilot Ian Middleton

Cat 10

Ian Johnson
Mark Calland
Chris Mitchell

Recent AFF graduates

Alan Turner
Graham Rushton
Ian Johnson
Gary Crisp

100th Jump

Mark Calland
Martin (Rambo) Smith.

200th Jump

Emma Gracey – on a 26-way in June!

1000th Jump

Baldrick – he also did his 100th tandem since becoming a tandem instructor in March!!

Northern Regionals

John McIver



Angels of the North

The rescheduled Northern Regionals in FS and CF took place at Target Skysports on 15 and 16 August.

Zero Tolerance got one over on *Over the Top*, taking gold in the CF.

With only two teams in the senior and junior 4-way, the main fight was between the four intermediate teams. As the Nationals had shown, they were all strong teams and it was going to be close.

Round one was quickly put to bed but into round two, the Dornier had problems and with second Dornier away for maintenance, the meet came to a temporary halt. Steve Swallow made a flurry of phone calls and by late afternoon had Topcliffe's Islander on finals.

At 5pm, Gary and Steve were on the way to Southend, where they finished the repairs to the second Dornier and had it back on the flightline for the first lift Sunday. Well done chaps!

Due to bad weather, the senior competition was called on four rounds with *Quicksilver* taking gold.

The Junior competition was won by *Angels of the North*.

The intermediate teams battled it out over six rounds with *How Bizarre* taking gold, *Turning Tricks* silver and *Relly2B* bronze.

A good vibes meet!



Medal winners at the Northern Regionals

Greg Reid

Regan Tetlow

Helen Swallow

Club News

♥ Luv is in the Air ♥

Ian Chick



Congratulations to **Peter Hayes** and **Sara Huntingdon** who tied the knot on 4 August. Their thanks go to all the well wishers from Weston who shared in their big day.

Hello... Errol

Under New Management

Paragon Skydiving

George McGuinness is CCI of the reopened parachute club at Errol in Scotland, Paragon Skydiving. The DZ is under completely new management, who stress that Dave Lowden has nothing to do with Paragon Skydiving.

We wish them luck.

Knights in White Satin

Ian Chick



Danny Smith's 70th tandem jump over Cockerham.

AFF and tandem jumping at Black Knights are in full swing after acquiring a new Islander last Christmas

MF Boogie Empuriabrava

The first MF Boogie in Spain was a fantastic week of skydiving and partying. The boogie consisted of 20 skydivers from all over the country, with experience levels varying from AFF students (looked after by the ever patient Scotty Milne) to those with 500 jumps. There was something for everyone with accuracy competitions, freeflying, freestyle and FS.

Congratulations to Garry 'no problem' Pringle for achieving his Cat 8.

Many thanks to everyone



involved – you all did a truly fantastic job, especially Pete Jones and his team for keeping the boogie going until last light.

A large one to Malfunction Skydiving Clothing for supplying the Boogie t-shirts.

Let's do it all over again at Christmas!

Roddy MacKay
Organiser

Peterlee PC Performers

Wedding Bells

Congratulations go to Alan Birkill and Katie McDonald who married on 1 August in the church at Brancepeth Castle. Alan met Katie when she came to Peterlee to do a parachute jump for charity and Alan was her instructor. The rest is history...

Dave Storey jumped in as part of the wedding demo team, doing his 1500th jump in spectacular style.

First Freefall Stephen Powell
Dave Jones

AFF Level 8 Jim Simon
Ewan McCloud

Cat 8 Sean Robson
Richard Liddle

100th Jump Chris Beattie
Bryn Chaffe

Geoff Mason

Mindmeld



Sean Richards and Paul Floyd reading each other's thoughts over Hinton-in-the-Hedges

Eaglescott

As you may know, Eaglescott is/has been on the market. Rumours are flying but it would appear it has been bought by someone who intends to keep running it as a club. A reopening date is anticipated for some time at the beginning of October (no definite date known).

Other news

Shaun McGinne – 200 Jumps
Keith Pritchard – Cat 10 (will anybody ever call it FS1?)

The re-run 4-way competition was won by the *4-Monty* (Steve Peck, Caroline Loutitt, Craig Russell and Geoff Salt) very convincingly even with a spectacular bust. The

standard was well up on last year and the increased turnout bodes well for next years' event. The party went off with enthusiasm and the video will be worth a fortune if ever Eaglescott produces a Prime Minister.

Since Steve Peck started running the centre, we have seen the build-up of a club that means so much to all the regulars. The names of those Steve has introduced to the sport and can now consider themselves to be competent skydivers are too numerous to mention. DZ operators rarely get the thanks they deserve but I am only one of many greatly indebted to both Steve and Georgie for all their hard work and dedication.

Tim Barlow

Cornwall Comes of Age

Congratulations to

The Cornwall Parachute Centre

on their 21st birthday
over August Bank Holiday

Congrats at Chatteris

100th jump Saul Thomas. 600th jump Sharky Shazza Simonian (aka the skydiving Elvis). 700th jump Brucie

Brucie Johnson

Laughable Lurk

Special mention to Aide Green, who turned up late for the Brit 100, managed to get onto the final attempt, paid his £40, got hypoxic and frozen cold – and didn't jump!

Wild Geese



Congratulations to Paul Dornan (PD) and Judith Lee

(circled in pic) who married on 24 September. All at Wild Geese wish them the very best.

Achievements

1st Freefall Damien Kelly

Cat 8 David Ferguson
Sean McKenna
Fergal Crawford
Lee Stevenson

Cat 10 Ian Foreman

Francis Mullin

Out of the Jock's Trap...



James Stevenson

Thank you to George McGuinness for helping Strathallan out and we wish him good luck in future at Errol.

Also, we welcome Dave Ruffell to *Air Ecosse* (more like *Air Angleterre* these days – Ed). For an English man you do well around the Scots. Being in silver medals for the second time proves you can't keep away from us!!

Mike Strachan

Headcorn photos by Simon Hughes

Headcorn Happenings

Will Major & Simon Marchant Cat 8
Andy Ring & Jane Buckle 48hrs freefall
Clare Bowman HPC Student of the Year
Ruth McHendry a bouncy baby boy (8lb 2oz – congratulations!)



Clem Quinn
24hrs freefall



Rob 'what camera?' McGiff
12hrs freefall
(He's the one on the back!)



Cathy Travers
12hrs freefall



King of the Castle
CCI Pete Sizer – caged on the good ship Venus!

Neil Ashcroft



Special congratulations to Neil Ashcroft on his 50th jump. Neil only started skydiving this season, but has competed in the Nationals, gaining a couple of medals, the team accuracy cup and his Cat 8 – quite an achievement all round, but more so as Neil achieved all this with an artificial leg. Big respect mate!

Cat 8's

Congratulations to Dale and to Mark Hilligen

Army Championships

Congratulations to Gareth Leonard and Andy Paddock for their double victory, bringing home Gold in intermediate and senior categories respectively!

Web Site

Response to the Silver Stars Web Site has been good. A few people have had difficulties connecting.

The correct address is
www.skygod.u-net.com

Richard Olpin

Seeing Stars

Wedding Bells

BI Cpl Gareth Leonard ('Lenny') married Paula Haigh last month. Unfortunately weather prevented the planned demo jump into the reception, but (cake delivery problems aside!) we would all like to congratulate Gareth and Paula and wish them every happiness for the future.



OBITUARY

Norma Hamilton



Bob Smith

NUTZ – that's how she was always known and that's how she will always be remembered. It is impossible to cram into a few short words all that she achieved and all that she meant to the hundreds of skydivers who were fortunate enough to know her. Nutz left us on 5 August after a four year battle with cancer.

For 17 years Nutz worked alongside her partner Ian Louttit at the Dunkeswell International Skydiving Centre (DISC) in Devon – a club still sorely missed by all who jumped there. She later instructed at both Eaglescott and Cornwall Parachute Centres. It has been seven years since DISC closed, so for those whose memories are a little rusty, a few reminders of Nutz...

She will always be remembered for the candyfloss explosion of black hair, never quite under control, scraped back behind mirrored shades. The pair of Ron Hills with the inevitable hole where she'd snagged them on the packing table. The odd, florescent socks and a different 'handbag' every day of the week courtesy of Tesco or Co-op. Her love of 'Au'um Gold' (always without the T!) and 'Liefer 'n' Lemonade' and that incredibly sweet tooth.

I couldn't even begin to describe her inimitable use of language but many students and their parents were greeted with a cheery "Wotcha Nobber!". Many reluctant, dawdling jumpers were chivvied along with a "Come on, Pecker 'ead, get yer kit on!".

Nutz was a gifted instructor blessed with a fantastic memory for names. It was from students and first timers that she got her kick out of skydiving. Nutz never hankered after attending Boogies or turning 10 points of 4-way. She was never happier than when teaching others and watching them progress from static line to competent skydiver.

Her love of the sport was incredibly infectious and she was always at the heart of the party. That is how she will be remembered. A unique free spirit, never confined by protocol or etiquette, going her own way, doing her own thing, yet making a deep and lasting impact of everyone who was fortunate enough to come into contact with her. And for those who did not meet her, I echo Nutz's favourite phrase – "Snooze Ya Lose!!"

Judi Zebedee

On a Roll...



Phil Parker

On 10 April last year, a German engineering student called Dirk Auer claimed a world speed record on skates after holding onto the back of a sports car as it reached 246 km per hour (153 mph). He wore a crash helmet, motorcycle leathers and 4 wheel in-line skates; and clung on to a specially built rack, bolted on to a 550 horse power Porsche as it sped around the Hockenheim circuit. Apparently he was trying for 300kph (186 mph) but rain slowed him down! (Complete nutter if you ask me!)

I decided to try and reach a similar speed on skates but using gravity instead of a Porsche. Don't know how fast we went but it was fun. I avoided any tarmac for the landing and opted for the grass, ending up straight on my arse much to everyone's delight. There were nil winds when me and Phil went up so I binned the Stiletto for something a bit slower – a PD 170. Wonder if Rotti fancies modding his Ferrari...

Ian (Chappy) Chapman

Club News

Devon & Somerset

Well, its been a very busy year with buying a Cessna 206 then having to build a clubhouse as well as a packing room.

Achievements

CCI Andy Guest became the only person to have participated in both the largest FS and CF formation over the UK as well as completing his 4,000th jump.

Our very own Pete Stone participated in the world free fall record for the largest formation completed. Ryan Mancey and Kim Worthington completed their cat 8, Paul Jolliffe completed his AFF course in 8 jumps. Chris Kendall and Clare Madeley, Jonathan

Teal are within grasp of their Cat 8. Steve Yelland, Doug Roberts and Alec Cotton are now on freefall. Dave Payne did his 3000th jump and Andy Montriou completed his 1,000th jump.

Three TV crews have been up filming this year with one programme due to be screened in October.

The club teamed up with a local charity Devon Air Ambulance to help raise funds and went for a Devon record and completed 52 tandems in two days which raised £16,000 in sponsorship.

Info Required

The school would like to hear from other Drop Zone owners as to how to go about leasing a larger aircraft.

LANGAR 8-way competition

Bank Holiday weekend saw our first annual 8-way competition, with six teams completing the meet.

Leigh and Richard Woods dreamed up a fun competition with two sequential and two speed rounds, using the Porter and the Let.

Video was provided for each jump and prizes were donated by Curtis Rigging, Chuckles, Ray & Ali Armstrong, Richard Wheatley (Video Services) as well as cash and prizes provided by the registration fee of £16 per team. Dave Turner has promised to provide a suitable trophy and plaque for next year.

The winners were *Something* with 24 points, closely followed by *Turn It On, Tom & Jerry* with 19 points.

Saturday night in the bar was a 'Beach Party'. A magnificent backdrop of blue sea, shimmering fish and swaying palm trees encouraged everyone to try the limbo dancing and hula-hoop attempts in between drinking cocktails and dancing to the throbbing music.

The weekend was loads of fun with lots of memorable jumps – see you next year.

Cat 10

Congratulations to Saul Thomas.

Tony Danbury

Border News

The August scrambles LAC meet was very laid back and flexible with four teams picked out of the hat. It was a very close first round. Two rounds were completed on Saturday inbetween loads of student jumping. The barbecue was brill' with much jostling for sausage space and much quaffing of amber nectar, consequently Sunday saw a slow start. Round three was completed with an ever lowering cloud base before rain stopped play. Final scores showed *Tim wants more crumpet* winning the launch, *Wet & Salty* the accuracy and *Jock's and Geordies* winning overall, much to everyone's surprise!

Cat 8 Steve Smith, well done!

Make a Date

Night Jumps – 6-7 November
Christmas Party – 12 December at the Victoria Hotel in Bamburg.

On behalf on everyone on the British Classics Team, I would like to say a sincere thank you to John Smyth. As team manager through the 1998 season and at the World Championships in Croatia, he did a brilliant job and kept team morale high, kept us cheerful during bad weather and looked after the kids when we were jumping. John has had a difficult job begging as much money as possible from the

competitions committee to keep us funded and also the logistical nightmare of bringing 10 individuals from different parts of the country together for the training camps and competitions. Many thanks John and if you want the job again, it's yours!

Katherine Andrewes
(pictured landing)



Nibbles from Nethers

1st Freefall – Valery Boyall, Tim Chang

Cat 8 – Nick Clyne, Natasha Higman, Daz Challis, Andy Prior, Ivan Rossington, Sian Dallaway, James Park, Mick Gaffney

Cat 10 – Darren Fag, Chris Ogilvy,

John Bagwell, Scott Wells, Kev Rowlands

200th jump – John Bealer

500th jump – Fitzy, Pete Mitchell

7,000th jump – Dave Howerski

"Great to see Dave still with a passion for jumping with all his experience."

Martin Williams



This shot is taken from an inverted Pitts Special biplane, at 4,000 ft over Quincy, Illinois at this year's freefall convention. You get into the position when the plane is flying normally, by standing in the seat and holding onto the handle on the top wing. Once standing, the pilot flips the plane and you allow your legs to fall out of the cockpit. You hang on long enough for a roll of film to be taken and then drop off! It's surprisingly easy to hold on with one hand as the surrounding air seems to give some support. The cost was around \$110 including film processing. It's a great laugh....everyone should try it!

Ian Mitchell

Dicko 16-way Meet

Five teams turned up for the annual Paul Dixon 16-way Meet at Weston.

European Champions *Another Planet* won with an average of 5.7, making this the sixth consecutive year they have taken first place. Second place team *Inpaktion* (formed from one *Inversion* member, four of *4-Pak* and all of *Junction 9*), averaged 5 (but one of their 6's should have been a 0 due to a multiple bust which wasn't spotted!) Andy Pook from this team received a special Richard Cranium award for repeatedly

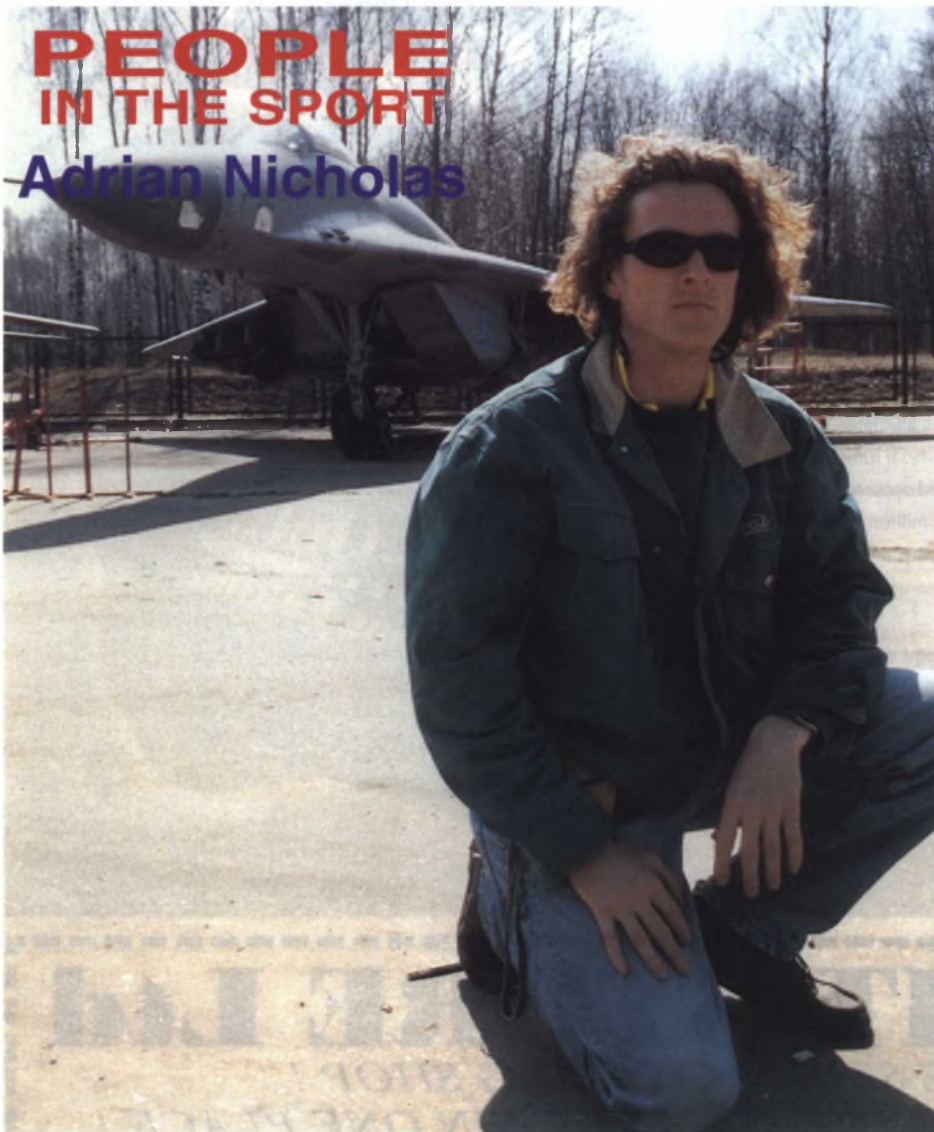
but confidently taking up the wrong grips. Bronze went to *Fairweather Friends* (pictured), a local Weston team. As usual prizes were presented by Lena Dixon.



Simon Ward

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Spotty Bowles

How many jumps did you make last year Adrian?

I was lucky, it was a good year. More than two and a half thousand, in 14 countries.

How many in England?

Two.


You like to fly on your head with formation skydivers, don't you?

Very much. It's fun to follow people and film them in their speciality. I flew camera on the Swedish 107 record. It was a real treat. Two Hercules. The military look after you better than an airline. A hundred people diving to take their place in the jigsaw. Its fun to fly amongst the swarm and see it become this huge piece. I want to film more FS.

You've held three seminars in Sweden now.

Yes. I love to jump in Sweden. The seminars were a great success. People with different goals and different strengths. They listen and they learn very fast. The clubs have some great ideas. They have a good way of keeping people under their wing when they are low time, or supporting people low time in a particular discipline.

Why does freeflying please you so much?

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Adrian Nicholas spent six months of last year on the road as cameraflyer with Patrick DeGayardon. He did three commercials, a couple of movies and plenty of TV.

Adrian competed at the World Games and the World Air Games with Olav Zipser where he won bronze for the UK. He won a Gold and a Silver on the two rounds of the Pro tour that he could make. Now he has a Guinness World Record for the furthest human flight.

He spent the winter in Sebastian running a freefly school with Olav.

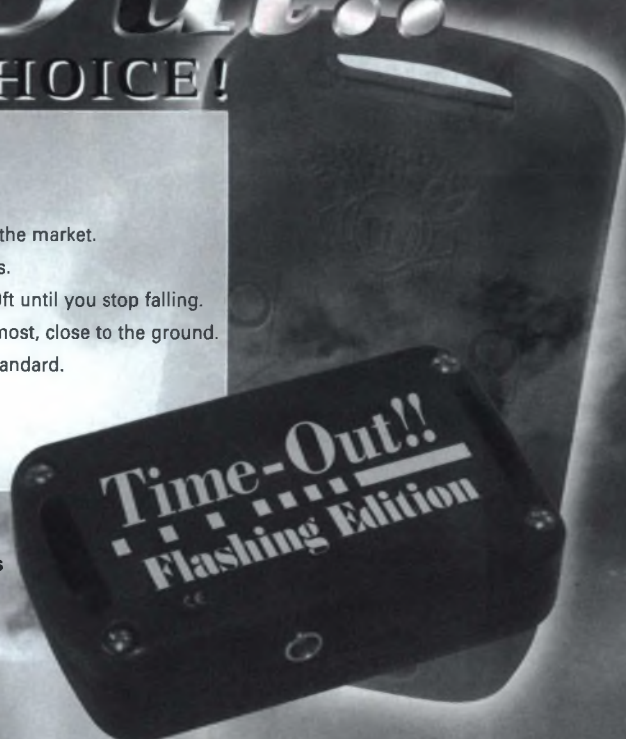


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fly. Its much easier to move and change the speed. You have so many choices. It's a blend of discipline and imagination. There's always another way that you can be where you want to be. Now people are learning to track more strongly the game can become more three dimensional. You can end up with more time than FS.

Should freeflyers exit first or last?

Be flexible. Common sense will always work better than something set in stone. First, middle, last, it can all work. Be flexible so everyone lands on the drop zone and we don't have unnecessary go-arounds. Some people on a load may need to be looked after more than others. Its simple enough, there has to be an appropriate gap between groups. Some people can safely be put out more quickly than others. Efficiency and safety will both come from some flexibility.

What would you ban?

It's easier to make recommendations than ban everything. I hate leg-strap throwaway pilot chutes. If you have a leg pocket and fly other than belly to earth, it puts you and anyone near you at great risk. When I make this point it has been suggested that it's more dangerous to retrain people to deploy a different system. This gives me little confidence that they would be suitably aware to distinguish between malfunctions.

You are known for having a different approach to safety?

Our students all check their own gear. They can check their reserve pin in the door if they have to. It would make more sense to me if the person waiting to check off jumpers in England watched them check their own gear, rather than did it for them. It tells you a lot about the jumper. Just turning your back towards whoever happens to be sat next to you in the plane while you make complicated handshakes with the assembled group seems bizarre to me. For freeflying it's not acceptable. Don't forget that your Cypres will fire at a different altitude dependant on your body position. Short closing loops are vital. Sounds so boring and obvious but most people could tune their rigs up a bit. We like people to do barrel rolls while they track away, without burning altitude, to help them check before they pull. If you want to learn to freefly, learn to read your altimeter from any body position. It will make you much stronger in the air, forcing a lack of symmetry.

What's your advice for new freeflyers?

Learn to skydive first. You should be able to pass your Cat 10, whether you have to or not. Learn to be capable on your belly. Skydive U will teach you a lot about how to learn. Get someone who is very good at CF to take you up, one to one, and teach you about canopies. Shorten your loop. Learn to lock the bridle when you pack your pilot chute. Learn to fly on your feet before trying on your head.

Do you find the UK different from the rest of the world?

I think the rest of the world perceive us differently too. Britain, land of the eccentric, is still often nervous of innovation and change. We can spend more time chasing rules than reason. Couldn't we concentrate on distributing information? Education is a better way to increase safety than regulation. Who knows, one day we might get even parts of England dragged into the 70's.

Sebastian XL, Spotty Bowles, *Playstation*, Darryl's *Another Planet*, they are all working so hard and achieving so much. I hope they get the support they deserve.

What was the Guinness show about?

It worked out well. A Guinness World Record for the furthest human flight. The record will read 'Adrian for Patrick DeGayardon' in the book. They have agreed to put in a tribute talking about his other records. I got one attempt, using a Garmin GPS to measure my track. Joe Jennings organised the filming, jumping with me to get the exit shot and using a helicopter to film the run. Katarina changed my wings in Hawaii. I got two minutes twenty for a freefall of twelve thousand feet, and covered eight kilometres. The show was a tribute to Patrick.

You've written a book about Patrick...

It's his life, in his words. We videotaped conversations while we travelled. He led the most extraordinary life. I learnt a lot writing the book. We finished checking the text the night before the accident in Hawaii. We hope that the Italian publishers can get it out this year.

Some people say he paid the price for pushing the limits too far, what would you say?

Patrick lived outside what other people thought was possible. His death in Hawaii was an accident, a tragic accident. He had imagination and the insatiable drive to discover what might be possible. He got things done. I think people around the world salute a pioneer, unique in the history of the sport. Patrick always did what anyone, who still has life left in them, must applaud. You have to admire a man who always reached for the stars.

Adrian Nicholas was talking to Lesley Gale

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On the Soapbox

What's really been annoying me for a while now is this strange English habit of pronouncing the word Cypres with an I. It is *not* a CIPRES, it is a CYPRES. How do you pronounce cyclone or cycle?

CYPRES stands for **CY**bernetic **P**arachute **R**elease **S**ystem. Note: **Cy**bernetic not **Sj**bernetic.

If Helmut Cloth, the inventor of the device and creator of the name had wanted to call it Ciprus, then who am I to complain – but he doesn't. He pronounces it Cypres.

Rob Colpus
The Kyt Store

Mark Siggins



Another Planet enter Another Dimension

Standards of 16-way have gone through the roof since IPC recognised this discipline. Hence, few people thought *Another Planet* could retain the European Cup this year. But against all the odds, the top British 16-way team again became European Champions – and smashed a World Record in the process

Once again the masses congregated at La Ferté Gaucher, France for 'La Coupe D'Europe 1998'. La Ferté has been described by many as their favourite drop zone, due to its ambience, friendliness and consistent sunny weather. The bar, DZ and restaurant staff welcomed all the teams enthusiastically, recognising most participants as by now regular visitors. Thirteen teams from France, Germany, Belgium and the UK competed in ten rounds over three days out of four aircraft; a Twin Otter, Skyvan, Casa 212 and a Casa 235. This provided an interesting range of exits and talents required.

Higher Standard

The standard of jumping had greatly increased from last year with virtually all teams having trained. British teams *Another Planet* and *Mixteen 16* both trained for a week during May at Soulac sur Mer, doing around 30 jumps each. *Les Parrots* had also trained and replaced over a third of their team with top French jumpers, some from their National 8-way team. *Noene Espace Boogie* had gained sponsorship for 150 training jumps. Some teams (such as *Les Parrots*) had perfected the 16-way Otter launch whilst other teams such as Germany's *Team O'Funten* pulled a 12-way chunk out. The Planeteeers stuck to free-flying throughout the meet, only launching the base 4-way on some occasions.

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At the end of the first day (Thursday), *Another Planet* were in third place behind German *Fantastic 16* with French *Les Parrots* leading the field. The giant video screenplay in the evening showed some awesome skydives with *Les Parrots* setting a new French Record 16-way score of 9 points in round 3, the *Planeteers* scoring only 7 on the same round. "Don't panic, consistency will see us through" said captain Darryl Moran, "we'll just plod along taking one round at a time." His definition of 'plod' seemed to be a bit quicker than some other people's as the second day, Friday 14 August brought a World Record 16-way score from *Another Planet*.

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World Record

The Round 5 draw was clearly a potential high scorer. *Fantastic 16* did this round first and set a new German record of 9 points, equalling the World Record set by the Australians earlier this year. The news spread around the drop zone like fires in Florida. The heat was on for the *Planeteers* as we went to board the Casa 235 for this round. *Team O'Funten* were in the aircraft with us and kept cheering us with comments like "We know you can do a World Record" and "We want a 10!". It was good to have support but it just added to the pressure! The atmosphere in the plane was intense, concentration on *Planeteers'* faces like William Tell preparing to shoot the apple on his son's forehead. It was almost a relief to leave the aircraft, everyone flying their bootees off for a 13 second build followed by a blistering skydive with everyone too busy concentrating to count the points. It was only on watching the video that we counted 13 points in total, 12 within working time. We had smashed our own best of 8 points in time. FAI judges Sue Dixon, Gillian Winter and Hubert Winter soon pronounced it a World Record. Rod Fairweather used his TV contacts to send aerial and ground footage to Sky News and Reuters so the new record was featured all over the world. The FAI is now ratifying the record.

The Final Result

It was hard to calm down for the next skydive but we did, finishing the day two points in the lead. We were all proud of the other British team, *Mixteen 16* who notched up a personal best score on this dive of 3 points, well done! The final day brought the meet to a climax with teams and supporters singing, cheering and clapping other teams on the way to the emplaning point. It is hard to describe the difference this encouragement made to the skydives but it





Willy Boeykens

was immensely supportive. *Mixteen* and friends did a full cheerleading routine, the French team *Noene Espace Boogie* sang 'Rule Britannia' and all the Brits waved off and met us on landing with a Union Jack. It was all very emotional with screams on tracking off after the last dive, tears under canopy (I wasn't the only one!) and hugs, claps and embraces from our supporters including *Les Parrots* and the *Fantastic* when we landed. The finish of the meet showed true sportsmanship. We all felt very proud to be British and be waving the flag for our country.

Mixteen 16

Speaking of being British, a word on *Mixteen* whose achievements could easily go unnoticed behind those of *Another Planet*. 16-way is the most problematic of all FS disciplines as there are so many more variables. To even put a team together is a major challenge when you consider the potential differences of opinion, diary clashes and variation in personalities. For Mickey Brennan, Chris Greenfield, Emma Moran and Tania Starling to create a team out of nothing, train abroad and enter both British and European competitions with respectable results is an excellent example to others. *Mixteen 16* averaged 1.2, equalling the score of the French *Armee de L'Air* who had trained and have more experience. They built a 16-way on every jump, did calm, controlled skydives throughout, built one of the best jewels of the meet and deserve congratulations as much as we do.

Prize-giving and Party

Once again all the stops were pulled out for a grand French-style prize-giving. Cups and medals were given to the top three teams with *Another Planet* again inspecting the huge



Billy Morris





Aerial shots by Steve Johns
Ground shots by Billy Morris
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propellor blade we won last year. We were also delighted to win a special cup presented by *Armee de L'Air* for excellence (ie, Record du Monde) and five free training jumps for the whole team from La Ferté. These jumps should be especially valuable as they are from a Twin Otter, the same aircraft to be used for the World Cup at Empuriabrava, Spain. Silver and bronze medallists also received some training jumps, *Space Girls* were given a Vibes prize and *Armee de L'Air* were awarded a 'Most entertaining video clip' prize for mocking up a tent rollover. The funniest prize was a cake awarded to Felix the dog who apparently lost ten lives during the meet; videos showed him being hanged; blown up; put in the washing machine; thrown into a prop; microwaved and chucked out of the Skyvan door!

The party featured a sit-down meal, band, music, waist-high bubbles to dance in, tables to dance on (it's a tradition now), and lots more... L'Année Prochaine La Ferté!

Lesley Gale

Rank	Team	Country	Total	Averages		
				1998	1997	1996
1	Another Planet	UK	64	6.4	5.0	3.7
2	Les Parrots	France	62	6.2	2.2	2.8
3	Fantastic 16	Germany	52	5.2	4.8	4.4
4	Noene - Espace Boogie	France	46	4.6	3.8	
5	Mairie de Paris	France/Belgium	36	3.6		
6	Performance 16	International	32	3.2	3.2	2.1
7	Team O Funten	Germany	30	3.0	2.8	2.3
8	Moonflyers	Germany	24	2.4		
9	Alex Team	Germany	14	1.4	2.3	1.2
10	Armee de L'Air	France	12	1.2	2.1	
11	Mixteen 16	UK	12	1.2		
12	Pegase	France	11	1.1		
13	Space Girls	France	7	0.7	0.2	

The meet was held over ten rounds



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Dear Dive Doctor



Dear Dive Dr,
When I'm freeflying in the head-down position I always tend to slide sideways, what am I doing wrong?

Dear Fee,
There are two possibilities:
1. You may be curving around your target, that means that you are going forward and, by keeping the visual on your target, you transfer this forward movement into a rotation. This would be because you are flying slightly on your back.

2. You are using your arms too much and are not symmetrical. Flying with your arms needs a lot of strength and results into asymmetry and instability. You need to have the control with your legs. To prevent flying with your arms, do not attempt to grab the air with your hands. To correct asymmetry, pick a fixed object to reference off while in freefall, eg a mountain

Relaxing and deep breathing seem to be the key in obtaining a symmetrical body position. So don't forget to breathe deeply and take note of where your limbs are.

When you begin to fly in any vertical environment the airspeed and pressure are nearly doubled. At the higher freeflying airspeeds your limbs act as individual propellant pods.

Side-sliding is a very specific movement, one that takes some experienced freeflyers lots of time to master. Most people initially have problems with backsliding and driving forward. If side-sliding is your only problem, then you're doing pretty well!

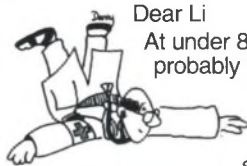
Your primary way of staying centred is with the hip position. By moving them either forward or aft you generate anything

from a great deal of movement to absolute neutral. The limbs however, are a fine tuning utensil allowing you to side-slide among other various minor adjustments. So don't forget this skill and feeling, it will be useful as you progress.

Dive Dr Speed

Dear Dive Dr,
While I was doing AFF, I had to jump wearing weight. I am 50 kg. I don't like jumping with weight, but I was told I had to do it if I wanted to jump with other people. Is this true?

Yours
Li Twait



Dear Li
At under 8 stone you will probably have to wear weight to do formation skydiving (FS) in order to fall at a similar speed to other people. It depends how supple you are as to how much you will need, if you can bend more you will need less. Weight on your belly will increase your fall rate. If you want to enter competitive FS you will definitely need weight to attain the best body position. Weight on the top of your body (shoulders) will even up your centre of gravity by pitching the top part of your body forward such that your arms will be more available for taking grips. All women and many lighter men will need shoulder weights for competitive FS. If you get into freeflying you will not need to wear lead. A big bonus at your weight!

Dive Dr CC

Dear Dive Dr,
I have recently moved abroad and find that wind limits are nowhere near what they are in Britain.

Here in the US the drop zone seems happy for everyone to make their own decision as to whether they want to jump. It's often quite windy here, I want to jump but I don't want to hurt myself by over-reaching my limits. I land pretty good but not every time.

Can you help me decide when it is safe for me to jump?
Gail Force

Dear Gail
It is good that you are aware of your own limits or even that you have limits. Understanding risk and taking responsibility for it is what being a grown-up skydiver is about. Appreciating that there is a decision to be made is the first part of making the correct decision.

If you stick to the BPA wind limit of 20 knots, you are most unlikely to have a problem. However these limits err on the side of caution and you may wish to jump in slightly higher winds. Watch out for gusty or turbulent winds. A fresh but steady breeze is more acceptable.

If it is a windy day, find out how windy and, if possible, sit and watch the anemometer for at least 10 minutes. That will show you if the wind is gusty or not. Watch other jumpers landing, looking out for their canopies twitching, folding in and out, suddenly dropping downwards or, in extreme cases, rolling under. Any of the above are signs of turbulence and you should probably avoid jumping. Try and put yourself in the shoes of the person under that twitchy canopy and think how happy or otherwise you would feel in that

situation. It is an old but true saying 'It is better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here!'

Another problem to be aware of in strong winds is that you may be more likely to land off the drop zone. Ask what the upper winds are doing, as a 'dog-leg', where the uppers are moving in a different direction to the ground wind, makes it harder to spot accurately. If your zone is surrounded by hazards then landing off presents a serious danger. If there are lots of safe alternative areas to land this is not so much of a concern. Watch the spotting for accuracy and consistency. (I am assuming you are jumping a square reserve.)

Be aware of peer pressure, make your own decision and don't be swayed by others who are jumping, they have different experience, canopies and abilities. If you ground yourself for strong winds when others are jumping, good on ya!

If you do jump in strong winds, then be aware the flare is much later, shorter and quicker. Land in a sensible area well away from hangars, trees or structures which cause turbulence. This is good practice in normal winds too!

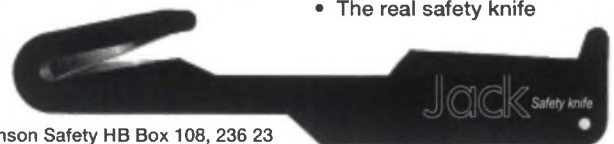
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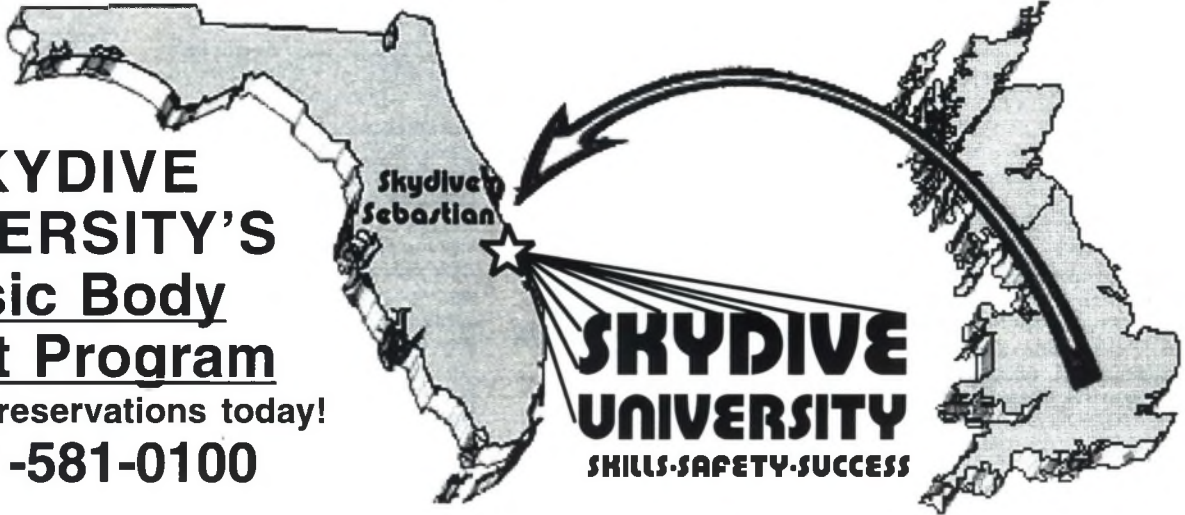
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RIPPED TANDEM CANOPY

After canopy deployment the jumper checked the Tandem canopy and noticed some material missing on the top surface where it overhangs the nose, the jumper tried a couple of turns and a practice flare and all seemed to work okay. The jumpers elected to cutaway anyway and deploy the reserve parachute.

Conclusions: This decision turned out to be a good one as after inspecting the damaged main it turned out that the material missing at the nose overhang was a complete cell which had ripped off up to two thirds of the way towards the tail. After seeing the damage, no-one would have considered landing under this canopy

Recommendations: This is a decision that Tandem Instructors should consider for themselves. However my views are if a practice flare is required to determine if a Tandem canopy can land then it is obviously questionable and anything questionable on a Tandem Jump should not be accepted.

RSL's AND POP TOPS

During a kit check on a visiting jumper's rig the kit checker noticed that this rig had an RSL attached to a set of non-reinforced mini risers. This is against a BPA safety notice so the checker had the RSL disconnected. All seemed okay until the jumper visited another drop zone and that kit checker told him that the RSL should not have been removed without the reserve housing being sewn down on his Pop Top.

Conclusions: First of all a 'slap on the wrist' was given to the reserve packer who should have noticed this problem. Thanks to the BPA system the second person to check a rig before jumping is the drop zone kit checker who did a good job and stopped this jumper from using a

Tip of the month - Check your closing loop!

Although one of the smallest parts of your parachute assembly, the closing loop is a vital part of your rig. Replace it as soon as it shows signs of wear – do not wait for 'just one more jump'! Loops must not be too long, or too short, or too thick, or too stiff. Making one with the wrong material can stop your parachute from

deploying and result in a pilot chute in tow. This in turn can lead to two canopies deployed or, in the worse case, a main/reserve entanglement. A loop that lets the parachute deploy prematurely can kill you, your parachute or an aircraft. A high price to pay for a piece of string – but all these have happened.

rig that had a safety notice on it. The problem here however is that this kit checker did not realise that removing an RSL on a Pop Top can cause other complications.

Recommendations: When altering any system, even a simple task like disconnecting an RSL, give some thought to the possible consequences, ie, how the deployment and any drills could be affected. If someone was to pick a mushroom and eat it only to find out that it was a toadstool, they could be poisoned because what looks similar can have very different affects.

RISER INCORRECTLY ASSEMBLED

After a reserve inspection and repack a jumper did three jumps on her rig and after the third landing the riser disconnected from the container.

Conclusions: The riser had been assembled incorrectly, the small loop had not been passed through the grommet of the hard housing. This made it very easy to catch the housing and disconnect the riser. This rig had also been tagged ready for use by the drop zone checker after the reserve inspection and repack. I came across a similar incident like this when I noticed that the riser loop was not passed through the housing on another rig.

Recommendations: When inspecting equipment after any work has been done it is important to look at the detail not just the over-all appearance. A hands-on check by both the reserve packer and the kit checker would have prevented the problem. This incident could have been a lot worse so remember it is easy to become complacent.

RSL NOT RECONNECTED

An experienced jumper borrowed a student rig and decided to detach the RSL

which was a rapid connector type. Students used the rig four times after this without the RSL being reconnected.

Conclusions: After checking the packing log it turns out that three instructors and one rigger instructor had done each flight line check, none of them noticed that the RSL had been removed. After talking with the instructors it was not obvious that the four jumpers were students because they were not part of a course but normal progression jumpers still on student status.

Recommendations: When doing a flight line check do not just look for the obvious problems but talk to those you are checking to see if any special requirement is required for each jumper's experience level.

TOTAL

After a successful freefall descent an AFF student pulled his ripcord and nothing happened. Reserve drills were correctly carried out and the student landed without any further problems.

Conclusions: The main pilot chute left after the reserve deployed. It is probable that the pilot chute was incorrectly packed with a centre flap caught between the spring. This could have prevented deployment of the main. After the reserve was deployed the pressure would be released so the main pilot chute was then able to deploy as normal.

Recommendations: With no other explanation this would have to be put down to a packing error. It may be that some rigs are more prone to bad packing than others are but each one would have to be evaluated on its merits.

LOOSE CHEST STRAP

A skydiver with 250+ jumps boarded the aircraft with his chest strap mis-routed. It came loose in freefall.

Conclusions and Recommendations: The reason we have a flight line checking system is to prevent this type of incident. Please use the flight line check to assist your fellow skydivers in having a safe skydive.

UNWANTED VELCRO

During a reserve inspection and repack the reserve packer noticed that a strip of Velcro used during packing had not been removed from the previous pack job, which could have hindered deployment.

Conclusions: After contacting the previous reserve packer it turned out that the strip of Velcro could have been left on the free bag by either the last packer or the one previous as the last person to pack the reserve said he did not do a complete inspection and repack. Whoever left the Velcro strip on the free bag had obviously lost tool control during the reserve repack. What is also very worrying is that a reserve packer decided to trust the previous reserve packer and sign the inspection report form stating that he had done a full inspection and repack. This was not a true statement as he only added a Cypres after a service, which was mid-way through some one else's reserve repack cycle.

Recommendations: First of all tool control is a vital part of a reserve inspection and repack. It is the responsibility of every reserve packer to demonstrate how they control their tools to prevent this type of incident. Either use a shadow board, or count all tools before a repack and check all tools are present after completing the job, or use any other method that works. Finally a reserve packer should never complete a record of inspection form without doing a complete inspection; read the form and look at what is being signed for.

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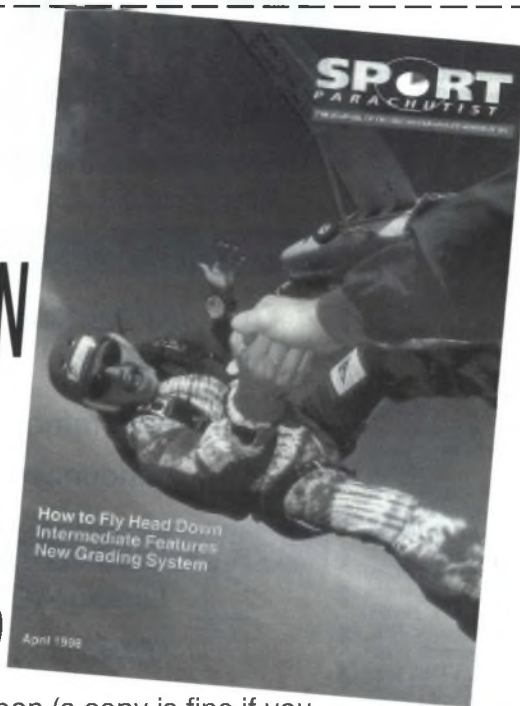
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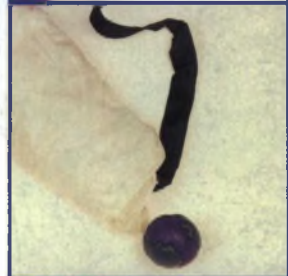
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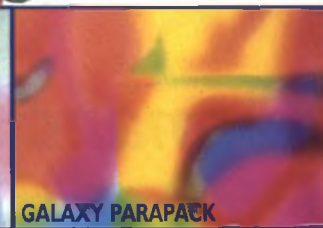
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