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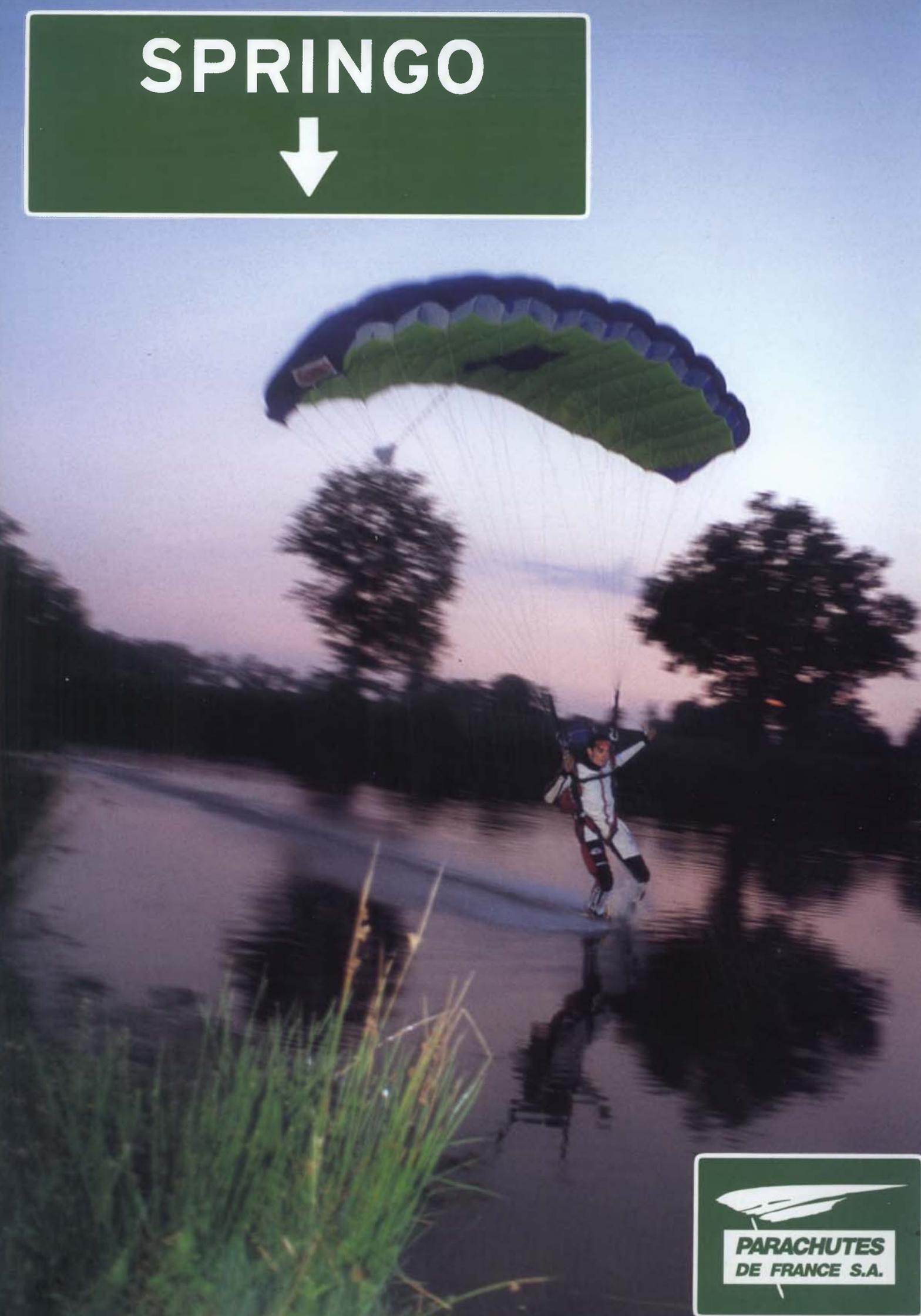
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editorial

42 teams turned up for the recent 4-way FS Nationals, an incredible number compared to 18 last year and 15 the year before.

Everyone knows that freeflying is increasing in popularity, well so is flat flying. 72% of respondents to the BPA survey participate in FS as opposed to 59% last year.

So, more people are doing FS and far more of these are competing. Why? A combination of factors is at work. The BPA skills roadshows, where national champions coach up-and-coming skydivers for free have undoubtedly inspired and helped countless teams. We've had a bundle of letters on the subject, see pages 20-21. I'd like to offer my thanks to the individuals who have given their time to coach and to all on Competitions Committee for arranging the roadshow programme, it rocks!

Thanks are also due to this BPA committee for listening and responding to competitors. The weekend nationals run over Saturday to Monday swelled the numbers enormously, as only one day off work is required (or none if it completes on Sunday). This, together with the abolition of the late entry fee, encouraged more people to turn up on spec to take advantage of the sunny conditions. The above were suggestions from BPA members.

Let's hope this partnership approach continues. It looks set to. At the close of both the 4 and 8-way FS Nationals, BPA Comps Chairman John Smyth held a meeting with all competitors there, inviting views on the future. This shows great practice in communicating with BPA members and acting on this informed opinion.

We can all do our bit by keeping the channels of communication open. Members, the BPA is listening. Relevant contacts are shown to the right, get in touch!

Lesley

PS The Nationals will be reported in full next issue.

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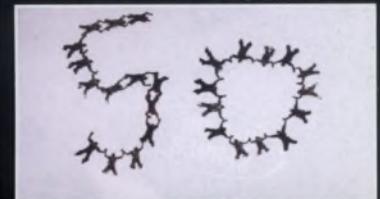
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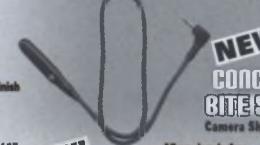
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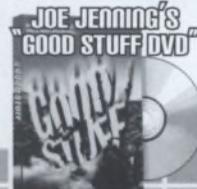
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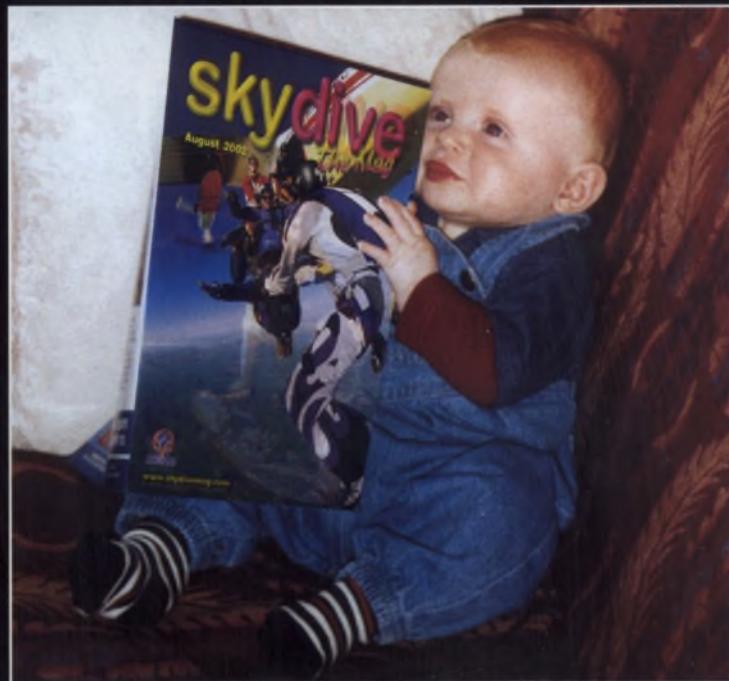
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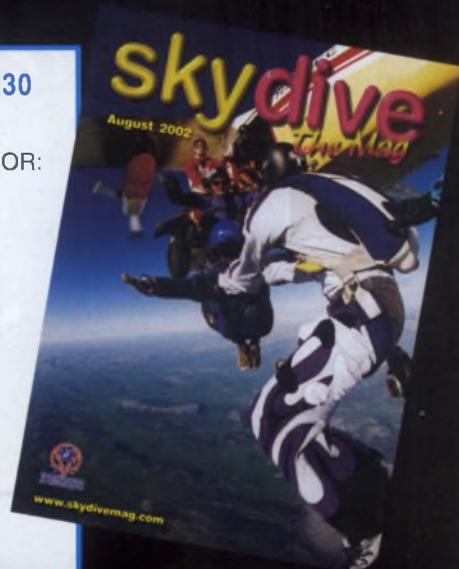
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World Record

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Sixteen intrepid skydivers and a fearless balloon pilot stepped into the record books for the largest simultaneous mass drop from a balloon.

The new world record was set in May at Peterborough Parachute Centre using the UK's largest hot air balloon, a Cameron A300 piloted by David Fish of Flying Pictures.

David tells the story of what happens to a balloon when over a tonne of weight leaves in a hurry...

Simon Ward





Mark Harris

Back in October 2001, a client of ours expressed an interest in doing a media stunt that would achieve widespread TV and press coverage. Several ideas were presented and in March the green light was given for the mass skydive World Record – the largest number of people to jump from a hot air balloon at the same time. With a target of early May it was all systems go to get everything ready in time.

As well as turning mayhem into a successful project I was also in the chair

to fly the balloon. Why? Three reasons: I have experience of flying large passenger balloons, the largest carrying 19 passengers; I'm a current and relatively experienced skydiver... and I was stupid enough to agree!

The main challenge was getting the take-off location right and then using the winds to get the balloon overhead of the DZ. Most of Friday

31 May was spent checking forecasts, watching the winds and talking to Flying Pictures staff Trish & Sue, who were driving

around the Peterborough countryside looking for possible take-off sites.

By 5pm it was time to get Sue into the air flying the Pathfinder balloon with Ronnie O'Brien and Dave Sturgeon. Their job was to fly my predicted flight pattern and see if we were going to make the DZ. As the Pathfinder balloon passed 4,000ft it was clear that we needed to go much further north to stand any chance of making it. Sue did eventually get over the DZ and Ronnie and Dave both landed in the pit but it was a tricky flight.

World Record



David Fish, Flying Pictures balloon pilot
Photo: Simon Ward



A fleet of vehicles headed north carrying balloons, (the Velvet toilet tissue balloon was to fly alongside the main record balloon) skydivers, camera crews and reporters. We finally arrived at a small village called Wing. Time was getting on and the crew swung into action at full speed to get the balloon ready.

Just approaching 7.30pm, with the two filming Squirrel helicopters circling, both balloons lifted off and began to climb at a healthy 800 fpm (feet per minute). The

surface wind had become very light by now and, for the first few thousand feet, we just sat over the launch site. Some ten miles from the DZ, I became a little concerned. In the first eight minutes of the flight I had used a fifth of my total fuel, we were only at just over 3,000ft and going nowhere.

At 8,000ft we were doing 20 knots but were still over five miles away and the climb rate had now slowed to 700 fpm. The mood in the basket had changed, there was a deathly silence all around, it was getting



The Kleenex Double Velvet balloon is 75 times the height of the real item

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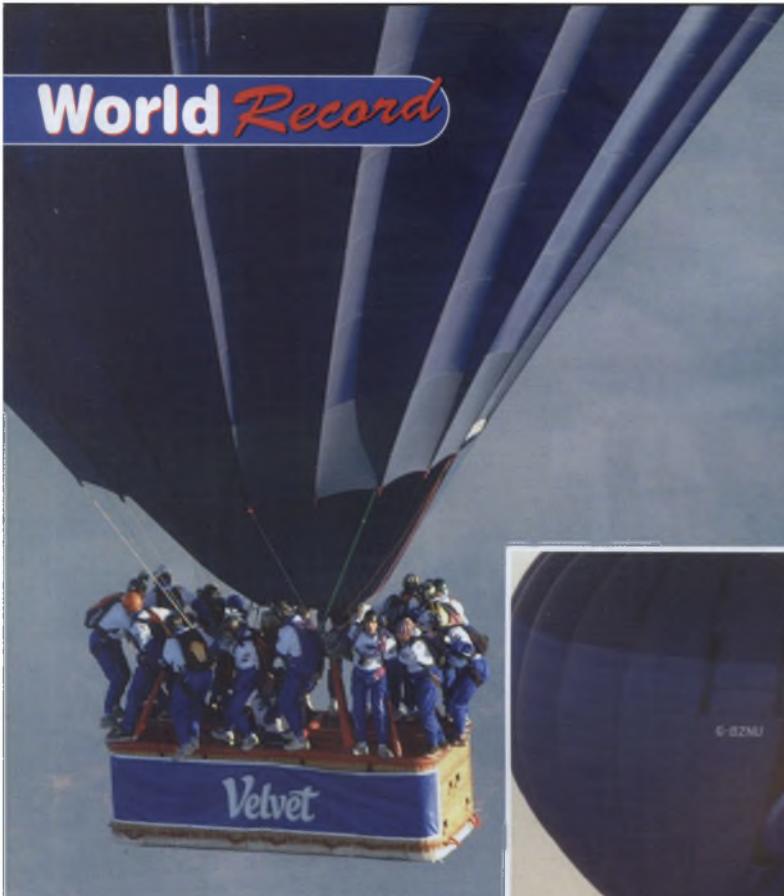


Ian Ashpole, Flying Pictures skydive organiser

Simon Ward

much colder and nerves were starting to build as it still wasn't clear if we were going to make the drop zone. By 11,000ft we were still several miles from the DZ, cruising at over 25 knots. The helicopters were fully loaded with cameras and crew and they were struggling at that altitude.

A thin layer of cloud had obscured the DZ and, as this was passed, it was clear we were going to be bang over the top of the pit. For the first time in the flight I was able to relax a little. We called two minutes to live drop, were given a clear drop signal from DZ control and the basket filled with activity as everybody prepared to do their job.



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Record breaking skydivers: Top row: Stuart Menzies
Front row: David Sawyer, Dave Du Plessis, Giles Fabris,



Dorian Hartwood, Mark Harris, Rhino, Chris Donaldson, Andy Bennett, Martin Williams, Ian Ashpole, Matt Lee, Rose Leggott, Steve Spingys, Andy Guest. Plus Simon Ward, who took the photo

With all 16 climbing out, the balloon entered a descent and quickly picked up speed. At 9,500ft with a 1,400 fpm descent rate I handed over to Chris Donaldson to start the exit count. His count rang out around the basket and, with a bit of swing everybody was gone – well, almost everybody!

Watching the mayhem of jumpers falling away beneath my basket, everything seemed to be going just fine. With the loss of over 1,200kgs the balloon entered a very fast climb of over 1,400 fpm and there had been a bit of jolt as the rapid descent had become a fast climb. Other than that all seemed well – until there were some very strange noises from above my head. Instinct tells you not to look up, curiosity always gets the better of you – I wish I had gone with instinct on this occasion.

The top of the balloon was collapsing inwards under the pressure of air being forced onto the top of the balloon from the rapid climb. The deflation system in the top of the balloon had come open and daylight was visible through the hole that was left. Altogether not great.

When you're going up quickly at over 1,000 fpm it seems very odd to put heat into the balloon as you know this will only make the climb even faster but somehow I had to get the deflation system to close and the best way to do that was with hot air.

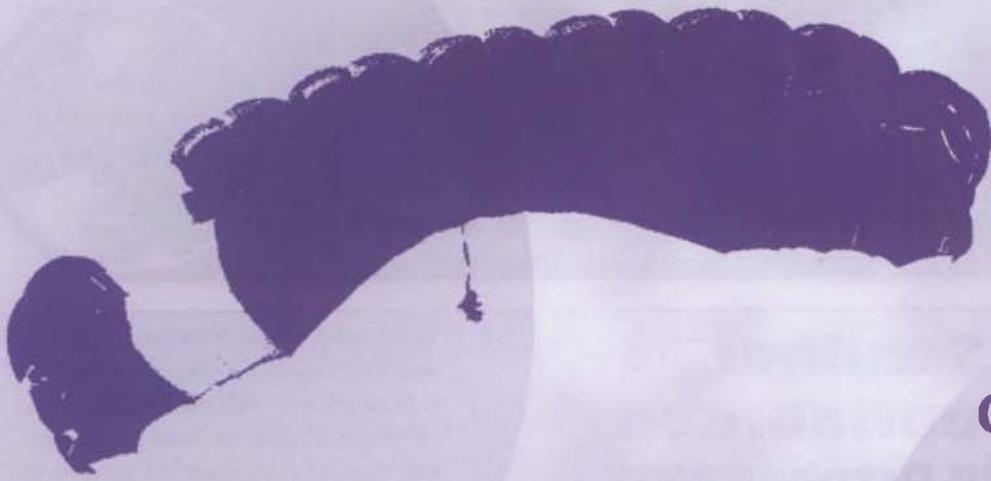
By 11,000 feet, everything had returned to a semblance of normality, I was very pleased that my aircraft was intact. All I had to do now was land. I was though slightly disappointed that I hadn't got to skydive. When sixteen mates jump out of your balloon and your two helicopter buddies follow them, it gets kind of lonely at 11,000ft. You wonder if it was something you said!

The descent was uneventful, getting up to 1,500 fpm for most of it and landing in front of hundreds of children in a housing estate on the edge of Peterborough, about 20 minutes after everybody exited.

When reunited with the Velvet jumpers, I discovered they had all landed in the pit at Peterborough Parachute Centre. Velvet Toilet Tissue had built them a special softer-than-ever landing zone in the pit. A 10 metre radius-circle covering more than 314 square metres, the landing zone was made from more than 5,000 rolls of softer-than-ever Quilted Velvet loo rolls.

This was a very challenging project both in the set-up and execution but in the end everything fell into place perfectly. Everybody on the team was fantastic and the coverage has been excellent, most notably Sky News the next day followed by Hello! and OK magazine.

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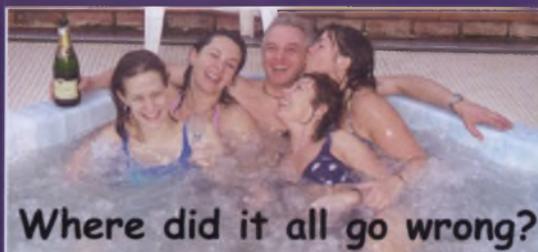
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4-way World Record

French team *Maubeuge* have snatched *Arizona Airspeed's* longest 4-way sequence record. *Airspeed* clocked up 39 formations in September '99 but were beaten by *Maubeuge's* unbelievable 42 formations in July 2002. Team members David Moy, Erwen Pouliquen, Marin Ferré, Julien Losantos and Laurent Pechberty were competing in the French FS Cup at Pujaut.

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Grim in Pattaya

Skydive Pattaya is the first privately owned DZ in Thailand. Andy Grimwade, former owner of Skydive Sebastian, is opening his own school there, Blue Sky Adventure Sports for AFF, Skydive U, WARP and tandems. It should be open for this winter season.

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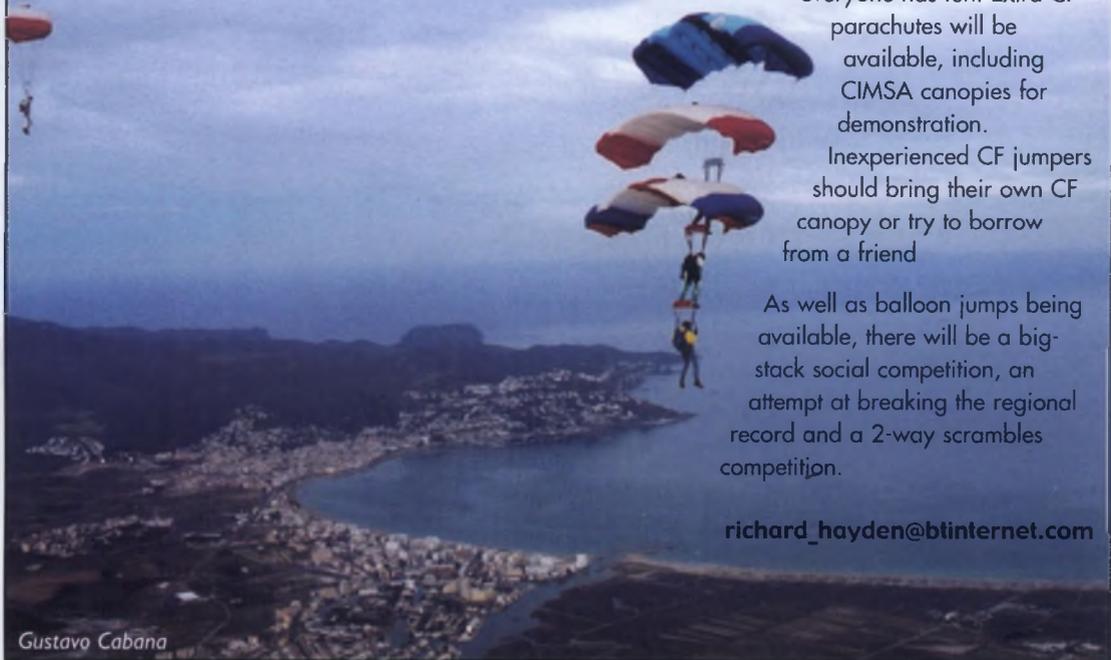
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CF Seminar, Empuriabrava 14-20 October 2002

Coaches from France, Holland, Britain and Ireland will be working in teams with beginners, intermediate and advanced CF jumpers. Local organisers will organise experienced CF jumpers to develop their skills and make sure everyone has fun. Extra CF parachutes will be available, including CIMSA canopies for demonstration. Inexperienced CF jumpers should bring their own CF canopy or try to borrow from a friend

As well as balloon jumps being available, there will be a big-stack social competition, an attempt at breaking the regional record and a 2-way scrambles competition.

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300-way Update



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The planned *Airspeed* 300-way world record attempt organised by George Jicha, Jack Jefferies and Dan BC, has been moved from Brazil to Eloy, Arizona, the team's home drop zone. This was due to logistic problems. *Airspeed* feels they will have more control and better facilities at their home base. Dates are the same as previously announced. Recruiting is going well, they report 297 people on a firm list and a large list of alternates.

Flyboyz @ Sibson

21-29 September

The Flyboyz will be at Sibson for the UK Freefly Festival. They will be coaching freeflyers at all levels, together with Ashley Crick, Giles Fabris and Alex & Stuart Meacock. Big-ways, tube dives, tracking dives and much much more will continue the high quality of freeflying at Peterborough and build on the success of the Babylon Jubilee Freefly weekend, see page 60



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This national photographic competition is in its third year. All pictures will have a 'flight' theme and will capture the spirit and 'wow factor' of flight and flying.

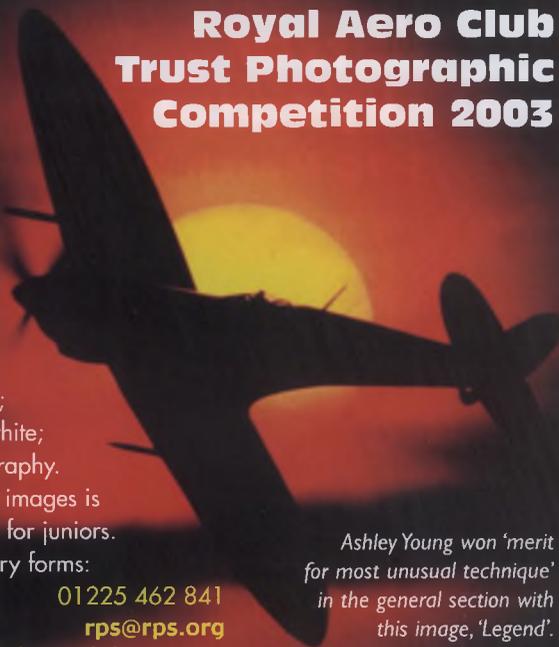
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Ashley Young won 'merit for most unusual technique' in the general section with this image, 'Legend'. Sponsor: The Tiger Club

Around Britain Challenge 2002

Most BPA members will have heard of Nigel Rogoff, whose long and impressive skydiving career was halted in December 1998 when he injured himself on a demo jump into a football stadium.

Nigel and Dave Abrutat (paraplegic) aim to be the first combined solo seakayak and handcycle team

to circumnavigate Great Britain, Nigel on his kayak and Dave on his handcycle. The project is in support of the National Blood service as they owe their lives to large blood transfusions. This is their way of giving something back. They also intend to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. For the story so far:

www.abchallenge.org



Brian Vecher

World Cup, Empuria 4-13 October 2002

Spain won the bid to hold the World Cup after the Portuguese decided they were unable to host this event in February, eight months before it was supposed to start.

Up to 700 competitors from 30 countries will compete for the World Cup and European Championships in 4-way, 8-way and women's 4-way FS; 4-way rotation, sequential and 8-way speed CF. The

World Cup in artistic events will *not* be held in Empuria but the European Championships in Empuria will

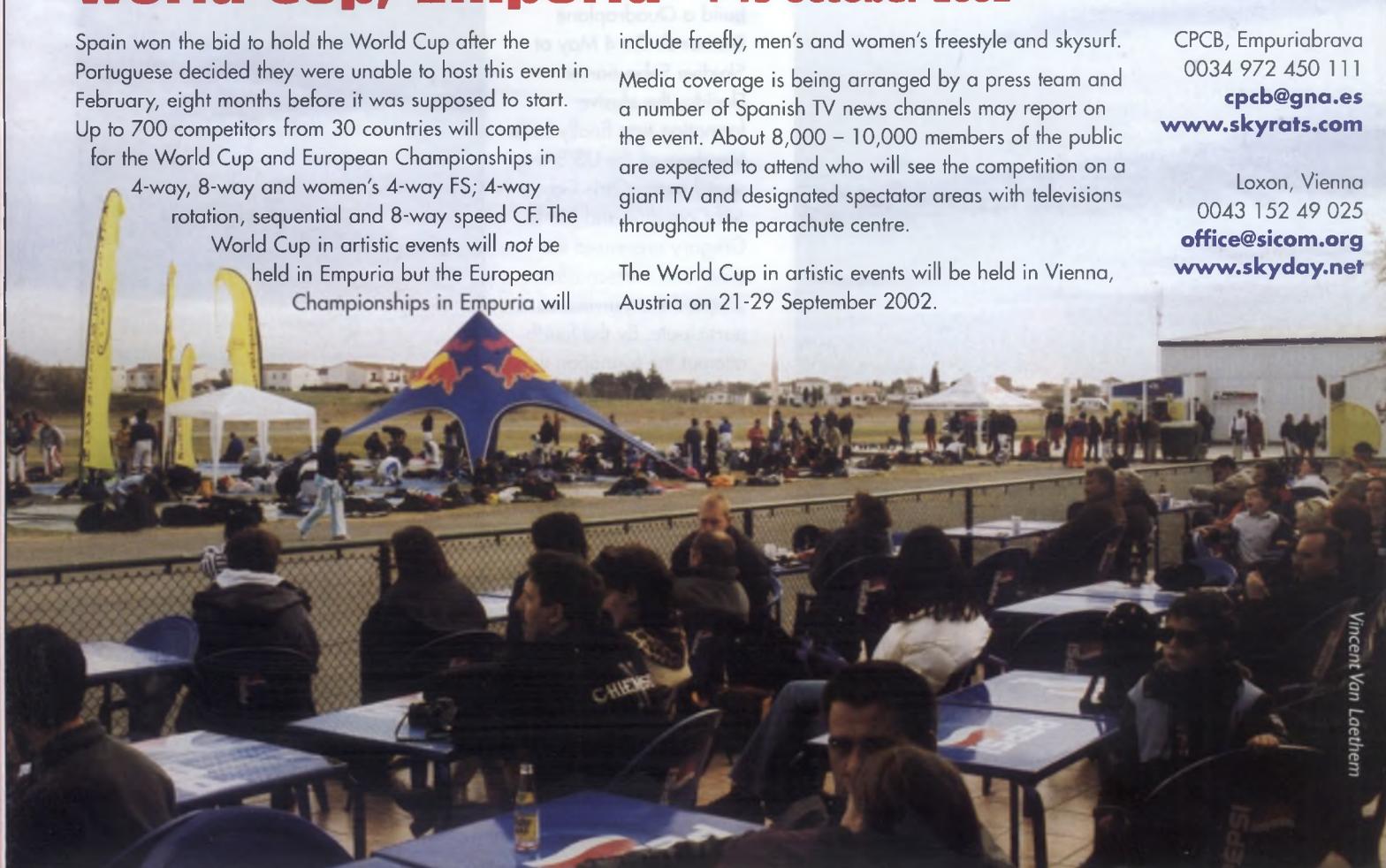
include freefly, men's and women's freestyle and skysurf.

Media coverage is being arranged by a press team and a number of Spanish TV news channels may report on the event. About 8,000 - 10,000 members of the public are expected to attend who will see the competition on a giant TV and designated spectator areas with televisions throughout the parachute centre.

The World Cup in artistic events will be held in Vienna, Austria on 21-29 September 2002.

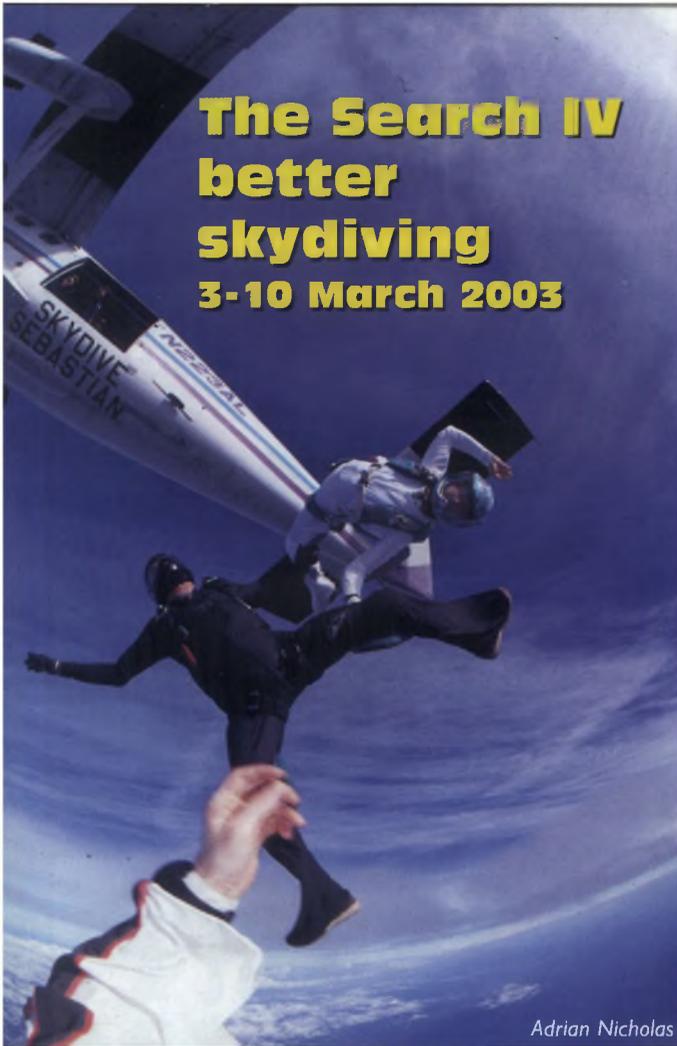
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The Search IV better skydiving 3-10 March 2003



Adrian Nicholas

Now in its fourth year, *The Search* offers 40 novice skydivers the opportunity to train with some of the world's best. Interested parties apply for a place; 250 applications are usually received for the 40 slots available. The aim is to choose which novice skydivers would benefit most from the high level coaching on offer; hence its name, *The Search*.

The week encompasses all aspects of skydiving and includes canopy control classes with Scott Miller, emergency procedures and malfunction information, wind tunnel instruction and formation skydiving skills, basic and 4-way. Coaches will be Rob Laidlaw and senior Skydive University staff as well as the British team, *Sebastian XL* and other international coaches. There will be wind tunnel sessions and the opportunity to demo and discuss all aspects of PD canopies. Sports therapist, Dr John DeRosalia will assist with group and one-on-one instruction in peak performance training and will be at the wind tunnel working with the group.

Each person will receive a copy of the Sky U *Basic Canopy Flight* video and book, together with a copy of Dr John's book on *Peak Performance* and a video of your skydives. There will be a wine and cheese reception, free/great value food in the evenings, a huge party with live music and the usual prize draw.

The Search IV costs \$1,950 and includes the above plus 20 coached jumps with video, six canopy control jumps with video and 20 minutes wind tunnel time (does not include transport and accommodation). The Search runs from 3-10 March 2003. Application forms and full terms can be found on the website.

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Sven @ Target

31 August - 8 September

Sven Zimmerman will be back at Target Skysports for coaching all week. He'll also be available throughout the new age roadshow on 7-8 September. BPA roadshow coaches will also be available that weekend. (Sven is not part of the Roadshow as has been arranged separately by Target.)

There will be a Skool Disco on the Saturday night - short skirts, pig-tails... how can you miss it?

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www.skydiving.co.uk



Steve Utter

Quadraplane Diamond

For over fifteen years, canopy formation jumpers have been attempting to build a Quadraplane Diamond. On 4 May at Skydive Sebastian in Florida, the elusive formation was finally built. Members of the US 8-way speed team, Chris Gay, Jeff Cornelius and Mark Gregory organised the event and thirteen other jumpers were invited to participate. By the fourth attempt the formation was complete. Organisers then designed two other formations that had never been completed. A 2x7 formation and a stacked diamond-like formation, which is now known as the Flying Foster. Both were completed the next day.

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Lyn Hannah

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<http://digital.net/bryan/bry7.html>

The SkyVenture wind tunnel in Orlando, Florida.



SkyVenture UK

Opening: Late summer 2003
Size: 14ft diameter, 15-20ft high
Times: Sunday – Friday 9am-2am
 Saturday 9am-3am
Price: £15 for BPA members for two 60 second slots, £20 for non-BPA members. Special rates will be available for teams and group & block bookings
Contact: Todd@SkyFun.com

The Mag apologises that the image used in the June issue was not a SkyVenture wind tunnel, but of the tunnel in Raeford, USA.

Allan Hewitt Steps in for James Bond

Allan Hewitt made a downwind landing at Buckingham Palace as a stunt double for the film's baddie, Toby Stephens in the latest Bond movie, *Die Another Day*. Three jumpers, Allan, Roy Charters and Nick Davison from the Red Devils attempted the stunt to achieve a good overall result. When Allan and Roy had jumped from the Squirrel helicopter, Director, Lee Temporary had all he needed so Nick didn't jump; he was gutted. Luckily it was a light wind day but the landings were still fast. They all wore Italian designer suits and wigs and Roy ripped a hole in his pants on landing. For the full story visit:



www.jamesbond.com/bond20/newsflash/newsflash_18.php

In July BPA members Julia Foxwell and Ian Marshall were also stunt doubles for Hallie Berry, doing helicopter jumps with Allan for the same movie.

CF Record Preparation



A CF training camp was held at Brienne in France, in preparation for a world record attempt, made up of European skydivers. Brits, Pat Hammond and Alan Fielding attended along with about 34 participants from Italy, Sweden, Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, France and Belgium. The jumpers used Diamond canopies, from 14,000ft, out of two Twin Otters and two Porters. A 30-way diamond was built on the last day.

Freely Tunnel Camps

The Freely Training Center in Sebastian, Florida is holding three 3-day training camps at the SkyVenture wind tunnel in Orlando, Florida in December '02 to March '03. Each participant will receive classroom time, briefings prior to flight, an hour of tunnel time and video debriefs of each session. FTC camps are kept very small for a high instructor to student ratio and are booked on a first come, first served basis. The cost of the camp is \$900 per person and does not include accommodation or travel.



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Freely Skills

Chris Lynch will be holding a freely skills camp on 30 November to 6 December at the Freely Training Center in Sebastian, USA. There are only a few slots left so get in touch quickly.

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FS Nationals Results

When we went to press, the 4-way FS had just completed and the 8-way weekend was yet to come. An incredible 42 teams attended; definitely a record. This was put down to a combination of factors; the coaching roadshows, weekend format for the nationals, abolishing the late entry fee and glorious weather. There will be a full report next issue. In the mean time, the medal winning teams are shown below with their point average. Scores for senior and intermediate 4-way are much higher than last year. Full scoresheets can be found on the BPA website, which should also include the 8-way results by now:

www.bpa.org.uk

Junior

1	<i>Sky Pirates</i>	11.6
2	<i>Chaos</i>	9.1
3	<i>Beaver</i>	8.3

Intermediate

1	<i>UBI</i>	11.6
2	<i>Quest</i>	11.4
3	<i>Usual Suspects</i>	8.9

Senior

1	<i>Sebastian XL</i>	20
2	<i>VMax</i>	15
3	<i>4Pak</i>	14.3



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The Road(shows) to Success

The feedback we've been getting from the Coaching Roadshows is phenomenal. They're the BPA at its best.

What are Roadshows?

Practical weekend training held at BPA centres, in all of the disciplines (FS, CF, style & accuracy and artistic).

Who are they for?

All BPA members especially juniors and intermediates.

Who are the coaches?

Top level senior teams and national champions, who generously give their time with only their expenses paid by the BPA.

How much?

The BPA coaches are free, you pay only for jumps.

What does the centre do?

They provide the facilities. Some clubs also generously help out with the coaches' subsistence or may bring in additional coaches (for which they may make a small charge).

Should I book in advance?

Yes please! The organisers and coaches need to have an idea of how many jumpers to expect so they can provide the right level of support.

How do I get one at my DZ?

Ask your drop zone. The DZ will then contact the Comps committee discipline rep, who will co-ordinate dates with the coaches.

Who are the discipline reps?

FS Jim White
jcwhite526@hotmail.com
CF Ian Marshall
marshallcf@aol.com
Artistic Nigel Holland
hollandnigel@aol.com

Roadshows still to come:

Date	Area	Drop Zone
31 Aug-1 Sept	FS	Peterborough (Coached by Sebastian XL)
31 Aug-1 Sep	CF	Strathallan
7-8 Sept	Artistic	Hibaldstow
14-15 Sept	Artistic	Cark

That's your lot for 2002 but plans for Roadshows in 2003 will start in early in the spring.

VNE Exceeded

Target Skysports FS Roadshow

Participants: 24 **Jumps:** 133

Coaches: Martin Soulsby, Ian Stevens, Ian Matthews, Kev Sargent & Colin Bridges (VNE)



Three 4-way teams were coached plus individuals with a weekend finale of a 20-way attempt. On Sunday there was a one round competition. The turnout and the number of jumps were great considering the poor weather forecast and the footie.

*"Ian 'Rotti' Stevens's coaching on all aspects of skydiving including effective dirtdiving was invaluable. I think that the BPA roadshows are a success and the programme should be expanded to include a trip to the wind tunnel in Paris for 4-way team training and also some really good one-on-one for new Cat 8's. We have excellent coaching talent and we should use it. Rotti, I am not trying to blow sunshine up your ar** but it was a great weekend and thank you. The 20-way two 'plane formation was very good and I have still got a smile on my face!"*

Calvin Blacker

Devilish at Netheravon

Netheravon CF Roadshow

Participants: 19 (7 first timers)

Coaches: Aron Jones, Dane Richardson, Nick Davison, Tom Blackey, Ian Marshall, Pat Hammond, Ian Cashman, PD Smith & Mickey Doyle



The first three days were a washout but the coaches carried on with lots of briefings; emergencies, spotting, exits, equipment and packing. PD Smith gave a camera briefing. On the Monday, all the novices got in at least three jumps in sun, sleet or rain – not the best conditions! Every one did well in the limited time, there were no wraps or cutaways and the day finished with an eight stack attempt that built to seven with some nice video footage of a stack flying around a big cu-nim to take home!

"It really is pleasing to see more women coming into CF nowadays. I think lots of the first timers have got the CF bug and will be coming to the next one to complete their CF1."

Ian Marshall

Getting the VMax from it

St Andrews FS Roadshow

Participants: 21 **Jumps:** 133

Coaches: Claire Scott, Sacha Chilton, Sarah Laughton, Liz Groucott, Kate Stephens & Brian Vacher (VMax)

The lousy weather meant that jumping had to be entirely replaced by a seminar programme, covering safety, body position, equipment, preparing for a jump, exits, debriefing, progression, wind tunnel, fitness & diet, camera flying. Brian Dyas of St Andrews management commented "Well-run and professional, greatly appreciated by those who attended."

"Excellent! The team imparted a wealth of information on FS which would have cost the participant a fortune had they gone to a professional coach. The roadshow was a good reflection of how the BPA provides for its members. I would strongly encourage more of these weekends to take place."

Alan Geddes

4Packing them in at Sibson

Peterborough FS Roadshow

Participants: 25

Coaches: Steve Mursell, Nick Lupton, Mark Scott, Craig Cunningham & Danny Branton (4Pak)



Photo: www.skypix.info

Most of the jumps were coached 4-way with video. Over half of the participants would have liked to try larger formations but the dire weather had other ideas. The biggest improvement was seen by intermediate team Air Biscuits, and there was some great raw talent in team Beaver. At least one new 4-way team formed at the roadshow and two more are in prospect for the Nationals.

"The boys worked hard in making sure that everybody who wanted to jump with them got to do so, and they spent a lot of time on the ground when there was typical British weekend weather and we couldn't jump! On Sunday afternoon, the team went through all the exits in the junior dive pool, demonstrating each exit, with each team member talking through what was important for their particular slot."

Debi Chapman

Mickey Doyle

BPA Matters

Once is not Enough

Hinton CF Roadshow

Participants: 27 Jumps: 175

Coaches: Ian Marshall, Richard Hayden & Steve Saunders



Richard Hayden

A CF coaching roadshow was held concurrently with the Crew Festival at Hinton. Because of weather holds, it reconvened by popular demand the following weekend. A seminar for camera operators was given by Paul Denis-Smith. All participants enjoyed a great time, proving that learning really can be fun. The coaches had a good and bad weather programme and the whole event was very well structured.

"CF is fantastic and great fun for learning canopy flying skills."

Rez Shiel

"I didn't know CF was so popular!"

Julia Foxwell

Brian Vacher



It's cool to coach, says Kate

"It is fantastic to meet loads of new people. I learn a lot from listening to the way other coaches explain things and learn from the students how to teach more effectively. The greatest

pleasure is being able to impart some of the knowledge that I have been given from coaches in the past. Its very satisfying to make the learning process easier for people and to see the 'lights come on'."

Kate Stephens, ex VMax

UK Sport Grant Aid

A grant of £40K has been made by UK Sport to the BPA for the next financial year as a result of a successful bid lodged by the BPA Council, which submitted its Action Plan. The plan set out measurable targets in five areas: Safety and Training, Competitions, Development, Communications and Administration. UK Sport has specified that half the grant should go towards meeting safety and training targets, the remaining half to competitions targets.

Anti Doping Advice Costs Nothing

As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting ethically fair and drug-free sport, UK Sport has made its Anti-Doping Drug Information Line a freephone service. The new number will continue to provide competitors and officials with advice about prohibited and permitted substances in sport and answer questions about the drug-testing programme in the UK. Questions are normally answered within 24 hours, weekdays only. You can also visit on line.

**UK Sport Anti-Doping Drug Information
Freephone: 0800 528 0004
www.uksport.gov.uk**

Do You Like the new BPA Cards?

The new style BPA membership cards have been in use since renewals in February. The office hasn't received much feedback so we assume you think they're okay. If you do love 'em - or hate 'em - please mail the office. Pilot cards in a similar format but of a different design to avoid confusion are on the way.

Getting Arty

'Artistic Disciplines' is the name being used on the international circuit for what we in the UK call 'New Age'. Arguably, it captures the essence of freeflying, skysurfing and freestyle rather more descriptively. Someone said that 'new age' put them more in mind of people at Glastonbury in sandals and kaftans than it did of highly skilled athletes performing aerial gymnastics!

Martin Shuttleworth, BPA Office Manager
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COMPETITIONS World Cup 2002

In October this year, Empuriabrava is hosting the largest World Cup ever. The British delegation so far is 4-way FS teams *Quiksilva* and *4Pak*, women's 4-way team *VMax*, 8-way FS team *VNE*, plus *Team X* in 4-way CF sequential. There may be additional British teams attending but this was not confirmed when we went to press. The teams are going out to Spain entirely at their own expense. The BPA is sending John Hitchen as Head of Delegation, he will be there from 4-13 October. John Smyth is going as Delegation Manager, 27 September to 13 October to support the teams during the training period before the meet, as well as the competition itself. If any artistic events teams would like to go, at their own expense, please contact John Smyth. You don't have to be a national team to enter this event and represent your country, so this is an exciting opportunity.

Classics is the only discipline which will not be included. The European Championships in the artistic events of freefly, freestyle and skysurf will be held at Empuria at the same time as the World Cup in FS and CF. The World Cup in artistic events will be held in Vienna, Austria on 21-29 September 2002.

8-way Regionals

The idea of including 8-way at the FS regionals at the same time as 4-way seems to be impractical, therefore, the Comps committee is looking at possibilities for including a separate 8-way regional circuit. Anyone with input, please contact the committee via my email or the BPA office.

John Smyth, Chairman of Competitions
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New BPA Ratings

AFF Instructor: Chris McCann, Rob Ames

Tandem Instructor: Stuart Meacock, Brad Rock, Craig Kelsall, Ron Perry, Bryn Chaffe

Advanced Packer: Andrew Davies, Stuart Albon

In a time of uncertainty...

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No Cash for New Age ?!

Was I correctly informed when I was told that the donations and funding for the national teams only includes the 'classics', ie, formation skydiving, accuracy and canopy formation? None for the new age? If so, with the recent increase in popularity of freefly (from your survey), should the BPA fund our national team? And perhaps help some skysurfers? As I am still a relative novice (75 jumps), I haven't really done any but it seems a new and exciting area of our sport. After all, shouldn't everyone be eligible to represent their country if they are of that standard? We might up our medal count at big events!

Jamie King-Fretts

Got It Wrong

I would love to know who your 'informant' was as he or she has got it completely wrong. There are limited funds available to ALL our potential British teams provided they meet a minimum 'Performance Funding Criteria' at the selection Nationals. There is absolutely no distinction made between the new age disciplines and the rest. For example the only two teams that made the funding criteria prior to the World Air Games (WAG) last year were XL (4-way FS) and VMax, (women's 4-way FS). No-one else achieved the performance criteria; therefore VNE (8-way FS), Team X (CF), all the style & accuracy team and Clockwork Orange (skysurf) trained for and entered the WAG totally self-funded. The rest of the eligible new age teams declined the offer to attend WAG, that was their prerogative.

So you see if the new age teams meet the funding criteria at this year's selection Nationals they will be eligible for whatever funding becomes available. How much that will be, however, is a different matter. Suffice to say I will ALWAYS argue the case very strongly to obtain as much as possible, within current budgetary constraints, to reward those athletes who demonstrate total commitment by achieving the funding criteria.

John Smyth, smyffy@aol.com
Chairman of Competitions

Hinton Tandem Weekend

Thank you Hinton for a great weekend, where we did 144 tandems in a day out of one aircraft. We were all looked after by staff and the club. As I have worked with Dave and Geoff in the past, I was not at all surprised to see how well the weekend was run. Well done to you all and many thanks.

Mike Danby
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Another Front Cover Blunder!

Yep, it's the cover shot on the June edition of the Mag. The picture depicts an ecstatic AFF graduate. How did he pass? No helmet, one legstrap completely missing, the other undone and his rig hanging off one shoulder. Not a good advert for the sport. Your reply to Calvin Blacker's letter in response to a previous cover faux pas, says "Our editorial policy is that photos of students should conform to BPA regulations." I'm amazed that in the same edition you concede your error and admit there should be a disclaimer your cover shot depicts Mr Statistic himself!

Ruth Covell
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There are no BPA regulations which specify how long a student must remain kitted up after they land. There is a disclaimer on page 2; however it is not needed in this case. John was perfectly dressed for the jump but this is irrelevant as it is obvious he has recently landed and is just getting comfy.

Lesley Gale
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Sarahjayne's AFF

I want to say a BIG thank you on my AFF article in The Mag! The response has been fantastic. I have had a couple of emails from people saying how much they liked it, here's one enclosed. It was nice for this guy to bother, he doesn't know me from Adam. I have been picking up loads of tips lately as I'm sure you can imagine, so when I have enough to make it worthwhile I will write again and maybe we could have a 'student tips' bit? Thanks again to all who worked on it for me, it really was great.

Sarahjayne Thomas
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See next issue for Sarahjayne's tip of the month

Dear Sarahjayne

I'm glad I'm not the only AFF student who found it awesome. Your last part of the article is very true. After the attention paid by the instructors through the course, you do seem to be dropped like a hot potato on completion and left to make your own way in the big scary world of skydiving; trying to get in on conversation with people who may as well be talking Chinese! I'm halfway through my WARP at this point in time and hoping that on completion things might be a little clearer. Hope everything is going well for you and look forward to reading your next article.

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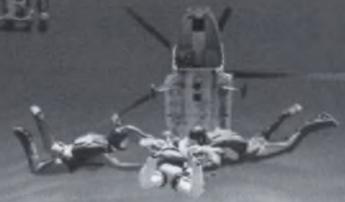
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Andrew Hilton explains...

If you are interested in parachute equipment, enjoy packing different types of rigs and like working with your hands, you're ideal.

You start as a Basic Rigger (BR), just as an instructor starts as a Basic Instructor or BI. A BR must start as an Advanced Packer, the BPA qualification to pack reserves (see *In Reserve* article, August 2000 Mag or on The Mag website).

Basic Rigger Qualification

A BR qualification is gained through attending a week's course, where BPA Rigger Examiners will coach you on all aspects of sewing and rigging. A multitude of subjects will be covered in practical lessons where you get hands-on experience:

Basic Rigger Exam Course

- Sewing machine use and maintenance
- Stitch patterns – when to use them
- Material recognition – differences between different types of fabrics and webbings
- Hardware recognition – strengths and uses of each type of metal on a rig
- Canopy design and construction – methods, designs
- Container design and construction – methods, designs
- Use of hand tools – eg, grommet and pop studs
- Equipment inspection
- Canopy repairs and patching
- Suspension line replacement
- Manufacture of components – eg, pilot chutes, d-bags and sliders
- Container repair work
- Safety Notices – the wealth of manufacturers' bulletins
- Written exam paper

Prior Preparation

You are expected to spend time before the course studying the subject, becoming especially familiar with sewing and sewing machines, and the contents of the riggers' bible, *The Parachute Manual* by Dan Poynter. At this early stage you should start collecting rigging and packing manuals.

All sewing machines are related, so previous use of even a small domestic machine would be useful, though a transition to some kind of industrial machine would eventually be required. Training in the use of sewing machines is given in the basic rigger course to eliminate any bad habits.

Training Period

After gaining a basic rigger qualification, a training period follows during which you have your work supervised by a qualified rigger. A broad selection of work must be undertaken and the preparation for the final examination course would include the following:

- Manufacture of hand deploy pilot chutes and bridles, sliders, static line deployment bags
- Grommet replacement and installation
- Line and velcro replacements
- Repair of main canopies



There are 392 separate components in this Javelin, manufactured some years ago – far more in today's Odyssey.

Photos: Doris Pfister



Alternative to Basic Rigger Course

An alternative method to becoming a basic rigger is 'simply' by registration with the BPA (you must be an Advanced Packer). After such registration, the BR then logs 300 hours of supervised rigging work before attending the final examination course. This is no easy option – 300 hours of sewing is a vast amount of work. The 300 hours does not include packing – or correcting your mistakes!

Exam Course

After a training period of at least six months, it's time for the examination course lasting four days; this is the same for either method of becoming a basic rigger.

Rigger Exam Course

- Written test on rigging and BPA regulations
- Oral assessment of rigging knowledge
- Sample items manufactured
- Canopy and container repairs
- Line replacement
- Manufacture of various component parts

On passing the course, you become a rigger, approved for work on main parachute systems, though not on reserve canopies, containers or components or any harness work affecting the reserve.

Perfection Required

The standard of work expected of riggers on the courses by examiners and after the course by jumpers is little short of perfection. This is understandable where lives are at risk. Substandard work that was almost commonplace in the past is now rare and inexcusable.

Advanced Riggers

The only people who can work on reserves are Advanced Riggers. A rigger can upgrade to an advanced rigger after two years and a successful exam course.



PD factory shots by
Simon Ward

Advanced Rigger Exam Course

- Pass a written test
- Submit previously manufactured advanced components for inspection – including a full rig and all component parts
- Major canopy repairs – complicated patches and line replacements
- Major container repairs
- Presenting a written paper on an aspect of rigging
- Manufacture advanced components – such as reserve freebags
- Present 10 new rigger questions for rigging courses
- Give a talk on a subject from the basic rigger syllabus

packers who could all become riggers with the right application.

Rewards

The most obvious reward is payment for your skills but this is not lavish. A life-saving reserve repaired and packed by a highly qualified expert is only the cost of a couple of skydives. But there is also a satisfaction in being able to repair and advise on equipment and to continually develop that expertise as the sport evolves.

My own rigging interest grew out of a desire to do something constructive with the bad Scottish weather, and make good use of the enforced time on the ground.

Where now?

If you're interested, speak to your local riggers and see what they recommend for you and your particular circumstances for what to do next on the road to becoming a rigger. Good luck!

Andrew Hilton

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The Last Chance

An advanced rigger is qualified to manufacture and repair the 'bottom line' items. That is those that, should they fail, have no back-up, such as reserves and harnesses.

Examiner

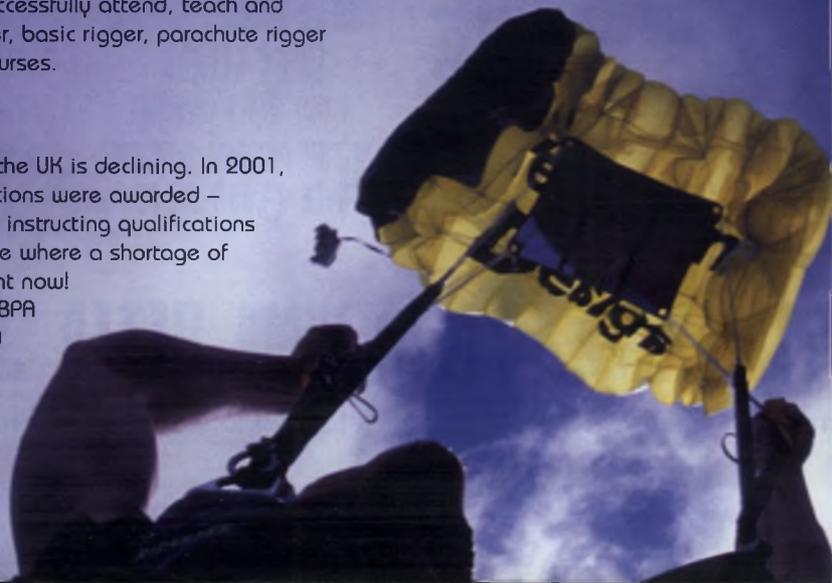
From this point there is still another rung to the riggers' career ladder; the Examiner rating, awarded to those advanced riggers who successfully attend, teach and organise advanced packer, basic rigger, parachute rigger and advanced riggers' courses.

Shortage

The rigger population in the UK is declining. In 2001, only six rigger's qualifications were awarded – compare this with the 60 instructing qualifications that were awarded to see where a shortage of skills lies in the sport right now! There are only about 60 BPA riggers, compared to 280 jump pilots and 460 instructors. But there are about 130 reserve



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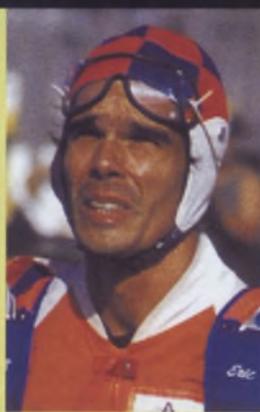
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We celebrated the Queen's golden jubilee by flying a 50

A group of skydivers gathered at Netheravon for the jubilee weekend, 1-4 June, with the aim of building a human 50 in the sky. The idea was to have some fun, do something memorable and hopefully, get our personal tribute to the Queen in the papers. The jubilee dives were the brainchild of Dane Kenny, whose entertaining style of organising and dry wit kept everyone interested, amused and in order. After some warm-up dives in glorious sun, formation loads were soon airborne, with the Netheravon Islander following the Caravan.

The planned formation was quite funky and not the easiest thing to build. The approach was to build the 5 and 0 linked together, then break when complete. There were a few problems which prevented the pictures looking as planned. The 5 tended to float on the 0, although this was easily addressed by the star people flying light on the break. When broken, the 0 was easy to fly but the 5 developed a life of its own and, despite everyone's best efforts to keep it tamed, refused to look much like a 5 on video or stills. Modifications were made to the shape of the formation, over successive jumps, with most people chipping in suggestions. Some of these were even helpful! To further complicate matters, having built the 50 and taken photos from above, we then had to build a formation like a 20, to get shots from underneath which looked like a 50. Some more dirt-diving by committee took place with Dane's military training and his toy gun bringing order to the vociferous rabble.

The dives were recorded by Simon Ward, who had gained some initial interest in the idea from a media news agency, Rex Features. In the end, although the shots were sent to Rex, we didn't make any of the papers as the '5' looked too much like an 'S'. As Andy Ford said, "It's not the best tribute, the Queen has been on the throne for 50 years and the skydivers said - 'So?!'"

That said, I don't think anyone was gutted. We all enjoyed the challenge of building unusual formations and it's always a buzz doing two aircraft loads. It was good to jump with different people, being in the air together created a bond of shared experiences which helped the hog roast barbecue be a storming social occasion. Brit Dane Kenny, ex silver and bronze world medallist in 4-way, is a man with extraordinary energy, enthusiasm and humour. If you ever get the opportunity to be organised by him, jump at it. Dane patently has no idea what a 5 looks like but it really didn't matter. He had an idea, made it happen and we celebrated the jubilee in a memorable, enjoyable and unusual manner.



The weekend understandably brought tales as to what we were all doing 25 years previous, the day of the silver jubilee. It's only at times like this that you realise how many different ages mix in a single jump; unless you're a POP, years don't matter. Rob Colpus had the best memory of all - he was skydiving, flying this banner for the Mirror, in celebration of 25 years on the throne. 25 years later, he's still there in the sky with the same enthusiasm, you have to hand it to him. I wonder what he will be doing in 25 years time?

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Brit Chick got off to a flying start in June and has now gathered its own momentum

Kate Stephens reports on how to win a PD canopy



The current British women's formation skydiving record is a 38-way, set back in '94. With all that British chicks' skydiving talent out there, it's time to beat that previous record. Fifty is a nice round number, in the jubilee year and certainly achievable.

Warm-up

At the warm-up weekend back in June, the weather was a little unkind but we got in six organised jumps with two groups. Downtime was used for seminars. What was great was the vibe – it was fantastic! There was a strong team spirit and everyone really bought into the challenge. No-one wanted to leave, they had all had such a good time. The over-riding comment was "I have learned so much". After the weekend, loads of the chicks offered help so the event has gathered its own momentum and becoming far bigger than we anticipated.

Brit Chick for All

We want to take this forward and are keen to create a great event which everyone can be a part of and learn from, as well as make the 50-way happen. So, we are going to run seminars and organised loads at the build-up weekend, starting Saturday 31 August, for all the women there. Registration is £20 towards the cost of bringing the SkyVan from Belgium, coaching is free. Seminars are aimed at larger formations and will include safety, canopy flight, exits, approaches, diving and more.

Everyone can be part of Brit Chick – whether on the load, organised alongside it, or buying or selling tickets for the Brit Chick raffle – with a free PD canopy of your choice up for grabs!

The Plan

Langar are putting on the show with a Skyvan, Turbolet and Caravan. The build-up weekend should help us get the base building quickly, flying well and giving our super swoopers practice from trail aircraft. Coaches Sacha, Brian and Liz from VMax will each organise a group alongside the build-up record jumps. There is also the chance for these people to swoop a slot if things aren't quite going according to plan!

Sat Aug 31- Sun Sep 1 base practice / formation loads
Thurs 5 – Sun 8 Sept record attempts

Entertainment

Richie the famous skydiving dance DJ will be there spinning his tunes all day for the four record attempt days, Thursday to Sunday, to really keep the vibe high. Top band *Grounded* will be playing a great set on Saturday 7 Sept, the party night, plus we have a trampoline and loads of space-hoppers to keep us amused between jumps!

Media and Sponsorship

Simon Ward and Bev Ford will be dealing with media, they have a highly successful track record of national press and TV coverage for Brit100. Simon has put together an impressively professional powerpoint presentation for potential sponsors. Caroline Hughes has gained T-shirt sponsorship from British Telecom and there are irons in various fires.

For the Girls

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For the Guys

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If you would like to be part of the Brit Chick event, are interested in sponsoring it or have ideas to add, get in touch with Lesley or me. We have all the talent we need already – but if you have the talent and aren't yet registered, it's time to get on board.

Brit Chick Rocks!

Organisers / Coaches

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took these stunning shots, mostly over Sebastian, in Florida. This one and several overleaf show British demo team Spitfire Tigers doing some formation skydiving, much appreciated as they usually jump from a maximum of 5,000 feet for displays. Team leader Roly is also in the picture bottom left of Scottish Mark gaining his FS1.

Whilst at Sebastian, the Spitfire Tigers did a bunch of canopy formation jumps out there, being part of a world first of two 25-way diamonds built side by side with a bunch of US jumpers, under the capable organisation of the American 8-way CF team. As a result, the Spitfire Tigers have been invited back to USA in November to take part in a US record attempt, with a view to being on the World Record the following year. Go Tigers!

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Jo Malone's fashion feature tells you what to be seen in and what to avoid like premature openings...

If you're not looking cool, you're cutting no ice. You may say you don't care, you're just here to skydive – but I bet you can't resist our *Hot or Not* hot list! Fashion rules. It rocks, and it mocks too. Dedicated followers know they're hot to trot, and if their skydiving isn't up to much, it's all they've got.

Okay, perhaps that's going a bit far and even I can't keep a straight face now. But we all know someone on the DZ who truly believes this. They've got the latest labels, the newest kit, the must-have gizmos, funky footwear and designer shades. Their skydiving needs a bit of attention, but they are feeling cooler than a box full of icepops and that's what matters – isn't it?

Skydiving has its own fashion trends. Look around you on the zone and the coolest people there would look stupid if they wandered into town. So, what's the buzz on the packing mat this summer? "Nothing overly exciting", said Rob Colpus of Symbiosis Suits and, while that's not exactly helpful, he is a man who should know. Sitting firmly on the fashion fence, he said there is no major trend for this season. Flatflyers are pretty much plumping for solid dark colours, navy blue or black, with subtle coloured grips, and perhaps pinstripes on the back of the grip. "Fluorescents and neons are definitely out," added Rob. White suits are disappearing fast as flatflyers follow the lead set by top teams such as VMax and VNE who are jumping dark suits. But as for freefly fashion. "That's totally different and totally mad" says Rob, the font of all knowledge (though never known for his stylish appearance – Ed).

And so, the need to know stuff – what is truly scorchio and what's a definite fashion no-no...

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T-shirt over sweatshirt
 was naff, now it's cool



Touchy feely rigs
 totally totally gorgeous



Bald Men & NoTs
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Hard hats
 wise, very wise actually



Flashes of lace
 yup, undies as outies, just a hint because we're delicate sensitive caring souls



Babies
 the latest DZ accessory

What's HOT

- Broided hair** – definitely the way to go
- Baby pink** – pastels are the new black you know
- Floral prints** – the cool, calm and connected hippie groove
- Fitness** – this year's big thing, don't go out without it
- Team T-shirts** – shows you're in if you're a member, and supporting the team if you're not
- FCUK T-shirts** – street fashion which works everywhere
- Rash vests** – possibly the sexiest item of clothing ever invented, makes jumpsuits easily on and offable
- Vans and Reef footwear** – comfy, cool and tough
- French accents** – we love 'em
- Red** – if you can deal with everyone watching you on video
- Orange** – a bit 'last year', but okay if you call it 'egnarò'
- Turquoise** – very now darling
- Mirrors on altis** – very very in
- Tunnel time** – loads of fun and truly makes a difference
- Thomas Hughes** – *Sebastian XL's* new groover
- Camdom on your camera** – one of those wise protect-it moves
- Crop tops** – saves fallout when dirt-diving
- Stripes** – thin ones down the sides of freefly pants
- Chunky necklaces** – but tuck 'em well in before exit
- Piercing** – because you're hard, tuck them well in before exit too!
- Tattoos** – fine lines, feathers, birds, obscure symbols
- Motorbikes** – more in with skydivers than skydiving
- Straight leg freefly pants** – so you fly the clothes, not the other way round
- Decent dreadlocks** – not those skanky unkempt ones
- Formation Skydiving** – yep, it's made a come-back
- DJs at Boogies** – real ones who can mix the **HOT** tunes



Hot and Not photos:
 Jo Malone,
 Simon Ward,
 Lesley Gale

What's NOT

Green or lime green – green has never been in unless you're a plant (even if you are on *Sebastian XL*)

Grips on freestyle pants – unless you really can cut it

Mega mega booties – as above

Red – if you shouldn't be drawing much attention to yourself

Military moustaches – reminiscent of Baldrick and the slug

Blad men with comb-overs – you're not fooling anyone!

Flab – just take it away

BO – it stinks

Brazilian strips – ouch!

Wearing your jumpsuit to Sainsburys – I mean, why?

Style – very, very out,

Frappe hats – completely passé

Harlequin suits – on the way out (sorry Steve)

Radical toggle hooks – you don't impress, we think you're stupid

Pony tails on men over 30 – you don't look young, you look like Status Quo

Blonde fluff – bit too 90s, sweetie

High heels at the drop zone – ridiculous idea

Baggy shorts for dirtdiving – we don't need to be seeing up there thanks

Men dressed as women – old hat, even for the military

Elasticated trousers – especially when pulled up over the waist

Taking too much notice of fashion features – and you thought this was serious!



Men in Lycra
just don't, please



Black Death T-shirts
we don't need those 'I pack 4 Crack' eighties dinosaurs



Fluffy hats
in freefall or on the ground



Goofy teeth or no teeth
try a dentist



Socks and Sandals
why would you?



Animal Bags
unless it's a kangaroo



Using your T-shirt as a hat
didn't you expect it to be hot in the desert?



What's HOT

So if you spot a green and brown jumpsuit fashion just for the 'all the gear no idea' you've got a mirror on your altimeter – or you've got it. Send us your photos of friends looking on, British jumpers are the cutting edge and others follow... The Mag is keeping tabs on the slot. Send us your pics to 'What's HOT' and we'll do the rest...

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I can't slow down!

I'm having problems landing in low or nil wind conditions. I've tried flaring higher than normal to reduce my speed but I still hit the ground faster than I can sprint and I end up tumbling forward. I can't slow down to a landable speed and am struggling to work out why.

V Sawnees



Not having seen your landings it's difficult to debrief them but flaring higher than normal just makes matters worse. To understand this you have to understand the flare and how long its effects last. When you flare the canopy, it slows down more quickly than the weight suspended beneath it. The weight carries on moving forward causing a swinging action which tips the canopy slightly nose-high, reducing your descent rate to a minimum. In nil wind conditions you will still have some forward speed as you touch down, which you will have to dissipate either by sliding or running. (This can be likened to jumping from a moving train before it's come to a complete stop at the platform.) When you know for sure that you are on the ground you can help reduce your speed by taking the toggles down as far as possible, shutting the canopy down. You may be stalling the canopy so it's essential that you don't do it before you're at the running or sliding stage.

Back to the 'making it worse' by flaring higher. The swing forward of the suspended weight is only temporary and, if there's enough space between you and the ground because you've flared too high, the weight swings back under the canopy causing it to return to its normal nose-low attitude. At this stage it's crucial to keep the toggles down as low as possible (without stalling) because if you let up, even slightly, the canopy will dive forward resulting in a very rough landing.

Flaring too high in nil wind conditions is a very common mistake because people get alarmed by the approach speed and try to slow things down by starting the flare higher than necessary. Aggravating the mistake by elevating the toggles is also common as the hands instinctively rise up to protect the body as it falls forward.

May I recommend that on your next jump you do plenty of practice flares at altitude, while time allows, making a point of keeping the toggles down until you recover from the swing forward so you get a better understanding of the effects.

Dr Chris
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Dive Doctor



I've Started to Lose Confidence

I obtained my A licence in New Zealand and did 35 jumps but, on returning to the UK, I have struggled to jump regularly. The weather, my finances and my job have not helped my quest to become a competent jumper! Over the past months of shoddy weather on my free days, I have started to lose a lot of confidence and I have become very anxious about jumping. I have considered doing a Skydive University course to try to build up some confidence. Is this a good idea? If so, where in the UK can I do such a course?

Toby



Maybe shelling out for an AFF checkout dive or two would boost your confidence, even though you aren't officially a student any more. They don't have to be actual AFF levels but this would give you a chance to do some simple skydives, improve basic skills and boost your confidence by having a qualified instructor check your gear, brief & debrief you and give useful advice. You will probably get more out of a Skydive University or WARP course having done this, as you won't be overloading yourself by worrying about the basics at the same time as trying to perform on a particular level. Page 75 of The Mag lists which drop zones have WARP and Skydive University coaches available for when you feel ready, or just ring your favourite DZ and ask if they can help.

Be around skydivers as much as possible, even if the weather is bad. Ask questions, learn about your equipment, get briefed for your ICI; there's lots to do and learn even on a rainy day which will help get you over your nerves. Finally, remember it's normal to feel like this after just 35 jumps!

Doctor D

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Am I a Slow Learner or is she Quick?

I have 160 jumps and felt confident that I was doing well for my experience level. I recently went to a drop zone abroad and there was a girl there with 25 jumps who was MUCH better than me. She was spotting on every load (which I have never done), she was sit-flying, docking on 4-ways, doing canopy relative work, and hitting the target every time on landing. Is it normal for someone with 25 jumps to be this good? Am I a slow learner or is she a quick learner?

I Frett



We're all individuals. It's pointless to compare yourself with someone who learned in another country, under a completely different system. If this girl can do all you say, she's better than 99.9% of the world's skydivers. It is most likely that the jump figure is wrong unless she's had loads of tunnel time and professional canopy coaching – but even then it seems extremely unlikely. Whatever is the case, it doesn't matter. Ignore her and concentrate on yourself. Identify where you want to be, set realistic goals and secure the right coaching to meet these goals. There is no substitute for top level instruction. You may find the free coaching offered at the BPA Roadshows would be of help, see page 20

Spotting will be (or should have been) taught to you as part of your ICI (Individual Canopy) qualification, ask an instructor to go through it with you. Even if you don't spot on a regular basis, it will help you be more aware of where you leave the aircraft. Some day this might save you from an off-landing or accident.

Before you met this girl, you were confident you were doing well. I'm sure you are. It's good to question what's around you but don't worry about her, hang onto that confidence and carry on enjoying the sport you love. Strive for your personal goals, not anyone else's.

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Here are the results of the Mag readership survey, in percentages of the total response. Thank you to the 1,170 people who replied, we're using the information to better steer the Mag. Overall you appear to be happy: 91% of respondents think the Mag is excellent or satisfactory.

More on Website

Every respondent to the survey has been entered into a spreadsheet, now on the Feedback section of our website. For those familiar with MicroSoft Excel, it's possible to gain more information, eg, how many freeflyers jump camera or how many formation skydivers think there is too much freefly in The Mag.

1. Which of these do you enjoy?

Formation Skydiving	76%
Freeflying	53
Camera	25
Swooping	18
Canopy Formation	16
Other	13*
Style and Accuracy	12
Speed skydiving	12
Wingsuit	10
Skysurfing	7

*: judging, student, demos, fun, solos, accuracy, instructing

2. How is the balance of The Mag?

	Too Much	About Right	Not Enough	No Ans
Formation Skydiving	8	74	14	4
Freeflying	17	67	12	5
Skysurfing	4	67	20	8
Canopy Formation	2	68	23	8
Style and Accuracy	6	71	15	9
Swooping	5	67	20	8
Camera	2	66	24	7

3. How about the following areas?

	Too Much	About Right	Not Enough	No Ans
Educational articles	1	47	46	2
Event write-ups	10	80	8	3
Photos	4	82	12	2
Words	1	83	13	3

4. How would you rate the Mag website?

Excellent	14	Satisfactory	29
Poor	1	Haven't seen it	51

More educational articles

Question 2 shows a desire for more on CF, camera, skysurfing and swooping. We plan far more educational articles in future as 46% of you want this (question 3). Anyone who can contribute such articles, please get in touch.

Website

51% of respondents haven't seen our website (Q4). Those that want more educational articles, you can find lots on the website. Type in a topic to the search facility on our home page to locate specific areas. Of those who have seen the website, 98% think it is excellent or satisfactory. Maybe the rest of you should check it out!

Puzzle

Question 7 shows that 39% don't read the puzzle and it has the fewest 'excellent' ratings. So, we've allocated less space to the puzzle and asked Paul our compiler, to make the reserve clues easier.

Incidents

Q7 also shows incident reports are not rated highly. Since the survey was done, we've allocated more space and engaged a new writer, Rick Boardman, who is taking a detailed approach. This seems popular, judging by emails we've had. Feedback on the new incident reports (now In Confidence) is welcome. Sorry there are none this issue due to personal matters. Please note that In Confidence does not deal with fatalities as these are covered in the STC minutes enclosed with your Mag.

Newcomers

We also plan more for newcomers, as question 9 shows that 72% of respondents have under 500 jumps.

Give us some time and we'll respond to what you want.

Lesley Gale, Editor
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5. Of those who have seen it, how do you rate the following areas of the Mag website?

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Poor	Not seen	No Ans
Newsround	22	64	2	2	9
Diary	24	62	3	3	9
Search facility	12	57	10	11	9
Articles	23	62	4	0.4	9
Feedback	11	60	9	9	10
People in the Sport	21	60	5	4	9
Contributions	12	62	7	8	10

6. What do you think of the Mag content?

Excellent	51	Satisfactory	40
Poor	2	No Ans	7

7. How would you rate the following?

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Don't Poor	Read	No Ans
Club News	37	54	4	1	4
Drop Zone Focus	34	55	6	2	4
Kit News	31	56	8	1	3
People in Sport	28	59	5	3	5
BPA Clubs/Ctres	26	64	5	2	4
Diary	25	63	4	4	5
Incidents	21	53	21	1	4
JM's Newsround	20	65	2	7	6
Letters	19	65	10	3	4
Council	13	69	6	7	5
Classified Ads	9	64	9	12	5
Puzzle	7	43	6	39	5

8. Are you:

	Male	Female
Age:		
16-25	11	4
25-34	32	5
35-40	19	2
41-50	16	1
50+	9	1
No answer	1	

9. Do you have:

Under 100 jumps	31
100-500 jumps	39
500-1,000 jumps	18
1000-2,000 jumps	8
2,000+ jumps	8
No answer	0

10. Do you earn:

Under £15,000	18
£15,000-£20,000	16
£20,000-£30,000	29
£30,000+	34
No answer	3

11. Are you:

Employed	72
Self employed	18
Unemployed	2
Student	7
Retired	1
No answer	1

12. If you are self employed, what is your approximate annual turnover?

£20,000	15
£20,000-40,000	25
£40,000-60,000	14
£60,000-100,000	11
£100,000+	25
No answer	11

13. What is your profession?*listed on website***14. How often do you travel abroad to jump?**

Never	16
Less than once per year	22
1-2 times per year	45
3-5 times per year	12
More than 5	4
No answer	1

15. In the last year have you been to:

USA	43
France	16
Spain	38
Other	20
No answer	24

16. How often do you buy the following?

	Every Year	Every 2 years	Every 3 Years	Less Frequently	NA
Rig	0.7	5	14	69	12
Main	1	6	16	63	13
Reserve	0.7	4	10	71	14
Suit	6	18	22	43	10
Helmet	3	14	17	55	11

17. How much do you spend per year on skydiving equipment?

Under £100	15
£100-£500	40
£500-£1,000	23
£1,000-£2,000	10
£2,000 +	6
No answer	6

18. Do you own a camera?

Yes	43
No	56
No answer	1

19. If yes, what type?*listed on website***20. Are you thinking of buying a digital camera in the next year?**

No	62
Yes, stills	9
Yes, video	18
Yes, both	4
No answer	8

21. Do you own a car?

No	12
Yes	87
No answer	6
Make and model	<i>listed on website</i>

22. How old is your car?

Less than one year old	9
1 year old	5
2-5 years old	34
5+ years old	38
No answer	14

23. Do you replace your car:

Every year	4
Every three years	32
More than that	47
No answer	18

24. Do you tend to buy cars:

0-12 months old	23
1 year old	7
2-5 years old	33
5+ years old	20
No answer	17

25. As new, what is the value of your car?

Under £10,000	28
£10,000-£15,000	24
£15,000-£20,000	15
£20,000 +	16
No answer	17

26. Do you smoke?

Yes	16
No answer/no	84

27. If yes, which brands?*(% out of those who smoke)*

Benson and Hedges	11
Embassy	6
Lambert & Butler	10
Marlboro	33
Rolling tobacco	24
Silk Cut	12
Other	20

28. Do you wear branded clothing?

Yes	66
No/no answer	34

29. If yes, which brands?

Adidas	30	Reebok	29
Gap	18	Reef	11
Mambo	8	Ripcuri	14
Nike	38	Salomon	11
Oakley	27	Teva	14
O'Neils	15	Vans	22
Puma	5	Other	16

30. Do you enjoy:

Skiing	43	Climbing	25
Snowboarding	23	Flying	7
Scuba diving	33	BASE jumping	5
Balloonng	6	Paragliding	0.3
Hang gliding	3	Paramotoring	2
Crochet	4	Parascending	28
No answer	20		

31. Please add any other comments:

Every comment added is listed on the website. In summary, where they could be categorised:

35%	praise for The Mag's quality
20%	more kit, safety, technical & educational
11%	more for newcomers
7%	more detailed incident reports
6%	no tobacco advertising
5%	criticism of The Mag's quality
5%	less social photos
4%	more UK, less from abroad
3%	more from abroad, less UK
2%	include poster



People in the **SPORT** Martin Williams

Martin's enthusiasm for the sport is infectious. He has over 3,500 jumps, is a BPA Examiner, AFF instructor and Skydive U coach but what sets him apart is his approach to the development of his students.

This dedication has led to the birth of a social skydiving club called Team Pumpkin. TP runs fun, progression and training at Netheravon, Hinton and other DZs.

So Martin's AFF graduates continue to benefit from his experience and that of other Pumpkins long after AFF has faded into a distant memory.



How did you get into parachuting?

In 1975 I joined the Royal Regiment of Wales and then transferred to the Parachute Regiment in 1984. My first 65 were all HALO (High Altitude, Low Opening) jumps from between 12,000 and 26,000ft. My first sport jump was from a helicopter, from 3,200ft with Scotty Milne in 1987, after a two-year lay-off.

Why did you start teaching AFF?

Throughout my 22 years in the military I was always instructing or teaching as this was a natural skill for me. Then in 1998 while I was assisting with some military AFF courses a couple of people suggested that I should start an AFF school. The following year I started PhD Skydiving with my wife, Jan.

Given the chance, what would you change in the sport?

I would like to see an end to the use of round parachutes for training and more emphasis being placed on the retention of students after their initial training.

What's your most memorable jump?

There are two that stand out, the first is a night HALO jump with a bright yellow moon and a shimmering cloud formation and the second is jumping over the coast of Kenya – amazing visuals.

What makes a good instructor?

Having commitment to the student and being prepared to give them your time.

What has changed since you started instructing?

AFF has become the main training method for skydiving. I think training has become more professional and the sport has better coaching and better instructors.

How would you like to improve the training?

The use of a wind tunnel is a great way for students to learn the basics. I would also like to see more coaching roadshows in all of the skydiving disciplines.

Why did you start Team Pumpkin?

I felt there needed to be a way of looking after students after AFF and Cat 8, something to keep them in the sport and help them develop.

How has it worked out?

Very well. Jan and I are very proud of the club and the people in it. There are now around 80 members of which 30 to 40 are active jumpers.

What was your most interesting student moment?

Whilst training a level 2 student in America, we lost the secondary instructor on exit. I was left fighting with the student all the way to 7,000ft where I dumped him out while he was still spinning on his back. He landed okay and during the debrief he said that he enjoyed the skydive and he thought he was stable! He did more jumps but didn't finish the course.

You earn a living from PhD but is that why you do it?

Initially I had no intention of earning money from AFF. The reward for me is seeing somebody like Del Lloyd become a skydiver. She had a spinning problem during AFF which she sorted out. When I jumped with her on my checkout skydive at the end of the consolidation jumps, she was a very relaxed, confident skydiver – that's the real reward for me.

What advice would you give to somebody starting in the sport?

Persevere if the desire is there and you really want to do it, but always do it for the right reasons.

You do a lot of training in America. How do you prepare students for jumping in the UK?

All of the training is conducted to BPA standards and using BPA guidelines and procedures. When they return to the UK, Team Pumpkin is there to get them onto a DZ and jumping in the system with the minimum of hassle.

What is the average number of jumps to complete AFF?

I can only talk about the people I have trained through PhD where it works out to be: 62% complete AFF in 8-10 jumps, 30% in 11-15 jumps and 8% take a little longer!

Describe yourself in five words

Safety-conscious, thorough, organiser, sociable, approachable.

Tell me something people don't know about you

I enjoy the countryside and love nature and classical music.

What do you do when you're not skydiving?

I catch up on the office work, I enjoy walking in the country and like to keep fit although I don't do as much as I would like.

What don't you like in the sport?

People who are unsafe because of foolishness and people with a skygod-like attitude. I am pleased to say this is a very small number.

Who do you look up to?

Anybody that excels at what they do, people like Jack Jefferies and Pete Allum.

How do we stop the trend of serious injuries and fatalities that are occurring under canopy?

The CCI's are responsible for the DZ and its safety and they need to stop people who are jumping equipment that is unsuitable for their level of experience. Jumpers need to respect the CCI for doing this as it's them it protects.

Should the BPA introduce some kind of canopy skills training?

YES!

Have you ever wanted to compete?

I would love to but I don't have the technical skill for 4-way. By that, I mean that competitive 4-way is a very technical discipline and you need to be very current at it in order to be any good.

Maybe 8-way – I have just competed an 8-way training camp at Elsinore with NRA (Non-Resident Aliens!).

What do you think to the new disciplines that have developed?

I am disappointed by the attitude of some UK jumpers within the new age disciplines which you do not see in the States, but I admire those that do it well. Personally the only new discipline I would like to try is wingsuit jumping.

What's next?

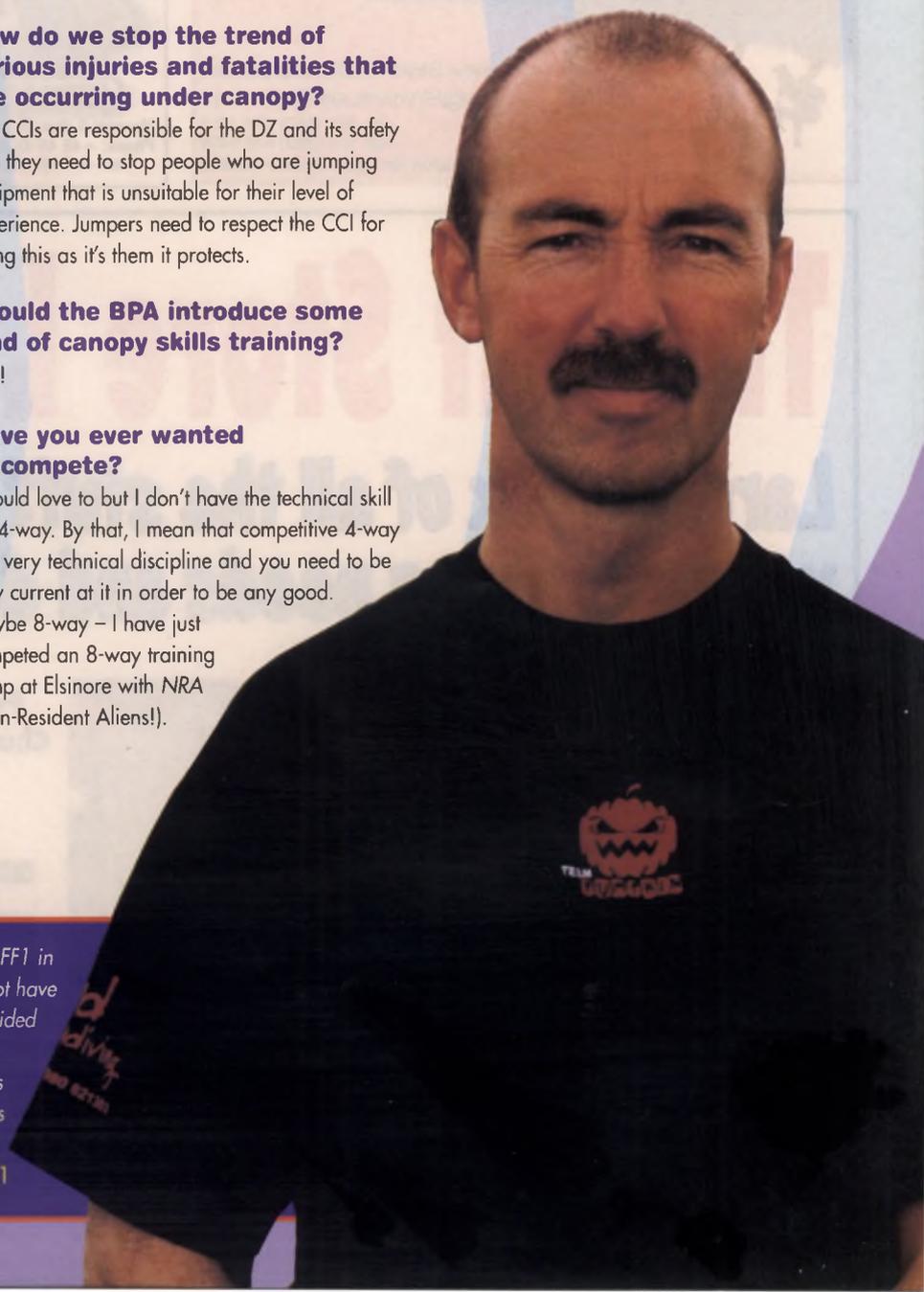
I am going to be the Chief Instructor for Britain's first vertical wind tunnel, SkyVenture UK, which will open in Milton Keynes in early 2003.

Does this mean you'll be spending more time on the ground?

Yes, but I am looking forward to the challenge and I will continue to manage PhD Skydiving as well as keeping Team Pumpkin going.

Martin Williams was interviewed by David Fish
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"I passed my AFF, Cat 8, IC1, Sky U, FS1, and FF1 in under nine months since I started skydiving! I could not have accomplished this without the exemplary training provided by Martin and the social support provided by Team Pumpkin. Martin's enthusiasm for the sport is infectious so the people he has trained always end up equally as enthusiastic."

Andrew Stewart, TP Student of the Year 2001



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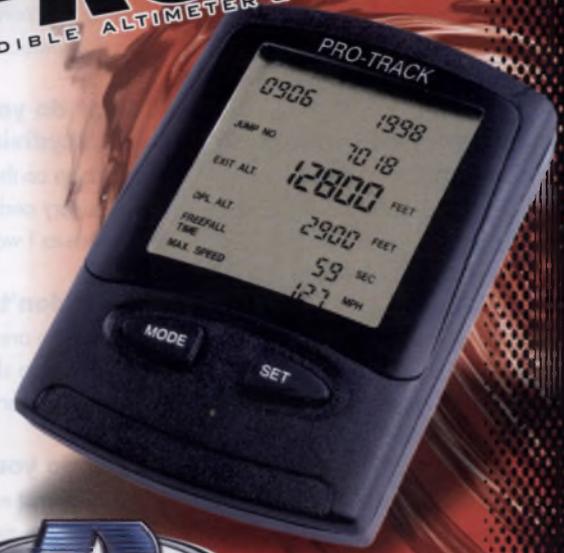
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Kit News

by
Rob
Colpus



Bottle Trouble?



No, it's not a curved pin for large containers, it's a bottle-opener that just LOOKS like a curved pin for large containers. A must for every skydiver's kitchen? Apparently they retail at about £16.

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Correcting Corners!

In the last Kit News we reported that Sunpath's new *Dynamic Corners* option for their *Javelin* rig would retail at around \$30. Well it seems we got that one wrong – shock, horror! The real price is \$60 when ordered with a new rig or \$90 as a retro-fit on existing rigs.

Sunpath: 001 813 782 9242
www.sunpath.com

Suits You Sir!

Cameraflyers these days are not content to just sit above a group and snap away, they want to be able to instantly slip below for that special underneath shot too. This has posed a few problems for suit designers who, whilst trying to create maximum lift with wings in a flat position, see that lovely lift spilled when the cameraflyer turns his/her wings upside-down. The most effective wings for a flat position are those where the leg attachment point is around the front of the thighs but this type of wing is totally ineffective when upside-down. Most suit manufacturers have settled for a compromise wing where the attachment point on the leg runs down the leg's outside seam. This works both ways up, but is a less efficient compromise.

Symbi Suits reckon they've come up with a novel solution – their new *Split Wing Suit* has taken the 'around the front of the thigh' idea and duplicated it. The split wing is a normal, single, large camera wing from the cuff to just below the waist – from this point down the wing splits into two with one part attaching around the front of the thigh and the other part attaching around the back of the thigh. Now whenever the cameraflyer wishes to flip, he/she will always maintain the same wing performance.



Symbi report that the new wing is very stable during the transition from front to sit as tension is always maintained on both winglets.

Of course there is always a small price to pay – the split wing requires the cameraflyer to undo four fastex snaps rather than the standard two, (unless they choose to slip the swoop cords off their hands) and the design requires a bit more care at pull time because of the proximity of the rear winglet with the BOC handle.

Symbiosis Suits: 01622 890967
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Relative Improvements



The Relative Workshop of Florida have been one of the innovators in the design and manufacture of sport harness/containers for the past 30 years. Amongst their impressive gifts to our sport are the 3-ring single point cutaway system, the throwaway pilot chute and tandem parachuting. Their new offering is the latest in a long line of containers carrying the *Vector* name.

Known as the *M-series*, the new *Vector* is largely based on the successful *Micron* rig which was released three years ago to accommodate only the smaller sized canopies (150sq ft down), but this time built to take all sizes of canopy from 150sq ft up. The *M-series* incorporates a number of refinements to the *Vector 3* rig, such as more secure 'double' riser covers, safer pin and bridle protection and greater comfort. RW claim that their 'internal curved harness' eliminates the need for chest rings and the problems associated with them.

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On Top Down Under

Total Control, an Australian parachute accessory company, have steadily been making inroads onto the world market, firstly with a wide range of goggles (as reported earlier in Kit News) and now more recently with a range of purpose built helmets.



Obliterator

Marketed under the banner of *Headfirst Headwear*, the range of helmets appears to mirror existing US or European models. The bottom of their range, called the *Obliterator*, is a simple, lightweight, flexible, open-face helmet which strongly resembles Parasport Italia's *Z1 Alpha*. The price is similar to that of the ubiquitous *Protec*, making it a low cost starter model.

Next up is the *Warlock*. This appears to be a clone of Bonehead's *Mindwarp* and is manufactured from Kevlar and fibreglass. External spandex pouches are provided to take audibles and cameras can be mounted to the rigid shell. The internal foam liner is comfortable and covers the entire inside of the helmet.



Warlock

First of their full-faces is the *Rapier* – spitting image of Skysystem's long serving *Factory Diver*. This is a fixed visor full-face with a draw cord closing system and a chin strap. The visors are treated with anti-fog and are available in clear, tinted, or mirrored. Audible altimeter pockets are supplied – one on each side. Liners are interchangeable to adjust size and maximise comfort. The star of their full-face range is called the *Cougar*.



Cougar

This appears to be an interesting combination of the *Factory Diver* with a *Parasport Italia Z1* opening visor. This helmet

picks up on the good points from the two originals – the popular *Factory Diver* type liner with draw string and velcro tab closing system, plus the easy to use yet secure lifting visor designed by the Italians.

Last but not least is an open-faced camera helmet called the *SideEffect*. This helmet was designed specifically with the professional cameraperson in mind. It's moulded with an integrated top mount platform, side mount platform and an internal dual audible altimeter compartment. A strong chin strap and chin-cup are supplied as standard. *Headfirst's* chin-cup design rotates and moves to fit the angle of the wearer's chin.



SideEffect

Total Control's helmets are priced fairly competitively for the bottom end units and on par with the competition at the top end. Custom paint jobs are also available at extra cost. Tinted and mirrored lens availability is planned but yet to be advised.

Made in Britain...



British jumper Andy 'Wez' Wesley is building a rather cool looking, fully moulded, flat top, full-face camera helmet which retails for around £300. Wez's product has a carbon-fibre composite shell, carbon-fibre top plate (flat or z-shaped), any one colour, metallic or flat (extra colours £25 per colour). The helmet sports a single action cutaway system, audible port on the right side, two adjustable micro clips and rear entry. The shell comes in one size only but the liners vary in size to suit your head.

So far Wez's helmets have met with enthusiastic approval at several northern British drop zones plus Empuria in Spain, and demand is growing.

An open faced camera helmet with side mount for freeflyers is also in the pipe line. Production time for full faced camera helmet is 3-4 weeks.

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Club News

EDITORIAL

The Mag readership survey shows that Club News is the most popular section of the Mag. I'm really proud, as you should be because you write it. My job gets harder every issue as the enthusiasm for sending news in gets greater. There's so much to say and too little space, but I enjoy a challenge so keep it coming!



The results of the Mag readership survey in their raw format are available on the website. Incidentally, it looks like skydivers enjoy crochet more than paragliding, hang gliding or paramotoring. Thanks for taking this question in good humour – it "had me in stitches" too and brightened up those long hours of data entry!

To continue the Hot or Not theme from pages 44-47, if you spot someone on your DZ looking incredibly 'Hot' or particularly 'Not', take a picture and send it in to the Mag or give it to your club rep. Make a mate famous – we like a good giggle.

Bev

Sibson Achievements

First freefall	John Parker
Cat 8	Chris Harris
FS1	Justin Noons
ICI	Stuart Wilson
24hrs freefall	Simon Smith

Jump Numbers

100	Mark Andrews
	Dean Shortt
	Justin Noons
	Stuart Wilson
300	Matt Robinson
1,100	Cath Symonds
1,400	Rose Leggott



SIBSON

We have been continuing with brightening up the DZ. Most of the buildings are now different colours. There is a new swoop course with eight windblades to give you a new challenge after opening. At the second reunion of *Another Planet* and *Mixteen*, the weather was kinder to us than the first and we managed to fill the aircraft with flatflyers! It will be repeated.

Queen's Golden Babylon

We hosted a mini freefly festival to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Fred and Tom from *Babylon Freefly* in Empuriabrava, along with Alex & Stuart Meacock and Giles Fabris were there to coach, organise and generally encourage freeflyers. One on one coaching was offered as well as group organising.

The standard of freeflying was high and people attended from all over the UK, Europe and Australia. With a relaxed and fun atmosphere, we did a huge variety of jumps including tracking, head up/down, flocking (follow the leader), atomauti (steep tracking) using smoke, paper and streamers. The UK's tightest 11-way head-down dives were achieved along with some of the best linked head-up flying.

During the day Birdland bar provided excellent food and in the evenings it was alive with the sounds of DJ King Pete and Richie. Alex put together a video of the day's jumping. Sibson now has the Babylon video, 'Freefly Basics 1' for sale.

4Pak Coaching Weekend

Let's face it, it just isn't that much fun falling all alone, down the tube and that's exactly where recently qualified FS1 jumpers frequently find themselves. Many new skydivers find it easier to go over to the dark side. Coaching and encouragement helps to develop a learning structure to motivate all jumpers. Sibson hosted some excellent skills training weekends such as the BPA 4Pak FS coaching roadshow. Blessed with good weather, people jumped their socks off and learned bundles. Everyone who participated benefited from 1-1 and team training according to their preference. Sound dirtdiving, clear briefs and positive debriefs inspired confidence in each jumper's own ability, improved their skills and added awareness.

Although the weather closed in on Sunday, 4Pak ran lectures to improve timing, precision and exits. Well established teams attended to pick up tips in preparation for the Nationals and less experienced jumpers found a clearer focus on their goals. Some thought getting together a 4-way team would be hard enough, never mind entering the Nationals, but I happen to know that a few new application forms were filled in.



Cornelia Waymouth, Giles Fabris & Caroline Allen



Jumpers at Sibson's jubilee freefly festival achieved the UK's tightest 11-way head-down dives.
Photos by Dave Du Plessis



TP 2 Wild Geese

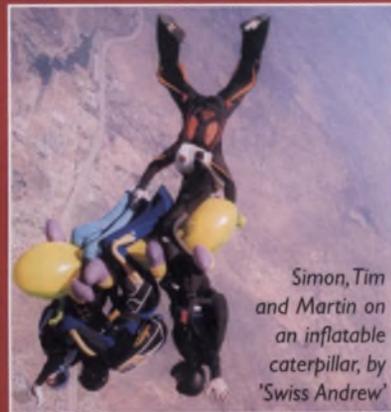
18 Pumpkins descended upon the Wild Geese in May for a long weekend. The weather was better than expected and most got between four and six jumps in, together with a bit of fitness training due to landing all around the DZ rather than on it, with a combination of interesting spots and unfamiliarity of the DZ! The Geese really looked after us and made us feel very welcome, thanks for that.

Thanks to Jo Brookbanks, TP's very own webmaster who has taken to jumping in a huge way. She is now training to be a camerawoman, jumping mainly at NLPC. Jo is very enthusiastic and helps all other TP members when ever possible. She is a star!

TP 2 Elsinore

Simon Larcombe and Tim Earlam went to Skydive Elsinore, California to gain their FS1 ratings with Martin Williams. The first day was taken up with fun jumps to get used to the DZ. They then started on Sky U which went really well on the whole and was made better with the use of booties, full face helmet and audible alti. The instruction they received was second to none – personal attention and expert tuition with a good safe attitude. Their best jumps were the tracking dive and the 'good-for-a-giggle-jump' with the inflatable caterpillar. The trip gave Tim and Simon a greater ability in the sky and a better appreciation of safety related issues.

PUMPKINS



Simon, Tim and Martin on an inflatable caterpillar, by 'Swiss Andrew'

Achievements

Cat 8 Simon Weber, Cameron Findlay
FS 1 Simon Weber, Simon Larcombe, Tim Earlam, Steve Tiller

Jump Numbers

100 Simon Larcombe, Tim Earlam, Steve Tiller
200 Peter 'Ming' Warren

Martin Williams & Tim Earlam

POPS



Hinton, 29-30 June

There was a good turnout here and we competed in 4-way on Saturday. This was the last of the FS competition as the weather closed in on Sunday. The meet was won by Michael Allum, Glenn Stephenson, Graham Fowler and Pete Shew. On Sunday we competed for 'Pete's Pot' in the Hit 'n' Rock, which was won by Glenn Stephenson.

POPS UK Record Attempt 31 August-1 September

After the low turnout last time, the format was changed. Jack Felstead (responsible for the existing POPS UK record) will organise the record attempt, pre-select and invite participants. Come to support the event and fun jump the Let, Caravan and SkyVan.

Programme for 2003

I intend to change the routine for 2003. The last weekend in June will be the POPS prize competition meet which will be named the British POPS Nationals. In August or September, there will be a further record attempt, coupled with organised formation loads. There

will also be a meet to explore other aspects of skydiving.

Michael Allum is again proposing a trip to Cyprus during May 2003. A discounted package deal (if enough interest) is being arranged, contact Michael asap: mallum@onetel.net.uk
Tel: 01394 460887 (pm) 01473 258185 (day)

UK Top Pop 2003

After the AGM in 2003, my three-year term as Top POP will be complete so I am looking for a successor. If you think you would like to take on the challenge, let's talk! pete@thepops.org

World POPS Meet, Switzerland 2004

Théo has announced that the 7th POPS World meet will take place on 31 July – August 8 2004 at Epagny Aerodrome, Gruyères in Switzerland.

New Members

Dave Major, Kevin Dubash, Sylv Radcliffe
Peter Hamilton, Kevin Cox, Steven Tawse
Neil McLaren, Keith Johnson

Pete Shew

The POPS at Hinton
by Inger Allum



CHATTERIS

Achievements

First freefall	Mark Price, Kev Bloor
Cat 8	Chris Christou
	Luke Wigley
	Stuart Young
	Dave Bowers
FS1	Sharon Dawson
FF1	Ron Perry
IC1	Danny Porter
48hrs Freefall	Gary Small

Jump Numbers

100	Tony Labbadia
300	Jerry White
600	John Stevens
	Mark Mallinder
1,000	Russell Smith



BPA solicitor, Tim Scorer did a tandem with Mike Rust

The new bunkhouses are now complete and cost £15 per night, per room of two or three beds. To book phone Martin on 01473 829982. The Christmas exodus to Eloy is shaping up with over twenty people booked so far, any other clubs or individuals going for the boogie? Let's get a Brit convention together. Congratulations to Ben Harrison on passing his instrument rating, he is now actively seeking employment in the real world, although rumours abound that the only job he has applied for so far is test pilot for Slumberland!

Steve Wilkins

Chris Lynch's Canopy Control Seminar

This was well attended by both local and visiting jumpers with a very wide range of experience levels. Chris's easy to understand lectures were backed up with video of how to get the most out of flying your canopy, as well as clips of canopy pilots not getting it quite right. Good weather in the afternoon allowed people to put into practice the theory they had learned in the morning.

Midsummer Ball

70 skydivers in posh frocks and DJs danced and drank the night away. The evening started with a display into the venue – a display in every sense of the word as Clem wore his kilt for the jump! Nobby challenged the patience of the hotel staff by parking one of the golf carts in the hotel reception. Money was raised for a local charity, with a raffle and loads of generous prizes.

Speed 7

Eleven teams entered this year's meet which was a speed 7 so that we could get two teams in the aircraft. The usual handicap system was in operation, allowing the junior teams floaters, the intermediates a no show exit and the senior teams a long run at it. Due to the weather, by the end of Saturday only round 1 was complete and five teams had completed round 2. The packing shed was cleared for an excellent party with the videos from round one providing entertainment. By Sunday we managed to complete round 2 and called the meet at 3pm.

Speed 7 Winners

- 1 NRA
- 2 Uncurrent Affairs
- 3 Why Us?

15-way Weekend

Zygosis, our resident 4-way team, planned a weekend of organised 15-ways, based around

the principles of safety, fun and performance. The aim was to build consistent, multiple-point 15-ways. Dave and Chris wasted no time briefing the group in the morning. Turnaround was maximised by bypassing the normal ticketing process and banning everyone from disappearing for fag breaks between jumps! We managed four jumps on each day, despite early finishes due to heat exhaustion and extreme thirst (for beer!) Some early fall rate issues were quickly sorted out with a slot change and the addition of a baggy T-shirt. Debriefs were kept short and friendly with plentiful praise. By the end of the two days the dockings were smooth, the builds faster and everyone was smiling! Thanks to Zygosis, particularly Dave, Chris and Malcolm for an excellent weekend.

Polly Parrott, Ruth Cooper
Jane Buckle & Mike Dawson

Mick Darby

HEADCORN



Emily Horwich receiving a 35% discount PD canopy voucher

Achievements

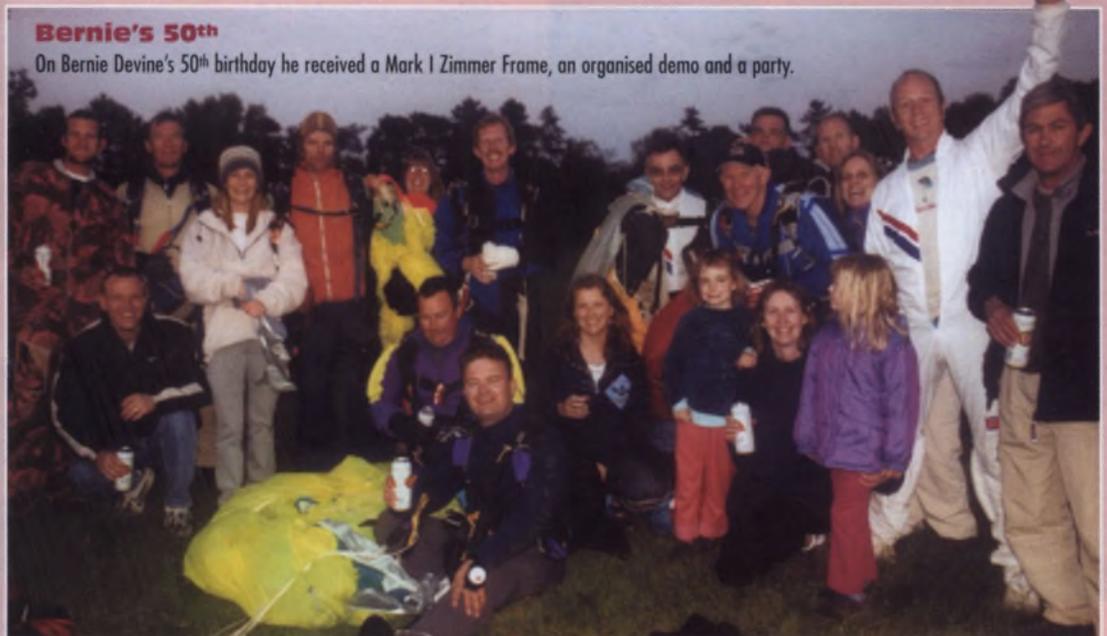
First freefall	Jonathan Abbot
	Tony Lennard
AFF Level 8	Mario Lindburg
	Peter Henderson
Cat 8	Moria Lindburg
	Sam Gouws, Terry Watt
IC1	Richard Wiggins
FF1	Gary Rawlinson

Jump Numbers

100	Dave Hartley, Matt Leach
200	Jon Ashton,
	Marius Du Plessis
300	Andy Kille
400	Chris Pillings,
	Graham 'Sharon' Stone
900	Pete 'Nobby' Leighton
1,000	Baz Smith
2,000	Chris Shaw

Bernie's 50th

On Bernie Devine's 50th birthday he received a Mark I Zimmer Frame, an organised demo and a party.



Paul Stockwell

Helicopter jumps are being organised at Brid. If you want to give it a go contact Tracey Bartley t.bartley5@ntlworld.com

Dave 'Elvis' Walker has somehow persuaded Lara 'Mrs B' Jordan to marry him. He has organised a stag week in Florida in November. Our best wishes go to Lara and... Florida! Andy 'Machete' Pollitt has set up as DZ barber with a very short queue of potential customers – something to do with the job he did on Karen's hair. The DZ clubhouse bar still bears the scars!

The demo season is well under way and notable demos include one into Flamborough for the Jubilee celebrations and another into the local clay pigeon shooting ground.

The annual AGM/party was preceded by a day of fancy dress jumping. Tracey wore an eye-popping Abba outfit that the dog took a shine to; Alan Westerman who was awarded Student of the Year at the AGM spent the day disguised as a clown (nothing new); Simon Cathrine wore a subtle purple-sequined pimp suit with matching black afro and platform shoes and someone else wore a Spiderman costume, only to be told he looked more like, "A hooded pervert"!

Following the enjoyable trip to Wild Geese in April, another has been arranged for September. What revelations will come out on video this time, I wonder?

Paul Simms



Paul in his balloon suit

Craig Smart

Achievements

Cat 8 Paul Smart
300 jumps Stuart Self



Alex Rennie



Dan Parker

BCPA Nationals, 1-5 July

This year was our 25th annual nationals; a quarter century celebrating jumping during the day and partying at night. The 62 collegiates coming from eight different universities were determined not to disappoint. Target Skysports hosted the meet and their super-turbines were primed to take jumpers to 15,000ft for a festival of collegiate skydiving. Planned for the week was a 3-way FS comp, pre and post FF1 freeflying, along with student and experienced accuracy. All the competitions would be taken over 3 rounds with prizes being given at the end of the week. Unfortunately, the British summer had other plans...

Jumping

Mon, Tue and Wed passed by with only minimal jumping, but a few teams squeezed in their first FS round. Team *Vom* set the pace right from the start, completing 19 points in 50 seconds working time. A couple of FF rounds were completed but people mainly waited for the decent weather promised for the next day. Thursday morning allowed student jumping and Hit and Run accuracy to start. The more experienced jumpers kept the G-92 busy with all three competitions whilst the students hurled themselves out of the SMG. Friday was brighter but it came too late. The competitions were judged on one round only – sudden death skydiving, if you excuse the phrase.

FS

The 3-way FS comp had a lot of entries and a handicap system allowed all the teams to compete on a similar level.

- 1 *Vom* (Will B, Dan P, James S)
- 2 *York Uni* (Niki B, Gaurav P, Beth K)
- 3 *UWE* (Tim C, Gitanita 'G', Oli Van B)

Freefly

This is only the second BPA freefly competition and it was great to see lots of interest. Unfortunately the comp didn't get finished but some people completed their rounds the following weekend, the results will be announced later this year.

Student Accuracy

This year the student accuracy was a Hit and Run competition in an effort to prevent low turns and target fixation. Penalties were threatened but not needed, as the attitude of all the jumpers was one of 'let's have fun but do it safely'.

- 1 James Bellew
- 2 Robbie Basak
- 3 Linda Booth

Experienced Accuracy

The collegiate CCI, Paul 'H' Hollow led by example, scoring a dead centre on his first jump but controversially this was disallowed due to him either not pre-declaring it, being smug about it or being the CCI, depending upon who you talked to!

- 1 Dan Parker
- 2 Colin Booth
- 3 Will Bradbury

Entertainment, AGM & Prizegiving

Luckily the entertainment schedule was huge to keep everyone happy. Monday night saw party games and ritual humiliation, Tuesday had a bouncy castle and bungee-run and Wednesday was pizza and pass-the-parcel (inc forfeits) night. Thursday saw a few brave souls dressed according to the doctors and nurses theme and danced the night away courtesy of *Deep Spade* on the decks while Friday was the slightly more tame barbecue, AGM and prizegiving. Departing Chairman, Dave Thompson took the podium for the last time. After a few well-chosen words of wisdom, the new committee was elected and continued the cosmopolitan feel that has done so well for the BCPA this year.

New BCPA Committee

Chairman Lorraine Blacker (Manchester)
Secretary Will Powell (Leeds)
Treasurer Sally Helliwell (Sheffield Hallam)

Everyone moved from the classroom to the bar for the prizegiving, which included Student of the Year, Winner of the University League and the prestigious Duncan Longthorn trophy for best individual.

AGM Prizes

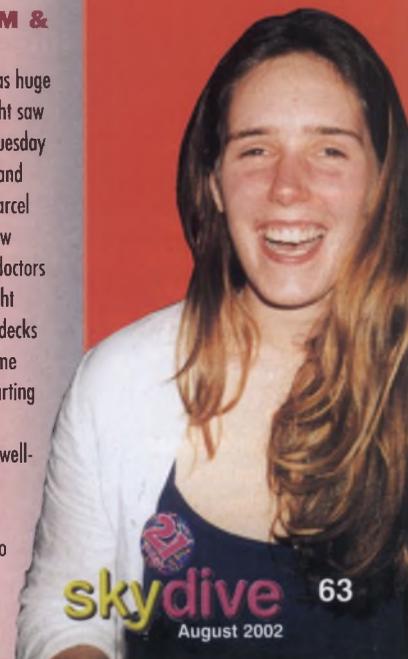
Duncan Longthorn trophy Beth King
Special Contribution Felicity Wood
Student of the Year Colin Booth

BCPA University League

1 Leeds University
2 York University
3 UWE

We look forward to seeing you all at Freshers in Autumn. Check the website for details: www.bcpa.org.uk

Will Powell



NETHERAVON

Achievements

First freefall

Elisabeth Relf, Ian Turner, Justin Harris
Christina Sadler, Adrian Farrington
Brian Mackay, Rupert Major
Chandra Golesworthy, Neerav Dhanani
Olly Pereira, Ed Whiteside, Sam Heyman

Cat 8

Craig White, Viv Brown
Chaz Sagar-Goldsmith, Steve Hilder
Will Wilson, Lisa Wood, Rob Richards
Alex Jackson, Dan Lord, Adrian Farrington
Brian Mackay, Chandra Golesworthy
Olly Pereira, Ed Whiteside, Sam Heyman
Leo Baker

FS1

Blair Galloway, Russ Powers
Justin Packshaw, Dave Clarke

Simon Bristow, Stephanie Jones

Alex Jackson, Steve Hilder, Antoine Moran

FF1 Ian Nicholson, Nick Davison

ICI Steve Hilder

Jump Numbers

50 Steve Hilder
100 Dave Clarke, Sully Rahman,
Sharkey Ward
200 Ian Shaw, Kathryne Milne,
Steve Sutton, Paul Housley,
Kate Burn
300 Robin Durie, Jay McNaught,
Bish, Tom Leonard
350 Carl Jackson
450 Keith Davidson
500 Jeff Zubahar, Mike Ehlis
600 Paul Seymour
700 Scottie Wheller
1,000 Nick Davison



The Netheravon
CF coaching roadshow

CF Coaching Roadshow

The last weekend in May saw the CF coaching roadshow, organised by Aron Jones amongst others. Time on the ground was put to good use with briefings on emergencies, spitting, exits, equipment and packing. Paul Dennis-Smith also gave a camera briefing. Everyone did well in the limited time the weather allowed, the event finishing with an 8-stack attempt that built to 7, some nice video footage and not a wrap in sight. Thanks to junior pilot Nick, coaches Aron, Dane, Nick, Tom, both Ians, Pat and cameramen Paul & Mickey.

Classics Southern Regionals

There were nine senior accuracy and four senior

style competitors and two entries in the team accuracy at the classics southern regionals during May.

Winners

Style (3 rounds) Jeff Chandler 34.51

Accuracy (6 rounds) Dave Ballard 0.12

Team Accuracy

Ivan Rossington, Liz Danby 2.59

Dave & Jules Ballard

We're all sad to say bye to Graham and Bex Harrison as they leave us for two years in Brunei. There's an open invite to anyone who happens to be in the area so feel free to drop in. We're all looking forwards to Graham talking the Sultan

into hosting the first Brunei boogie.

Congratulations to the RN & RM team (Ritch, Steve, Dain & Jay) who won gold at RAPA. They didn't specify whether that was in the 4-way or the drinking competition! Also of note is Robin Durie's 300 jump achievement. It would be a lot higher if he actually spent some weekends at the DZ rather than on drinking farays, special recces or other covert operations of an undisclosed nature! Apparently Tommy 'twelve rigs' Trindall snoozed on a load at the Czech boogie. I believe that's a first so lets hear that bell! Lastly, everyone sends their love to Vicky Holton — keep smiling!

Aron Jones, Kath Salisbury & Liz Ashley

ST ANDREWS

Results of Red Bull's 'Bull's Eye' Event

Individual		Points
1	Graham Edinburgh	111
2	Kevin Mullin St Andrews	61
3	Louise Duguid Edinburgh	23

Team

1	Edinburgh	147
2	St Andrews	145
3	Abertay	49
4	Glasgow (did not complete round 3)	29

Achievements

Cat 8 Solly Helliwell
First freefall Marlina Espinheiro, Scott Ward
Lucy Caldwell
FF1 Graeme Mackay, Tom Paterson
10hrs freefall Alastair McLaren

Jump Numbers

100 Gordon Morison
200 Tom Paterson
1,000 Alastair McLaren

Red Bull 'Bull's Eye' Student Event

We hosted a one-day student accuracy event with a twist. Competitors were human darts and tried to land on a custom built giant Red Bull dartboard. All of the university clubs in Scotland were invited to enter a team of three with the opportunity of winning jump tickets and prestige. As a further incentive to compete, Red Bull subsidised jump tickets. Edinburgh, Glasgow, Abertay and St Andrews universities all drew straws between their members to see who would represent their club for this new challenge. It was not only accuracy to be tested but landing technique and safety too.

With blustery crosswind, landing on the 15m diameter dartboard proved a tricky task. Students were guided onto the dartboard by radio talk down and landed on high scores with ease. Experienced parachutists went for it themselves, with the first round showing a complete lack of points for them, to the delight of the students who at first claimed they would never manage it!

Kevin Mullen from St Andrews Uni gained the second highest individual score with points being awarded for both landing technique and a treble score. This gave St Andrews the lead



Photos: Red Bull

for the second round. This position was challenged by a spectacular swoop by Glasgow uni's Dave Pritchard that narrowly missed a treble score. Graeme Mackay clinched the landing of the day, earning Edinburgh the winning place.

To finish the day and to thank Charlie from Red Bull for all her hard work, we took her on a tandem, telling her only minutes before she got in the plane. All day Red Bull had a DJ on hand with a PA system wired up, providing tunes. At dark once the competition was finished the music was brought inside and we continued partying.

VMax FS Coaching Weekend

This caused great excitement as the previous VMax coaching weekend was brilliant.

Everyone on the DZ was taught mantis body position, 2-way, 3-way, 4-way formations, topped up with seminars on creating a team, spawning the first junior 4-way team at St Andrews (who have been team training every weekend since, so look out!). One of the most fun yet tiring seminars given was Brian's fitness and nutrition regime. An unexpected extra was added when Brian gave freeflying and high performance landing seminars. Everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves and looks forward to VMax's return.

Gordon Morison

BLACK KNIGHTS

Our first open week was really busy. As well as a group that had travelled from Sheffield, ITV was filming 'Dial A Date' with FHM model Gabrielle Richens hosting the show. A couple from Manchester arrived totally unaware of what was in store: a tandem with Danny and Billy plus Carl on camera. They were phased by the experience then went to Thurnham Mill Hotel for a meal.

The next weekend we did in excess of 40 lifts out of Tig's Islander which had flown up from Hinton. Saturday night we were entertained by the *PC Roadshow*. The two guys had everyone on the floor and are booked again for Saturday 17 August, the start of the next progression week. We are planning to have a Porter for two weeks from 22 September. Watch the notice board and website.

Achievements

Cat 8 Neil Henshaw
100 jumps & IC1 Rob McVey

Jeff Illidge

HINTON

Jubilee Party

Jubilee weekend saw the hangar transformed into a 1977 style street party but with a lot more alcohol involved. Everyone was tested in a trivia quiz and the brains of the DZ were team *Farquar* winning jump tickets. The night took a rapid nose-dive when it was decided to play Giant Jenga without using our hands. The lads were very impressed with Maria's way of removing the blocks!

Hinton Tandem Record

The end of June saw us break our own tandem record, managing 144 tandems in one day from one aircraft. After the world's biggest Chinese takeaway and several hundred beers later we finished partying, making for a relaxing Sunday.

Byes & Birthdays

We celebrated Let pilot, Chobba's birthday with a traditional kiddie's birthday party. Steph even made jellies in the colours of the Hungarian flag. We then played 'Lick and Stick' (similar to Pin the Tail on the Donkey) which was definitely a game for the boys and we all think that Ian Marshall should keep his T-shirt on in future. We welcome Brucie back after a 19 month lay-off due to a skiing accident. Bon voyage to Zoe Carroll and Pete Stoneman who are off travelling around the world for two years.

Caroline White

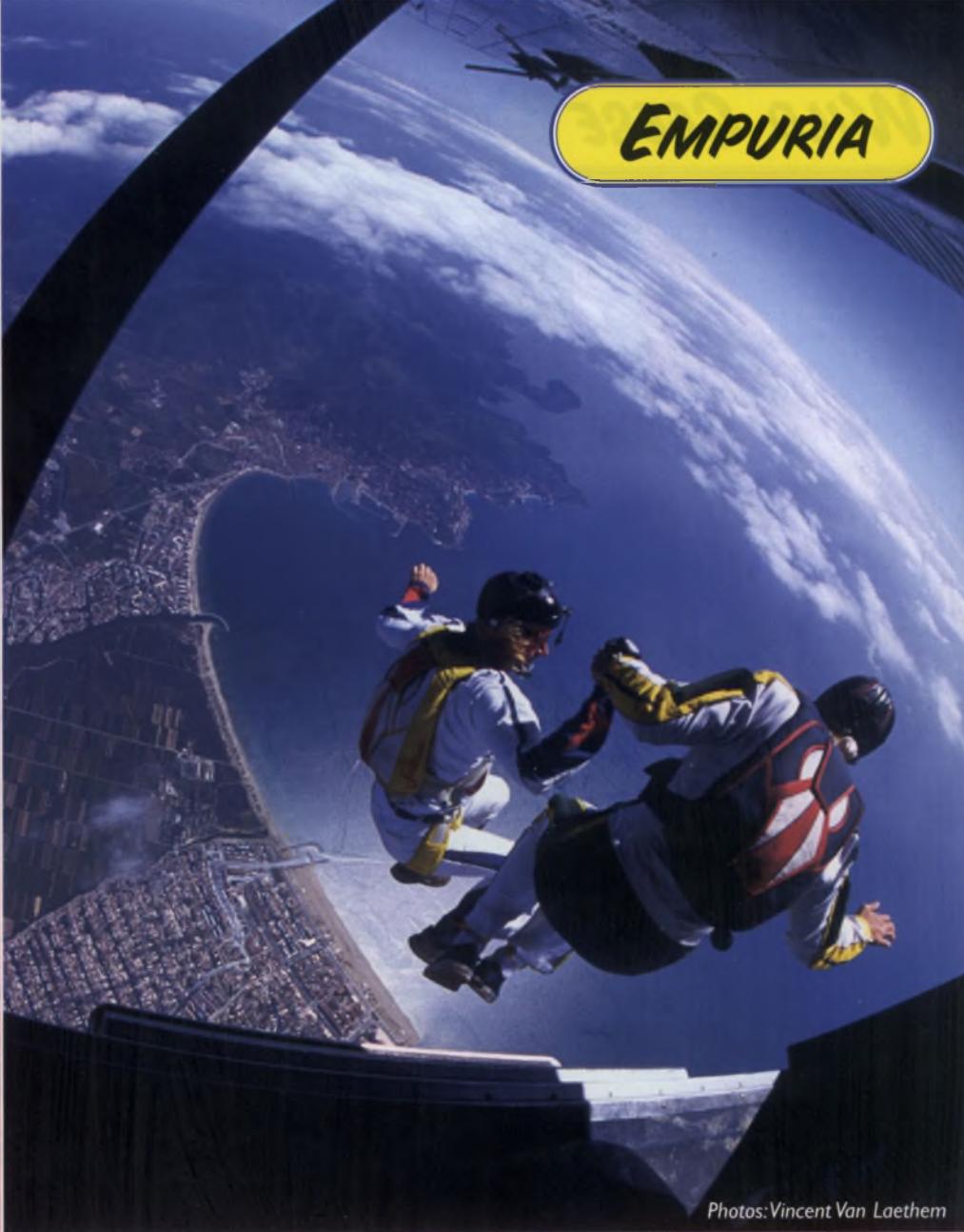
Achievements

Cat 8 Martin Westcott, Matt Abram
Philippa Pickering, Andrew Skippen
FS1 Mike Sheehan, Alex McDonald

Jump Numbers

100 Danny Jessop
400 Sandy Thorne
900 Maddie Moore
1,000 Steve Parks

EMPURIA



Photos: Vincent Van Laethem

Hotting Up

The opening of the Base Bar was a grand occasion and the official start to the summer in Empuriabrava. There's been a fair few Brits out here recently with *4-pak* and *Quest* coached by Joey Jones. There was a contingent from Cork as well. With the Spanish nationals on their way we are getting in the competition mood and the management are in full swing preparing for the World Cup in October. Check out www.worldcupempuriabrava.com It's hoped the event will be quite a show with national television companies interested and a film about it being made.

Richie will be holding his annual 16-way invitational in September, and don't forget if anyone is interested in doing a 16-way seminar contact richihornig@hotmail.com Also directly after the World Cup there will be a CF seminar for all levels, contact us for registration details. The centre has the

pleasure of welcoming back Jon King from New Zealand who will be working here for the summer, doing tandems, video and coaching.

From the Babylonians

Thanks to those who turned up for the Babylon Boogie at Sibson. Tom and Fred went visiting for the Jubilee weekend and it was a huge success. The Meacock family who run Sibson were totally brilliant and there has been nothing but positivity coming back since.

Benigale Richards

Empuria's new bar and pool



WILD GEESE

Accuracy Winners

- Senior**
 1 Terry Murphy
 2 Ray Hennessey
 3 Even Simpson

- Intermediate**
 1 Mike Murphy
 2 Claran Hanvey

- Novice**
 1 Ronan Murphy
 2 Kenny Rooney
 3 Sean Smyth

- Team**
 1 Wild Geese

Achievements

- Grad AEF Kyria
 FS1 Kenny Rooney

Jump Numbers

- 300 Christine, Mike Murphy
 800 Francis Mullin



Senior 1st *Practical Magic*



Senior 2nd *Going After Three*



Novice 1st *Four Is*



Novice 2nd *Blazing Saddles*

Fifteen Team Pumpkin members of various experience levels arrived for a weekend. The weather turned bad on Sunday afternoon so Head Pumpkin, Martin arranged a creeper meet. After four hard fought rounds of which one was blindfolded, *Practical Magic* won.

Irish Nationals

Four teams entered the FS and there was a good turnout for the accuracy. Thanks to the judges for all their help.

Words & photos: John McCourt

Achievements

- First freefall Louise Brennan
 FS1 Jan Elsmore

Jump Numbers

- 50 Scott Hathaway
 200 Stuart Miller-Hall
 300 Big Al
 600 Jeff Montgomery
 800 Duncan Hathaway
 Paul Kendall
 1,700 Rab Lundie

SILVER STARS



After sorting out some severe aircraft problems we are finally back in the air using Tigg's C-185 and Piston Islander from Hinton. We have also been joined by Carl Williams who operates Skydive Southwest in conjunction with the Silver Stars. Things are getting quite busy at South Cerney! See DZ Focus, page 74. Some of the team have just returned from Perris with the Royal Artillery team, led by Sgt Tony Goodman. Thanks to him for organising a great trip. Team members did 50-80 jumps each, gaining more experience for display jumping and getting new team members display qualified, including new team leader, SSgt Rab Lundie. Craig O'Brien did some great camera work to get some pics for the family album.

Farewell and good luck to CCI Andy Paddock who leaves us to go back to proper Army life. Thanks for all your hard work. In his place comes Steve Jelf from JSPC Netheravon – all the best in your new post. Farewell to Wilko who leaves for Civvy Street with his wife Kerry and to Duncan Hathaway and his family who are embarking on a new life in Spain.

Super-swooper, JC jumps amongst the Silver Stars in Perris

Lenny

TARGET

Jubilee Jump Deal

Jubilee weekend saw all the jumpfrogs descend on the DZ with the amazing offer: jump all you can for £250! Most people did at least 25 jumps, making value for money. Phil Black marked his 100th jump with his first 7-way and a hybrid dive organised by cool skyflyer, Sven Zimmerman.

First Summer Boogie

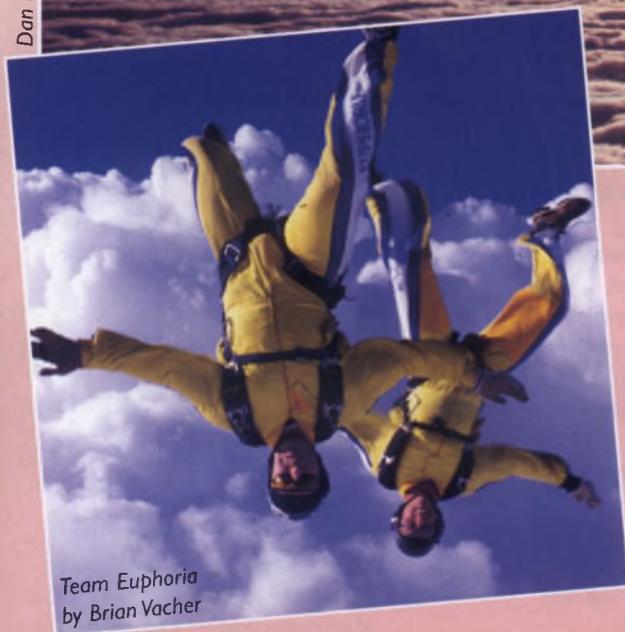
The first Hib summer boogie was a real success as we managed 202 lifts over the week. Sven Zimmerman and Dan Parker were on hand freely coaching and organising, Sven's back at the end of August. The lovely but slightly mad Hannah volunteered to go tandem with H, drogueless and accompanied by a freely escort.

Dave Thompson and his band of merry BCPA helpers allegedly destroyed 26 bottles of tequila in five days! See the BCPA write up, page 63 The VNE roadshow was an excellent weekend where all the lads were kept busy coaching and organising.

Masses is happening over the rest of the summer: www.skydiving.co.uk

Ruth Covell

Dan Parker



Team Euphoria
by Brian Vacher

Achievements

- 1st freefall Alvin Foy, Chera Cowden
Chris Childe
- Cat 8 Dave Blakely
John Watkins, Chris Adams
Mike Cockburn
Sarah-Jayne Thomas
Gill Finch
- FF1 Lewis Payne

Jump Numbers

- 100 Dave Butterell,
Oli Pitchers, Phil Black
- 200 Dave Thompson
- 400 Beth King, Gary Pringle
- 500 Will Bradbury



Chris Lynch Canopy Seminar

Chris's brilliant canopy seminar had maximum attendance and catered for all levels of jumper. Chris covered:

Packing – how malfunctions can occur and how to avoid them by packing

Body position – on deployment, under canopy and landing

Canopy drills – from airspace safety to canopy familiarisation

Choosing your canopy – wing loading, experience level, what you want from the canopy

Extreme canopy handling – using your risers, hook turns and swoop landings

How to begin using your risers – building up to carving riser turns and how to achieve the perfect swoop landings.

Chris paid a lot of attention to the safety issues and potential consequences involved with experimenting with riser turns. Everyone got so much out of the day and we were in agreement that this is a MUST event!

RAPA

Hello to Spence Hogg who joins us for a couple of months before returning to his ski team.

Early Starts & Late Nights

It's been a busy time at RAPA starting with the RASS (Rhine Army Summer Show) which took place on the DZ. This meant early starts and late nights, as we were operating from our alternate DZ which could only be used when the training area was closed. We also performed a display every day of the RASS, with Paul Worthing

jumping into the show for his 16th year running. June then saw us getting ready for the BFG (British Forces Germany) championships. The competition was well attended with teams from all over Germany as well as the Hungarian style and accuracy team, the Royal Navy/Marines team, and *No Illusions* making the trip for the comp.

Swoop Meet

As well as style, accuracy and 4-way FS, we had another swoop comp utilising our new and improved ditch. It was interesting to see how very experienced skydivers can quickly turn into scared first timers again when they are sat in the aircraft waiting to swoop. This event is going from strength to strength so watch out for news of a stand alone swoop meet.

Buzz

Achievements

- First freefall Seb Muntz
- FS1 John Paterson, Pete Pounder, Scotty Scott, Paul McMahon
Mel Biggs, Daz Williams, Del Snelling, Will Waugh
- IC1 Pete Pounder, Paul McMahon, Mel Biggs, Daz Williams
Del Snelling
- 24hrs freefall Steve Blee

Jump Numbers

- 50 Stu McKinnon, Paul McMahon, Del Snelling
- 100 Daz Williams
- 200 Mel Biggs
- 1,500 Steve 'Flakey' Nalden



The RNRMSPA team with the judges



All the FS competitors at the Scottish Nationals



Golden Lions B



Golden Lions A



Up 2 Ur Nutz in Gutz



Take Me

Scottish Nationals

This year the Scottish Nationals incorporated the BPA CF & classics regionals. Registration went well on Friday with teams able to put in some last minute practice, familiarise, or just chill out. All events with the exception of 2-way CF got under way on Saturday with good weather and maximum use of aircraft capacity. The event also included the BPA Northern Regionals in Classics and CF.

4-way FS

Though fiercely competitive in the air, there was a friendly atmosphere on the ground with the more experienced team members giving coaching tips. *Sky Jackers* dominated the junior event. In the intermediates *Booyaka* made a good recovery from a poor first round and gained on *OK Baby* who got off to a good start until it all went wrong in round 3. *Version 4* benefited from their time together as a team and maintained a comfortable lead. With a total lack of competition in the senior event it was never going to be difficult for *Practical Magic*, but that didn't deter their enthusiasm.

BPA 4-way FS Regionals (3 rounds)

Senior	
1	<i>Practical Magic</i> 13
Intermediate	
1	<i>Version 4</i> 20
2	<i>Booyaka</i> 14
3	<i>OK Baby</i> 10
Junior	
1	<i>Sky Jackers</i> 14
2	<i>Mercury 4</i> 5
3	<i>ENV</i> 3

Classics

There was a good turnout for the accuracy competition. To keep the competitors in keen battle it was agreed that although the BPA Regional rules measure to 16cm, the Scottish Nationals rules would be amended to measure to 5m. This rewarded those who were more consistent. In the senior event the medal positions differed. The individual senior

accuracy was won by Glenn Stephenson who lifted the Chandy Trophy for the third consecutive year. In the team event *Strathallan Stompers* had the stronger team and built a healthy lead over *Golden Lions B* and *A*.

Style

1	Glen Stephenson	16.00
2	Paul Ledden	16.00

Scottish Nationals Accuracy

Senior (6 rounds)	
1	Glen Stephenson 0.19
2	Andy Gibson 8.05
3	Darren Brown 12.26

Intermediate Accuracy (4 rounds)

1	Gordon McConnell 12.81
2	Wayne Forbes 13.21

Team Accuracy

1	<i>Strathallan Stompers</i> 60.97
2	<i>Golden Lions B</i> 72.70
3	<i>Golden Lions A</i> 75.54

BPA Accuracy Regionals

Senior (6 rounds)	
1	Glen Stephenson 0.19
2	Darren Brown 0.76
3	John Mikkelsen 0.85

Intermediate (4 rounds)

1	Gordon McConnell 12.81
2	Wayne Forbes 13.21

Senior Team (6 rounds)

1	<i>Strathallan Stompers</i> 3.07
2	<i>Golden Lions B</i> 3.58
3	<i>Golden Lions A</i> 3.64

CF

With the prizegiving for FS taking place Monday lunchtime, CF dominated the final afternoon of the competition. The completion of the 4-way events and the whole of the new 2-way event in ideal sunny conditions made for a fantastic afternoon. Good rounds from *Up to Ur Nutz in Gutz* saw them lift the Chandy Bowl from the *Golden Lions* this year. The prizegiving for CF and classics rounded off the day.

CF 4-way Speed (2 rounds)

Senior	
1	<i>Up to ur Nutz in Gutz</i> 85.69
2	<i>Golden Lions B</i> 90.71
3	<i>Take Me</i> 136.58
Intermediate	
1	<i>Golden Lions A</i> 115.93

CF 4-way Rotations Senior

1	<i>Golden Lions AA</i> 3
2	<i>Up to ur Nutz in Gutz</i> 2

CF 2-way Sequential (2 rounds)

Senior	
1	<i>Take Me One</i> 6
2	<i>Golden Lions B</i> 3
Intermediate	
1	<i>Golden Lions A</i> 8
2	<i>Take Me Too</i> 5
3	<i>Blue Team</i> 4

Three Ton O' Tandems

A new Scottish record was set in June for jumping 50 tandems in one day. These were all from a minimum altitude of 10,000ft. One of our tandem instructors calculated that this was a good three ton weight jumped! With some excellent team working, organisers, participants, and club members, were delighted when the 50th tandem (Kieran Brady with everyone's favourite manifestor, Julie Terry) landed safely on the ground reaching the big 'five-O' target.

Pilot Leaves Plane

Congratulations to Jim, one of our club pilots, who recently found out why we jump. He did a tandem and didn't shut up about it so he's now completed a RAPS course!

Andy's Record Climb

Several club members have now tackled Scotland's tallest indoor climbing wall, with an ever-growing list of achievers signed at the top. Club instructor Andy Gibson still holds the record for being the fastest up in 25 seconds.

Words & photos: Anne Johnson

Strathallan Jump Numbers

50	Kenny Shaw
	Chris Reeves
	Jeff Simpson
200	Joyce Carter
300	Dugald Robertson
400	Alan Russell
1,000	John Finnegan

TILSTOCK



Pat Walters presenting the cup to the scrambles winners

5-way Scrambles Meet

- 1 *The Team I Slept With Last Night*
- 2 *Who Cares*
- 3 *No Idea*

Student progression week has just started and so has the rain! Hopefully better weather will follow and allow all to progress. Boredom was beaten by chasing the gypsies off the runway and trying to escape from the suspended harnesses. Also farewell to Schof's ponytail.

Liz Rimmer

Achievements

First freefall David Lafferty

IC1 Andy Gleeson, Ria Bremner, Russell Adams, Bryan Teeson

FF2 Ollie Dreghorn

Jump Numbers

- 50 Ria Bremner, Russell Adams
- 100 Steve Shone
- 300 Terry Hall
- 400 John Reynolds, Tony Houlton
- 600 Ray Parker
- 1,200 Gwyn Anthony-Ackery

PETERLEE

Photo: Tony Danbury

Achievements

First freefall Rosie Acworth
FF1 Oliver Neuberger

Jump Numbers

100 Dave Taylor
900 Bryn Chaffe



Congratulations to Darren Mathison on his recent marriage to Carol. Billy 'two slots' Steele is about to start work at Netheravon so hope it all goes well, and nobody's jealous of you – yeah right! We would like to wish everyone from the local uni clubs a good skive, sorry – summer holiday. Thanks for bringing so many students to Peterlee and see you all in the Autumn. Thank you especially to Oliver Neuberger (pictured above), this year's president of Durham University freefall club who brought more students than the other clubs put together. Ollie graduated this year with a 2:1 (hurrah!), and is now off to the real world to find a job, best of luck!

Another Deaf Record?

There are now five deaf skydivers and the number is growing. Recently Alan Thompson (Peterlee), Pete Davis (Headcorn), Stu Wilson (Sibson) and Tim Powell (Langar) paid a visit to Empuria. Tim finished off his AFF and completed his consols; and Alan, Pete and Stu scored an 8 point 3-way which is considered a european record! (Please correct us if you know otherwise.) The lads are now practicing for the next all deaf world record event at Perris in October/November 2003.

Jane Robertson & Pete Davis

Photo: Tony Danbury

DUNKESWELL

On the Queen's Jubilee four skydivers (Andy Guest, Gavin Horrell, Roger Hoe & Jason Farrant) achieved 50 jumps each which took 11 hrs and 40 minutes. The day started at 7.30am when we took off, only stopping twice to help the ground crew to pack. We were using our own kit and all the club kit, some on static line, some on

throwaway to get through the day. Carlton TV turned up to include us on the local news that night. Many thanks to our sponsors.

Welcome back to Helen and Phil Stenning.

Gavin Horrell



Dunkeswell Achievements

First freefall Karen Brown
Steve Lawton
Leigh Williams

Cat 8 Paul Fitzhenry
John Wilson
Graham Inch

FS1 Phil Stenning
Gary Sheppard

FF1 Becky Davis
FF2 Gavin Horrell

Jump Numbers

100 Lou Gower
Gary Sheppard
200 Becky Davis
600 Gavin Horrell

LANGAR



Angela Hickling with instructor, Dave Morris

Achievements

First Freefall

Rob Pole, Guy Martin

Cat 8

Angela Hickling, Tim Powell

Gary Pfeffer

Simon 'Deadly' Cupples

Guy Martin, Mo Mohammed

Helen 'Marmite' Clark

ICI

Damian Malkin

Lawrence Richardson

FS1

Mark Coleman, Tina Wiseman

Lawrence Richardson

Chris Dulewicz, Simon Allen

Corrinne Davis

Anthony Whitehead

Paul Monckton

FF1

Keith Thomson, Jo Merry

Abi Fineberg

Judit Forro-Hunter

Martin Robiette, Gary De'Ath

Jump Numbers

50 Stewart Watson

Tom Armstrong

Chris Dulewicz

Lawrence Richardson

Lucie Fenton

100 Jo Merry, Richard Mace

Paul Monckton, Alec Flint

200 Mike Outen, Lisa James

300 Al Hodgson

400 Fiona Birnie, Jill Riley

600 Matthew House

Steve Newman

700 Caroline Hughes

Langar Boogie

We achieved 2,084 jumps over nine days and it was nice to see a wide variety of disciplines: FS, FF, tube dives, tracking dives, CF and various fun jumps including tube exits and even Mr Bill dives. The Jetranger chopper attracted plenty of jumpers, providing exits into virtually still air for that 'hump-backed bridge' feeling in the stomach.

Langar Boogie II & Brit Chicks

If you fancy jumping from a SkyVan tailgate, it's here for Langar Boogie II, 31 August to 8 September, in parallel with the POPS and women's records. The build-up to the women's British record is progressing. See pages 34-35.

CF Regionals

At the central regional CF competition, team *Take Me* (Pat, Eugene, Yo, Sylviane) won the gold and local team, *Touching Cloth* (Simon, Barry, Mark, Martin) took silver in 4-way speed.

FS Regionals

We completed all rounds in all three classes, with 21 teams attending and an excellent junior turnout. We totalled 899 jumps over the two days! We were pleased that the senior event was won by Langar's own team, *NRG* (Marcus, Phil, Keith and Milko, with Gary on cameras), just two points ahead of *X-Trix* (Ash, Amanda, Sarah, Tony, Dave).

Winners

Senior

1 *NRG* 2 *X-Trix* 3 *Relative Breeze*

Intermediate

1 *Quest* 2 *UBI* 3 *Usual Suspects*

Junior

1 *Chaos* 2 *Mo Fo Ho's* 3 *Beauty & the Beasts*

Words and photos: Tony Danbury

VNE Coaching Roadshow

The first VNE coaching roadshow was held at Cark in May and was most successful. Martin, the two lads, Kev of VNE and Liz from VMax hosted the weekend. We couldn't have asked for more, the organisation was magic. We were coached with 3 and 4-way with a 13-way friendly comp to round off the weekend. Feedback was fantastic, participants said the coaching was very informative, thorough and entertaining. The coaches were pleasantly surprised by Cark and its organisation, our jumpship (the Let) and the glorious views of the bay.

Texel Training Camp

As per last year's success in Texel, Holland another trip was arranged and 12 of us went out there for FS and freefly coaching. It seems we were remembered! Their hospitality was superb, arranging nights out for us, accommodation and travel. And, as we'd brought the Let with us, we were everybody's best friend!

Us flatflyers did 8-way coaching with Herman Landsmann, picking up great tips and having positive debriefs whilst the freeflyers were coached by Jaap Lepoole and Dan Parker from Hibaldstow. (Jaap is the brother

WESTON

Rodders 4-way Meet

Apples's two year old daughter wasn't the only one excited with the "Snesna" flown in from Texel, Holland. Manifest had to deal with the 'Snesna', Go Red and the Black Beaver, 4-way competition, RAPS course, tandems and AFF students. Four of the nine teams entered had personnel doubling between teams! The Rodders puts junior, intermediate and senior teams against one another, handicapping by different dive pools. The camaraderie at the club ensures that while everyone is very competitive in the air, on the ground support was overwhelming. *X-Trix* and *UBI* were everywhere helping out. Round 2 saw a heart-stopping incident – the Cessna's door runners caught the end of a reserve handle cable at exit. Anita from *X-Chix* had her pilot chute whisked across and below the tail wing for a 12,000ft reserve ride. Seems a tad excessive just for a rejump!

When jumping stopped the bar was shouted by Mark Rodwell's family all the way from New Zealand. Mark died of cancer related illness and is warmly remembered for contribution to RAFSPA. Mark was a member of *RAFSPA 4-way*, the British team prior to *Sebastian XL*.

X-Trix missed the last round and were awarded points to keep their average, but lost the opportunity to catch up. Lucy Robinson is the L in *LAAH* and doubled duty jumping as the alternate for *UBI*. At only 100 jumps post FS1 she is looking very impressive.

Dru Spork

Winners (5 rounds)

Senior

1 *X-Trix* 40
2 *Another Flash* 42

Intermediate

1 *UBI* 50
2 *X-Chix* 42

Junior

1 *Anyone for Tennis* 13
2 *Spork Scratchings* 23
3 *LAAH* 45

Lisa James's 200th jump



of the famous freeflyer Frank Lepoole who has won many meets with Eric Fradet). The six days we spent there were brilliant and the Monday night pool game, Killer organised by Lloyd was a night none of us will forget. How did we get so drunk? Kay was in charge of the Sambukas and I quote, "Mick, I am not having any more after this, I am going to Bed!" She was then found three hours later still propping up the bar! Drizzle one day meant we went karting and I think there were more camera helmets than crash helmets.

Due to the British climate our return flight home was hindered so we had to spend yet another day at the DZ! Progression was very noticeable and the dives we were building gave us so much confidence. If there was one thing I and Kay learned, it was Herman's notion of being more aggressive, so here's to you Herman, "Grrr!".

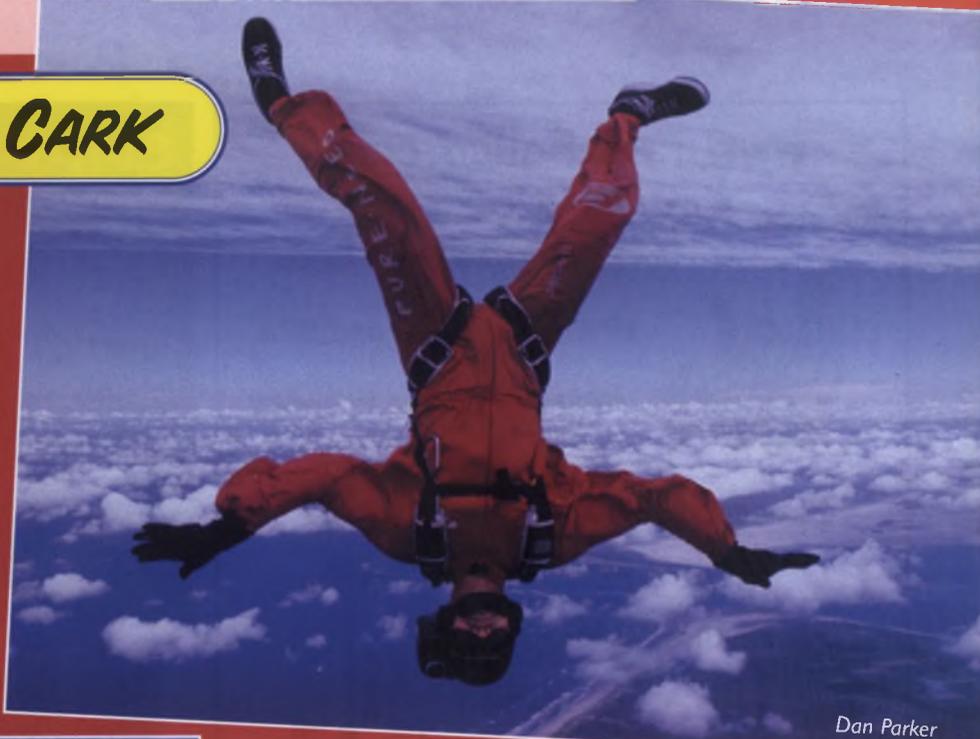
Michelle Meakins

Achievements

FS1

Karen Bain

CARK



Dan Parker



Andy Ford

Wiggaz Festival, 31 Aug – 1 September

If you're tired of going low on an 8-way, getting chinned during an eagle, leaving your lens cap on by accident, and having really bad 'Bonehead-hair' days, then this could be the event for you. Come along for a totally non-serious celebration. Bring your sense of humour and a wig. Events include flat and freefly wig jumps, tracking dives, balloon jumps (tbc), load organising by George Pilkington and Darby Allen, a barbecue and party.

Achievements

Cat 8 Graeme Rose, Steve Brown
 FS1 Nicky Dumbleton, Iain Firkins, Becky Hughes,
 Tim Cooke, Ash Booth, Russ Murphy
 FF1 Nick Davison, Steve Scott

Jump Numbers

50 Graeme Rose
 100 Steve 'the Frog' Davies
 3,000 Tomo Thompson
 4,000 Steve Scott

Prizегiving photos:

Lottie Capanni & Amanda Kemp

Scrambles Competition 1-2 June

Over the Jubilee weekend, a merry yet depleted band of experienced jumpers were each given a team of reprobates to knock into shape. Thanks to Moose, Ash and Amanda from X-Trix for doing two teams each! This ranged from complex, competition style dirtdiving, to simply encouraging the Baldrick to leave the plane with the rest of the team (and if they can stay the right way up for 60 seconds, then all the better). We had great fun in the bar watching frantic mid-air sign language brought about by incomplete blocks and brain-lacked Baldricks. Meet director, Ash, thought it would be fun to schedule two of the six rounds from a smaller door which was on the opposite side to our resident Islander – a piece of dastardly planning. The competition was hard fought but it was the last round that changed the fortunes.

The Top Baldrick prize of a ProDytter, donated by Korkin Kats, was given to Lilli Spitzer for her excellent performance. Ben Woods must be congratulated for his ability to cover numerous slots of a left hand donut – the lengths some people go to score a point!

Mac MacDonald & Bev Ford



1st Pic 'n' Mix

(Amanda, Lucy, Gary, Nick, Matt, Andy, Josh)



2nd High Jinx

(Sarah, Mac, Chris, Paul)



3rd Builders' Bunch

(Craig, Ian, Ciaran, Adele)

Weston Plummets

Three Plummets teams entered the Rodders 4-way meet – *Anyone for Tennis, Anarchy and Spork Scratchings* (will I ever live it down?). We had quite a battle avoiding last. *Scratchings* did well for a scratch team, *A4T* scored a fantastic 5 in round three and *Anarchy* had a battle from there.

We also held the inaugural Spencer memorial big-way. Friends and family of Spence appreciated the Plummet vibe. We attempted an 8-way (big for plummets) from 14,000ft which allowed plenty of funnels but also some nice, controlled and safe flying. We had a hoot. Thanks to Moose and Fordy for coaching, assistance and camera. Nationals 8-way speed next!

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Reggie - shipping department



Simone - hardware assembly
quality control



Thomas - maintenance



Betti - maintenance



Erika - order processing



Victor - hardware assembly
quality control



Karl - cutter production, maintenance
updates, quality control



Sandra - maintenance receiving
and processing



Uli - service equipment
and instrumentation



Helmut - inventor



Robert - temperature compensation



Christiane - power consumption
test series, quality control



Heinz-Jürgen - precision test series
quality control



Martina - cutter production



Evelyn - accessories assembly



Anneliese - calibration,
quality control



Rudi - research and development



Steffi - sales and support



Peter - accounting



Karl - research and development



Sylvia - sales and support



Frieda - hardware assembly



Simone - English secretary



Kai - rigging, customer support



Patrick - functional test series
quality control



Martin - network administration



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quality control



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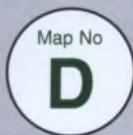


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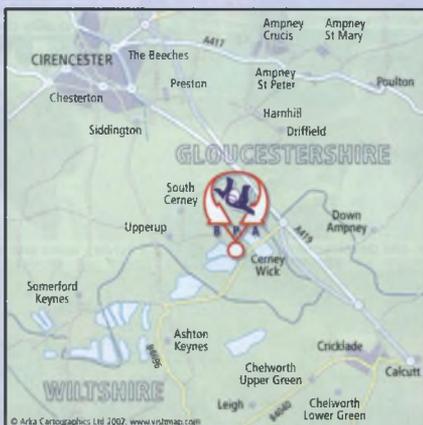
Directions

From South

The centre is located approximately 16 miles from the M4. Come off the M4 at J15 onto the A419 to Swindon. Silver Stars is located within 29 Regt RLC, signposted AMC. Come off at the Stroud turnoff.

From North

Take J15a from the M40 onto the A429. Follow signs for Cirencester - approx 45 miles. Coming into Cirencester, follow the signs for 29 REGT for 2 miles.



Map kindly provided by Visitmap 01342 823423

Recommended Local Accommodation

The Horse & Groom
Tel: 01285 860236
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£65.00 Double/Twin

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£45 Single, £60 Double/Twin
(£50.00 if single person in double)
£75.00 Four-poster bed suite

Owner/Operator
Royal Logistic Corps

CCI
Steve Jelf

Instructors
Gareth Leonard, Jeff Montgomery
Dean Hoskins, Dave Lewis
Gary Stevens, Marie-Ann Stevens

Pilots
Bob Prunty (CCP), Tiggs
Shaun Wilson, Justin Sheppard
Jeff Chandler

Aircraft
Piston Islander 8 place
Cessna 185 4/5 place

First Jump Courses
RAPS, Tandem, AFF

Jump Prices
RAPS (Static line, freefall) £30
Up to 5,000 feet £9
Max £15

Altitude restrictions
None

Coaching
FS, CF, ACC, WARP, display coaching

Other businesses located on DZ
Skydive Southwest operates in conjunction with the Silver Stars and offers RAPS, tandem and AFF courses.

Special events
A night jump programme will start in November

Food & Drink
There is a bar on DZ and vending machines selling tea, coffee and snacks. Places to eat at nearby include Greasy Joe's Café, McDonalds and Tescos. Cirencester town centre has a good selection of pubs including the Eliot Arms and the Rock night club.

Accommodation
Free camping is available by prior arrangement at the DZ.



Craig O'Brien

Scenery & Local Attractions

The Cotswolds' views are fantastic. On clear days the Brecon Beacons are visible. Cirencester is five minutes away with a good selection of shops with Swindon and Cheltenham both 15-20 minutes away for some serious plastic melting.

Overview

The Silver Stars is a small but friendly DZ. Visiting instructors are always impressed with the attitude of our instructors and the general atmosphere. We cater for all disciplines with the emphasis being FUN. The DZ will be undergoing some changes soon, including an indoor packing area planned for later this year.

Silver Stars Display Team

The Silver Stars are the only military display team to operate their own drop zone. They carry out parachute displays for Royal Logistic Corps (Army) units and for the general public. The team has jumped in front of the BPA patron, HRH The Prince of Wales, twice. They have also jumped into charity football matches, gaining good local TV coverage, which is great publicity for the sport. The Silver Stars do not carry out as many display jumps as other teams as they operate their own DZ at weekends.



BPA Affiliated Drop Zones



1-23 Civilian BPA Centres
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Coaching & Facilities

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

7 Headcorn Parachute Centre

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

Open: Every day 9am - dark (Closed Mondays in winter)

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Turbolet (Apr-Sept), Beaver (Oct-Mar), Islander

LO WP FS AC

8 Hinton Skydiving Centre

Hinton Airfield, Steane, Brackley, Northants NN13 5NS
Tel: 01295 812 300 Fax: 01295 812 400

info@skydive.co.uk www.skydive.co.uk

Open: 9am - 7pm Tues - Fri, 8am - 8pm Sat and Sun

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 206 (all year), Turbolet March - Dec

FS CF FF SU AC WP

9 London Parachute School

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Drop Zone located off Junction 6 of M40

Tel: 01494 459 500 Fax: 01494 444 326

info@londonparachuteschool.com

www.londonparachuteschool.com

Mob: 07970 818 458

Open: Weekends 8am - dark

First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, tandem

Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206

WP

10 Merlin Parachute Centre

Alanbrooke Barracks, Topcliffe, Nr Thirsk, N Yorks

Tel: W/days 01204 391 860 W/end 01748 875 367

Open: Weekends and bank holidays 9am - dark

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Islander

FS CF AC

11 North London Parachute Centre Ltd

Chatteris Airfield, Manea, March, Cambs PE15 0EA

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Open: Tues - Fri 10.30am - dark, Weekends 8am - dark

First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Nomad

LO FS CF WP

12 North West Parachute Centre

Cark Airfield, Flookburgh, Nr Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria

Tel: 01539 558 672 Fax: 01772 787 106

skydive-northwest@totalise.co.uk

www.skydive-northwest.com

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First Jump Courses: squares, tandem

Aircraft: Islander, Turbolet 410

LO FS FF CF AC WP

13 Paragon Skydiving

Errol Airfield, Grange, Errol, Perthshire PH2 7TB

Tel: 01821 642 454 Fax: 01821 642 656

www.paragonskydiving.20.com

Open: Wed - Sun

First Jump Courses: rounds, squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 182

CF WP AC

14 Peterborough Parachute Centre

Sibson Airfield, Wansford, Peterborough PE8 6NE

Tel: 01832 280 490 Fax: 01832 280 409

skydive@skydivesibson.com

www.skydivesibson.com

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First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Islander, Cessna 206, Turbolet (summer)

LO FS FF WP

15 Peterlee Parachute Centre

PO Box 192, Durham DH1 5WD

Tel/Fax 0191 517 1234

Email: shottonairfield@aol.com

http://members.aol.com/skydivemary

Open: All day Sat/Sun/Bank holiday Mon all day, Occasionally midweek

(especially Wed & Fri pm) - phone to confirm before travelling

First Jump Courses: Squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Turbo 206

FS CF WP

16 Skydive Redlands

Redlands Farm, Wanborough, Swindon, Wiltshire

Tel/Fax: 01902 653 220 skydiveredlands@aol.com

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

First Jump Courses: squares

Aircraft: Various

LO FS

17 Skydive Southwest

Pembrey Airfield, Pembrey,

Carmarthenshire,

Wales SA16 0HZ

Tel: 01554 891 534 Mobile: 07779 019655

will@skydivewales.co.uk www.skydivewales.co.uk

Open: Friday - Sunday

First Jump Courses: tandem, squares

Aircraft: Cessna 182

FS AC WP

18 Skydive St Andrews

Kingsmuir Airfield, Saint Andrews, Scotland

Tel: 01334 880678

skydivestandrews@mail.com

www.skydivestandrews.co.uk

Open: Every w/end & Public holiday 8am - 10pm,

Regularly open midweek (by arrangement)

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 185, Islander May - September

LO FS CF FF WP SU

19 Skydive Strathallan

Strathallan Airfield, Nr Auchterarder, Perthshire PH3 1LA

Tel: 0777 468 6161 Weekend 01764 662572

kbrady@fsbdial.co.uk www.skydivestrathallan.co.uk

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

First Jump Courses: rounds, tandem

Aircraft: Turbine, 3 x Cessna 206

LO FS CF FF AC WP

20 Target Skysports

Hibaldstow Airfield, Hibaldstow, Brigg, N Lincs DN20 9NN

Tel/Fax: 0113 250 5600 or 01652 648 837 DZ

info@targetsky.demon.co.uk www.skydiving.co.uk

Open: 9am - dusk every day

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: G92 Turbine, SMG-92 Turbo Finist, Cherokee 6

LO FS FF WP

21 The Parachute Centre

Tilstow Airfield, Whitechurch, Shropshire SY13 2HA

Tel: 01948 841 111 Fax: 01948 840 638

skydive@theparachutecentre.com

www.theparachutecentre.com

Open: Sat 8am - dark, Fri 2pm - dark (summer)

First Jump Courses: squares, AFF, tandem

Aircraft: 2 x Cessna 206

LO FS CF AC WP

22 UK Parachuting

Old Buckenham Airfield, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1PU

Tel: 01953 861 030 Fax: 01953 861 031

jump@ukparachuting.co.uk www.ukparachuting.co.uk

Open: Weekends & Weekdays (but phone first)

First Jump Courses: squares, tandem

Aircraft: PA-32 (available for weekend displays)

FS

23 Wild Geese Skydive Centre

Movenis Airfield, 116 Carrowreagh Road, Garvagh,

Coleraine, Co Londonderry, N Ireland BT51 5LQ

Tel: 028 295 58 609 Fax: 028 295 57 050

parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk

www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

Open: Every day, W/end 8am - dark, W/days 9.30am - dark

First Jump Courses: squares, tandem

Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan

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A Army Parachute Association

The Commandant, JSPC Airfield Camp, Netheravon,

Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 9SF

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apa@netheravon.fsnet.co.uk www.netheravon.com

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David Morris Action Sports

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Scottish Sports Parachute Association

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Newsgroup: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scotspa
The SSPA aims to promote parachuting in Scotland and provide training grants and subsidies for all aspects of the sport.

Skydive Academy

Peterlee Parachute Centre, Shotton Colliery, Co Durham DH6 2NH
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DZ: 00 357 474 4245
Fax: 00 357 474 4180 skydive@logos.cy.net

RAPA JSPC(L)

(Rhine Army Parachute Association)
Flugplatz, 33175 Bad Lippspringe, Germany, BFPO 16
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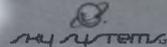
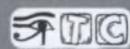
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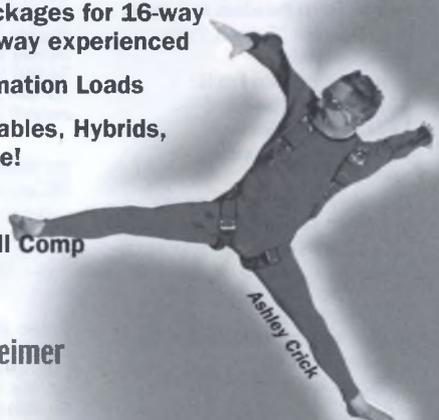
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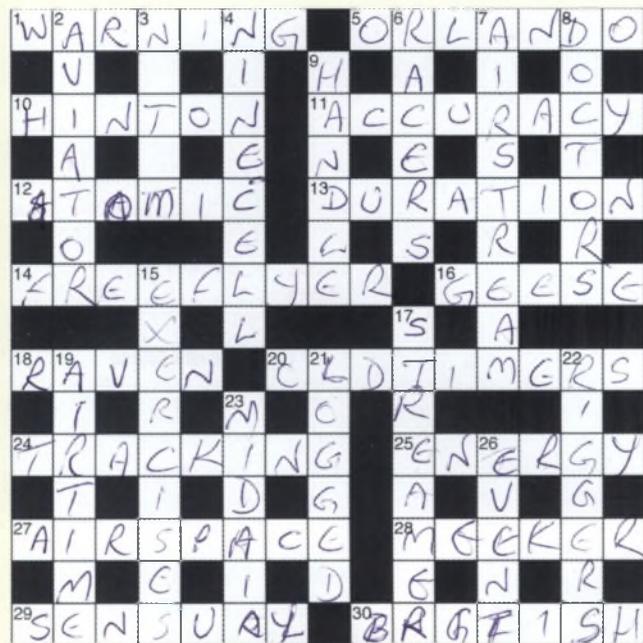
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Puzzle

Main

Across

- 1 A service aboard flight; ominous (7)
- 5 Spotted in error, land off in Florida (7)
- 10 Continue suggesting DZ (6)
- 11 The precision that comes with style (8)
- 12 The power of a cat in charge (6)
- 13 From start to finish, a proportion in brown (8)
- 14 Escaped bird jumps head over heels, or vice-versa (9)
- 16 These birds are wild in Ireland (5)
- 18 Black haired bird? (5)
- 20 POPS hour glasses (3,6)
- 24 Following old video adjustment (8)
- 25 MCC pep (6)
- 27 Overhead cavity (8)
- 28 Less assertive point (6)
- 29 Ibsen's or Yeats' depth of feeling? (7)
- 30 Nationality of PA's antecedent (7)

Down

- 2 Pilot Australian by way of hill (7)
- 3 Air traffic advisory for the afternoon only (acronym) (5)
- 4 Nonocytoid (4-4)
- 6 Competitors rigs (6)
- 7 A rare mist disturbed atmospheric flow (9)
- 8 People who fix broken pins (7)
- 9 Name a composer by ear (6)
- 15 Trains queen in duties (9)
- 17 Remaster malfunction (8)
- 19 Radio play that is 21 (7)
- 21 Taken down dogleg bends (6)
- 22 People who fix broken pins (7)
- 23 Flying during song (6)
- 26 Happening in regular time (5)

Reserve

Across

- 1 Caution
- 5 US tunnel location
- 10 UK DZ
- 11 A classic discipline
- 12 Type of power
- 13 Span of time
- 14 Head-down skydiver
- 16 Aquatic fowl
- 18 Canopy - bird
- 20 Fogies (3,6)
- 24 Flying fast horizontally
- 25 Vitality
- 27 Room to manoeuvre in the sky
- 28 4-way formation
- 29 Of sight, touch etc
- 30 Not foreign

Down

- 2 Pilot
- 3 Notice to airmen (acronym)
- 4 Design of canopy (4-4)
- 6 Containers
- 7 Relative wind
- 8 GPs
- 9 Grip
- 15 Physical jerks
- 17 A malfunction
- 19 Hours in freefall
- 21 Recorded
- 22 Equipment assemblers
- 23 In-flight
- 26 Competition

Solutions Down
1 Warning, 2 Pilot, 3 Notice, 4 Canopy, 5 US, 6 Containers, 7 Relative, 8 GPs, 9 Grip, 10 UK, 11 Parachute, 12 Power, 13 Span, 14 Head-down, 15 Physical, 16 Fowl, 17 Malfunction, 18 Bird, 19 Hours, 20 Fogies, 21 Recorded, 22 Assemblers, 23 In-flight, 24 Horizontal, 25 Vitality, 26 Competition, 27 Room, 28 Formation, 29 Sight, 30 Not foreign.

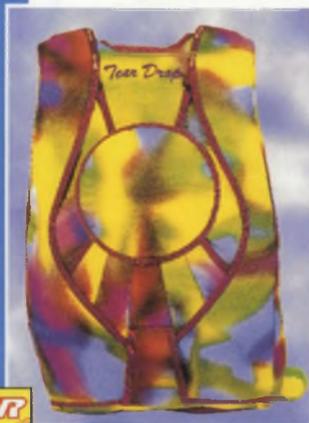
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