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This issue's cover features Hannah Betts, with just 360 jumps. Hannah was inspired by the freestyle article in the June issue, so went up to give it a go.. and what a go – she's clearly in complete control and loving it!

I had the pleasure of jumping with Hannah on her 400<sup>th</sup> jump recently – a 45-way room dive out of three aircraft, with Hannah in one of the rooms, Caroline Guest in another on her 600<sup>th</sup> and Diane Fricker on her 1,001<sup>st</sup>. I was flying in the loop around Hannah and was entranced by the expression of pure delight on her face as she kicked, swam, popped up and span around, beaming all the while in her room. She was so in her element she was like a fish in water.

My point is how the sport has changed – it used to be an old man's game. But, because skydiving is so young it is still evolving rapidly. It's astonishing what the new jumpers can achieve in such a short time, because of the improved knowledge we have; excellent coaching, advanced techniques, open-minded attitudes, more opportunities, safer gear, wind tunnels. Hannah has 8 hours in the tunnel, that more than doubles her freefall time, and effectively quadruples her learning.

Think about it, the BPA only formed in 1962, less than 50 years ago. So here is a sport which was in its infancy beginning to enter maturity. We're seeing freely 53-ways, formation skydiving 357-ways, speeds of over 100mph have been recorded under canopy, wingsuits have docked on parachutes. That's at the leading edge. The other end of the scale is even more inspirational – what the young kids with just a few hundred skydives can do is outrageous. It doesn't take many jumps, combined with enough tunnel time and the right coaching, to fly straight to the top. Kate Stephens had 300 jumps when she joined VMaX – less than a year later she had an international gold medal!

It makes you think, what are the new generation going to be capable of when they have a few thousand jumps? Skydiving's probably not maturing after all, it could be merely adolescent. I wonder what marvels Hannah will have achieved when she's been in the sport as long as a die-hard like me? Go for it girl – and all the other Hannahs out there, the sport is all yours for the taking.

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*Lesley*

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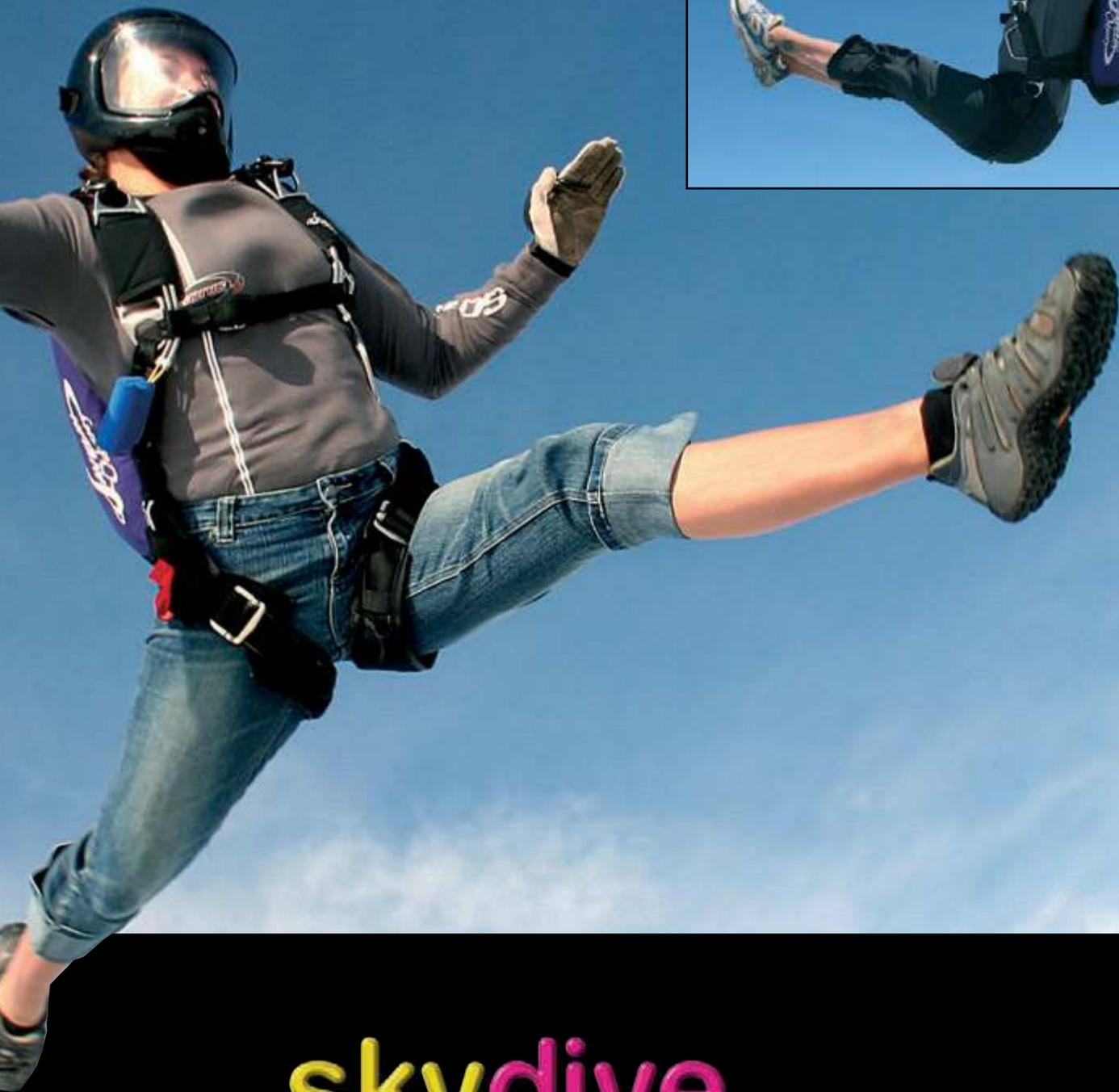
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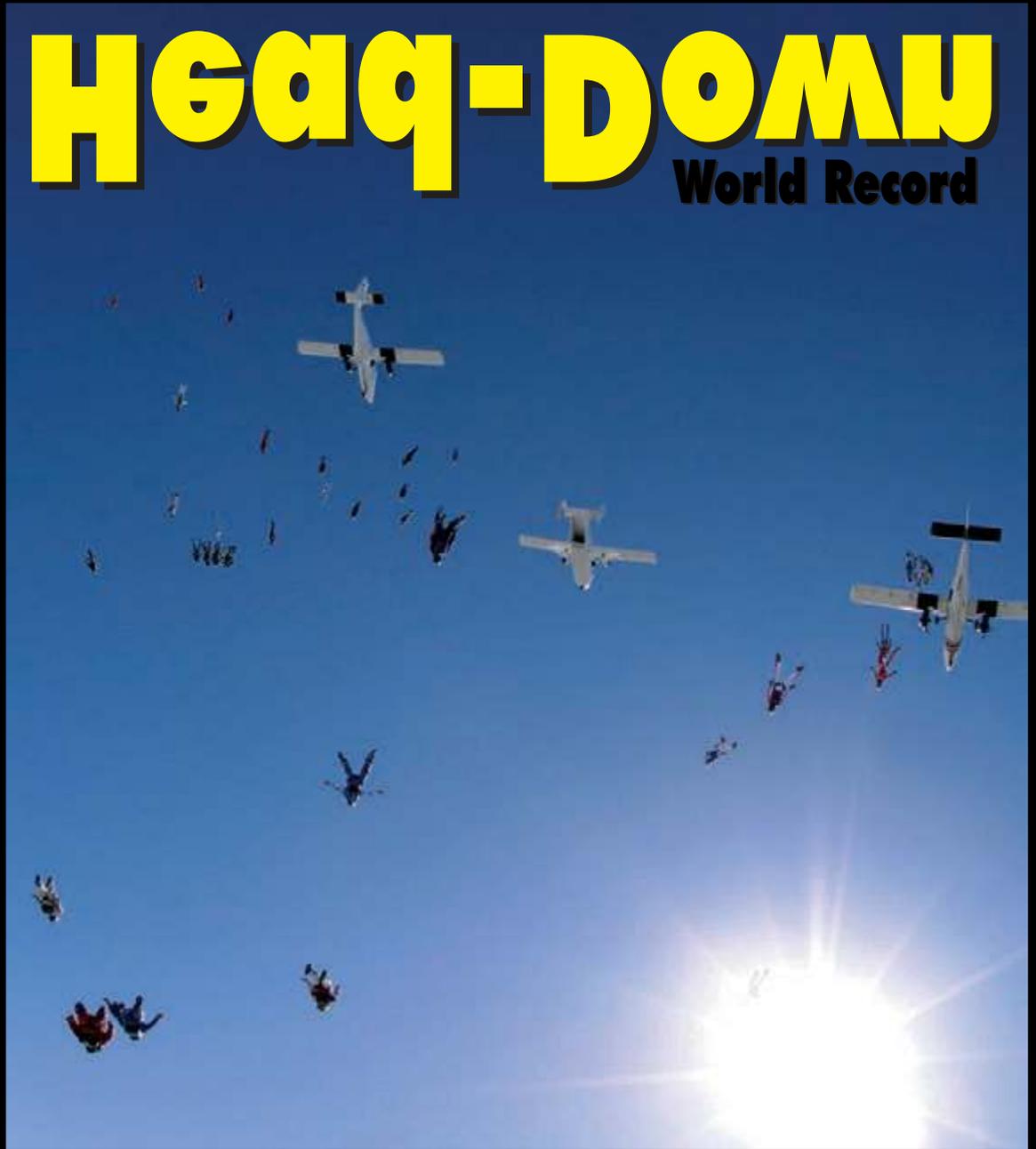
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# HEAD-DOWN

## World Record



### Skills Camps

This year two pre-record camps were set up at Perris Valley Skydiving in order to give people a chance to participate, learn and show their skills in big-way flying. The second camp was just prior to the actual record and was definitely a good warm-up for the majority of the participants. As the first day of the record approached more and more familiar faces started to arrive, most were a bit hesitant to participate until they got a good look at the talent on hand.

### Recruiting Talent

### Problem-Solving

It was like solving a puzzle, putting everyone in the right place, with *Alchemy* hard at work trying to swap people in and out without hurting people's feelings and egos. At one point Mike Swanson was almost looked at as 'the reaper' with his hatchet (in the shape of a clipboard). Luckily we had Kyle Stark once again as 'the preacher' to lighten the tension.

### Good Energy

Perris Valley Skydiving were superb hosts for the event, we used their SkyVan as the lead plane with two Otters, one either side. Most practice jumps were at 12,500 ft with the record attempts from 16,000 ft. The energy was good and a sense of confidence was in the air.

### The Record



Freefall photos: Jason Peters



**After two successful records in the past, did you ever think this year would be different?**

**Why do you have to make these cuts and move jumpers around?**

**What was the hardest thing?**

**What about on the day during actual record jumps?**

**This year new freefall formations were used, what were they?**



**How did the aircraft formation differ from previous years?**

**What was your favourite bit of the record?**

*"Seeing everyone's stoked faces after the completion."*

**What are your plans for future records?**

**What's the next magic number?**

*"85."*

**How does a freeflyer get to join in?**

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A 16-way competition runs on the first weekend (27-28 Aug) and a skills camp midweek, for FS, freely and camera. The last weekend, 3-4 September, will be invitational 40-way (Milko and Lesley Gale) out of three aircraft, part of the Miss Behaviour MiniBoogie. There will be at least three and possibly four aircraft.

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



Gary Mainwright

# JM's Newsround

## Anton Malevsky Cup Accuracy



Female accuracy podium by Bob King

Incredible records were set at the Anton Malevsky Cup in Russia where the overall standard was extremely high. Ekshikeeva Lubov of Russia won female accuracy and set a new world record of 21 consecutive landings on a 3cm disc. Dmitri Maksimov won the men's accuracy – after eight rounds of tie-breakers as four individuals had a score of 0 after ten rounds. Russia won the female team accuracy with 0.08 after eight rounds. The winning men's team of China set a new world record by completing a flawless performance with a total score of 0.

### 4-way FS

America took all the medals and fifth place too with their four teams. Deland Fire won, with Airspeed Odyssey and Airspeed Velocity in silver and bronze, and Fastax in fifth, just behind Italy's Synapsi.

### 8-way FS

8-way was really close with France and America level going into round 10, where they both did 18 points but Airspeed took a 1-point bust so gold went to France. Both teams improved their average from last year's World Meet, France from 18.8 to 19.9 with the same line-up, and USA from 19.1 to 19.8, having two new team members, Andy Dalk and Brian Johnson.

## World Record 400-way!

BJ & Bobbie Worth are running another World Team event, aiming for a World Record larger than the 357-way they achieved in '04. The collective dream goal is 400. The event will be in Thailand, out of the Royal Thai Air Force's Hercules, from 26 Jan to 12 Feb '06. A mass drop (699-900 jumpers!) is planned after the FS record, into the new international airport east of Bangkok. British team captains are Rob Colpus and Darryl Moran – don't call them, they'll call you!

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

# Miss Behaviour

The Jump For The Cause women's world record attempt is in aid of breast cancer research, so the 14 Brit Chicks on the record are raising funds by selling raffle tickets.

The top prize is a complete Icon rig including canopies of your choice, from Aerodyne. There is also a Symbi custom-made jumpsuit on offer, a 2K Composites freely helmet, tandem with video at Netheravon, Mindwarp helmet from Bonehead... far too many to list, see the 40 cool prizes displayed on the website. Tickets are £2.50 each or five for £10. (We apologise that the price in the June magazine was incorrect.)

Brit Chicks For The Cause ask as many as possible to turn up to the Miss Behaviour Mini Boogie, 3-4 Sept and wear something pink, however small, to show your commitment to 'The Cause'. There will be invitational 40-way, freely, tracking dives, bouncy castle, a lurve bubble, pole dancing and loads of fun stuff. The humungous party on Saturday night will be led by world-renowned skydivers' DJ Richie (who is doing his AFF soon afterwards, way to go!). The raffle prizes will be drawn on Saturday evening which will also feature an auction of some very special prizes you could not get any other way:

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### 3. A skydive with all the Brit Chicks on the DZ

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### 4. A date with a Brit Chick of your choice

Choose your favourite chick to take out.

[www.britchicks.org](http://www.britchicks.org)



Andy Ford



## Bikini Skydive @ Weston



Simon Ward

A sponsored bikini skydive is being organised at Weston, 3-4 Sept, in aid of the Oxfordshire breast cancer screening units. All female jumpers, tandem passengers, videographers and stills photographers are welcome (check [www.rafspa.com](http://www.rafspa.com)). There will be regional TV and local press. Men are also welcome but priority will go to women.

**Caroline O'Hagan**  
[caroline@vinecot.fslife.co.uk](mailto:caroline@vinecot.fslife.co.uk)

## Pete Allum Eligibility Storm



Synapsi

There is a question over whether Pete Allum can compete with the Italian team *Synapsi* at the next World Meet, in Germany, '06. FAI rules state that, to represent a new country, the sports person must not have competed for a different nation in the previous three years. The last time Pete competed for the UK was Sept '03 in Gap, France; the '06 meet in Germany is two weeks short of the three years. Ironically this meet was brought forward from the original dates which were clear. In Dec '04 Max Bishop, FAI Secretary General said there was no problem, "We are not going to split hairs over a couple of weeks." But IPC met in May and reversed this interpretation, with IPC President, Frenchman Patrice Girardin, stating "three years are three years, not two years and a half or three years and two months."

Italy's IPC Delegate Sara Sacchet is contesting the ruling which is unusually close to the meet, while *Synapsi* are in full training. Pete remains committed to the team's long term plan for '07, whatever IPC and FAI ultimately rule for '06. He commented "I have been doing this for 20 years, I am not going to let them stop me from competing".

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

# Black Magick



A revolutionary new 4-way team is flying all the formations on their backs!

Thomas Hughes, tunnel rat and ex-Sebastian XL and Joey Jones, ex-DeLand Majik have teamed up with Brazilian freestyle champions Juliana Se and Joao Tambor to form a backflying team.

*Black Magick* is competing in A class [roughly equivalent to junior] teams. They came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 22 at an FSL meet scoring a 4.7 average and will compete at the US Nationals. Thomas commented "This has never been done before and it's just cool to fly outside the box sometimes."

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Marot Leiras

## New Venture Kix Off

The wind tunnel formerly known as SkyVenture UK has a new name and identity. Due to copyright problems with registering the SkyVenture name in Europe (Sky TV owns a company called Sky Ventures and then there's a German Balloon rides company with a European trade mark application), the wind tunnel's name has been changed to AirKix. You may recognise *AirKix* as the UK's current top female 4-way team, that's because they are sponsored for unlimited tunnel time by the wind tunnel, who suggested *AirKix* in anticipation of the name change.



Simon Ward

The building work for the tunnel at Milton Keynes' Xscape is roughly halfway through; all the parts are in the UK, some are installed, the structure is at the full height of 60 feet (and 15 feet deep) and now undergoing electrical and mechanical work. See website for step-by-step progress of building.

*AirKix* has employed their first 4 (of 9 or 10) instructors who are currently undergoing a month of intensive training in the USA. Alec Cotton, Andy Godwin, Julian Sage and Michael Mackenzie are on the payroll, and Rusty Lewis will come over in October to give further training and oversee the *AirKix* coaching programme for skydivers getting their 'Air Fix'!

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



Brian Knight

## 28-Way Comp @ Target

20-21 August sees a 28-way competition out of two G92s at Hibaldstow. Three teams have already registered. The event is organised by Dave Lewis, who has already drawn the dives to allow teams to practice, see website.

[www.skydiving.co.uk/28-Way.htm](http://www.skydiving.co.uk/28-Way.htm)

## Targeting Two Christmas Boogies

Those active Swallows at Target Skysports are running two boogies in one. Skydive Algarve Christmas Boogie, 17 Dec - 8 Jan will have two G92s flying to 14,500 feet over the beautiful Algarve coastline. Skydive Spain's Christmas Boogie, 21 Dec - 8 Jan will see turbine aircraft flying to 15,000 feet over glorious Seville. Both places boast gorgeous sunny days. They are only two hours apart so you could do two boogies in one holiday! Freestyle coaching, load organising, beach jumps, wingsuits and more. Whichever you choose, Target can arrange accommodation, car hire and advise on cheap flights.

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## ► When

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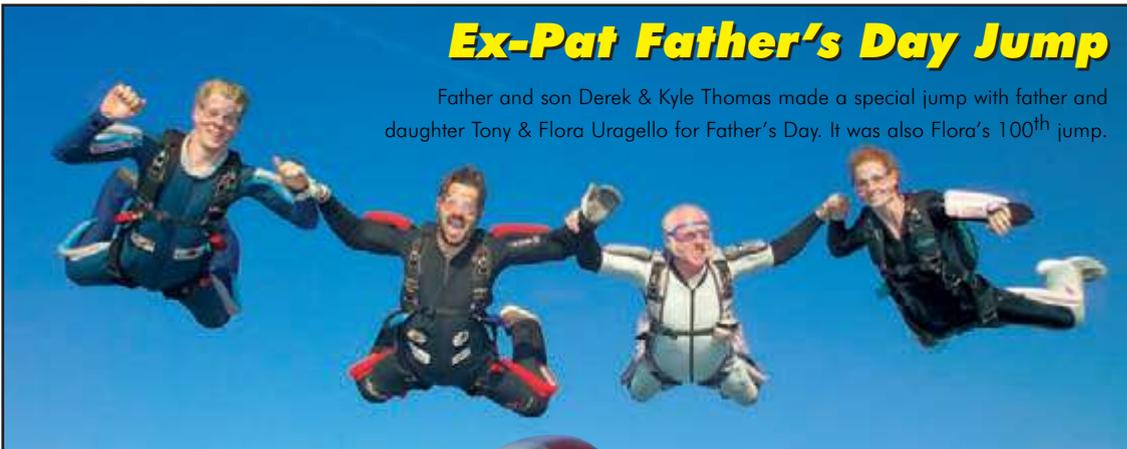
Brian Vacher's Safe Flight School has moved to Empuriabrava, Spain, forming the largest canopy school in Europe. Instructors Brian, Reinier, Bos and Bruno Brokken will offer all levels of canopy piloting coaching, from beginner to competition swooper. The Safe Flight School has visited the UK several times in 2005 and was very well received by participants.

Brian Vacher at Empuria's Beach Boogie, by Gustavo Cabana

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

## Ex-Pat Father's Day Jump

Father and son Derek & Kyle Thomas made a special jump with father and daughter Tony & Flora Uragello for Father's Day. It was also Flora's 100<sup>th</sup> jump.



Tony Hathaway

## CF World Record Selection & Camp

There is a 'last chance' for Europeans to be selected for the upcoming CF world record attempt at two camps in Germany run by Christophe Baliski & friends. The first is 2-4 Sept, in Gransee; the second in Marl, 16-18 Sept. This is also a great opportunity to get sharp and current before the world record 81-way diamond, 19-26 Nov. The camps are limited to experienced CF jumpers.

[gaudabuss@hotmail.com](mailto:gaudabuss@hotmail.com)  
[www.cfworldrecord.com](http://www.cfworldrecord.com)

## Cyprus Boogie Cancelled

The boogie scheduled to take place in Cyprus during October has been cancelled.

## New Wave Boogie

Skydive Chicago are running a boogie, 3-4 September aimed specifically at novice skydivers with up to 300 jumps.

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



Sarah Hunt

## New Swoop Rules

The rules for freestyle swooping have been amended to a format similar to other freestyle sports. Changes include new manoeuvres, combinations, approach, degree of difficulty and the time on water.

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

## Go Faster

The Go Fast Canopy Pilot Challenge will combine the CPC championships, three record attempts, two new concept team events, plus individual events in one big meet with an \$18,000 cash purse – and a fun jumper boogie at the same time. Dates are 12-18 Sept at Mile Hi Skydiving, Colorado.

Mile Hi is investing \$40,000 into the largest swoop pond in the world – 60,000 sq ft of pond when complete. Canopy pilots will have to make adjustments for the 5,000+ ft altitude, where the thinner, dry air will present its own challenges but support excellent conditions for records. \$1,000 is offered for each new world record.

[www.milehiskydiving.com/gofastchallenge](http://www.milehiskydiving.com/gofastchallenge)

## European Freefly Record

Those BaByLoN boys and friends set a European record in freeflying, a 28-way head-down on 18 June over Empuriabrava.

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



One of the warm-up dives by Babylon

### Avalore Freefly



Louis Harwood by Rob McVey

Avalore Freefly are organising freefly camps over the winter in Europe, aimed at anyone who wants to begin freeflying or improve their skills. The 3-7 day camps are designed to be intensive so you get the most from the coaching. The school is based at BKPC, Cockerham throughout the year, where Avalore are running a second Freefly Festival, 20-28 Aug, with Louis Harwood and Rob McVey offering coaching and organising out of the monster Porter F-GODZ.

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

### The White Mouse

Nancy Wake (1921), a Second World War heroine, was presented with POCS honorary membership, in recognition of her courage parachuting at night into occupied France, her mission to organise the Resistance in preparation for the D-Day invasion. Nancy had an incredibly active role within the French Resistance. She was on the Gestapo's 'most wanted' list and so hard to catch they code named her The White Mouse. The full story is fascinating and available from:

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## DVD Reviews

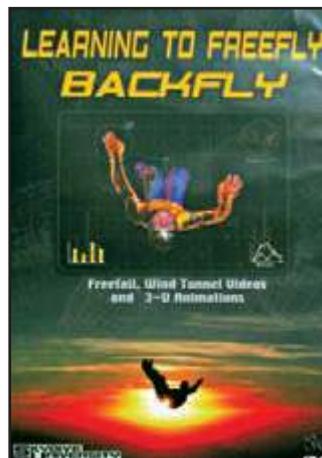
### Back Flying

Reviewer	Rob Silver
Running Time	24 mins + 10 mins of Extras
Cost	\$39.95 (US)
Content	9/10
VFM	9/10
One line review	Very useful information. About time!

The coaches at Skydive University are at it again and this time with a different dimension. They have been busy with a really well put together DVD of the backfly position. Computer generated 3D animation helps explain the fundamentals of this orientation. The ever-popular SkyVenture wind tunnel and some amazing choreographed skydives with the oh-so-smiley Juliana Se show how fun and awesome this way of flying can be. (Although, if you remember Max Headroom with that monotone voice... Yep! I think they hired him for the narration!)

As the backflying position can be a stepping stone for further freeflying this is a great source of information. *BackFly* covers everything, in an A to Z plan of your skydive from take-off to landing. This DVD has been put together very professionally with a full menu screen and a whole section set aside just for the 3D animated body positions for ease of reference.

There is some great promo footage from the sponsors including freeflying, freestyle and swooping and more. This is the start of a volume as they are working on number two, *Sit Flying*. So keep tuned!



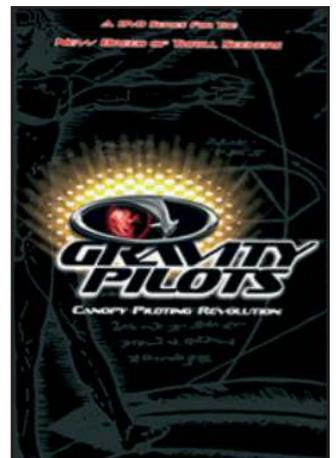
### Gravity Pilots

Reviewer	Chris Hollis
Running Time	60 minutes
Cost	\$35
Content	9/10
VFM	8/10
One Line Review:	Canopy pilots taking it up a level

Swooping is the new freeflying. It must be, judging by the number of canopy flight DVDs out these days. The latest is *Gravity Pilots*, by Jim Slaton, showing arguably the most visually stimulating and breathtaking area of our sport. Where *Gravity Pilots* differs from the usual fare is in the amount of time devoted to ground launching, flying your high performance wing down the side of a mountain. Speed and ground proximity make for truly breathtaking footage. Stay put until the end to watch the pilot's eye view of a complete hill flight – the ubiquitous trance soundtrack is replaced for this scene by audio from the camera, further adding to the impact. Most impressive.

There are clips from the Pro Tour events; across ponds, onto beaches and through very narrow gaps between straw bales. It looks like speeded up footage but I'm assured it's not! Canopy handling has been a hot topic of late with the BPA bringing in the CP qualification system to hopefully educate pilots in all aspects of canopy flight and improve safety. The makers of *Gravity Pilots* are to be applauded for their inclusion of a safety foreword and by their choice of the first landing – a rather low approach into a swooping pond. I dare you to watch that without uttering an expletive. Then I challenge you to watch the guy play the didgeridoo without going "I wonder when he's going to shut up!"

All in all, a quality product. Computer graphics add to the professional feel and the interviews of some of the stars are very enlightening.





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# Go With The Flock

Over the last 5-6 years, we have seen the discipline develop rapidly from a few people experimenting with solos or 2-ways in first generation suits to large multiple aircraft formations containing around 30 people in high performance suits. Larger still formations are planned for the near future, with 60 or more anticipated in the new year.

## **Planning Large Formations**

For most formations larger than 12-15 people, unless the skill level is high and all the participants have previous large formation experience, it is sensible to perform some 'tighten-up dives' prior to attempting an entire aircraft formation. As most formation attempts will be made at boogies or weekend events, there is usually enough time to allow two or three days to bring all participants up to the required standard and to allow those with less experience to be safely incorporated into the dive flow.

It is usual for there to be several different designs of wingsuit being used, from first generation to the latest designs and each person needs to practice flying their suit whichever it is, in the smaller formations at the required vertical and horizontal rates. It has been found that splitting up the group into sets of around seven to ten people provides ample experience for flyers to learn the ropes for larger formations without the pressure of lots of people. Building simple horizontal lines in order to increase awareness is important on these jumps, followed by some smaller diamonds and then some diamonds with stingers.



Practice flying lines and diamonds in small groups before going larger



All photos by Darren Kellet, taken at the Z Hills Flock 'n' Dock, March 2005

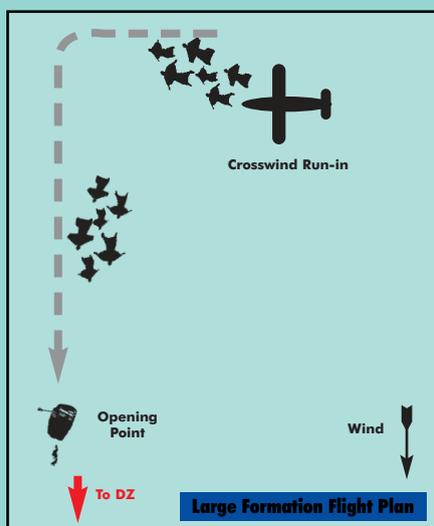
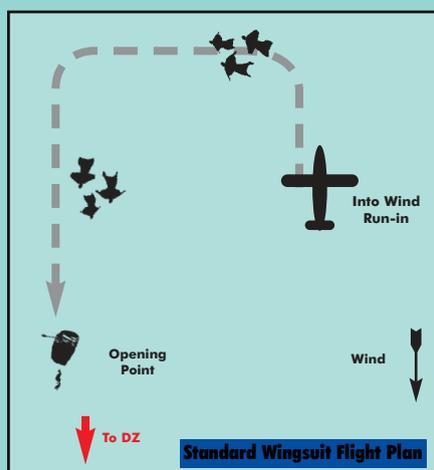
# FLIGHT PLANS

## Standard

Most birdpeople will be used to a standard flight plan for all wingsuit jumps, usually involving exit onto aircraft heading, a turn 90° to one side and then another turn off 90° for a final leg down to the opening point. This works great for small groups of people but does involve navigating to the opening point and the two turns, both of which are detrimental to the large flock formation.

## Large Formation

It is paramount that the base person is stable and consistent, as even a small oscillation of the base produces large changes of position of people further out in the formation. A considerable amount of time is needed for formations of over 20 people to build and if a turn is incorporated halfway through the jump less time flying together is achieved. Therefore rather than having the aircraft run into wind for exit, a crosswind direction is used which allows a single left turn after exit and then a straight line flight proceeding directly down to the opening point. Wind direction and velocity must obviously be accounted for, but generally an exit point 1.5 to 2.5 miles upwind of the intended opening point works great. Remember, this only works if you are the only group on the aircraft. Other skydivers may want to be on a different load or a separate pass.



## Aircraft Procedures

Communication with the pilots and the load organiser is vitally important in making everything run smoothly. More often than not, one of two scenarios will be encountered. The first is when there are other, non wingsuited jumpers on board. In this case, the pilot will exit the other jumpers as usual, then turn off the exit light. The pilot will then manoeuvre the aircraft to the wingsuit exit point and turn on the exit light, allowing around 30 seconds or so prior to reaching the exit point for flyers to prepare. Look below for other aircraft and then exit. The second scenario is where only wingsuit skydivers are on board the aircraft. In this case, only one jump run is used, but be sure to co-ordinate your flight directions and intended opening points carefully if there is more than one wingsuit group aboard.

## Exits

Launching large flocks can be interesting; they tend to end up strung out in a diagonal line in the sky. Lighter flyers should exit first, the point person (base) in the centre and the heavier flyers next. People who have slots at the very back of the formation should exit last. As only one left turn is planned straight after the exit, those who are first out will be on the left of the formation, those out after the base person will be on the right and at the back.

Larger formation exits resemble canopy formation exits far more than formation skydiving exits. A high number of people leaving in a small time window can produce safety problems. Remember that you don't want to tumble onto someone else, go unstable and possibly enter a flat spin – or

worse still, be watching the person in front of you, inflate your wings instantly and hit the tail. So concentrate on getting your head and body into the wind right out of the door, upright and with your wings closed. Then turn left and find the formation. Those who exit first should try to keep their suits stalled with a slow forward speed until the other people have caught up.

It is possible with aircraft that have side doors to get three people outside. The person at the front should give the count with lots of head movement, with the rear jumper exiting on 'Ready' and the middle jumper exiting on 'Set'. As the front person goes, the others inside should exit and turn as quickly and as safely as possible.

## The Point Person (base)

In order for the formation to have a descent rate and horizontal flight speed that all the people and different suit combinations can maintain, the base has to set a compatible speed. A 90 second fall rate with a slow to moderate forward speed seems to work best although, as skill levels improve and suit designs get better, the descent rate will be decreased and the forward speed increased accordingly. It is important that the base person stays within the flight envelope of the slowest suit in the formation. The base should exit quickly and set the fall rate, forward speed and direction, then not deviate from this for the whole jump.

## Approaching the Formation

Everyone should be aware of the position of the burble from a wingsuit flyer, ie, above but behind them. When attempting to approach a larger formation, we should be aware that this may not be the best approach angle. Depending on your intended final position, it may be best to approach

from the side or even sometimes from slightly below. The approach angle and direction of each flyer should be discussed on the ground as part of the dive brief. As formation size increases, so does the importance of sticking to the plan. Most importantly use your eyes! Don't rely on sound, without paying attention on large scale jumps can produce nasty results.

## Formation Flying Tips

Once you have reached the correct position in the formation, it is important to stay there! This means watching your fall rate and forward speed. More than anything, this will involve not being in your optimum flying position. Flocking means being able to fly with precise control outside your usual flying zone. Some people find it easy to hold their vertical position using the arm wings, while using the legs to gain forward speed. Most people use a combination of both. Drop your knees to brake your forward speed, de-arch to move up, arch more to move down. When using the arm wings to adjust fall rate, try not to let them lift up behind you, as this will cause instability. Instead, keep them level with your body and just pull them in. This will reduce the tendency to rock from side to side.

Do not fly rigidly. If you fly with your arms and/or legs in a rigid position it will be difficult to stay in place. Think about being relaxed. Don't hold your grippers with your fist; instead hold them with your fingers. Try to visualise a 'box' in the airspace your slot occupies and attempt to fly inside your box. Everyone will move around a little; as your skill level increases the box you move inside will get smaller. Make sure you don't encroach on the person in front or beside you, allow them to fly in their own box. Concentrate on flying in your own.

When flying wingsuits in close proximity to each other, techniques utilised for position control are similar to those used by pilots flying aircraft in formation: use a visual scan comprising a constant flowing check on the position of the base, then the position of the person in front of you and then the people on either side. It will become apparent that the whole of the front line of the formation is in fact the base, although the best reference point is the base person if the aim is to keep oscillations at a minimum.

During the dirt-dive, it is important to look for the reference points you will use when flying. Remember that you need to correct your position in three dimensions, but avoid looking around too much with your head. Move your head minimally, just look with your eyes to reduce wobbling around the sky. Moving your head will induce instability on a scale you won't notice outside large formations, as will checking a wrist-mounted altimeter. It has been found that if audible altimeters are made mandatory and a high break-off is set, the base person can initiate break-off with a double or triple 'click' of their legs and the other jumpers can just wait for this signal.

## Break-off

At 5,000 feet, the base will signal wave-off as discussed. The front line of people will need to continue forward, the flyers on the sides need to turn 90° and those on the rear of the formation should turn around 180°. Find your break-off direction and your piece of the sky for deployment and move carefully towards it. It's best not to pop up or dive, merely select your direction and slowly accelerate to your optimum flying position. **Make sure you wave off before you pull, waving off is not optional on large dives, it is imperative.**

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# Top Men in **BOXERS**

**40 men with 77 testicles, skydiving in just their boxer shorts... are they nuts?**

On Saturday 11 June Weston hosted the first Everyman boxer short skydive charity fundraising event. Planning started back in March when I was reading about Jump for the Cause and realised just how much public awareness there is about breast cancer. Breasts are very much part of our lives, women have them, men like to look (and play!), and breast cancer is often in the media.

## Male Cancer Awareness

However, the male cancers, testicular and prostate, are not so widely discussed, why is this? Well it's probably more of a pride thing, but us guys can sometimes get a bit embarrassed about these things. Hearing that June 2005 was Male Cancer Awareness Month, I put out some feelers and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, so the boxer short skydive was born.

## Topman Boxer Shorts

The Everyman charity were only too pleased to help, they have been working closely with Topman who have launched a range of boxer shorts, briefs, vests and T-shirts by leading fashion designer Martin Andersson. They have also brought out four colourful charity wristbands, available from all Topman stores. Topman and Everyman were so impressed with my idea they invited me to their posh launch party, where I was told that Topman would donate the boxer shorts for the event.

## Boxer Shorts Jumps

The first boxer shorts load took off at around 10am on Saturday morning – a 5-way freely with a train exit. We were last out. As the jumpmaster opened the door at altitude, everyone looked and smiled at us sitting there shivering! As we climbed out we realised it wasn't actually that bad and we launched our rather interesting train. Although a little bit tricky, we managed to remain together in a group after exit. We broke off a little bit earlier due to our revised deployment procedure: **turn, track, re-adjust package, wave and pull.**

Other groups of flat-flyers made a few jumps with 4-ways and 8-ways being organised, some of the groups ended up a bit smaller after exit due to weight differences, I also heard a lot of people comment on the difference it made having no booties.

## Oxford's Passion

We had several charity tandems booked in for the weekend including Oxford's Passion 107.9 Breakfast Show presenter Bodg. All week the radio station had been promoting the event, urging listeners to make a donation and inviting them along to watch the fun. They broadcasted live from the DZ on the day with Bodg updating the audience on what was going on. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue came along to see what was happening and to help raise money by rattling tins.



## Cured of Cancer

The event ran excellently. What really made a difference was that two of our friends and regular jumpers at Weston, Ben Wood and Chris Bryant, have had and been treated for testicular cancer. We were joined by Jonathan Acott who has also had testicular cancer, who brought three friends along to take part in tandems to raise money for Everyman. Research by this charity, made possible through donations, is the reason that our friends are still with us now, so it was great to know that the money we raised will help others conquer cancer and carry on living a healthy life. Treatment can occasionally cause infertility in men – but Ben will be proud to tell you that he and his wife Lucy are expecting their first baby!

## Party

After a great day, the evening kicked off with a huge barbecue run by Andy Lovemore and Andy Ford who made sure that everyone was well fed and ready to party the night away. Weston-on-the-Green welcomed DJ Keith who laid down some awesome tunes that had people moving their feet from the first track late into the night, while the bar staff were flat out making sure everyone was well oiled.

## Raffle

We also ran a raffle throughout the day with various donated prizes, including meals at Weston Manor, champagne, DVDs, tickets and more. Our top prizes from Philips were MP3 walkmans and the 'Bodygroom' male shaver for your back, body and balls.

## Close Shave

A lot of people were intrigued by the Bodygroom and Alex Dulewicz challenged us to raise £100 there and then, for which he would shave from neck to ankle! Paul Floyd took control of the fundraising and put the stakes up... £300 and we would shave Alex **and** his twin brother Chris! Pockets were emptied left right and centre and the glass filled up quickly. After a quick count (and a sly trip to the shops by Ken Taylor) everyone gathered in the bar where Alex and Chris took centre stage as the amount raised was announced. Paul with the help of Ken had another trick up his sleeve... £500 to **wax** them both!



"Yes Alex, I said WAX" - Paul Floyd announces to Alex Dulewicz, waiting to be shaved



## TESTICULAR CANCER

Testicular cancer is the most common cancer amongst young men between the ages of 20 and 35. About 2,000 men a year develop the disease in the UK. The incidence of testicular cancer has risen dramatically over the last 20 years, although we do not know why. Men with one or more undescended testes have a greatly increased risk, so do first degree relatives (brothers, fathers or sons) of testicular cancer patients.

Up to 99% of testicular cancers can be cured if caught at an early stage. Even when the tumours spread they can still be cured in 95% of cases. Regular examination of the testicle can, in most instances, detect cancer at an early stage but neglect can lead to advanced cancer.

The Everyman Institute of Cancer Research was responsible for the development of carboplatin, a new drug which is highly successful in treating testicular cancer and has led to today's high cure rate. Treatment for testicular cancer may be very intensive but most patients who are cured have no long-term side effects.

### What are the symptoms?

- a lump in either testicle
- any enlargement of a testicle
- a feeling of heaviness in the scrotum
- a dull ache in the abdomen or groin
- a sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum
- enlargement or tenderness of the breasts

If you have any of these symptoms, go and see your doctor.

### Keep your eye on the ball

As a lot of skydivers are male 20 to 35 year olds, we recommend that you examine your testicles regularly, a guide to this can be found at [www.icr.ac.uk/everyman](http://www.icr.ac.uk/everyman)



With the thought of inflicting pain as well as humiliation, money came flooding in. After no time at all Paul was holding a wedge of £570 and the fun began. The twins needed to be trimmed up first as their chest hair was verging on rug status so out came the clippers. The next 20 minutes was all shaving, trimming and waxing with quite a bit of pain experienced by the twins... but the money will all go to the Everyman charity, thanks guys. Also a big up to Paul Floyd for raising the money to skin the twins, to Weston Manor, DZ Sports, LJH Films, Philips and Paul Smith for prizes and to everyone else involved in this fantastic event. So far we have

raised £6,500 and you can still donate online until 14 August. We will be running the event next year too, and meanwhile have a bra jump planned for 3 September, to raise money for breast cancer research. See you there!

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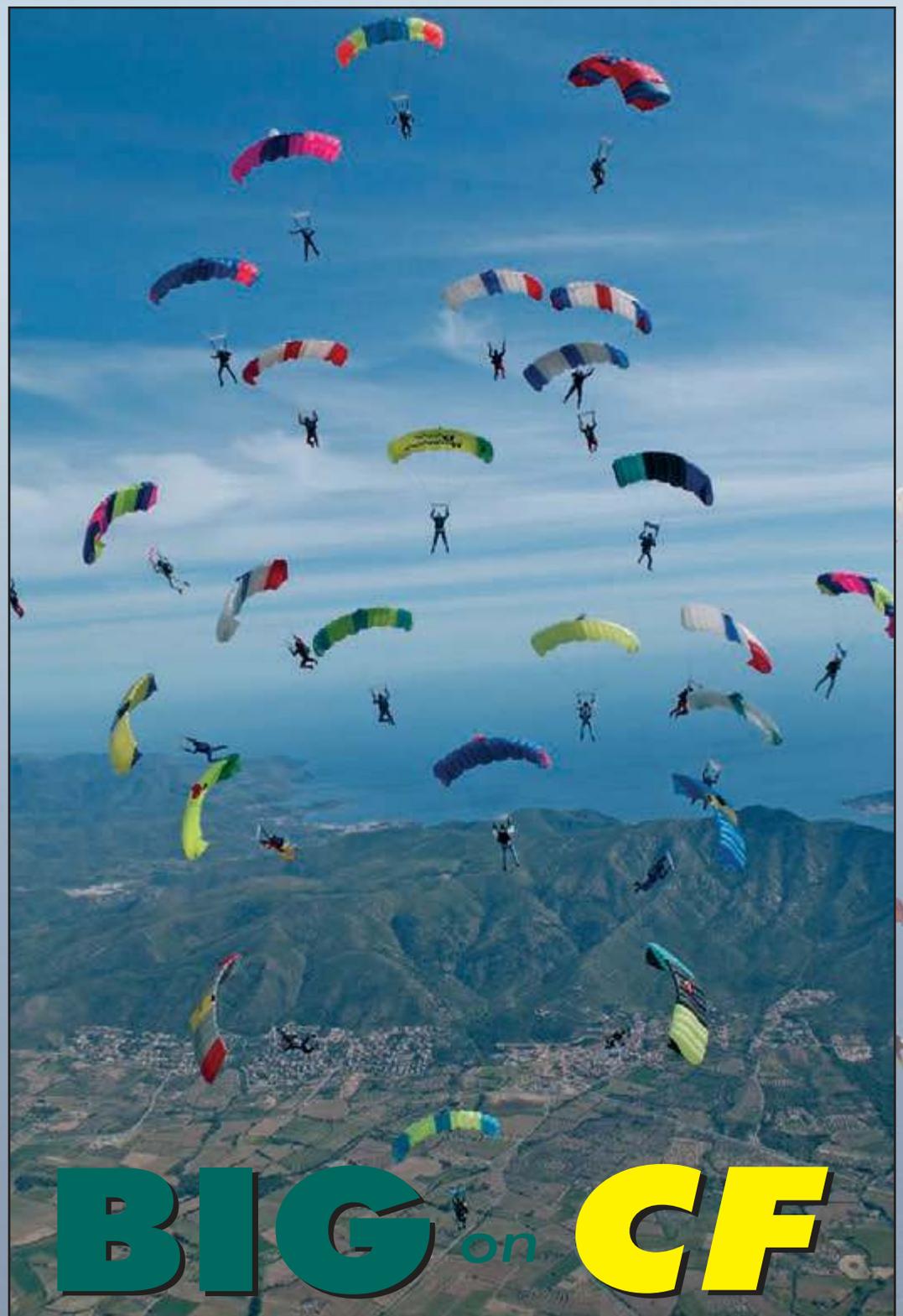


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**In the northeast corner of the Iberian Peninsula lies the town of Empuriabrava, housing Europe's largest and most spectacular drop zone, whose legendary aerial views can only be hinted at in the written word. Even Gustavo Cabana's gorgeous photos shown here only give you a taster of the delicious feast for your eyes.**

The DZ is bordered on the south by the Mediterranean Sea which terminates in long sandy beaches stretching out for mile after mile, famously known as the Costa Brava or 'Brave Coast'. To the north lie the snow-capped Pyrenees mountains, which form a frontier with France and house the principality of Andorra.

### **History of Empuria**

The region is steeped in history, from the ancient ice-age refuge of Europe's first modern humans,

the 'Cro-Magnons', to the later settlement by Greek and Phoenician (the Biblical 'Canaanites'), to the first settlement of Spain by the Romans at Empúries just a few kilometres along the coast.

### **Beauty**

Surrounded by ancient settlements and villages, the town of Empuriabrava itself is a relatively modern creation, spectacularly laid out with parallel lines of canals, houses and roads, alternating from the aerodrome at the north to the beach two kilometres south. The whole area is a very flat plain terminating in the sea, beaches and in-town canals, which are enjoyed by sailors, surfers, sun worshippers and skydivers alike. The canals are fuelled by the mountain rivers, which channel away melting snow down to the warm, palm-lined sandy coastline. It's not surprising that the area has influenced writers, poets and anyone else with a passion for life.



Within this setting of inspirational beauty, Skydive Empuriabrava organised Europe's largest canopy formation (CF) event, 28 May to 5 June. CF is a growth area within skydiving, with many experienced skydivers now learning new skills through the recently established CRW School, which is managed by Alain Dony, an already accomplished instructor with Skydive Empuriabrava. (CRW or CReW stand for Canopy Relative Work, the old name for Canopy Formation or CF)

### **Basic CF**

The CRW School basic course consists of six jumps designed to teach the skills of canopy piloting and docking with an instructor. Once the basic skills have been acquired, participants could then practice together without the need of the instructor. A more advanced skills course is available to teach those either who passed the

basic level or who already know the rudiments of Canopy Formation.

### **Intermediate CF**

Those who already knew the basics were taken through an intermediate skills course by CF coaches Richard Hayden (Ireland), Colin Dixon (UK), Paul Spellar (UK), and Pat Hammond (UK). The group, working in groups of four or five learned how to build more complex formations, each requiring different piloting skills. Within the week-long course, the participants were taught how to build the necessary formations to compete in international competitions such as the World Championships.

### **Big-way CF**

The main event was the big formation skills camp, which was organised by Dave Richardson (USA), Chris Gay (USA) and Christophe Balisky

(France). Accomplished CRW jumpers from all over Europe gathered to take advantage of the rare opportunity of participating in formations of 16 and even larger.

The dynamics of formations change once they go above 16-way. Even though participants were very experienced, the opportunity to fly in large formations is not an everyday occurrence. The discipline needed and the approach to docking differs because of the formation's flight characteristics and because of the large numbers of parachutists flying in proximity to each other.

Chris, Dave and Christophe started with 9-way formations, building skills and standardising techniques among people from many different countries. The next step was 16-ways.

## Spanish Records

The Spanish CRW record was originally established during the opening ceremony of the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. The record stood for 12 years, until 2004, when an 18-way formation was built at Empuriabrava.

The significance of 2005's big formation skills camp was that by day 4, new Spanish records were successively broken, one jump after another. Starting on the morning of 1 June, the big-way group built a 21-way, 25-way, 26-way and finally the new Spanish record 30-way formation. The huge CF stacks attracted attention for miles around, many people visiting the aerodrome to take their morning coffee and satisfy their curiosity, or just verify if what they thought they had seen was actually taking place. There were even reports from passengers flying in commercial airlines overhead, who had witnessed the spectacle from 35,000 feet.

## Unique Opportunity

The big-ways camp was a unique opportunity. It gave skydivers the chance to learn new skills and participate in the biggest formations of their skydiving careers, and provided a forum for European skydivers to show their skills in the hope they'd be selected for the next CF World Record, Lake Wales, Florida, 17-26 November 2005. Many were successful.

## Display Jumps

Chris, Dave and Christophe then turned their attention to developing skydivers' individual skills. Now flying in smaller formations of 4 to 10, they alternated positions in formations to train pilots, wings and diamond lock-offs (the person at the bottom of the diamond). So everyone could learn to the maximum. Finally, taking advantage of Empuriabrava's unique location, organised 4-way 10-way display jumps were made onto the Costa Brava's sandy beaches, a feature really enjoyed by the general public.

## Europe's Best Ever

Having participated in canopy formation for 19 years, I can say that this was truly Europe's best CRW event, and the most wonderful experience I have had the pleasure of participating in for many years. Empuriabrava is not only a place of beauty but also a centre of excellence, which will bring out the best in your jumping and remind you how lucky you are to be a skydiver.

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## A Nice Pair Of Pins

"Recently I was part of a 4-way group that exited a tailgate aircraft. Just after we exited we saw that the diver's rig was open and the bridle line was starting to come out. Luckily on this occasion the jumper responded immediately to the pull signal, and had a lonely ride home from 13,000 feet. The reason for the latter is still unknown, but it is quite possible that a quick pin check before exit could have prevented this incident.

"To avoid the skydiver's two worst nightmares, two canopies or a horseshoe malfunction, please **check your pins!**

"Check the closing loop as you pack and if it shows **any** sign of fraying **replace it!** If it is easy to get the pin in, it's too loose, **adjust it!** Check your main and reserve pins before you kit up, have them checked on the flight line and again before you exit.

"Be calm when checking someone's kit. May I suggest a big smile, a tap on the shoulder and give them a big thumbs-up. If in doubt ask an instructor or rigger for advice. Love your kit, it saves your life!"

## Comment

Good thoughts in all of this. If you check your kit before you wear it and on the flight line, you narrow the odds a lot. After that you can only really dislodge a pin in the aircraft or on the actual exit. Remember, dislodging a pin can be done either at the pin end or at the handle/pad end. The end result is the same and just as dangerous.

Most modern kit has such well developed cover flaps thanks to the constraints of freeflying that it's very common to just tell the checker that you're "happy with your top" and leave it at that. It's a sound argument that the less people lift flaps to look or rummage, the less opportunity for pins to be disturbed.

But from the legal point of view, the checkers have an obligation to physically check things. A verbal "It's OK" from the wearer is utterly useless when it's time for a Board of Inquiry, it's the paperwork and signatures that show who the fingers get pointed at. So think about that.

As for the exit, being aware of tight doors and scrape points on a launch can only come from good dirt-dives and prior planning.

## Cleared For Use?

"I spotted this **after** a skydive. The owner was just repacking. As you know, most clubs now mark the kit on the drop zone as cleared for use by tagging it with a hospital type tag. This rig had been checked by a rigger but, after writing the details required on the tag, he gave it to the rig owner to put on...

"After I pointed out the problem, the owner tried to rip the tag off but found it too tough – being like a hospital tag, it wouldn't budge. So we had to cut it off!

I'm sure you realise that:

1. The rigger should have fitted it personally
2. The rig owner should have known better
3. The flight line check failed to spot it.

"We figured that, as the jumper had an RSL fitted she would still have been able to deploy the reserve, as long as she cut away!"



## ✘ Incorrect

The tag intended to indicate the kit is safe to jump has been placed over the reserve handle, making it impossible to pull

## Comment

So a comedy of errors created this between several people and the system itself. We have to show in some way that all kit on each drop zone has been cleared for use by its CCI. So he/she delegates to a rigger, who delegates a bit to the owner of the kit, who doesn't think about what he's doing with the tag... and on we go! I've also seen tags put around main bridle lines although this has declined with BOC pockets taking over from leg-strap throwaways.

Another concern about our tagging system is what happens if, like many jumpers, you frequent a lot of drop zones. There's only so much room on a rig and the clubs can't or won't agree a common set of criteria for tagging, only that it must be done. I often see rigs at Netheravon with several almost identical tags, all for different DZs!

# Kit

Over the last few seasons I've had a lot of reports that indicate a rising trend towards a blind ignorance of people's kit. This trend is disturbing, because it means (in my opinion) that we ratings holders aren't getting our message across! So, let's look at some of the latest and most common cock-ups...

## Main Toggle Stowage

We covered this one area in some detail a few years ago but it still seems to be a problem when we're in a hurry to get the toggles on correctly. Remember a brake fire on a student system is just a nuisance but on a high performance main it can be lethal.



✓ **Correct**  
Locking loop through metal ring, horn though loop, stowed in elastic



✗ **Incorrect**  
The metal ring has been bypassed, the black elastic is all that's holding the brake



✗ **Incorrect**  
Here the toggle horn has been put through the metal ring



✗ **Incorrect**  
The knot should be tucked inside the grommet – there is a danger of the knot catching in the ring during a manoeuvre

## Soft Links

Some soft links are easier to assemble than others, but **all** of them have specific instructions from the manufacturer about how to do it. Three different types of soft link are in common use, made by Performance Designs, Parachutes de France and Aerodyne, plus there are others. I suspect the problem comes when the canopies change hands and the instructions are lost. It's common to see owners swapping canopies on a weekend without any assistance from advanced packers or riggers. I know many instructors who genuinely don't feel confident or skilled enough to assemble a parachute onto risers. Is it any wonder the owners are getting it wrong?



**Risers & 2 types of soft links**  
On the left are 'Slinks' made by PD, the link on the right is made by PdeF



✓ **Correct assembly**  
The Slink loop is twice through the line set, the join stowed away inside the riser



✗ **Incorrect assembly**  
The loop is only once through the lines and the second loop just around the riser

PdF soft links assemble in a similar way to Slinks but only go once through the line set. Don't guess – RTFM!



## Closing Loops

A classic quote I heard from someone this month. "They spend about £3,500 for a new piece of kit, it seems kind of dumb to not spend 50p on a main closing loop". If your loop breaks when you're closing your rig you have narrowly avoided a premature opening, as the slightest knock could have done this in freefall or, even worse, on exit.

I'll sum up with two words: ignorance or complacency... or both?



Replace your closing loop as soon as it starts looking worn

## Collapsible Bridles

Apart from the occasional muppet who forgets to cock these things, which will reap its own reward, there's a specific area where collapsibles are often misassembled – in the same area that a lot of wear happens and which you must keep an eye on.

It's also worth pointing out that over time the bridle stretches whilst the kill line inside shrinks until eventually you lose pilot chute efficiency. Let a rigger explain this to you if you're not sure. If you need it explaining to you, maybe your bridle is not doing you any favours right now!



✗ **Incorrect assembly**  
The bridle is not attached to the bag, all that's holding it on is the kill line, which is directly attached to the top of the canopy



This common bridle wear point is inside the bag, check it regularly



Thanks to the APA & Rick's Riggery for assembling and photographing the kit horrors

# Moving **Forward** IN **HEAD-UP**

**Nearly everyone struggles with moving forward in head-up. Louis Harwood of Avalore Freefly has the answer...**

Almost everyone has difficulty with head-up forward movement, even if they have their FF1. But when this is done correctly, you can move forward at great speeds and at varying angles. Some people can even perform atmonauti feet first!

## Lower Body

Head-up forward movement is all about using your hips. To move forward you need to push your hips forward.

First of all when people say 'push your feet down', think of it the other way: *push your body up*, as if you are standing on something solid. This helps when you come to practicing head-up movement on the ground.

Moving forward, in head-up, is not as simple as just pushing your hips forward because when you do this you are presenting more surface area to the relative wind which makes you slow down. So as well as pushing your hips forward you need to speed up slightly by using your legs (think of making them straighter or pushing the rest of your body up).

To get the most efficient forward movement try not to do both things at the same time. Instead try to think 'Legs' then 'Hips', this allows you to make the movements simpler and it also makes it easier to push your hips forwards, especially if your head-up position is slightly crunched up.

## Power

You have to remember that head-up is quite a powerful position, by this I mean that to make big movements you have to put a lot of power and effort into these positions.



1 Starting from a head-up position, push your hips forward



2 As this will slow your fall rate, you also need to speed up slightly by using your legs



3 Straightening the legs will compensate for fall rate and give an efficient forward movement position



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### **X Arms Back**

*If your arms are behind the torso in your neutral position, this greatly limits your forward flying*



### **✓ Arms Forward**

*Work at bringing the arms slightly in front of you with a slight bend at the elbow*

*Photos: Louis Harwood  
at the Black Knights  
Freefly Festival,  
Cockerham, taken by  
Rob McVey*



### **Practice**

*Stand on the ground with your back against a wall, in the position shown here, but with the arms a little more forward*

## **Upper Body**

The other thing to think of is your upper body. For good forward movement you really need to be starting with a good basic head-up position. Where are your arms normally? Are they behind you at all? If they are then I suggest concentrating on this first:

Try to bring your arms in line with the rest of your body or preferably slightly in front of you. As well as this you should try to bend your arms at the elbows so you can almost see your hands in your peripheral vision.

The problem with having your arms slightly behind you is that, when you go into your forward movement, you are likely to push them back even further to help keep your balance, this will only limit you in the future.

Once you have got used to having your arms bent and slightly in front you can try this:

As you push your hips forward you can rotate your forearms down to almost be in line with your torso – this helps give you balance but it can also increase your forward drive considerably.

## **Strength**

Again remember that this is a powerful move so can require quite a bit of strength and sometimes stamina to get a good sustained forward movement. This is where practising on the ground comes in.

## **Practice**

Try the following to help you build in some muscle memory as well as strengthening the necessary muscles for forward movement.

Place your back flat against a wall with your arms in the position mentioned before. Try to have nice wide legs and make sure they are just more than 90° away from your torso. This is good for strengthening your legs. How long can you hold this for? Try to hold this for 60 seconds or at least work, gradually, towards holding it for this long.

From this position think 'Legs' then 'Hips', so try to *push your body up* using your legs (keeping your back straight against the wall), then push your hips forward so that the only parts of your body resting against the wall are your shoulder blades, your head and part of your arms. Try rotating your arms down as I mentioned earlier at the same time. Repeat this process a few times until your legs and body are feeling a bit tired. Try and do this every day and you should see a marked improvement in your forward movement.

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**20th - 28th**  
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**10th - 11th**  
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**10th - 11th**  
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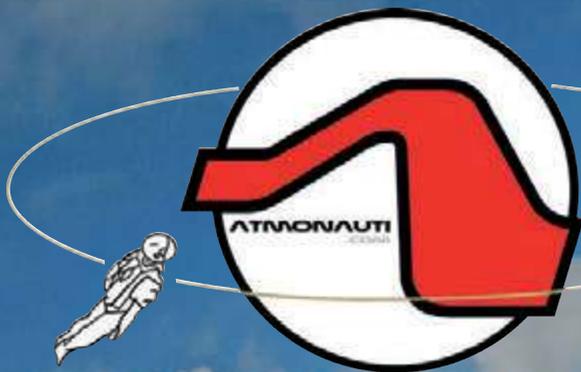
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# ATMONAUTI PRO >>> 2





Jeremy Taylor

The Atmonauti Centre at Brienne le Château is set in the gently undulating plains of France's beautiful Champagne region, only a four hour drive from Calais. Many of us may know the Espace Boogies it hosted some years ago. From the site of Atmonauti Pro 2, is where Marco and Gigliola were the inventors and pioneers of the Atmonauti Centre, now based.

The first day of training we woke from our slumber to a skydivers' heaven of light winds, warm sunshine and crystal-clear deep blue skies welcoming us and urging us to come and play... and play we did! The weather treated us with kindness for four days. In that time Marco and Gigliola took about twenty atmonauts from around the world and improved their ability tenfold. Challenging dives, intense briefing and thorough debriefing pushed the learning curve to a new level. The weather did slow us down as the week drew on; many days were not ideal and unsalvageable but, in true hard-core style, nobody gave up and we were rewarded for staying off the hook with one or two loads every evening. Marco even considered calling it the Atmonauti Sunset Boogie as it was guaranteed that around seven o'clock the clouds would break, the winds would drop and the sun would greet us once more. Later that week we were flying 20-ways, multi level formations and Atmonauti races. Unfortunately there wasn't time due to weather conditions to complete the rounds of the race or the other Atmonauti games such as Sfida, the Atmonauti challenge, or ARW4 (Atmo FS).

Skill levels continued to soar, 6-way lines were almost standard procedure every jump, two 7-ways were made and we built an 8-way to equal the European record. The world record of nine and to maybe beat it were just beyond our grasp but we all knew in our hearts that, with a couple more days' training, it would have been achievable. This is no mean feat when you consider the world record was made entirely by professional skydivers and we were just a bunch of freeflyers with a common goal: to become Atmonauti. This is Marco and Gigliola's dream to have a world record in this discipline accessible to all. If you're interested, so check out Fly Zone in France or nip down to Bullet Freefly School at Langan, learn it and get on it! Belly flyers more than welcome!



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## Roadshow Praise

### FS

I'm just sending a quick note to say how wonderful the FS Coaching Roadshow was at Hibaldstow this weekend (11-12 June). As a junior team in our first season, the weekend was absolutely ideal and seemed tailored just to suit us. It was exactly the boost we needed after receiving some knocks to our confidence in the competitions so far. Everyone shared the same view – it was through the adaptability of the coaches to each team's and individual's needs that this was possible.

As soon as we stepped into the briefing, the vibe was positive and it was clear that, no matter what the weather had in store, we were going to learn a great deal. The enthusiasm and passion of the coaches was infectious. We did three jumps on Saturday with plenty of dirt-diving, briefings, videos and talks from the coaches. They didn't seem to rest all day and nothing was too much trouble. On Sunday, the jumping was more intermittent due to unpredictable weather, but any holds were filled with more seminars and useful activities.

We were missing our outside centre and had the privilege of jumping with Andy Scott. We're very grateful to Andy for spending so much time with us; five excellent jumps in which we learned more than we could ever have hoped for. There is no doubt that our regained confidence and skills will be evident when we apply them during training. The roadshow was attended very well and everyone I spoke to hopes that the BPA will continue to see the value of these events which are greatly appreciated by many junior and intermediate jumpers.

Jo Burns  
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 Team Gorgeous

### Freely

I recently attended the Artistics Roadshow at Skydive North West (Cark) and am extremely happy that I did. Both visiting experts, Rob Silver and Steve Newman, were superb and took time to provide individual coaching tips and recommendations. I even managed to gain my FF1 and with the organised loads was able to practice and have fun with lots of other freeflyers including Al, Swifty, Pixie, Wes and not by any means the least Mike (the Cark boss!).

It was extremely worthwhile and I hope the BPA continues to support these roadshows. I recommend anyone considering progression to attend one – you'll be amazed how quickly you can develop your skills in a safe and fun environment. Don't just think about it – do it!

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### WANTED! Isle of Wight DZ

Why is there no drop zone on the Isle of Wight? The island is a beautiful place and from 12,000 feet the view would be mind-blowing, possibly the best in England. You would be able to see the whole island and the south coast of the mainland, it would be amazing.

My sister, two brothers and I all skydive and I am sure there are more jumpers on the island. The island gets thousands of tourists every year, many of which would love to do a tandem, the DZ would be packed through the summer months. It's crazy that there is not a drop zone here – if I were rich there would be!

The island has two airfields, both are willing to have skydivers jump there. I know this because I have asked them. In fact they were excited about the idea. So please, if anyone's looking for a place to open a DZ, come and check us out!

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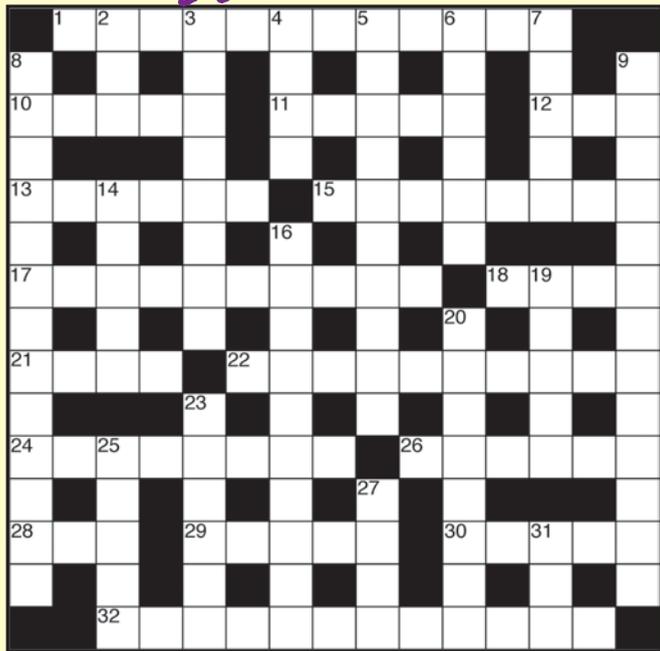
What a difference a day makes!

**Hinton, 17 June**, I was noisily airborne in a venerable Islander – all flapping gaffer tape and jury-rigged feeling about it...

**Hinton, 18 June**, I'm wafting at altitude in a brand spanking new PAC 750XL, almost high on the smell of fresh paint and pristine carpeting – even up the cabin walls.

Hinton just goes from strength to strength.

Mark Rostovsky



## Main (Cryptic)

### Across

- Run from Janet and Emma's terrible old instructor (6,6)
- Gauges obtained from odd parts of Auld Thirsk (5)
- Jumping near a stadium (5)
- Understand half of playground apparatus (3)
- A communist wraps church in a bow (6)
- Young flyer who invented the hovercraft without tail (8)
- Lighted dramatically, panto pirate went off (4,6)
- Active mole takes run (4)
- Badger stew – dire (4)
- Declare tee is askew and check to some extent (10)
- The bombers have gone! With the clouds? (3-5)
- Look where the sun goes down, it's most blue (6)
- Boozer in Pinner (3)
- Brawny longshoreman sports stocking (5)
- Last character to name a canopy (5)
- Responsiveness and talent which young ox leads up to (12)

### Down

- Wobbly fat behind (3)
- Drops some small change in France (8)
- Made drunkenly for the liquor (4)
- Wind instrument (10)
- Rails at ruck collapsing, throwing centre (6)
- One of four straps go up back of jumper (5)
- Skydiving bits and bobs? (13)
- Rig part of end game by playing with plot (10,3)
- Several notes describing wing dimension (5)
- Fellow rocks, every one, um... a skydiver? (10)
- Smooth penal reforms (5)
- Adjust lie of oar and shape of curve (8)
- Immerse oneself in exercise with organ interlude (6)
- Countries hemmed in by Israel and Syria (5)
- Proclaim aristocrat's eminence (4)
- Put away high tea (3)

## Reserve

### Across

- Passenger-carrying skydiver (6,6)
- Height meters (abbr)
- Amphitheatre
- Perceive
- Curved
- Young male bird
- Came down aggressively (4,6)
- Agile
- Travel
- Slow down
- OK to go (3-5)
- Least high
- Tavern
- Synthetic fibre
- Icarus canopy
- Quality of being easily directed

### Down

- Towards the back
- Downward movements
- Honey beer
- Wind gauge
- Break off manoeuvres
- Canopy strap
- Miscellaneous accessories
- Innermost canopy-container (10,3)
- Wing length
- Skydiver
- Aircraft
- Wing shape
- Dive
- Comes to ground
- Protuberance
- Ingest

ACROSS  
 1. Tandem master, 10. Alms, 11. Arena, 12. See 13. Arched, 15. Cockerel, 17. Hook turned, 18. Spy, 21. Ride, 22. Decelerate, 24. All-clear, 26. Lowest, 28. Inn, 29. Nylon, 30. Omega, 32. Steerability.  
 DOWN  
 2. Afr, 3. Descents, 4. Mead, 5. Anemometer, 6. Tracks, 7. Riser, 8. Paraphernalia, 9. Deployment bag, 14. Chord, 16. Freefaller, 19. Plane, 20. Aerofoil, 23. Plunge, 25. Lands, 27. Knob, 31. Ear.

# ARIZONA CHALLENGE

Let's stamp out something  
stupidly impossibly  
comically ridiculously  
preposterously crazy...  
... and then go build it...

medium to big boys will engineer an



and shows: Darren Birken



all photos: Willy Boeykens





The success or failure of many big-way events, especially record attempts generally boils down to whether you get what you're going for, or not. On world records it can get quite demoralising and – dare I say it – boring, doing an identical job on jump after jump, but this is the only way the goal is going to be realised. The lovely thing about the Challenge is that all the jumps are demanding and fun, I often enjoy the smaller jumps more than the biggie. I always find the event humbling, you get there thinking you're pretty cool... and soon realise, surrounded by all that talent, that you're nowhere near as good as you'd like to think you are. The dichotomy is that at the same time you're also inspired to attempt and achieve things you wouldn't dream of at home, lifted to a new level by the company.

...the last dive Craig Groud said

Lesley Gale  
[lesley@skydivemag.com](mailto:lesley@skydivemag.com)



### Quote of the Month

"Reach for the moon... even if you miss you will land among the stars"





*Brits Tom Scanlon, Derro Thomas, Kev Sargent, Scott Stainforth, Martin Soulsby, Nutty, Tim Addison, Darren Birkin, Andy Scott, Emma Hammersley, Lesley Gale, Jon Perl, Nick Foxy-Lupton & Stumpy*



# ARIZONA CHALLENGE



**30 May 2005**

*Photo: Willy Boeykens*



Photo: Darren Birkin

**Craig Girard** "Do you know what that's called?"

"A jewel-opal-in-out-shake-it-all-about-donut-room-106-way-thingy?"

"It's called 'COOL!'"

Even the FAI madams wouldn't argue with that



# Performing at your **BEST**

## World Champion Dan BC describes how to achieve peak performance every time

**The first step to optimum performance, performing at your personal best, is knowing what your best, your true best, really is.**

All of us have a certain level of 'safe performance'. A level of speed, aggressiveness and confidence where we feel secure that we will not make any big mistakes. It is at this level that as recreational jumpers we most often target our performance. Although we fly competently here, it is not our best. And aiming to perform here will restrict us from doing our best.

Then there are other times when you fly better than ever, making moves you can't even believe were yours. You're not even sure how you do it. It's almost like magic. These unexpected magical seconds that occur about 15% of the time, are usually brushed off as having been simply good luck. But the reality is, this is your best. There is no magic and there is certainly no luck. You did those moves. If you did them once you can do them every time. You just need to understand what makes those moments happen. With that knowledge in mind we can create our own magic and luck anytime we want.

### **FLYING ON THE LINE**

How do we make those magical moments happen whenever we chose? You have probably heard many different names for the ideal performance state. Some call it the 'Zone', we call it the 'Line'. That fine line where you are confident enough to fly as aggressively as possible while still able to maintain total control.

When you are 'on the line', you are at your best. Performing your best is a skill in and of itself. The skill of performing at your best is the same skill regardless of what level your best is. Your best is your best whether it is a 5, 15, or 25 point average. Learn the skill of performing at your best when it is a 5 average, and you will know how to make your best happen when it is a 20.

When you are on the line you are as physically aggressive as you know you can control. With time and good training, the level of confidence and aggressiveness goes up. When your team first starts training your skydiving will be less predictable, less controlled. You may only be confident to fly at 20% of your full power. But with time you begin to create some consistency. This consistency gives you more control and with it comes the confidence to fly more strongly. Where you may have started out flying at 20% you now are confident to go at 40% with the same control. You are still on the line.

Being 'over the line' refers to times where you are flying more aggressively than you can control. Being 'under the line' refers to times where you are flying with too much caution, holding yourself back.



## **THE 5 Cs**

### **CALM...**



Being on the line begins with a very **CALM** mind. This sense of calm allows you to broaden your view and expand your air awareness. You see everything that is going on with your team, both perfect moves and problems. You're aware that your teammates see it as well. For most skydivers this calm state of mind does not come naturally; you'll need to work on it in your prep, on the ride to altitude and during the skydive.

### **COMMUNICATION...**



This awareness enables you to establish a much higher degree of **COMMUNICATION** than most teams pursue. This communication, the awareness of glitches that need to be fixed or precision that can be accelerated, gives a team total control.



Photos by Michael McGowan

### CONTROL = CONFIDENCE...



It is this **CONTROL** that justifies complete **CONFIDENCE** in both yourself and your team. With control established, you then must choose to fly fast and hard. This is a very conscious decision that is made in a fraction of a second.

### CHOOSE...



Spank 4-way

Recognise the team has control and then **CHOOSE** to move with as much power as you can control.

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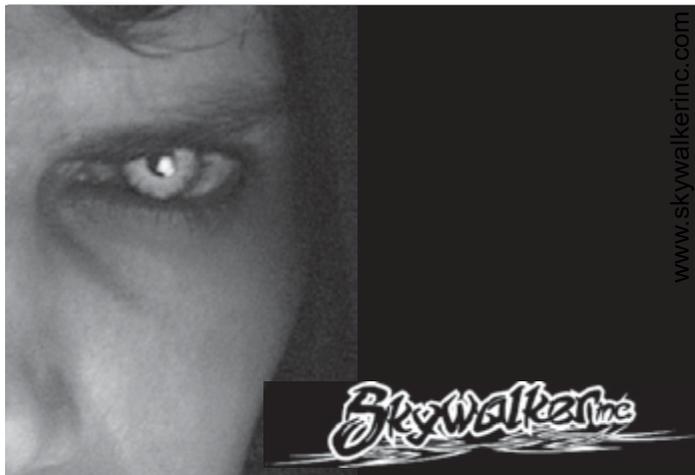
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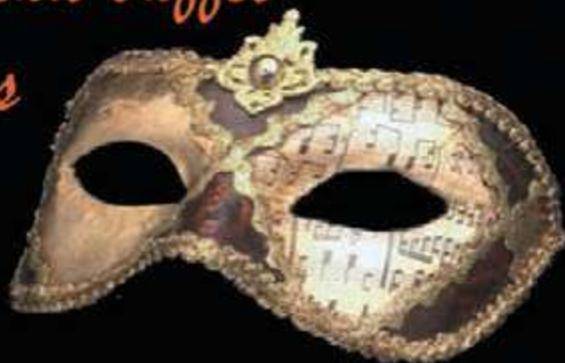
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# Fashion Icon



# Kit News

by Rob Colpus

Arcteryx by Martin Hamalainen



Aerodyne International have added what they call 'a new concept in rig customisation' to their Icon harness/container systems.

Ever since the company introduced the Icon about eighteen months ago, a two tone Aerodyne logo embroidered on the container sides has been included in the basic price. Now the company have introduced what they call a 'new palette' of embroidery options where the customer can choose from a series of artwork embroidery where various popular skydiving disciplines such as formation skydiving, freely, wingsuit and canopy swooping images are incorporated within the Icon logo.

The Icon is now also available with a Spacerfoam back pad with allows better circulation of air between the rig and the jumper's back – good news for those tropical boogies. Two other nice improvements are a permanent fixture for the anti-twist metal housing built within the risers to take the ends of the cutaway cables. A very nice version of front riser dive loops is now also supplied at no extra cost, where one end of the loop handle is attached at 90° to the riser, forcing the loops to remain permanently open and easy to grab with no fumbling.

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## Back To The Workshop

A recent mandatory Service Bulletin from Relative Workshop Inc, manufacturers of the ubiquitous Vector Tandem system, stated that during a routine inspection of a Performance Designs (PD) VR-360 Tandem Reserve canopy, a discrepancy was discovered in the positioning of a leading edge A-Line tab bar-tack.

Although this misalignment has never to date resulted in damage during deployment of the many VR-360s in service, the company demands remedial action to bring the canopies back into compliance. Not all VR-360s are affected by this bulletin, only those built on or after 1 July 2003 with serial numbers in the range VR-360-004801 to VR-360-005353, and those built prior to 1 July 2003 with serial numbers in the range VR-360-000001 to VR-360-004800. Canopies within the above groups must be inspected at the next repack and, if affected, must be returned to either PD in Florida or Fallschirmdepot, a German based rigging facility.

Also included in the bulletin was an additional item referring to VR-360 steering line loops that on some canopies are incorrectly manufactured allowing the brake toggle to be passed through the wrong loop, resulting in an incorrect brake setting. The difference in setting is very small but RW insist that any canopies with equal (larger) sized loops have the lower loops closed off with a bar-tack or zig-zag stitching.

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## Perseverance Wasn't Enough!

Perseverance Mills of Padiham, Lancashire, the inventor of the hi-tech and ground-breaking Pertex fabric has now gone bankrupt. For many years Perseverance has been one of the major nylon ripstop fabric suppliers to many of the top sport parachute manufacturers such as Performance Designs of Florida.

Despite winning a business excellence and innovation award, the company was placed in administrative receivership earlier this year. The company has depended on exports for nearly 70% of its business, but has faced increasingly stiff competition by manufacturers of similar textiles in both the US and Asia. US textile manufacturers have been able to capitalise on tariff-free manufacturing done stateside, while Asian textile manufacturers are enjoying the benefits of delivering fabrics quickly and cheaply into gear and apparel manufacturing facilities in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

The demise of Perseverance Mills could have a considerable affect on the sport parachute market, perhaps resulting in delays and higher prices in the short term.

## Cypres Convertible



Airtec, the manufacturer of the Cypres AAD system, has announced that the company is now able to convert existing Cypres2s from one model to another. For instance: Student to Tandem, Tandem to Expert, Expert to Student. This will assist drop zones which experience a change in demand, or people who wish to sell their Cypres on.

For technical and safety reasons this switch cannot be made in the field, but must be returned to Airtec. Conversions containing the new settings will sport a new colour push button, a new label and a complete functional test. The conversion procedure will be performed at no cost.

After two years supplying the Cypres2 Airtec tell us that they are now able to offer the previously more expensive Tandem Cypres for the same price as the other models. The only price difference now is between the one and two pin units.

[www.cypres.cc](http://www.cypres.cc)

## Neptuned In

Those innovative boffins at Alti-2 Inc in Florida have now added a Training Mode to their popular Neptune audible. Training Mode allows the owner to review emergency procedures in real skydiving time. There are three simulation modes to choose from: High Speed Malfunction, Low Speed Malfunction, and Normal Simulation. You just set your desired target and exit altitudes using Neptune's user-friendly interface.

The company say that instructors may like to add 'real time' decision making to emergency training drills. The instructor can show their student a picture of a canopy malfunction, and can select the corresponding simulation in the Neptune and have them react in real time. They can be shown how fast things can happen with the Training Mode.

The normal simulation can be used for real time dirt-dives, or you may like to come up with a customised sequence of your own! Training Mode is included in Neptune software versions 2.4.0 and above and is accessed from Ground Mode. It is intended for ground training only!



[www.alti-2.com](http://www.alti-2.com)

## More Life On MarS



In Kit News June 2003 we reported on an innovative automatic activation device (AAD) idea from the Czech Republic.

A large Czech company called MarS, which produces everything from ejector seats to police equipment, released a skydiving AAD onto the market which combined all of its components in one 9oz cigarette packet sized box which lies at the bottom of the reserve's pack tray underneath the bagged canopy with the reserve's closing loop running through the centre of the box.

Well, now almost two years after its release the company report that their product is starting to gain popularity with jumpers outside the Czech Republic. They say that almost two hundred MPAAD units are now in use in Europe and a few elsewhere in the world.

MarS claim a fifteen year life span for their baby – three years longer than Cypres and they claim that their unit takes up less room in tight reserve trays because it utilises vacant space below the centre of the D-bag.

MarS – 00420 461 353 858  
www.mpaad.com



# More Wing Things

Photo: Jussi Holopainen



Just when you thought you might get a Kit News without another wingsuit feature, along we come with just that!

### PHI

The PHI is the latest innovation from BirdMan International, and features semi-rigid wings. By using a material called Mylar inserted in selected ribs, they are able to keep the large wing area in the correct shape as determined by hours of wind tunnel testing to achieve the best glide angle. The company tells us that the jumper is able to adjust PHI's wing area during flight, increasing the area when they want to slow down and decreasing it when they want to go faster.

The PHI is built from a new hi-tech Trevira Micro material called Action Mistral. The fabric is made using membrane technology, is Teflon protected for durability and is 100% windproof but breathable. The BirdPeople claim that the PHI's air-lock design allows the suit to maintain its shape

whether flying belly down or inverted. The new suit comes with what the company calls their double action quick release cutaway zippers for freeing the arms when in a bit of a hurry. The PHI is made in stock sizes and colour patterns.

### S3-S

Also joining BirdMan's nest of thoroughbred avians is what they call a 'turbocharged version' of their top of the range S3 wingsuit. Called the S3 – Special, or S3-S, the new souped-up model sports a larger, more aggressive wing area utilising semi-rigid ribs. The company tell us that the S3-S does not replace the original S3 which is still available. The S3-S is only intended for experienced wingsuit flyers and may be ordered in custom colours.

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# At A Galaxy Near You

Not ones to let grass grow under their feet and to give me something to write about each issue, Alti-2 have made another couple of improvements to their popular Alti-2 Galaxy visual altimeter.

The face of the Galaxy now features a screw-on lens which can be field replaced by the owner when its become too scratched after that nose first landing on tarmac. The numbers on the face are now bigger and bolder and the face is now available in a metric version (apparently some countries still use that strange system).



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## Design a Trophy

Jim Crocker, Vice President of the BPA is donating a new BPA trophy for Outstanding Achievement. We'd love to see an individually designed innovative trophy capturing the flavour of skydiving. Suggestions of who to approach are invited, perhaps an art or design student or a college.

Martin Shuttleworth

## Competitions

### Artistic

The next roadshow is at Black Knights, 10-11 September, out of the monster Porter 'Godzilla'. FREE COACHING FROM THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY! You pay for two slots and that's it! Our national champion and medalist coaches will help whether you're just starting, or want to develop your already kick-ass skills.

If you'd like a freestyle roadshow at your DZ for 2006, speak to your CCI as they have to request one when the bid forms go out.

Nigel Holland

### Formation Skydiving

The 4-way Grand Prix season is well under way with an average of 17 teams at each meet and great battles in all categories. The Longer GP ran parallel to the NSL & ESL meets using the same draw for junior and senior teams across six countries. In Europe alone, 47 teams competed in the virtual meet! (Not possible in intermediates as the A & AA categories don't match.) This weekend saw the UK juniors get top three places – sweet! See NSL website for full story.

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

At the Hib coaching roadshow, coaches Rod, Martin, Tom & Andy briefed everyone thoroughly before jumping took off. Skill dives from 2-way to 4-way focused on in-air coaching, communication and setting up the formations and were well received by 7 junior teams and a bunch of individuals (thanks guys for the emails).

### ESL Finals – Spa

ESL finals are in Spa, Belgium (2-4 Sep). We have four teams already, any others who'd like to go, contact Andy Scott ASAP. It's €25 to register and €80 per skydive (per team not individual). Camping on the airfield and hot showers are free. Bunkhouse beds (no bedding, sleeping bag needed) are free after reservation (limited places). Hotels and/or airport pick-up can be arranged. ESL is not only for champion teams, the standard will go right across the board. This is a unique opportunity to enter an international competition at low cost, and end it with a giant party (ask last year's winners *Optic!*).

### Speed 8

The Speed 8 rules are out with one minor change, to allow 'Spock' grips for non FS teams. The Nationals are 24-25 September at Sibson, have fun!

Andy Scott

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### Classics

There's an extra Classics Grand Prix at UK Parachuting, Norfolk, 24-25 September.

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The story so far...

#### 4-way FS

##### Senior

1 Double Vision	40
2 Beavers & Butthead	31
3 Optic	30
4 4Motion	20

##### Intermediate

1 Helix	55
2 Damn Zebra	50
3 Evolution	33
4 Funsters	27
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2 D4	44
3 Exile	37
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5 Team Qi	17
6 4Better 4Worse	16
7 100%	14
8 Team Gorgeous	13
9 Cark XS	7
10 Murphy's Law	3

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##### Senior

1 Fun Unlimited	35
2 VNE	20

##### Intermediate

1 Sounds Grr8	20
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#### Freely A

1 Avalore	35
2 Euphoria	20

#### Freely B

1 Strumpet	20
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Not all teams entered each meet

### New Ratings

#### Instructor Examiner

Dave Lewis

#### Advanced Instructor

Steve Scott

#### Tandem Instructor

Ed Paxton

Andy Holland

Richard Bishop

Christian Ivory

Kelvin Jordan

Kevin Johnson

Glen Coleman

#### AFF Instructor

David West

#### Category System

##### Instructor

Jim Weir

Stuart Storey

Gary MacDonald

Rupert Connell

Graeme Mackay

Tim Carter

Andrew Duncan

Mick Barron

Kenneth Taylor

Tim De Souza

Gavin Tuckley

Ray Brewer

David Leonard

#### Basic Instructor (BI)

Richard Parker

Simon Hopkins

Jason Snailham

Mike Hollis

Sam Bailey

Keith Hammond

Richard Hill

Katherine Milne

Steve Candish

Chris Wood

Steve Lambert

#### Tandem BI

Liz Danby

#### AFF BI

Alex Stone

Katie Woods

Richard Baldwin

#### Advanced Packer

Chris Gilmore (S)

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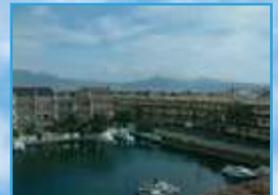


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# Club News

Hello!

I cannot actually describe how much I love this job! It has been a baptism of fire – my passion has been ignited. In September last year, after a mountain of obstacles, I had become extremely frustrated with the sport and was almost considering cutting away and taking up trainspotting. Then, I received a call from Lesley. She made me aware of the job opening and suggested that I apply. After two excruciating interviews I received the news, on Christmas Eve, that I had been successful. The best present I could have hoped for, that dream job was mine!

Now six months into it, I've settled into my role like a bird to flight. I am honoured to be part of such a sexy and prestigious publication. I am totally committed to maintaining its already high standard and to finding ways to give you, the reader, a bigger and better Mag. So if you do see me around I'd love to meet you and hear your thoughts and ideas. Keep up the good work with Club News and please keep sending us your gorgeous photos.

lucie@skydivemag.com



We have been more than blessed at Sibson with glorious weather midweek (and not so great weather on weekends), the mini heatwaves have resulted in fairly impressive Teva and Birkie tans plus immense joy in feeling a cool breeze when the door opens at altitude!

Everyone has been jumping plenty, although no-one's yet taken up the challenge to break the magic record of 11 jumps in a day... correct me please if I am wrong! We've been jam-packed with events, the warp week and progression week were well attended and we saw major skill advancements. The highlight by far though was the return of the gorgeous and super talented Nimmo and Tom from Babylon, we just love them. They coached their socks off and enabled many Sibson jumpers and visitors to really progress their freefly skills, awesome job guys.

Great to see some Sibson jumpers from the distant and not so distant past; Simon and Lynn, Bob Lings, Matt O'Riordan and Rob, Dazzle and gang. Fantastic also to welcome new



## Achievements First Freefall

Marie Bailey  
AFF Graduate  
Adam Pencharz  
Cat 8  
Joanne Dawson  
Adam Pencharz  
Gareth Cabon  
Nick Collins  
IC1  
Ant Hill  
Lee Saunders  
CH1, CH2, JM1  
Mandy McGuinness  
FS1  
Lisa Lister  
Graham Wilkins  
Jump Numbers  
100  
Andrew Brumby

## Peterlee

200  
Tom Gracutt  
Lee Saunders  
300  
Richard Head  
Jone Oakley  
400  
Dave Leonard  
Nick Brown  
Dave Taylor  
600  
Paul McCormick  
700  
Glen Staley  
1000  
Eric Hall  
1700  
Bryn Chaffe

XPO was a partial washout but the weather eventually broke for a BBQ and plenty of jumps, including AFF progression, FS and FF coaching. We handed over a cheque for

£2,150 to Macmillan Cancer Relief, raised at the Olde Macmillan's Farmyard Boogie. Deaf From Above, Peterlee's first Speed 8 team, are alive, kicking and hoping to compete in the Nationals. There is plenty of interest for the Peterlee 3-way open, well done Stu on another inspired idea which should see

plenty of healthy competition for the teams, and bring on the skills of the junior competitors.

The pitter-patter of tiny feet will soon be around Lizzie with an impending baby, to add to those of Dave and 'that bloody rabbit'.

Paul McCormick



Dave Mitchell

faces, Denis B, Smudge, Lee, Sarah, James, and many more.

We've a pretty exciting season with something for everyone. The fabulous Yoav Gabbi is based at Sibson for two months, come and visit us for world class freefly coaching. The Lancaster Boogie runs 20-26 August, promising to be even bigger than last year. Jari joins us for a BirdMan weekend including a BMI course on

26 August. In September we've a 4-way Grand Prix (10-11), then the Speed 8 National Championships (24-25), which, given the number of teams training, promises to be awesome and truly unmissable. Be there!

Rumour has it that the incredible band *Grounded* may play in the packing shed party planned for the end of the summer, watch our website... there's also a rumour about Dan the Man but best not mention that.

Lizzie Harris



# Sibson



## Achievements

**FS1**  
Will Thomas  
Sarah Neal  
Andy Hughes  
**FF1**  
John Keeling  
Lee Saunders  
Laura Mccloughlin  
**FF2**  
Roy Castleman

## Jump Numbers

**50**  
Andrew Pennell  
**100**  
Andy Hughes  
**200**  
Jason Titmarsh  
David Geffin  
**300**  
Martin Prescott

## 500

Andy Gregory  
**800**  
Jude Goodman  
Caroline Allen  
**1000**  
Vicky Kilby  
Phil Knowles

Babylon Freefly Festival, all Sibson photos by Sarah Hall

Welcome back to Jan, our pilot; Tom Parry, who's joined our permanent staff; and Ollie who's returned from a long trip in sunny Oz. Thanks to Gee and Stu for their assistance in flying the Let. Well done to George 'Chubby' Clack who has just set a new South African speed record of 288mph at South Cerney and for winning the Grand Prix gold in intermediate accuracy.

The demo team did the Army exhibition for schools in the north, held in Catterick for 3 days, which Deano managed to make on a fleeting visit from Iraq. The new CO did a tandem with the Silver Stars in his capacity as the team chairman and the OC of 55 squadron, Major Bartin, was kidnapped, bagged, briefed and put out on a tandem for his leaving do. We've seen birdmen flying over our drop zone, tube jumps and many SL students, soon to be on freefall. Next closed weekend is 10-11 Sep.

Marie-Anne Stevens



Stu and Wayne get some tube action, by Andy Lovemore



# Silver Stars

## Achievements

**Cat 8**  
Craig Baines  
Carl Baines  
**JM1, CH2**  
Chris Carey  
**FS1**  
Joggie Botma  
Paul Gibbs  
**CH1, Cat 8**  
Mick Riley  
**IC1, FS1**  
James Pinchin  
**FF1**  
Martin Rhodes  
Debbie Lamsley  
Oliver Castledine

## Jump Numbers

**100**  
James Pinchin  
**200**  
Mark Stone  
George Clack  
**300**  
Oliver Castledine  
**500**  
Ray Brewer  
**800**  
Gary Stevens  
**60 Hrs Freefall**  
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# Cyprus

Taff O'Connell



We're very sorry but the Cyprus Boogie has been cancelled due to aircraft availability problems.

The summer heat has finally arrived and jumping is done as early as possible followed by cold beers and cool swimming pools. The club has seen old friends make welcome visits from Germany and the UK. It was also good to see Barry Joss after a 5 year absence. Tiggs is flying his Islander, giving our hard worked pilots a spot of well-earned rest at the weekends. We wish Gregor McKenzie and his family all the best for the future.

Up-and-coming students are making the most of the time before we close from 5 Aug to 3 Sep, when Dave & Chris Wood will be in the UK running the Cornwall operation.

Phil Bell

## Achievements

### Cat 8

Petros Papagyrou  
George Kakkis

### FS1

Alan McGregor  
Joey Ridge  
Emma Godber

### FF1

Gregor McKenzie

### 50 Jumps

Sei Hughes  
Catherine Iva

### 1 Hour Freefall

Boggy Bagstaff

28-way by Brian Knight



Well done to our home grown teams in our Grand Prix. The training and your continued support seems to be paying off. Our junior team *Escondido* stormed in for gold. News from Langar GP is that our teams have excelled again. Well done *D4*, *Escondido*, *Exile*, *Helix*, *Evolution* and *Optic* who all won medals. *Team Gorgeous* have broken into double figures.

The FS Coaching Roadshow was a great success even with weather restrictions. Thank you guys for a great weekend and to all who attended, the feedback has been overwhelming. May bank holiday weekend was fun with Rob Harwood's funky jazz band *Mr & Mrs Swing* playing to us live accompanied by a fantastic troupe of jugglers, mimes and unicyclists.

Our good friends the POPS guys visited again and had a right jolly. Mark

Calland is now officially the fastest POP in the world. Wow!

Jim Harris of Space has a lovely new banner and has been coaching non-stop, so we're seeing lots more freeflyers. His 6-way head-downs have been skill-building and lots of fun. Dave Lewis and his group of big-way lovers have been practising for the 28-way comp in August. We had an excellent weekend with G92 formation flying and a very successful Artistic Roadshow (cheers Nigel and all the coaches).

We have loads on, see website. Our resident organiser Mr Brentford is still on site. Shaz is on his way back from his world tour (world expulsion!), welcome back mate, the bar is stocked, the bunkhouse is armed with ear plugs and we're ready!

Gerv Henderson

4-way Grand prix medal winners by Hannah Swallow



# Dunkeswell

Finally a fridge full of beer! With so many achievements for our small DZ, I bet you think we've been saving them up, but no. Tom got his Cat 8 with minimum jumps, just like Kat (ex-president of Plymouth Skydive Club). Ian joined Andy on his 1,000<sup>th</sup>, having originally despatched him on his first! Plym students are jumping their asses off, where are Exeter? We've just seen our cameramen's input on the Brit Chicks DVD, well done gals 'n' guys.

Mike Jones

## Achievements

### Cat 8

Tom Harding

### CH1

Steve Ozga

### FF1

Tom Harding

Vincent Upham

Mark Smith

Mike Jones

### 100 Jumps

Emily Abrey

### 1000 Jumps

Andy Holloway

Ryan Mancey

Plymouth Students



# Target

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Mark Ashbourne  
Kat Montgomery  
Ian Wright  
Nick Lord  
Jack Waltham  
Matt Harrison

### AFF Graduate

Matt Harrison  
Andy Richardson  
Chris Barrow

### Cat 8

Chris Lake  
Amy Kitson  
Chris Anderson  
Simon Pierson  
Matthew Hart  
Chris Heald

### CH1

Maria Allen  
Jo Burns  
Kate Morris  
Gerv Henderson

### JM1

Holly Kilham  
Henry Tonnison

### FS1

Luke Vickers  
Dave Humphrey  
Andy Myers

### FF1

Hannah Swallow  
Sam Softly  
Kay Holford  
Willis Drummond

### IS1

Danny Jessup

### Jump Numbers

#### 50

Olly Burgin  
Andy Price  
Andy Myers  
Stephen Myer  
Scott Mackenzie

#### 100

Lizzie Compton  
Dave Humphrey  
Jason Choy

#### 200

Kate Morris

#### 300

Geetha  
John Fletcher  
Jim Bellew

#### 400

Matt Fog

Rob Gray

Mark Chapman

Catherine Harrison

#### 600

Gerv Henderson

Jase Hodgkinson

Jamie Elliott

#### 700

Richie Rich Aveyard

#### 900

Simon Cathrine

Derrick Kent

#### 1000

Pete Allan

#### 1200

Rich Baldwin

#### 2000

Andy Wright

#### 5000

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# Paragon

As I write this the sun is shining fit to burst... so obviously it's a Monday and the DZ is shut! Nevertheless, we've been a hive of activity, with loads of smiling faces. Derek Thorne is now our resident OAP. He's looking forward to his first demo (bus pass in jumpsuit in case of a bum spot!).

Congratulations Callum on passing his tandem course. His first student was Eoin Muir, see photo by Chik Adams. This

continued a tradition as Eoin was Callum's first static line student and his first Cat 8 student. Saturday night barbeques continue – come on down but bring a bucket of midge repellent as this is the time they grow extra large teeth. Preparations are hotting up for the club trip to Empuria in September, call the DZ for dates, flights etc.

Bob Henderson

# London Para



Photos by Martin Harris

We're back! (We were never really away but the pigeon post in Lewknor is terrible.) Thanks to Chris Francis, Martin Harris, and Ms Manifest Rach the season has been far from quiet down on the farm in Oxfordshire. (Ask Martin about the interesting day with the Cherokee 6.)

There's been a steady stream of new students (RAPS & AFF) becoming part of the band of familiar faces. Show an interest in skydiving at Lewknor and it won't be long before you find yourself arriving at the crack of dawn to help set up (thanks Tim!) or rescuing poor unfortunates with no sense of direction from the rape field and hawthorn hedges (ouch!). Tim managed to get on the achievements list the most times, despite usually being required in three different places

at once! (Tea and sympathy for his very understanding family!)

In May the media moguls descended. Sky One were recording the ultimate test of hypnotist Paul McKenna's powers: would the lady with the phobic fear of heights be able to do a tandem jump after hypnosis? *I Can Change Your Life* was broadcast on 8 July so you may have to wait for the repeat to find out the answer.

We have the 206 and Islander for the August bank holiday. Bodyflight are visiting us on Saturday and, being a sociable lot, we're holding a BBQ (weather permitting). Bring your tents, and come and play, this joint will be jumping! Yee-hah!

Jennie FitzStanley & Tracy Curling

Tracy's first freefall



### Achievements

**First Freefall**

Tim Lawson

Tracy Curling

**Cat 8**

Tim Lawson

**FS1**

Rachel Hinds

**50 Jumps**

Tim Lawson

**2000 Jumps**

Ralph Mitchell

# Bridlington

### Achievements

**First Freefall**

Leanne Douglas

Paul Firth

Vicki Watterson

Gavin Mowforth

Mark Temple

**Cat 8**

Vince Dockerty

Martin Johnson

Will Johnson

Martin Longstaff

**IC1**

Sadie Sutcliffe

Colin Sutcliffe

**Jump Numbers**

**300**

Vicki Hasler

Paul Melon Scott

**1000**

Phil Harris

Bridlington has been a hive of activity with a surge of RAPS students, tandems and experienced jumpers making the most of the sunshine. Vince finally got his Cat 8 after years of trying. He's into paragliding

so puts many to shame with his canopy skills but found the freefall a little harder. Well done Vince!

Paul 'Weeble' Firth was convinced by Dave Walker and Craig Smart that skiing up the runway attached to an old canopy was a

good idea... 'skiing' being a euphemism for sliding on your belly. Funnily enough neither David nor Craig would have a go!

Vicki Hasler is now part of the Brid display team; her first demo was her 300<sup>th</sup> jump! Phil Lyall has taken up accuracy and can be seen lingering in mid air shouting "Move the pit closer!". Plans are afoot for barbecue parties, come and enjoy the lovely Brid view, make the most of the summer!

Lara Walker

'Weeble' goes skiing, by Blair Stent



# Black Knights

Ah, the smell of jet fuel and bacon in the morning! The Porter's been eating people for breakfast! The freefly festival went off with a bang. Many took advantage of free coaching from Rob and Louis of Avalore. Glorious sunshine set a happy mood to the event, aimed at starting freefly in a safe fun environment. Stephan the pilot did a great job, rocketing jumpers to 14K in 12 minutes. Atmonauti, group sit-fly dives, flocking and head-down, then the ritual tracking dive to end the day – nice one Amelia Walters for showing the guys how it's done, leaving everyone behind on her first attempt!

One evening nearly ended in disaster when Frenchman Benji had his first go at a right hand drive car! (He promises to replace the wing mirror!) Mark Walton's brother entertained us with his radio-controlled helicopter, even at one point flying it upside down and cutting the grass with the rotors!



BKPC Freefly Festival, photos by Rob McVey

On the last weekend Wayne Wilson, aka JumpMunki, returned to spin some tunes, with HomeWerk Klub, a school disco themed night of classic house music, a perfect way to finish. Come daylight, the funky beats began to die down and the revellers dispersed to the 'love-shack', and some to 'Madam Squeal's Palace of Lurve' (don't ask!).

Lancaster University have been popping plenty of freefall cherries! President Bex (when not landing in trees) has been conducting heart monitor experiments on some jumpers for her degree, scaring us by revealing how unfit we really are!

Get well soon Pete Webber & Alison Illidge, and a super

duper 'big lurve' hug going out to Hilda and family. Good luck to Beth & Sonny on their travels. Well done to 'Daddy' Rowlands, and father & son crew-combo Chris & Greg Taylor for their CF1s – the dark, DARK side!

Interesting things on the webcam, including Hackeysac formation kite flying (all 30 seconds, before the 99p kites broke!) and Eddy Davies actually landing on his feet! Log on to see today's bizarre happenings. Jumps are now only £15 on Mondays and Fridays, another good reason to 'accidentally' drive past the office and go to the zone!

Rob McVey & Matt Abram

## Achievements

### First Freefall

David Fairbrother  
Shann Noronha  
Jamie Maiden  
Mike Cowie  
Bex Griffith  
Paul Cockson  
Alex Lawrence

### Cat 8

Alan Holmes  
Neil Robinson  
Helen Casey

### IC1

Laura Gray  
Carl Sagar

### FS1

Darren Graham  
Mike Collinson  
Andy Star  
Amelia Walters

### FF1

Duncan Aspinall

### Jump Numbers

50  
Johanna Middleton  
Helen Casey

### 100

Anthony Mould

### 500

Paul Dobson

### 900

Kevin Johnstone

### 1800

'Uncle' Ian Pringle

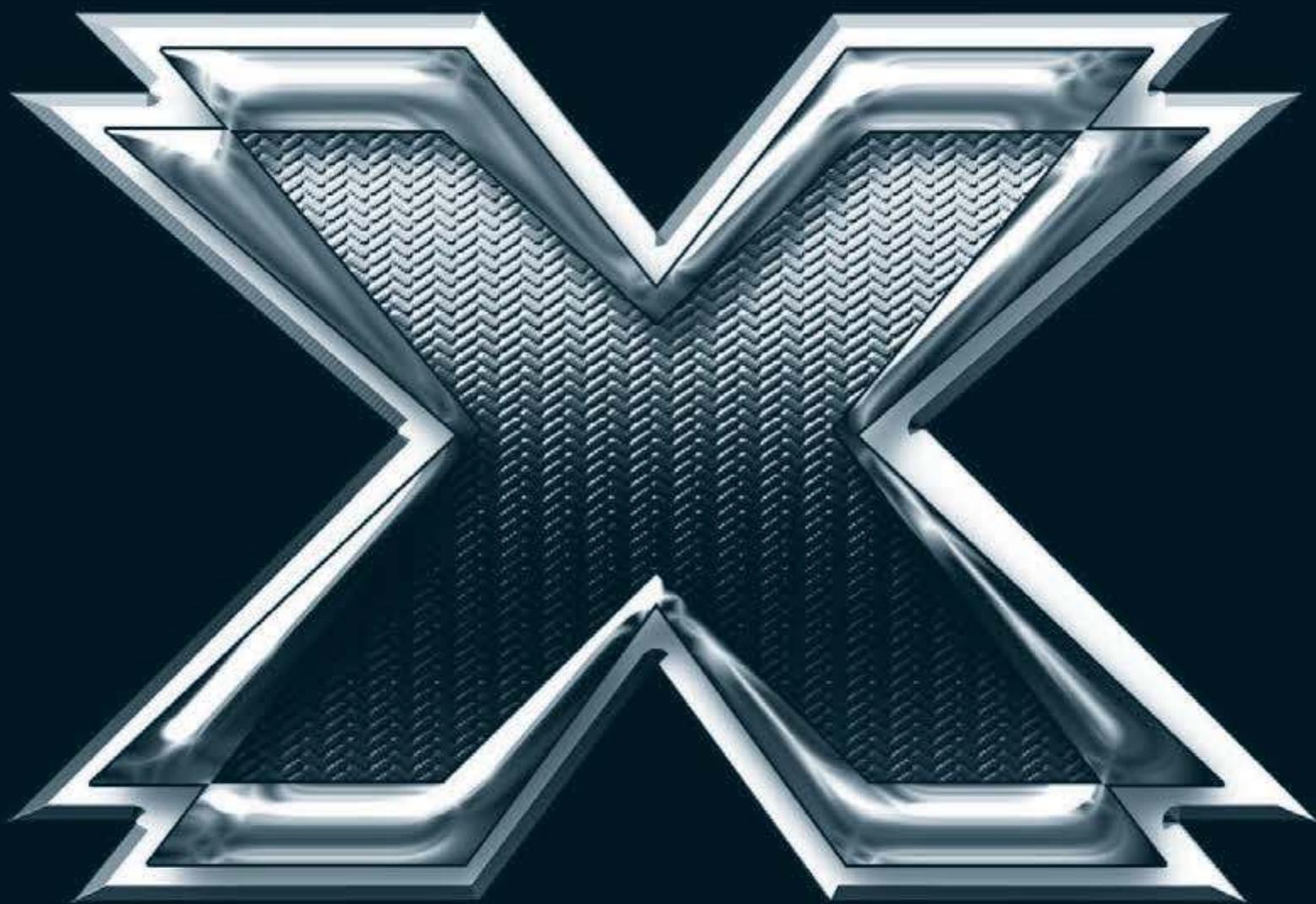


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We're open on Friday nights to take advantage of the long days. The jumping has been fast and furious with both our planes running non-stop. We built the first successful 2-plane formation load at St Andrews, a 9-way. Congratulations to all the jumpers and thanks to Sandy and Jim, the pilots, and Sandy McRobbie for organising.

Intermediate 4-way team *Helix* have been doing especially well, taking two golds and a silver on the Grand Prix circuit. Junior team *Synchronise* have been training hard.

We're proud of new AFF instructors Dave West & Doug McLelland, who did extremely well on their courses. Well done Graeme Mackay, now CSI, the centre's first homegrown instructor. Congratulations to Ned Blyth, now a gradand.

Barry Davin married Laurie, we wish them the best. They met at Stirling; Barry was a jumper and Laurie worked in the nearby restaurant, where she learnt how to put up with noisy skydivers!

Tom Fletcher

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

Martin Hedges  
50 Jumps, IC1, FS1

Jim Scott

50 Jumps, IC1

Karin Scott



## St Andrews

Stuart geeks at Graeme's camera



Synchronise by Graeme Macky

EleMENTAL by Ivan Peters



## Chatteris

### Achievements

#### Cat 8

Kate Luke  
Nick Chipp

#### FF1

Greg Wheatley  
Dave Livesey

#### CH2, JM1

Stuart McClaren

#### Jump Numbers

100

Lorraine Dixcey

Sue Hyde

200

Fiona Law

Kris Young

400

Mark Price

600

Guy Dickson

24 Hrs Freefall

John Stevens

60 Hrs Freefall

Sharon Simonian

Steve Wilkins

June saw a BPA tandem/AFF course which went very smoothly, thanks to all the volunteers, especially Mark Price for going on the front of 12 tandems in 2 days! We are looking to hold a summer BBQ on 13 August, anybody interested contact Steve. June saw me, Martin and Mike back to Serbia to introduce tandems to the Novi Sad club with 36 descents from an AN2. As usual their hospitality was incredible. Finally, we have TWO Nomads and cut price deals, cheaper the more jumps you do per day, jump 5 onwards are just £13!

## Tilstock

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to Tony Lightfoot, Martyn Wilson and Colin Fitzmaurice! 1955 was obviously a great year for skydiving. Welcome back Steve Walsh who's returned after 17 years! Congratulations to the new wave of Tilstock jumpers who have managed to get to Category 8 after lots of hard work doing RAPS jumps and enduring all the weather holds, aircraft problems and general set-backs! We remember it well.

Ria Bremner

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

Louise Whitby

#### IC1

James Doyle

Paul Morrison

#### Cat 8

Juliana Bergel

Martyn Lloyd

Liz Boniface

#### FS1

Andy Starr

50 Jumps

Paul Morrison

36 Hrs Freefall

Chris Gilmore

Chatteris has 2 Nomads, photo by Steve Wilkins



# Jersey

We've had fantastic weather, lots of jumping and a display for the Queen as part of the celebrations marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the island from German occupation.

An encouragingly large number of our tandems enjoyed their jump so much they've signed up for AFF. Declan Carlin is to be congratulated on spending most of his life savings on jump tickets. He's built up an impressive number of jumps for someone less than a year in the sport.

The complexities of Jersey tidal movement have been unravelled by Stephen Mauger and his computer; we now have a list of the times when the beach is big enough for jumping on any date, accurate to a few minutes. Well done Steve. Perhaps you could work on the weather next?!

*Julian Storey*

## Achievements

### FF1

Hedi Green

*Joe, Hedi & Charles check out the view, by Alun Griffiths*



# UK Para

We held our first ever progression week in May. CCI Tony Knight is getting back in the swing, renewing his twin rating. Club membership is growing; many ex-Ipswich and we have an emerging group of freeflyers. A junior 4-way team have been training here; Baz C (newly qualified WARP instructor), Shane H, Al M and Smudge.

June saw a mini heatwave, bringing jumpers out of the woodwork. Steve Forster (BPA Instructor of the Year) brought a bunch of old friends from Wattisham. The East Anglian Air Ambulance held a tandem day and

we raised over £1900 for a very worthwhile cause. Peter Mendham (ex Norwich City Footballer and executive of the Air Ambulance) came along to support the day; although not keen at first he was persuaded to jump and enjoyed every second.

Ryan O'Neill was the first of the likely lads from Essex to achieve his FS1, come on Steve, Gavin and Paul – who's next?! The Phoenix display team have done two demos, thanks Rob Ward for organising, and congratulations to Jenny Sedgwick for her first demo. We have a night jump planned for 27 August. Andy Page has held 2 advanced packing courses, more to come, check out [www.ukparachuting.co.uk](http://www.ukparachuting.co.uk)

*Grant Richards*

## Achievements

### Cat 8

Stuart Smith  
Lee Jackson  
Dave Warboys  
Tom Heinowski  
Vicky Branch  
Jeff Barker  
James Hawkins

### FS1

Simone Pickrell  
Peter Linstrand  
Tjebbe Roestenburg  
Ryan O'Neill

### IC1

Simone Pickrell  
Peter Linstrand  
Andy Fryer

### CH2

Damien Hewitt



*Peter Mendham's tandem by Victoria Garland*

### 50 Jumps

Gavin Rixon  
Steve Brooks  
Mitchell de Bruyen

### 100 Jumps

Arron Ellen  
Shane Humphrey  
Simone Pickrell



*All hail for Pete Rice's Cat 8, by John McCourt*

# Wild Geese

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Peter Simpson  
John McConville

### Cat 8

Mark Spence  
Graham Stewart

### FS1

Peter Rice  
Declan Carlin

### 100 Jumps

Eddie Black



*Jim Hunter*

We've had a couple of good months with lots of great jumping. *Practical Magic* were invited to Deland, making (among other jumps) 5 point 20-ways, 3 point 30-ways and three 50-ways... not a bad trip!

A group of us made the trip to IPC for the Irish Nationals and brought back two of the three medals. *Practical Magic* took silver and *One Secret* won bronze. The IPC barbecued a deer and we partied the night away.

The Geese held their own boogie weekend, a great success with student progression, tracking dives and 15-way formation dives from the Caravan & 206. For most it was the first aircraft formation load and so the beer flowed at the night's barbecue. Some of the gang decided to brighten up my caravan with a sign to reflect my youth... revenge will be sweet. Thanks to Sean & Rod for organising and the pilots, Drew & Alex, for their hard work.

*John McCourt*

Engaged couple Matt and Maddy made an appearance on the *Paul O'Grady Show*. Matt proposed to Maddy in freefall, they had mikes on and you could hear the "Yes" pretty clearly. The TV crew came up to film, then Matt n' Maddy went on an all-expenses trip to London to go on the show. They really enjoyed their moment of fame and to top it all were given a white water rafting trip.

The Grand Prix was a great success, with 18 4-way teams and gorgeous sunshine. Our newly built hangar was buzzing with people dirt-diving and creeping, it was invaluable for packing too. It was good to see so many new faces and we hope many will return. Feedback was top; the PAC, organisation, staff & facilities all got gold stars. Amanda was an absolute diamond on manifest. People commented on the friendliness of everyone, the quality of the food and were blown away by our breathtaking views of the bay. Mick and the team worked hard to get us all in the air. On Sunday we did 35 lifts & 528 descents, a Cark record!

## Grand Prix Results

### 4-way Senior

1 Double Vision

### 4-way Inter

1 Helix

2 Damn Zebra

3 Evolution

### 4-way Junior

1 FF University Skydive Lillo

2 Escondido

3 Exile

### 8-way Senior

1 Fun Unlimited

Cark week, in June, was glorious sun and a fantastic array of skydiving. Pete Knight and Billy Payn organised 10 and 15-ways. Brian Vacher delivered an outstanding *Safe Flight School* – 12 pupils ranged from Cat 8s on Furies to 1,500-jump wonders on Stilettos. Both ends of

the spectrum developed their canopy skills, even those not on the course picked up a few tips.

Rob Silver gave first class freefly coaching in his own inimitable way. He did a few amazing tube jumps with Al Hodgson, flying around it on his head. Then Rob lost the tube – how was he going to explain that to Steve Newman? After a visit from Cartmel Primary School, Rob was stunned to find the tube under his unpacked canopy (who did that Mike?!!)

John McIver did sterling work in FS, coaching Jan Fallon and a few of her WARP students, who soon had their FS1s and were launching exits and turning blocks like a real pucker team! Jan's 1,000<sup>th</sup> jump with Rob

carving below our 9-way was awesome.

Mark Lloyd got his Cat 8, then did a 10-way with his dad (Mick) and friends. He's progressed so quickly, following in his parents' footsteps no doubt! Look out, there's another Lloyd about! Topping the weekend off was a surprise party for CCI Dennis's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. For Dan's 40<sup>th</sup> Helen organised a hot pot supper and plenty of booze.

Thanks to Kay & Mike for putting it all together, Dennis for keeping it all together and the coaches & skydivers who made it a memorable, great vibes week. Next is our Skyfest, 5-14 Aug, with organised events, barbeques and much more.

*Michelle Meakins & Jan Fallon*

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Lexi Wilson, Jim Loftus

### AFF Graduate

Simon Cooke, Paul Lindsay

### Cat 8

Mark Lloyd, Mark Wright

### FS1

Brendan Roche,

Gary Hatton, Nik Barnett

Rob Hardwick, Lee Rhodes

### FF1

Chris Christou

### Jump Numbers

100

Nik Barnett

200

Al Bould, Debs Bould

1000

Jan Fallon

1500

Simon Nath



*Fun Unlimited by John McIver*



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# Weston

May saw the Weston Plummets weekend with George Pilkington teaching everyone atmonauti. June welcomed Chris Lynch's *Wing Tips* where 15 of us learnt plenty. Seminars, discussions, cool DVDs and packing lessons were followed by well organised loads. Everyone got their landings filmed and debriefed, coming away with a much greater awareness of what their canopies could do and how to get the best out of them. Thoroughly recommended!

June was also the Everyman boxer short skydive weekend, see page 24, and the RAFSPA 4-way meet, blessed with glorious weather, the G92 and a slick operation. We completed all 6 rounds in one day, and what a day it was! Unique to this meet, everyone competes in their own category, then the scores are directly compared to everyone else, so a good junior team can scare the seniors – which proved to be so. It was held on an NSL weekend, we did the same draw as teams worldwide – a great chance to compare the UK with our international friends. Thanks to Andy Scott, BPA FS rep & Kurt Gaebel, NSL Director.

The juniors were all scratch teams. *Fork* came out best, closely followed by 'most improved team' *Bucket of Custard*. Senior scratch team *Flashback* had a laugh; after a couple of issues with mirrored blocks, these guys spent the end of working time in the last round in a horny gorilla! Intermediates *Damn Zebra* look like serious contenders, turning some really nice blocks and putting up a 10+ average. *South Parc* are in their first year of seniors and looking forward to the World Cup in October. With the dust settled and videos scrutinised, results were as follows:



Kev hitches a ride with Craig, by Andy Ford

## RAFSPA 4-way Results

- 1 South Parc
- 2 Damn Zebra
- 3 Anyone Fancy a Pint?

Bodyflight were at RAFSPA and kindly donated a 15 minute tunnel voucher as first prize. In a display of sportsmanship, *South Parc* handed the prize to *Damn*, who promptly donated it to junior team, *Fork*. Thanks to Liz for judging, *Damn Zebra* and partners for the barbeque, cameraflyers, and Bodyflight & RAFSPA for prizes.

Our civilian manager, Ash Kemp, is now in charge of the DZ for weekends, working alongside Barrie

Buck. Ash has been jumping here for 16 years, has 3,000 jumps, is an AFF Instructor & CSI, and married to Amanda from *AirKix*.

Congratulations to Kate Brown and Ricky Butcher (aka R-Kelly!) who will soon be tying the knot.

August bank holiday looks fantastic with the summer ball, atmonauti, freefly and FS load organising, balloon and helicopter jumps. Then a bra jump for Breast Cancer Research on 3 September and the scrambles (24-25). Spot the facelift: [www.rafspa.com](http://www.rafspa.com).

*Nigel Holland, Anna Palmer & Chris Hollis*

## Achievements FS1

Cat I've

## Jump Numbers

- 50 Nick Etchells
- 100 Vicki Tuck  
Shaun Smith
- 500 Ian Ridpath  
Alberto Mazzucato  
Brian Gray
- 600 Chris Cox
- 800 Rob (Wiggaz 1)

# RAPA

The fantastic weather has given us some quality jumping and many achievements. Tim Porter ran a freefly seminar with first class coaching, we now have many on the dark side! The Royal Engineers brought an AFF trip and we had a group of 20 sailors from HMS *Invincible* come over for a two week course, some reached Cat 8.

Welcome back Hutch who's returned after surgery to his shoulder, much to everyone's delight, allowing us to jump more whilst he does DZ control. We say hello to Jakob Piemtel, Niel DeWitt (the South

African twins), Stu Hayward and Gary Stubbs who join us as assistant staff.

The new ditch is all but finished and has been put to good use by our resident swoopers. We are looking forward to seeing the big guns from the UK come over. We practiced our swooping on the world's biggest pond when we did a water display into the Baltic at the British Kiel Yacht Club. This saw many beer calls as the first water jump for some plus the first jump from a Sea King. With good weather, two aircraft, a huge ditch and cheap beer Lippspringe DZ is the place to be. Check out <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/LippspringeDZ>

Buzz



Buzz swoops the ditch

## Achievements Cat 8

- Nick Daynes
- Nigel Booker
- Garth Greyling
- Keegan Benjamin
- Gary Aldridge

## FS1

- Conrad Thorpe
- Jacob Piemtel
- Iain Munroe
- Chris Greenaway

## CF1

- Stu Storey
- CP1, CP2
- Bish
- Buzz

## CH1, CH2, JM1

- Nigel Booker
- Garth Greyling
- Colin Hands
- Matt Humphries
- Iain Munroe
- Chris Greenaway
- 100 Jumps
- Matt Humphries
- 200 Jumps
- Seb Muntz
- Linda Gillan
- 1 Hour Freefall
- Niel DeWitt

Paul Moore splashes in at Kiel demo



Photos: Justin Yeoman

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Paula Morgan

### Cat 8

Kevin Yau

Paul Smith

Stu Parker

Jo Cox

### AFF Graduate

Teresa McGowan

Paul Myers

Ady King

Scott Garrett

Chris Vosper

Oz Locke

Alex Penn

Lewis Jerams

Billy Gilroy

Chris Johnson

Tony McDonald

Chris Doneth-Hillier

Vic Sanchez

Marcus Rowley

Joe Allan

Henry Salmon

Kevin Rimington

Patra Lohmeier

### FS1

Jon Hammond

Jo Cox

Paul Cawley

Trevor Davis

Nicky Blythe

### CP1

Mike Lewis

Smudge Smith

### Jump Numbers

#### 100

Tom Darko

Trevor Davis

#### 200

Tracie Harrison

Graham Jolliffe

Chaz Sagar-Goldsmith

Chas Lawson

#### 400

Jason Legg

Paul Dunn

#### 600

Pam Snow

#### 900

Lee King

#### 1000

Rick Boardman

Mike Lewis

Ian Nicholson

#### 2000

Ash Hollick

Dave Tunks

Cossie

# Netheravon



Sounds Grrr8 by Woody

The early May bank holiday saw intense competition between two teams in the 10-way speed. *Cowboy Time* and *Extremely Dangerous* did a good job of living up to their name and provided plenty of entertainment (possibly material for the film festival?). Thanks to Bob and Tess Soutar for coping with the judging challenge. Half the prize fund was donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The *Carry On* themed party saw lots of doctors and nurses (although no-one was able to cure the DJ!), teachers and even some campers. No one had ever seen *Carry On Swedish Transvestite* though, but Frank assures us it is a genuine film.

Lee King organised a very successful trip to Kolomna, with lots of milestones, including letting Paula Morgan off manifest to do her first jump! Other highlights included champagne-swilling on the plane, evading the authorities Scouse-style, and the mossie bites join-the-dots puzzle on Mike Lewis's back!

Our birthday weekend saw plenty of jumping – Caroline did superb load organising, *Sounds Grrr8*, *Elsinore NRA*

and *One Non Blonde* were team training, plus coachloads of tandems.

Advanced Body Flight (ABF) is now in full swing and keeping Mike Lewis out of trouble – with 18 AFF graduates, you're going to be busy mate! Jon H and Nicky B qualified FS1s with 12 and 10 point 4-ways. ABF are broadening their coaching to include canopy handling and piloting with RAW Flight Club (RAW = Ram Air Wing). Smudge gained his CP coach rating, speak to him or Mike for advice.

Top marks to Robin Durie for allowing himself to be railroaded into having his hair dyed pink! It took less than a day to raise £700 of pledges to support the *Jump For The Cause* girls – then we broke the news to Robin! The restyling will take place August bank holiday. We'd love to break the £1k mark – donate at: [caroline.hughes@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.hughes@btinternet.com)

*Deland Majik* boys Solly Williams & Dave Van Greuningen ran a very successful skills camp. Rich Anderson commented, "Whilst the weather wasn't always ideal it meant that Solly and David could teach us body positions,



Majik party by Kath Salisbury



Majik seminar by Nigel Rowlan

randoms and blocks, exits and creeper technique and even a seminar on suits and bootie technology. For once being on a hold was very worthwhile! Their enthusiasm for perfection was infectious and has left me finally, after 2 years of scrabbling together a team, confident to get out there and compete. It is clear that the learning never stops."

"This was incredible value, such a high level of coaching," said Daine Thorne, adding, "We got to jump with David on Monday and it was great to have someone in the right slot!"

Kath Salisbury & Mike Lewis



# Hinton

We're off to a fantastic start with a brand new PAC 750XL, 7 day operation, and jump ticket deals, it's non stop jumping!

The *Wing Tips* seminar with Chris Lynch was a huge success, with many people eager to improve their canopy skills – and succeeding. Joel Keith reached 16 and was taken to the sky for a tandem by Dave Emerson – a family occasion with mum Sandy, sister Natalie and many buddies, nice one Joel. AFF next eh?

Congratulations to Zoë & Pete Stoneman on the birth of Caitlin, and to Rowena & Phil (4Pak) Lee on the birth of Elizabeth.

The joint bash organised by Caroline for Richard Orford's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and Julie Woodrow's leaving do was a cracker. Steve Baldwin's fantastic band knocked out awesome tunes (with demon dancer Len getting on down) and Tiggs assisted, or was it insisted, we knocked back some of his unusual liquors (the clear one with the dead salamanders floating in it was very interesting). We wish Julie well in her new life in Oz.

August bank holiday features a birthday party and the Film Festival, so come on you budding Spielbergs. 1-2 October is the popular 4-way Scrambles. October 22 is the German Beer Festival, dig out your laderhosen and do some thigh slappin', oom-pa-pa-ing and serious drinking. Starting 30 October, Kenya Boogie is a fabulous event (you can take the family), contact Geoff Wood.

Elaine Park

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Mark Turvey

### Cat 8

Nick Johnson

Martin Lee

### FS1

Paul Cooper

Richard Palmer

Mike Lowe

### IC1

Neil Foreman

Paul Cooper

### FF1

Nikki Biggs

Matt Abram

### Jump Numbers

#### 50

Martin Gardiner

#### 100

Carl Partington

Paul Cooper

#### 200

Jeremy Price

Nikki Biggs

Jamie Valder

#### 300

James Bassett

Matt Abram

#### 600

Duncan Humphreys



Geoff Wood at the unmissable Kenya Boogie, by Helen Carroll

# Langar

Now that we only need 5 paying customers to put the aircraft up, midweek lifts have been booming. In June we hosted the FS 4-way Grand Prix, 16 teams did 3 rounds, thanks to everyone that day for their patience. We also did a really cool CF 16-way.

At Langar Boogie 2, we're running an FS skills camp, Tues 30 Aug - Fri 2 Sept, 4-way, then 8-way, moving up to 16-way, FS1 coaching too. We have a similar plan for freeflyers and our camera team will also give out hints and tips. You only pay your slot. The coaching is FREE!

The first boogie weekend, 27-28 Aug, is a 16-way competition; the last, 3-4 Sept, is Milko and Lesley's 40-ways. If you've been on their stuff before, expect an invite. If not, ask them!

*Lisa James*

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Richard Jones

### Cat 8

Eddie Shelbourne

Adam Webb

Marika Onacko

Ramsay Allen

Rob Tillyard

Andie Harrison

Amanda Fraiser Smith

Jim Peace

### FS1

Steve Ward

Terry Connor

Luke Vickers

Dan Williams

Alex Murphy

Damian Hewitt

### FF1

Jesse Karadia

Tim Aucott

### IC1

Stef Price

Kelly Russel

Al Birch

### CP1

Craig Poxon

### Jump Numbers

#### 100

Steve Ward

Terry Connor

Dan Williams

The Milky Bar Kid

Alex Murphy

Alex Dulewicz

Charlie Walker

Andrew Donovan

Liz Fletcher

#### 200

Chris Smith

Paul Fletcher

Tim Aucott

#### 300

Pete 'Sonic' Bacon

Andy Pike

#### 700

Andrea Macleod

#### 800

Tom Hartland

Fiona Robinson

#### 1000

Gavin Mcleod

Gus Brown

Bill Miller

#### 1400

Craig Poxon

#### 1800

Al Hodgson

#### 2000

Steve Newman

#### 5000

Richard Wheatley

#### 9000

Milko

### Hours Freefall

1 Tom Lyne

12 Tom Hartland

12 Andrea Macleod

36 Mike Gorman

Milko's 9,000<sup>th</sup>  
by Tony Danbury



Steve Newman's 2,000<sup>th</sup> by Tony Danbury

CF weekend, by Tony Danbury



Chris Smith's 200<sup>th</sup> by Steve Newman



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# Strathallan



Mag7 and CCI by Junior

We're open on Friday nights, squeeze in a few extra jumps. CCI and the Bo'ness Banger (Bonking Bob to the ladies) have continued to spearhead (amongst other things) the renovation and maintenance programme. The lecture room and video suite are top notch and the new entrance conservatory really brightens up the front of the building. The finished product looks awesome, with only a minimal amount of pilfering!

The Golden Lions have been busy with demos throughout Scotland. It wouldn't be so bad if it was just the plane that disappeared but they're always sniffing about the chicks – leave it out guys, you're way too handsome and cool for us to compete.

Jools' 500<sup>th</sup> was a hybrid, Jools dangling in sit from a flat, spinning Alan Parker and The General, whilst Team Malarky did the Spanish thing head-down trying to keep up. At least one jump every weekend should be dedicated to having a complete and utter hoot!

Junior confirmed his Mag7 membership with a disgusting display of 'spoilt child' syndrome during a packing tangle test. Unable to get that final couple of lines cleared he threw the toys out of the pram, the kit into the corner of the room and headed off with his girlfriend for an afternoon's shopping. He returned with a lovely new tank-top, a leopard-skin thong and a quarter of sour plums. Junior was later seen running round in the dead of night wearing his new attire, a Gath hat and soaking his plums.

The weekend of 27-30 May had those pesky BCPA students milling around. Young 'Spanky' was instantly besotted by 'The Pole Dancer'. In search of true love, he headed to Hibaldstow... where the only jump he got was out of the Dornier! Spanky has now perfected the 'hoop landing'; you cover a minimum of 75 feet on your arse along the wet grass, then stand up as if nothing happened, saying it was a surf and of course, deliberate.

Saturday 18 June had all Scottish clubs invited to a meal and awards ceremony in Dunblane, with presentations to:

Andy Gibson	Certificate of Merit (Services to SPC)
Billy Somerville	Certificate of Merit (Services to SPC)
Rob Noble-Nesbitt	RAeC Lifetime Achievement Award
Kieran Brady	Certificate of Merit (20 yrs as SPC Chairman)

The club gave Kieran a new rig of his choice and plenty bottles of the good stuff. Eddie Jones acknowledged the contribution made by these individuals to the sport. Calum Bisset won 'Most Puked On' tandem instructor, with a current incidence of 12%. Is this a national or even an international record?

The Mag7

## Achievements

### First Freefall

John Masley  
Gareth Jones

### Cat 8

Fraser Maitland

### IC1

Steve Dannelly

### Jump Numbers

#### 50

Scott Cairns (Junior)

#### 100

Rob Dargie  
Steve Kynaston

#### 200

The General  
Jazzy Wales  
Arthur Agnew  
Emily Christie

#### 500

Julie Terry  
Joyce Carter

# Headcorn



4 Cats In A Dryer by Nigel Rowlan



S-Sense by Simon Hughes

Happy couples Kate & Vic, and Penny & Rich tied the knot barely two weeks apart. Pen & Rich now should be safely in their new home in the village – true Headcorn converts. Simon & Tracy are now proud parents of Flynn. If anyone's seen Chris Carroll, let us know – there's a rumour he's disappearing!

May saw 9 teams in the Andy Kelly 4-way meet complete all 4 rounds. Homegrown team S-Sense moved up to seniors and suffered from the handicap, so their 10 point average only gave them bronze. Last year's winners Quake had a costly bust allowing 4 Cats In A Dryer to take the trophy. Pete and Ruth showed sneaky tendencies by keeping the handicap scores a mystery until the prizegiving 'just to keep it interesting'.

The speed 7 in June had an excellent turnout; 10 teams with a fine mix of skill levels. The first team, Police 5, made a decision to go at 8k to get things going, losing 10 secs of working time, so were given a well earned 'sportsmanship award'. Old rivalries between home teams ensured the meet was hard fought but lots of fun. Winners, Lazy Bastards, had put a team together for cameraman Nigel Rowlan's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday (is he the 'lazy bastard'?), did the fastest

time of 16 secs. The final round was Michelle's 400<sup>th</sup> and Graham's 800<sup>th</sup> jump, plenty to celebrate! Why Us? were only 2.5 secs behind (and watching Lazy Bastards on telemeters to count down the seconds in the final round – you know who you are!). One Foot Decayed were third, their name's on the trophy too many times already!(?) Thanks to HPC staff for the slick operation.

A great effort was made on costumes at our 'Pirates of the Caribbean' do. Much swashbuckling, frolicking and fun was had! The annual LAC meet, 3-4 Sept, is always a really fun competition, and great to watch, come along.

Ruth Cooper, Pete Sizer and Michelle Garwood

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Ian Rockcliffe

### Cat 8, IC1

Ros Friend

### IC1

Dan Sherry

### CP1

Wiggy  
James Wilson

### FF2

Chris Carroll

### Jump Numbers

#### 50

Avril Hardy

#### 100

Jason Emins  
Mark Wingrove

#### 200

Dan Sherry  
Big Tony  
Chris Gorbitt  
Guy Reynolds

#### 400

Michelle Garwood

#### 800

Graham Cooper

#### 1000

Chris Carroll  
Wiggy

### 1 Hour Freefall

Jill Duncan

Maxine & Dave jump into Headcorn Primary School, by Nigel Rowlan





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600,000 people. A special thanks to the US Special Forces team, the *Black Daggers*. This was the first time displaying with them, it was super and we look forward to more swimming demonstrations in the future! Thanks to Captain Tim Rachiele who worked tirelessly and, more importantly, his wife who didn't see him for two weeks!

*Red Devils Black* team had a hugely successful trip to Rhode Island, displaying to

**Danny Wood**

**Achievements**  
**FF1**  
 Kay Holford  
**100 Jumps**  
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Many thanks to all who turned up at the Scots Meet, and to Strathallan regulars & staff for making it such a fantastic weekend. To quote Dave Humphrey (York President): "*Something to note about Strathallan: it kicks ass!*" Entertainment included climbing wall action, big swings, the big pan doo, and an impromptu disco. Dave won the fan trainer accuracy with 2 dead centres over 4 rounds. Ally Pringle & Ralph 'Spanky' Davidson took the £50 Wacky Races prize with 2 nail-biting photo finishes! Oh and there was some real skydiving! Here's the 3-way speed results:

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A special mention for Leeeeds team *Penguin*; they couldn't fly but definitely won the imbibing contests! (It's a shovel, Captain Cook!) They kept going till 5am each morning, finishing with a barefoot boogie.

In the Pre-FF1, two competitors were very hard to split, with Lorraine Blacker (Manchester) pulling out some awesome sit flying. But due to the award of her FF1 on her first round, the winner was Kay Holford (Leeds).

Post-FF1 saw Timmay Cooke (UWE) against Julie Terry (Strathclyde). The first round was definitely Julie's, with some excellent altitude awareness and slick FF1 dive moves, but Timmay fought back in the second round with some excellent head-down. Julie pulled out at least 5 forward and backward layouts on the last round, and the competition was hers!

There were over 30 competitors (including G-CCSN!) in the four different accuracy events.

**Student Accuracy**

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Fiona Pockett | Glasgow Caley |
| 2 Craig Maxwell | Glasgow Caley |

**Pre-100 Jumps**

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| 1 Roy Little    | Leeds     |
| 2 Jonny Flowers | Edinburgh |
| 3 Neil Murray   | York      |

**Post-100 Jumps**

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| 1 Chris Reeves  | Exeter    |
| 2 Kay Holford   | Leeds     |
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**Post-500 Jumps**

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# Pumpkin



There was plenty of fun and frolics over the May bank holiday weekend for the members of Team Pumpkin, at the Babylon boogie, a massive thanks to Sibson who always look after us so well. A top weekend!

Congratulations to Martin Williams and Mel Lovell-Knight who got engaged (up to their knees in a welsh sheep dip, as far as we can gather)... a stealth move whilst El Capitaine was on leave in June. Return safely Martin and we look forward to another TP wedding in November 2005.

Good luck to KJ Bull who started his training at Sandhurst in May (along with Mr Wales!). When not polishing boots, square-bashing or practising his curtsey, he gets to jump at Nethers in training for the Army Nationals. Good luck in the Armies to Tracie Harrison and her new TA 4-way team. Commiserations to Stu Carter, recovering but still grounded. No Nationals for him but he's organising a 3 week jaunt to Florida to make up for it! That's the spirit!

Ros Jinks

### Achievements

**CH1** Vince Hone **200 Jumps** Tracie Harrison

# POPS

For the May bank holiday EuroPops, 38 jumpers and judges from Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Great Britain met up at RAPA for accuracy, hit & rock and 4-way scrambles. Accuracy and hit & rock completed on Saturday. The evening was enjoyed with a great BBQ and beer around the bonfire, friendships being formed and renewed. Sunday was the scrambles, 4 teams, all 3 rounds. After a lot of deliberation by judges and jumpers, gold and silver were settled on the toss of a coin!

### Accuracy Results

- 1 Martin Ratzke 0.07m
- 2 Elvira Wolf 0.09m
- 3 Gotz Hubentahl 0.11m

### Hit & Rock

Peter Nygaard Denmark  
6.93 seconds

### 4-way Scrambles

- 1 Pops n' Pups
- 2 Alzheimer's
- 3 Wertlings

Ann Fowler and Tony Makepeace did a good job judging. Jamie Fowler was presented with his Pops membership and did a tandem with Paul Moore. Monday was fun jumping and sightseeing.

At Target and Cark, Pete Knight and Billy Payne ran 2 coaching seminars about large formation skydiving. They did a

superb job explaining the techniques and skills needed, with good debriefing. Everyone came away having learned a lot and improved in a few jumps. Sign up to the Pops email list on our website, I'll see you at the next seminar, it's well worth it.

Ensign Nancy Wake (The White Mouse) has been presented with honorary membership to Pops in recognition of her outstanding work in WW2.

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Jamie Fowler's tandem



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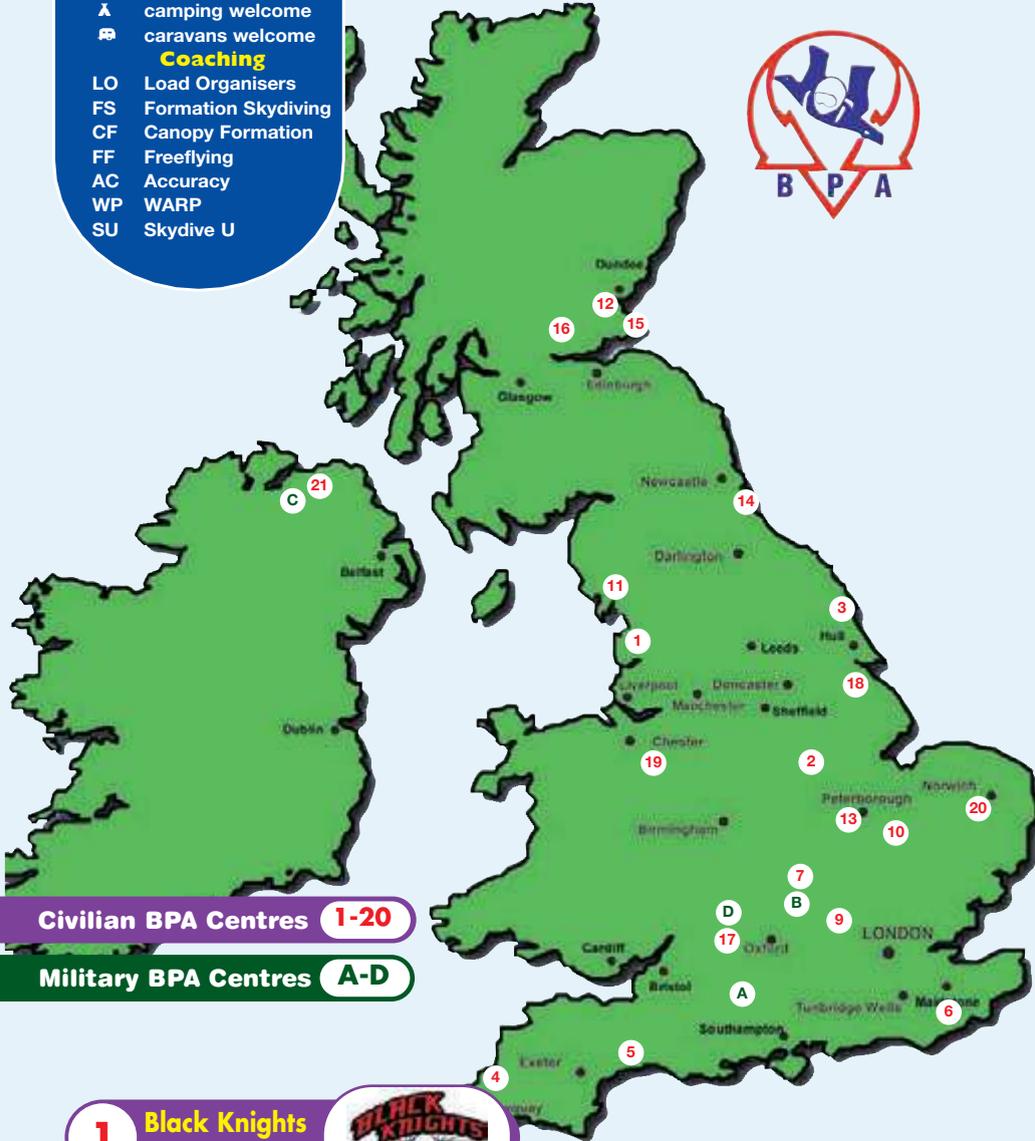
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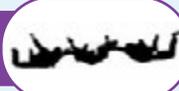
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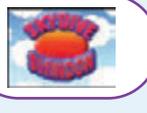
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