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Imagine for a moment that you have never skydived, nor even been to a DZ. You're at work and a colleague is telling you they heard a new world record has been set for the number of skydivers linked together in freefall. "How many?" you casually enquire. Imagine your amazement on hearing the reply, "Four hundred".

The concept is ridiculous! It's clearly not preposterous, we did it. But of all the records I have been on, this one amazed me the most. It still blows my mind. To increase from 300 to 400 in just two events (World Team 04 and WT '06) is outrageous. But casting aside any previous records, even thinking of putting that many people into freefall together is dumbfounding. That we did it safely, successfully and with great efficiency is a credit to the skills of the entire team and to the vision of BJ Worth.

I couldn't help but put this Mag together with some trepidation after the letters printed last issue about too much coverage of the women's world record. One thing Peter Warren said in a string of email correspondence is: "You chose to be editor so you must be able to take criticism as part of this task, the subscribers (BPA members) are entitled to ask of you some questions." He is right and I must take feedback on board rather than be defensive.

How would I reconcile these comments but still give World Team the attention it deserves? Both for the Brits on the load and the readers who enjoy the unique photos: Caroline Allen told me she was so inspired by our coverage of the 357-way in 2004, she has been working towards World Team as her goal ever since – happily with success since she was on the 400-way!

I had to decide my own judgement must count for something. It is my job to sift through all the material we receive, select the finest ingredients and concoct the best Mag I possibly can for you. Here is April's feast, my creative offering. Whether it tickles your palate, sticks in the back of your throat or sates your hunger, it is the best meal I was capable of making.

Bon appetit!



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The World Team on their way to a World Record (page 32), photo by Willy Boeykens





Anyone For Tennis?

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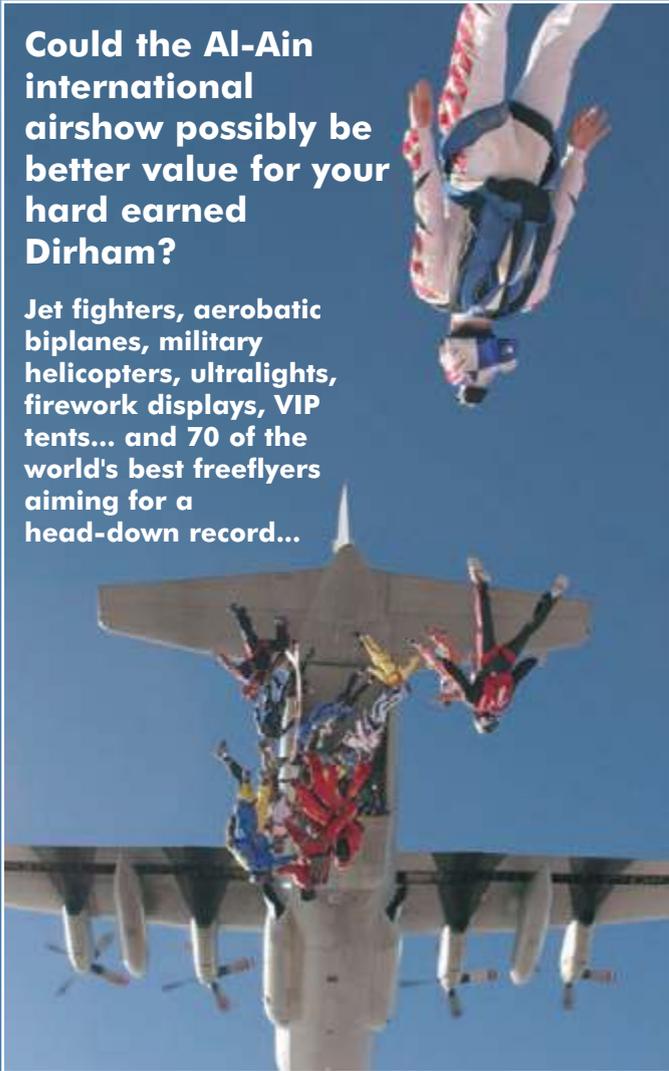
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On any other day this would have been an ordinary 6 hour flight to Dubai. But this particular flight was different; instead of looking at strangers making their way to their Middle Eastern holiday resorts, I was surrounded by some of the best freeflyers in existence. There were members of *Alchemy*, *Aria*, *Babylon*, *The Flyboyz*, *Funkflyz*, *Guano* and more, all hoping to build a world record in freefly. Britain was represented by Mike Carpenter, Dan Parker, Chris Lynch and Rob Silver, with Tim Porter doing video and pictures. It was great to see all these people on one plane, going to the same event. It was then that I realised this had the potential to be awesome.





Doubt

On arrival our excitement was met with doubt as to whether the airshow would proceed; the day before, Sheikh Mahktoum, the ruler of Dubai had unexpectedly died.

The tradition is that forty days of mourning shall follow; this put the whole event into uncertainty. But after a day of waiting, we got the word that the event would go on, although without the intended live bands.

Practice Jumps

Before the airshow began, we had four days of practice out of a C130 Hercules. This event organised by Omar Alhegelan, Charles Bryan and Olav Zipser was not going to be a walk in the park. Jump one was an attempted 54-way! We had two or three practice jumps a day running into the attempts and we were fairly confident of a record... but it didn't come. People were being swapped on and off the bench like it was going out of fashion, with some big names not even getting a chance till the last day.

Before we knew it, the first day of the airshow arrived and the pressure was on. The original plan had been to break the record during the practice days and then be able to go bigger for the actual event. With the incredible talent pool we had, this seemed possible but we still needed that first record.





Slow Fall Rate

Some of the opinions floating around were that the formation was falling very slowly, making it difficult for people to fly in their slot. These are lessons we have learned from flat flyers; the bigger a formation gets the slower it will fall, which is why low grips, and accelerating into your grip are so important. With some Pro-Tracks showing speeds of 140 mph the formation, according to some, was flying approximately 20 mph slower than the existing world record of 53 organised by Alchemy in Perris Valley, California, in 2005.

Close - But Not Close Enough

Towards the end of the attempts we got very close, with a couple of times just one grip out. We had a window of only 15 minutes airspace during the airshow and just one jump a day; not ideal conditions for a record! Still, the crowd got a good show. Spectators could see the formation from the ground as well as on a giant TV screen showing video from the previous day's jump. Our designated landing area was right in front of the big grandstand and VIP area. We were instructed to land safely without any big swoops because this was the only part of our display that the crowd would see up close. A broken leg could have put a real downer on the the show but everyone did an outstanding job and we managed to go incident-free throughout the event. After each jump we all lined up to give a wave to the cheering spectators and VIPs, something I could, for sure, get used to! Although we did not get an official FAI record I still had an awesome time in the United Arab Emirates and I would like to thank our hosts for their excellent hospitality.

Mike Carpenter
www.freeflyeuphoria.com





Photos: Tim Porter and Francisco Neri



Boost Your Confidence

Champion swooper Jonathan Tagle describes how to improve confidence. His excellent advice applies to every area of skydiving.

Swoopers who run a course with high self-confidence are more relaxed and don't get intimidated or anxious. They focus on the positive, maintain optimistic thoughts and allow themselves to trust their ability in crucial situations.

Confidence can be gained by practising, by believing in your talent, by others giving you positive feedback. You can grow in confidence by winning an event or having one sweet swoop that just felt great. Your thoughts and feelings about yourself and swooping ability will greatly influence your confidence.

The ultimate state of confidence that professional athletes and swoopers strive for is the enduring, long-term, self-empowered confidence that is gained through quality practice, sustained success and a positive attitude. But there are also some quick-fix methods that can boost your self-confidence:

1 Tune Into Your Patterns

The first step to gaining confidence is to examine the thoughts, feelings and situations that help you gain and swoop with confidence. Armed with this information, you can focus on methods of gaining trust that are more relevant for you.

2 Take Control, Don't Be Controlled

Don't let challenging situations scare you and cause you to doubt your ability. Direct your attention to the methods that are within your control, such as: how much you practise; the quality of your practice; how you respond to a bad swoop or vertical; controlling your mental and physical preparation; and what to focus on or think about in a given situation. All these things can be controlled by you.

3 Develop Long-Lasting Confidence

Enduring confidence is more stable and based on long term factors such as: past success; many good swoops; healthy practice; and lots of training. Situational confidence is prone to fluctuate with the demands of each swoop and can change based on: the difficulty of the next swoop; how good your last swoop was; or outside pressures and distractions. Recall how much you have practised and remember you have paid the dues that are necessary to compete at your level. Remember the successful swoops you've made in training and in competition, rather than focusing on a couple of missed gates or bad runs.



Jay Moledzki performs a switchblade





4 True Confidence Not Fake Confidence

Fake confidence is believing you can do something that is truly above the range of your physical abilities or skills. True self-confidence is an inner belief in your ability without exaggeration of how good you are or the skills you possess.

5 Think, Feel and Act Confidently

Think optimistically and maintain positive feelings and appropriate actions to support your thoughts. You can hurt your performance by negative thinking, doubt, indecision and fear. Maintaining optimistic thoughts and acting poised is one way to maintain your belief in yourself during times of adversity.

6 Be Accountable, Don't Delay

If you wait to become confident until *after* you have a good swoop, this becomes an error in mental preparation. To swoop well, be accountable for swooping with confidence *before* you exit the plane, or even before you gear up. Visualisation of the perfect swoop in detail will help you set some expectations and make you accountable for that particular swoop.

7 You Get What You Expect

You need to imagine success. Picture in your mind what you want rather than what you fear. Imagining success means looking for reasons to swoop well rather than reasons to swoop poorly; expecting good things to come rather than fearing what might go wrong; and seeing yourself swoop well rather than expecting to make mistakes and miss gates.

In Conclusion

Embrace your next challenge. Take your positive experiences and self-manifest them into your next swoop.

Jonathan Tagle



PD Factory Team 2005 – Jay, Ian, Cisco, Jonathan & Shannon

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Euphoria Team Up With Space

Jim Harris of Freely Space and Mike Carpenter of Euphoria have created a new and improved freely school. They recently teamed up to build on their success at last year's nationals. They will be based at Skydive Spain, near Seville, from September to June. Every load flies to 15,000ft in less than 15 minutes and the location in Spain offers arguably the best weather in Europe. Mike, Jim and Andy Newell will be based at Hibaldstow during the summer, are representing the UK at the world meet in Germany and also competing in the UK nationals. They will be training hard, improving both their own skills and the quality of coaching available to their students.

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Go Vertical Goes to Langar

Langar is hosting the UK's first ever Go Vertical, 31 May to 5 June. Go Vertical is a freely boogie originally designed by Jan Wildgruber and Tim Porter. Jan is the owner of Europe's fastest climbing jumpship the Beech 99. The concept is to give freeflyers the same freefall time as their belly flying friends by going to 15,000ft. Tim Porter, Martin Kristensen and Bullet Freely will be organising at the Langar event and you can expect to see more of the UK's best freeflyers. There will be great parties, the world's best fire pit (Langar Henge), competitions, extra altitude, tunnel time (available through Milko and Bullet) and much more.

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Tim Porter racing the Beech 99

Atmonauti Fly Zone Moves to Italy

Marco and Gi of Atmonauti have moved from Brienne Le Château in France to Skydive Marche in Italy. They have set up a school which is open every day to teach all aspects of atmonauti flight. For skydivers between AFF completion and 100 jumps the coaching is free! For more experienced flyers they are setting up Atmonauti Top Patrol, a team of jumpers with matching atmonauti suits and smoke, slots still available. See diary for their full programme of atmonauti events.

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Tim Porter



JM's Newsround

Tracking World Record Attempt

CK1 Freely are planning a 30-way slot specific tracking dive at Skydive Cross Keys, 26-29 May, which will be the focus of the Rocky Horror Tracking Boogie. The boogie is open to everyone, regardless of experience or discipline. As the event goes on they will pick the best trackers to try for the world record (which is currently not recorded).

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New Canopy School At Langar

Mike Gorman has set up his own canopy school at Langar. He trained for two weeks with Brian Vacher of the Safe Flight School and is now qualified to teach their three day Canopy Flight courses. Canopy Flight 1 is aimed at anyone wishing to improve their current piloting skills and to understand their canopy's full potential. It is ideal for beginners having problems with their landings or working towards their CH2. It consists of thorough ground training covering dive flows, data analysis, canopy choice and twenty supervised in-air canopy exercises. Canopy Flight 2 is targeted to more experienced skydivers (1,000+ jumps) wishing to learn how to swoop and gain more performance from their canopy. It will also give an introduction to flying lanes and gates.

Mike - 07966 430960
www.safeflightschool.com

Olympic Wind Tunnel

The closing ceremony of the Winter Olympics 2006 in Torino, Italy, included an impressive demonstration of wind tunnel flying. The owner of a Latvian portable vertical tunnel, Ivars Beitans, set up an open air unit in the middle of the stadium and gave the spectators a great show.

Avalore Freely Newsletter

Avalore Freely School are producing a free monthly newsletter. This will contain brand new articles, freely tips, exclusive training videos, coaching offers and news on all of their events. When signed up to the newsletter you will receive everything before it is published anywhere else, as well as offers that no-one else will be eligible for.

www.avalorefreely.com

BPA Safety Evening

North London Parachute Centre will be holding a safety evening on 29 April at 7pm. There will be talks on canopy handling, flight line checks, jumpmaster responsibility and practical malfunction drills. Food will be available, let the centre know if you're coming.

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DVD Review



Soulflyers II

Reviewer Chris Hollis
Runs for 1 hour
Cost: 30 Euros
Content 8/10
VFM 7/10
Summary French wingsuit/base team world tour continues!

Hot on the heels of *Soul Flyers* comes its sequel – the imaginatively titled *Soul Flyers II*, where French wingsuit guru and all-round cool dude Loïc Jean Albert and chums hop off on another world tour of aerial antics including wingsuit flying, base jumping and swooping down various mountains.

If you've seen the original you can expect much the same. *Soul Flyers II* doesn't set out to be the ultimate demonstration of any one discipline, it's just a video diary of what you can do if you have time, talent and money! Loïc is the guy that flew his wingsuit down that ski slope in Verbier for the original – this time, he's swooping scarily close to Mont Blanc, zooming by Mount Fuji in Japan, getting a close view of the Matterhorn and thoroughly scaring some wildlife off a cliff in Norway.

The wingsuit flights close to terrain are the most visually stunning aspect of this movie. The backdrops alone make it difficult not to be impressed. Equally jaw-dropping are some of the ski-slope canopy flights where our crazy French dudes zig-zag with some skiers. Bond movie stuff. Formidable!

I was entertained by this movie and, for anyone that just wants a bit of background eye candy, this is perfect. If you fly a wingsuit yourself, you'll be inspired by how laid back the guys are – listening to the in-air radio commentary during one base jump the guy is extraordinarily chilled considering the proximity of the rock face!

If you can't understand French, I hope your eyesight is good as the subtitles are rapid and small! Other movies can and do show everything that the *Soul Flyers* do, but not one of those manages to capture the whole French philosophical outlook these guys bring to our sport.

www.flyyourbody.com

Airspeed Odyssey come to Bodyflight UK



Cathy Bouette and Fabian Raidel by Bodyflight

Airspeed Odyssey by Wendy Smith

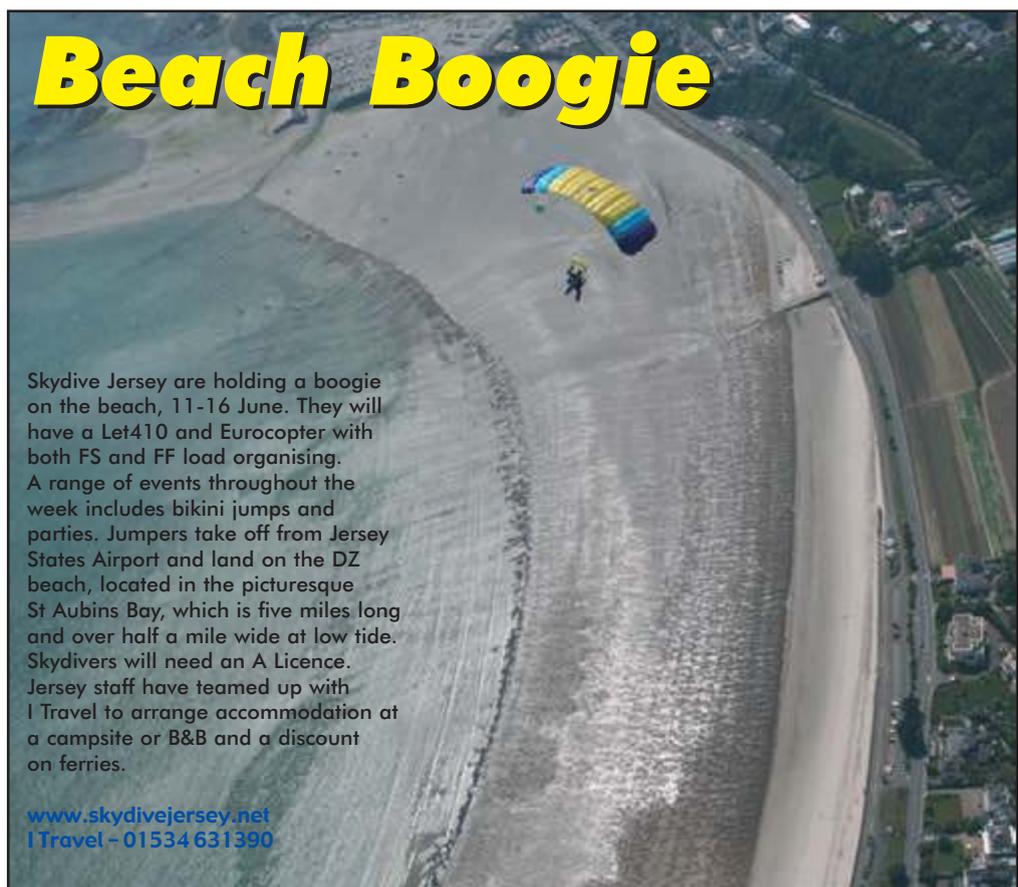


Airspeed Odyssey (Brian Johnson, Eliana Rodriguez, Craig Girard and Andy Delk) will compete at the Bodyflight World Challenge, 8-9 April, the first time Airspeed have been to the UK. **Airspeed will be available for FS skills coaching on Thursday 6 April.** They will be joined in the FS 4-way competition on Saturday by Belgium national champions *Hayabusa* and medal-winning teams from Sweden and Holland, to add to our UK teams. The high international representation reflects Bodyflight's customer base, they report that 60% of their business is from overseas.

For the 2-way freely competition on Sunday, *Babylon*, Fabian Raidel, Cathy Bouette, Joao Tambor, and Jo Winters & Carlos from SkyVenture Orlando are all confirmed, reflecting a mixture of styles. Both events are money meets with cash purses of £8,000 each. There were a few slots still available when we went to press, and everyone is invited to watch some of the top teams in the world show their talents.

www.worldchallenge.info
0845 200 2960

Beach Boogie



Aun Griffiths

Skydive Jersey are holding a boogie on the beach, 11-16 June. They will have a Let410 and Eurocopter with both FS and FF load organising. A range of events throughout the week includes bikini jumps and parties. Jumpers take off from Jersey States Airport and land on the DZ beach, located in the picturesque St Aubins Bay, which is five miles long and over half a mile wide at low tide. Skydivers will need an A Licence. Jersey staff have teamed up with I Travel to arrange accommodation at a campsite or B&B and a discount on ferries.

www.skydivejersey.net
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St Aubins Bay, landing area for the Jersey Beach Boogie

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Peterlee's Airvan in production

New Aircraft at Peterlee

Peterlee has purchased a brand new Airvan. It will have an in-flight door and take up to nine jumpers with plenty of room. They plan to operate it routinely with six to eight including tandems so they can easily go to 12,000ft.

www.skydiveacademy.org.uk



Milko by Bruno Brokken

British Record at Langar

Milko, Darryl Moran and friends are looking to attempt a new UK record later this year, aiming for a 122-way, they reckon there's the talent to do a second point for good measure! However, they are in need of funding. The main obstacle to increasing the current record of 100, set at Langar in 1999, is the availability and cost of suitable aircraft. If anyone knows of any potential sponsors then please contact Milko.

info@bpslangar.co.uk

MASS DROP



Willy Boekkens

A new Guinness Record for the largest mass freefall jump was set on 11 February when 960 skydivers jumped into Suvarnabhumi, the new Bangkok airport, using eight Hercules, two BT-67s and a Fiat G222. This beat the 2004 record of 672 jumpers. Both records were set by BJ Worth's World Team, and co-ordinated through the Royal Thai Air Force. See page 32 for the full story on the new world FS record of 400, also set by World Team.

BUSINESS AS USUAL AT SIBSON

Sibson's clubhouse and bar/canteen buildings were destroyed in a fire during February. Skydiving is continuing regardless. The site has been cleared and large temporary buildings are in place. There are several rooms in the front training hangar that are newly refurbished. Team rooms, accommodation and packing hall were all thankfully untouched.

Peterborough Parachute Centre will have a G92 for the summer season, especially useful for teams who wish to train for the Nationals. Jumpers will have to bring their own food and drink but there are several excellent pubs close by, so with free transport customers would not be too put out. The Babylon Boogie, 26-29 May, sees the return of Tom & Nimmo who will be organising along with resident freely team *Flytrix*, PD and Aerodyne are both supplying canopies for the Fly Your Reserve weekend, 17-18 June (experienced jumpers only). The Skyvan will be here for the annual Freely Festival, 8-16 July, which sees Jari Kuosma co-ordinating BirdMan jumps over the first weekend.

Plans are in place to rebuild the facilities. Sibson would like to thank all those who have offered their help and support during this time, skydiving is truly a great family to be in!

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Freely jump over Sibson by Sarah Hall

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World record holders Team Airkix practising for the World Championships



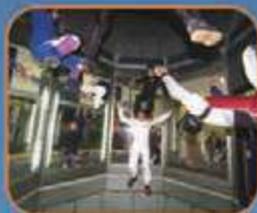
Good enough to coach the Red Arrows who all flew at Airkix

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AGM



Photos: Simon Ward



The 2006 AGM followed the tried and tested formula which every year brings a larger audience of BPA members keen to try it for themselves.

This year roughly 450 attended the AGM itself, the formal meeting beginning at 10.30 on Saturday 21 January. BPA Chairman Chris Allen gave a report to the membership, by way of a Powerpoint presentation; this was enclosed in the last (February) edition of *The Mag* and summarises the achievements made in 2005.

Special Business - Insurance

RAPA Commandant Paul Moore introduced an item of Special Business. This was originally proposed by BPA member Ludwig Schmude who could not attend the meeting due to work commitments. This item aimed to resolve a long-standing problem with insurance.

At BPA Affiliated drop zones all jumpers are required to join the BPA to comply with our insurance conditions. Most BPA DZs are in the UK but RAPA (the Rhine Army Parachute Association) is based in Germany, at Bad Lippspringe. Some Germans have declined to jump there because of the cost of taking out BPA membership as well as that of their own governing body, the DFV. Ludwig's proposal, that experienced German parachutists (not students) who are members of DFV and have their own insurance be allowed to jump at BPA DZs without a mandatory BPA membership, was aimed at encouraging more Germans to travel and skydive at Bad Lippspringe and other BPA drop zones.

There was extensive discussion of the motion; by Paul Moore; Dave Hickling of the BPA's Insurance Committee; Tony Mitchison of HSBC (the BPA's insurance brokers); and by a dozen or more people from the floor. A popular and applauded comment from the audience was of the principle of accepting other countries' insurance as they accept ours. Eventually a vote was taken and, although both sides were well voted for, there was a clear majority in favour of Ludwig's proposal.

Membership Subscriptions

The membership then voted in BPA Treasurer Debbie Carter's proposal that the 2006/7 membership fee is £112.60, a rise of £1 on the previous year. The insurance and magazine elements of the subscription remain the same as the previous year, with a rise of 3% in the BPA element, as required by UK Sport.

Postscript

Subsequently, quotes were obtained from the BPA's brokers of the cost of activating the above insurance proposal. To do this in the membership year just beginning (1 April 06) would add about £25 to the membership fee. It has therefore proved impossible to reconcile both AGM resolutions, since it appears that is not feasible to provide the increased cover within the membership cost of £112.60. Council and the BPA Insurance Committee are investigating options, approaches and costs of activating the resolution for the following membership year (starting 1 April 07). In the mean time, Council has voted in some special measures on BPA memberships to allow Bad Lippspringe a short-term solution to its problems while the bigger picture is looked at for the longer term. See *BPA Matters*, page 26.

Election and Awards

Martin Shuttleworth announced the results of the Council election, which were in the February issue of your *Mag*. Chris Allen gave out various annual awards and presentations. The meeting then gave way to the less formal aspects of the day.

Exhibition

The annual exhibition of skydiving products and services has grown every year so that a bigger hall is needed each time. This year there were so many stands that a second exhibition area was required, in the Rotunda. Both this and the usual London Suite were busy throughout the day. Goods offered varied from complete rigs to wind tunnel time; bespoke earplugs to great beanbags; silly hats to personalised T-shirts.

Seminars and Meetings

A range of topics were covered in presentations, such as:

- Canopy Formation World Record
- JFTC Women's World Record
- A Plan for Training by *Team AirKix* 4-way (see page 47)
- Young Eagles
- Advances in Freefall Communication
- Freely Grading System

The popular Competitions Committee open forum allowed everyone to have their say, a meeting for magazine contributors generated some discussion, while judges, pilots, POPS, display teams and many other groups got together for their annual gathering.

Dinner Dance

The annual dinner dance, disco and band brought the evening to a successful climax, for those making it past the somewhat threatening-looking bouncers, apparently self-appointed since the hotel later denied that they existed. How bizarre!

Hotel

Hinckley Island Hotel, as a result of being under new management, had been (in)completely refurbished. Individual elements of the new look, such as the coffee shop or wine bar, added something to the service but overall the result is a mish-mash of different colours, designs and styles. This is typified by the bedrooms, newly appointed with attractively-clashing soft furnishings but missing useful old facilities such as fridges and ashtrays. There was a lukewarm response to the changes, most felt there must be better ways to spend £3.5 million!

There were a number of comments from the membership about the hotel being less than ideal – the wait for service, the cost of drinks and the quality of food all being concerns. The BPA is investigating other options for the 2007 AGM and is open to suggestions.

Anyone with ideas of a suitable venue please contact Martin at the BPA Office quickly. There are not many hotels in the central region which would be able to satisfy our requirements: 170+ bedrooms, large exhibition **and** AGM hall for 400+, five smaller meeting rooms and dinner dance capability for 250. So, if there is a more suitable venue out there for the 2007 AGM, we'll be there. If not, we'll return to the bizarrely decorated Hinckley Island Hotel, which by then will be without the enormous Neptune statue in the lobby. Hmmm... I wonder what will be in its place.

Lesley Gale
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2006 AGM AWARDS



Instructor of the Year 05: Gavin Tuckley from the Red Devils

Awarded to a new instructor who did very well on their course and is the type of instructor that students would be very happy to turn to for advice.



Mike Forge Trophy 05 (New Skydiver of the Year): Nate Cheeseman

In the words of the nominator: "If I get just one more student like Nate in the future then I will be the luckiest instructor in the BPA! Nate has been a breath of fresh air around the club."



Certificate of Appreciation: Frank Mallabone

To record the Association's grateful recognition of the work by Frank as BPA Competitions Equipment Co-ordinator



Certificate of Merit: Stuart Morris

For producing BPA Guidelines and Forms for conducting Risk Assessments; and for running very well received Risk Assessment seminars.



Certificate of Merit: Paul Floyd

For producing the BPA Freeflying Progression Manual. A great deal of work went into the project.



Certificate of Merit: Aaron Faith

For rewriting the WARP Manual, now two FS Manuals for the coach and student. Aaron thanked Julia Foxwell for her invaluable input.



Certificate of Merit: Women's FS World Record

14 BPA members participated in this 151-way at Perris Valley Skydiving, California in September 05.

Tash Higman, Caroline Hughes, Taz Causer, Fiona Birnie, Caroline Allen, Julie Woodrow, Lesley Gale, Ruth Green, Cheryl Marks, Ali Mayo, Audrey Rowe, Kate Stephens, Conny Van Setten, Liz Crichton-Stuart



Certificate of Merit: CF World Record

Six BPA members took part in the 81- & 85-way records at Lake Wales, Florida in November 05.

Gavin McLeod, Martin Robiette, Gordon Mission, Paul Speller, Eugene Brennan, Taz Causer



Certificate of Merit: AirKix 4-way Team

AirKix achieved a World Record in female 4-way FS at the Nationals in July 05, when they performed 30 points

Julia Foxwell, Amanda Kemp, Claire Scott, Emma Hammersley, Andy Wright (camera)

Photos:
Simon Ward

Certificate of Merit: Freefly World Record

Dan Parker took part in this 53-way record at Perris Valley Skydiving, California, April 05.



**National CF Judge: Richard Del-Toro
National FS Judge: Penny Wiggins**



5,000 Jumps: Pete Sizer



1,000 Jumps: Geoff Bowler

2005 GRAND PRIX

Senior 4-way FS



Bronze: Optic

Derrick Kent, Susan Farquhar, Peter Allan, Rob Simpson, Karen Bain

Intermediate 4-way FS



Bronze: Evolution

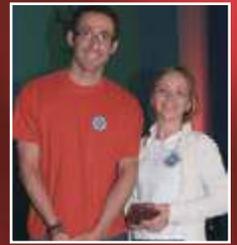
Calvin Blacker, Simon Cathrine, Amanda Truman, Stephen Rossall, Andrew Wesley

Junior 4-way FS



Bronze: FFU5

Vicki Scargill, Maxine Tate, Lucy Boella, Mike Worthington



Silver: D4

Simon Brentford, Anne Bauerle, Davina Butler, Mike McAuley, Henry Chow



Silver: Beavers & Butthead

Sally Beck, Darren Birkin, Lynne Murray, Duncan Frew, Liz Matthews, Beth King

Gold: Double Vision

Geoff Bowler, Lisa Crewe, Ian Wake, Lyndon Worth, Dave Head, Duncan Haynes



Gold: Helix

Duncan Cockburn, Lisa Saunders, Freddy MacDonald, Laura McLelland, Doug McLelland

Silver: Damn Zebra

Nick Whiteley, Brian Gray, Mark Thomson, Dru Spork, David Curtin



Gold: Escondido

Brian Cumming, David Butterell, Abi Van Hoorebeek, Guy Martin, Oli Pitchers, Duncan Frew

8-way FS



Intermediate Gold: Sounds Grrr8

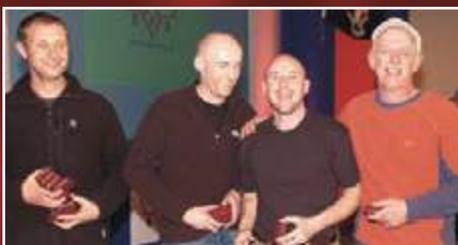
Martin Wood, Paul Seymour, Caroline Guest, Liz Ashley, Chris Davies, Paul Housley, Charlie Cooke, Kate Burn, Francois Cathelain, Beth King, Eno Van Der Post

Accuracy

Junior Accuracy: Cliff Wilson
Intermediate Accuracy: George Clack
Senior Accuracy: Jeff Chandler



Freely



Senior Silver: Fun Unlimited

John Williamson, Dave Head, Stan Peake, Alan Webster, Pete Spedding, Tracey Peake, Lisa Crewe, Ian Wakes, Ana Budjelan, Key Hayes, Steve Doran



Freely B: Narli

Sian Dalaway, Anton Gething, Andy Newell

Canopy Formation



4-way Sequential: Outcasts

Ian Marshall, Paul Yeoman, Steve Saunders, Eugene Brennan, Gordon Mission



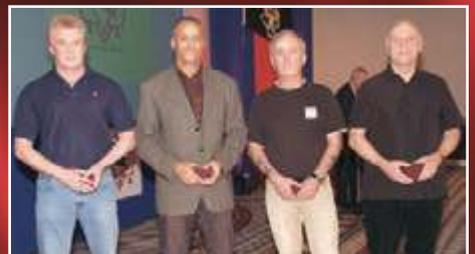
Senior Gold: VNE

Rotti Stevens, Darren Birkin, Liz Matthews, Martin Soulsby, Mark Whitehead, Ian Matthews, Kev Sargent, Andy Scott, Andy Pook, Colin Bridges



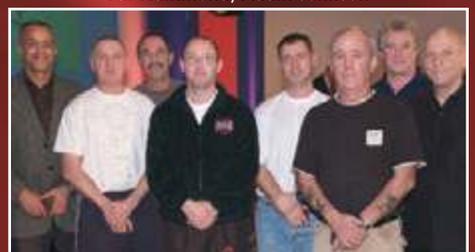
Freely A: Avalore

Rob McVey, Louis Harwood, David Downham



4-way Rotations: CFUK

Colin Dickson, Paul Speller, Eugene Brennan, Pat Hammond, Adam Johnson



8-way Speed: Outcasts

Paul Speller, Paul Yeoman, Ian Marshall, Steve Saunders, Gordon Mission, Pat Hammond, Colin Dickson, Eugene Brennan, Adam Johnson

2-way Sequential: Outcasts

Paul Yeoman, Steve Saunders, Ian Marshall

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Go Vertical: 31st May-5th June
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Renewal Reminder

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UK Sport Funding

UK Sport is reducing its funding to non-Olympic sports and had originally planned to reduce the annual grant to the BPA from £25,000 to a final £12,500 in the financial year starting on 1 April. After representations by the BPA and others, UK Sport has agreed to maintain funding at the original level for this year and next, with a reduction to £12,500 in the year 2008/9 and none after that. There is an opportunity to apply for further funding from UK Sport's world class success programme if we bring home medals from the World Championships.

Extended Safety Support

Development committee has increased the grants available to DZs toward the costs of running and hosting safety evenings, days or events. Check with your DZ for safety evening dates. DZs wishing to apply for funding should contact the BPA Office.

CCI Mike Rust of North London Parachute Centre is the first to make use of this. With guest speakers covering topics such as CH1, CH2, jumpmaster responsibility together with practical flight line checking and reserve drills, the safety evening at Chatteris on 29 April should prove to be informative.

Weed Stoodley

Insurance & AGM Resolution

The following proposal by BPA member Ludwig Schlude was passed by the membership at the 2006 AGM: "To allow experienced German Parachutists, who are residents of Germany and provided they have valid German licences and insurance cover, to be allowed to jump on BPA DZs without a mandatory BPA Membership."

After consultations between the broker (who had been present at the AGM) and the underwriter (who had not), the insurers had advised the Council that they were not in a position to alter the BPA's insurance policy specifically to cover experienced German parachutists. This was because it would be unlikely to satisfy European regulations. Instead, the policy would have to be opened to residents of all EU countries (who would be making no contribution to the additional cost of the policy). The extra cost came to about £20 to £30 extra payable by each full BPA member for the year beginning on 1 April 2006.

It was impossible to reconcile an increase in the insurance element of the membership subscription for 2006/7 with the resolution passed later in the AGM for there to be no increase in this element of the subscription. Council did not believe that the membership could reasonably have foreseen that the resolution carried at the AGM would affect the cost of insurance in this way.

The BPA insurance policy only applies if all jumpers at any given BPA Affiliated DZ are BPA members. If any individual is allowed to jump without BPA membership, no jumper at that DZ, or any other party to the policy, is insured. The BPA policy is unique in that it not only covers

the jumper – it additionally covers many other parties including riggers, packers, manifestors, jumpmasters, the club or centre, and the BPA. The policy is entirely different from policies in continental Europe that protect the jumper only.

Council considered whether it might be appropriate to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) with a postal vote of the membership on whether or not to accept the additional insurance premium, but there was insufficient time to organise a postal vote before 1 April 2006. Council therefore agreed to allow experienced German skydivers to jump at Bad Lippspringe on payment of the insurance component only of the BPA subscription. This had been set out in Ludwig Schlude's second proposal to the AGM, never considered because his first proposal carried.

However this does not address the membership's apparent desire to open the doors to Europe. The resolution passed at the AGM had no time line. Council therefore believes that the best interests of the membership will be served by tasking the Insurance Subcommittee to research and investigate variations to the policy to allow reciprocity with experienced parachutists in other EU nations. The Council recognises that any changes could not realistically take place before the 2007/8 membership year and that any resultant rise in the membership fees would need to be agreed by the membership, probably at an AGM beforehand. Council's decision gives breathing space without the need to call an EGM or for there to be an increase in the insurance element of this year's BPA subscription.



COMPETITIONS

FS

New 4-Way FS Categories

Our teams have requested we try to align our system with ESL & NSL. 2006 therefore sees the following categories and pools at all 4-way events:-

Senior	All randoms / All blocks
AA	All randoms / Blocks 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
A	All randoms / Blocks 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 21
Junior	All randoms only including all randoms on exit.

Grand Prix points have been reduced per position to tighten the scores up. NSL have converted junior (rookie) to have all randoms as exits to help align our national competitions, then able to use the same draws. International meets should really hot up this year! Some of last year's successes were the ability to compete against fellow Brits training in USA and the outstanding performance at ESL finals. I hope this growth continues, maybe we'll see more foreign teams in the UK nationals.

8-way is unchanged bar the reduction of GP points as 4-way. Senior dive pools in 4 and 8-way are the same as last year, since no changes were made at the annual IPC meeting.

FS Mentoring Plan

FS competitor David Butterell came up with a great idea; that senior teams mentor junior, A & AA classes so they can approach a familiar face throughout the year for help. Senior teams would hopefully gain a sense of pride from helping the developing teams. The BPA funded coaches at competitions are on hand to help with technical know-how but it is good to have a dedicated team to call on, especially in non-meet environments. If you wish to mentor a team or be mentored, drop Andy Scott a line. Thanks David for the suggestion which arose from the help, advice and tips *Helix* gave David's team, *Escondido*.

Andy Scott

CLASSICS

Due to no bids being received for the Classics Nationals, the Grand Prix event at Black Knights, 6-7 May 2006, will determine National Champions. In effect the Grand Prix will become our Classic Nationals. All competitors and wannabes are encouraged to attend.

Geordie Page

ARTISTIC

Calling All Artistic Flyers

There has never been a better time to put together an artistic team; be it freefly, freestyle, skysurf; whether you're female or male (or any combination!); just started freeflying or one of our best. We are extending the popular and very successful coaching roadshows, four are planned. Whether you wish to make your first freefly, work towards FF1 or FF2, hone competition skills, put together a team, or just have fun, we welcome **everyone**.

This year coaching teams include *FreeFive*, *Avalore*, *Tumbleweed*, *Bullet* and more, ready to offer members friendly top quality advice in one-on-one coach jumps, for the maximum cost of two jump tickets. Not bad eh!

Two Grand Prix competitions and the Nationals will again see a B class, where scoring is only for head-up flying. This is aimed at encouraging new teams, recently qualified FF1 jumpers and budding cameraflyers to give it a go, a great stepping stone to the A class and greater things! Dates for all events are in the diary.

Freefly Progression Coaching

Paul Floyd, with feedback from experienced freeflyers, schools and CCIs, has worked hard to produce a six level system for head-up and head-down, to enable students to gain skills for FF1 and FF2. Paul, with assistance from Weed, has also produced a comprehensive manual for both student and coach. Full details of the progression system are available from your CCI and via the BPA website.

Paul, as author of the programme, has been awarded the BPA's first official FF coach rating, followed by some of our most experienced freeflyers including Stuart & Alex Meacock, Chris Lynch, and Rob McVey & Louis Harwood of *Avalore*. Louis said, "This is a great positive step forward. Coaches need not only to be able to have excellent freefly skills but also show they have the ability to teach. The progression system will allow everyone to learn effectively, quickly and more safely, having more options available to them on their journey to becoming a good freeflyer."

Have Your Artistic Routine Scored

BPA member and artistic judge Sue Skull is offering her expert services to all artistic teams, whatever level. The scoring systems are complicated, taking into account execution, difficulty, artistic interpretation, technical skill, presentation and camerawork. Sue, a freeflyer herself, is happy to mark routines, advise what judges look for, and help improve a dive from a scoring point of view. Teams wishing to take up this fantastic offer can contact her through Weed or the BPA Office.

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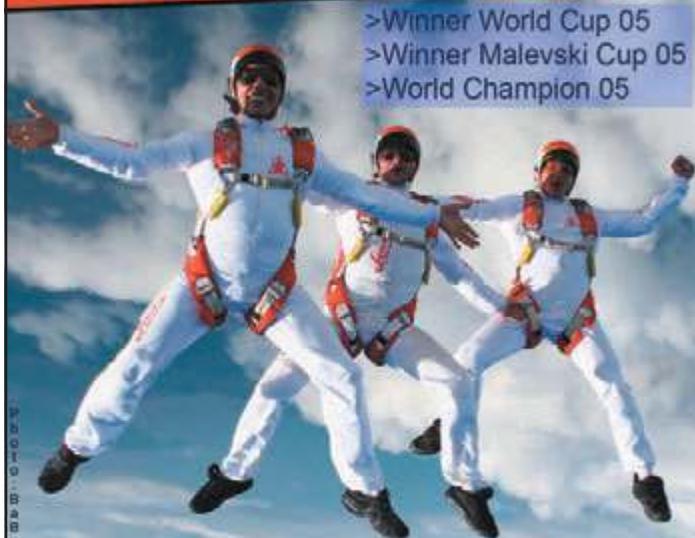
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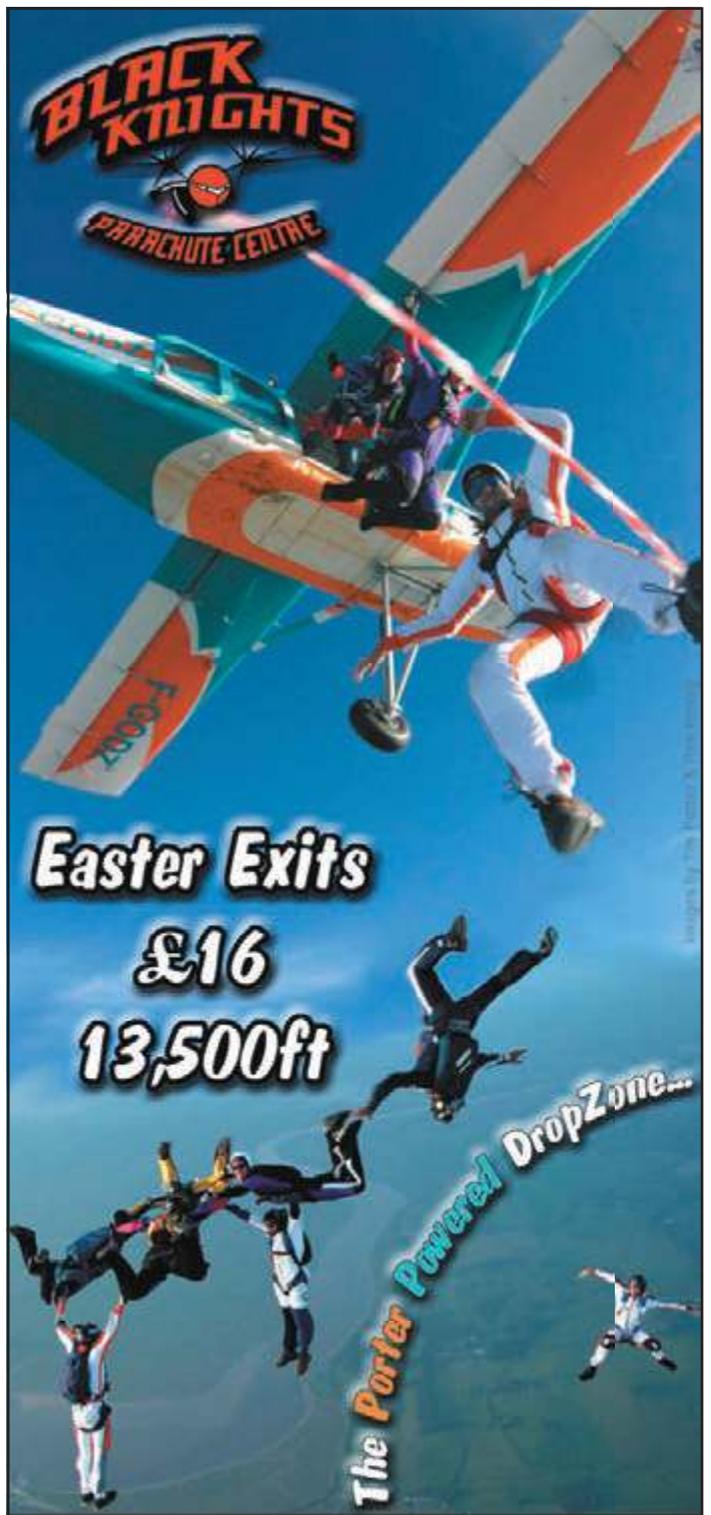
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29 - 30

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BPA Grand Prix Competition: Canopy Formation

May

6 - 7
17 - 18
19

BPA Nationals Competition: Classics
Wing Tips - Essentials: Canopy training course with Chris Lynch
Wing Tips - Swoop: Canopy training course with Chris Lynch

June

20 - 21
20 - 21
20 - 28

BPA Artistic Coaching Roadshow
Wing Suit Weekend - 1st time instruction & coaching with Gus Brown
Black Knights Spring Boogie

July

3 - 4
10 - 11
10 - 11
17 - 18

BPA Formation Skydiving Coaching Roadshow
Avalore Freefly Skills Weekend
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BPA Canopy Formation Coaching Roadshow

August

1 - 2
1 - 9
8 - 9

Avalore Freefly Skills Weekend
July Black Knights Student Progression Week :
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September

5 - 13

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16 - 17

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It was twelve years ago that BJ Worth announced his long term goal of building a 400-way. At the time the world record was only 200. BJ has now realised his incredible vision!

"400-way. No larger, no smaller" read the captains' memo from BJ. Approximately 440 skydivers would make up the jumping part of the World Team machine. Brit team captains Rob Colpus and Darryl Moran were to have 38 slots giving the Brits their own sector for the first time, sector 11, in white. January '06 saw over 550 world teamies sitting in the Windsor Suites Hotel in Bangkok, the fruits of BJ & Bobbie Worth's labours, they had been working on this project since their last record of 357 in 2004. For me this was to be the realisation of a dream I had when I started skydiving.

The first two days in Bangkok were for registration, collection of our goodies and getting acclimatised. The Brits did most of their acclimatising at their now spiritual home of the Rain Hut, a garden shed type bar across from the hotel. A very small bar but probably the most profitable in Bangkok while World Team were in town! The first WT meeting with everyone sitting in the same room gave a good idea of the sheer insanity of the job ahead. This was going to be big. Very big. BJ introduced his team of experts; team captains, judges, selection team, administration, camera crew, PR – over 70 people, more than participating in many world records, it only went to 72 in 1983!

Udon Thani

The jumps took place at Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) Wing 23 in Udon Thani in the north of Thailand. The team were ferried there by the Hercs (C130s) and an Airbus, courtesy of the RTAF. Sector 11 had the first of many early starts with a 6.20 am flight. Or for some Brits, the first of many late finishes, the theory being it's easier to stay up drinking all night than risk oversleeping and missing the flight. Not so great a theory as the hangover kicked in to four C130 engines! On arrival there was a ceremony with the Governor of the Udon, temple dancing by local women and a parade around town on a plethora of tricycle taxis known as tuk-tuks. A large welcome evening banquet was just the start of the 'rock star' element of WT.

Five Hercules

The original plan became extremely fluid due to maintenance issues and time conflicts. When a country is giving you a large percentage of their air force you just have to smile when the aircraft have to go away to do 'real' work. This was to be the first time a formation skydive had ever been done out of five C130s. The RTAF had been practising their tight formation flying for months. The incredible noise, heat, fumes and sheer power of five of these humungous beasts arriving was awe-inspiring!

"Ye dinna get any bigger toys than this!"

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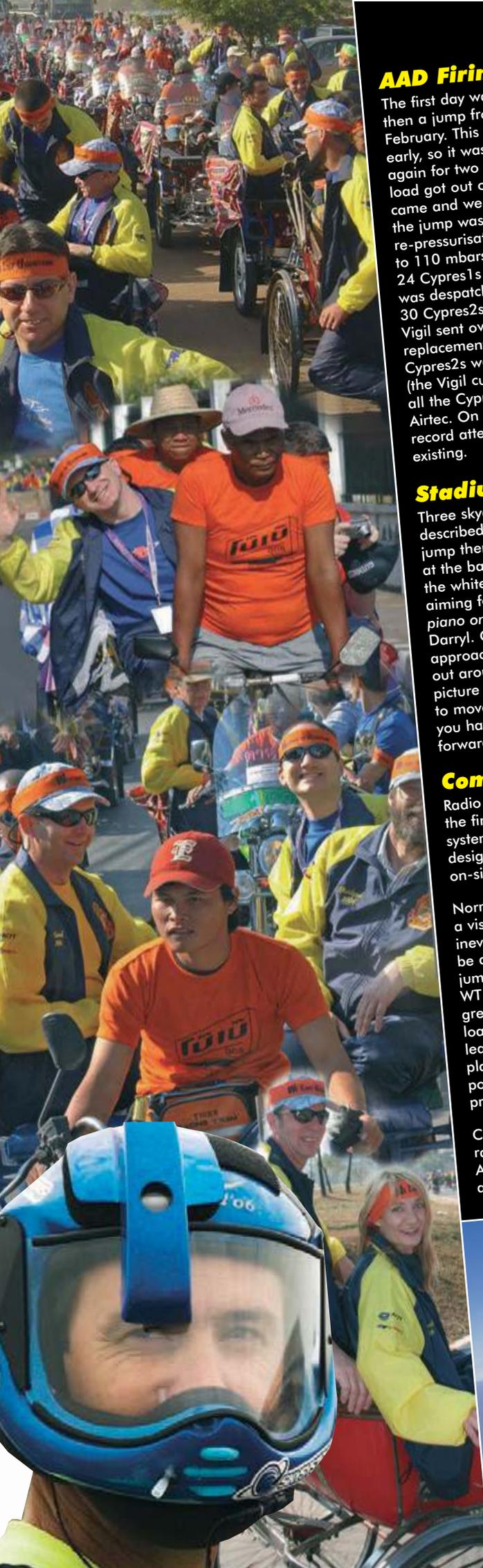


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AAD Firings

The first day was 100-ways, 200-ways on day two, then a jump from five Hercs on Wednesday 1 February. This skydive was a case of too big too early, so it was decided to take the five C130s up again for two passes of around 220 jumpers. One load got out on the first pass. The second pass came and went, we went round for yet a third but the jump was aborted. During this descent a rapid re-pressurisation in the lead Herc, from 600mbar to 110 mbars, led to four Vigil AADs firing and 24 Cypres1s shutting down. Kai Koerner of Airtec was despatched immediately to Thailand with over 30 Cypres2s to replace the damaged units, while Vigil sent over new cutters and authorised two replacement Vigils on site to be fitted. Overnight, Cypres2s were installed into all AAD-deficient rigs (the Vigil cutters were still in transit); subsequently all the Cypres1s were restored to working order at Airtec. On Friday 3 February we started world record attempts with 358, one more than the existing.

Stadium Approach

Three skydives in one was how the attempts were described. A head-down dive to start, a boogie FS jump then a tracking dive. On exit, you don't dive at the base as it's too far away to see, you follow the white column of divers ahead of you. You're aiming for a staircase picture, "so you could play piano on the legs of the guy in front" according to Darryl. Once in the red zone, you use a stadium approach, meaning jumpers are stacked up and out around the formation in the same sort of picture as a football stadium. When it is your turn to move forward and dock, this 45° angle means you have air to work with and can easily move forward without fear of sinking out.

Comms System

Radio communications were used successfully for the first time in an FS world record; the same system as in the world freefly 53-way record, designed by Ryoichi Komiya, who flew out to give on-site support and development.

Normally on big formations you have to leave on a visual. With tailgate aircraft especially there will inevitably be a delay, so all the trail jumpers will be diving, whereas for greatest efficiency, some jumpers should be floating up to the base. In the WT jumps, Craig Girard, (line of flight in lime green), counted down on the radio, the loadmasters in the other aircraft receiving this and leaving to specific timing, some before the lead plane. Hence we never had a jump ruined by a poor exit and a very predictable exit picture was presented each jump.

Craig also keyed in each wave of the base by radio comms in freefall. Craig was also wearing Alti-2's Titan head-up display which projects the altitude and freefall speed at infinity.

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Injuries and Attrition

The first few days in Udon saw Sector 11's first serious casualty; Pete Lawson had his arm broken due to a collision on exit. Getting the balls-of-steel, brains-of-mince award he still managed to dock in his slot! In general, the injury and attrition rate was lower than expected and way better than the previous WT in '04. The most serious was Mike Arzillo who broke his pelvis on an off-landing but all other injuries were minor and recoverable. The extreme altitude of 24,000+ ft caused many throat and sinus problems but Dr Ben Massey's oxygen system kept us all safe from hypoxia.

Break-off

What we all wanted to know was, how the heck do you separate 400 people safely?! Break-off started at 7,500 feet, with five separate waves, moving in tracking teams. Jumpers formed on their tracking team leader like the Red Arrows for 15 seconds before fanning out to get separation before deployment. Rusty Vest refined his successful plan of 2004, adding even more of his great invention, tracking pullouts. Specific people gain altitude rapidly and dump out (whilst in their flat track) on precisely timed delays, to open between 7,000 and 3,000 ft. This makes great use of vertical as well as horizontal separation. Considering the number of canopies, there always seemed to be plenty of space.

Alpha All-Stars

In a novel approach to the bench, BJ had invited hugely talented all-stars so if anyone had to be replaced, their substitute was guaranteed. The minimum qualification for the alpha team was a world meet medal!

Record Attempts

On Saturday 4 February the record attempts started in earnest. Standing waiting to enplane on one of these attempts I was grinning ear to ear at the awesome view of one stretch and four (small?!) Hercs trundling towards. I turned to Lesley and said "That lot over there, look. How can they be so miserable? Ye dinna get any bigger toys than this!"

The jumps were slowly coming together but inconsistencies in the base and just two jumps a day were making things difficult. It looked like the quest for a record might go to the very last day – again! But the feeling was, if we could get a halfway decent base, the whackers would be on it like hungry wolves.

On Tuesday 7 February however the first 400-way was probably the only zoo on the whole trip. It served as a reminder of how difficult and dangerous the challenge was. Jump two built to only 327. We thought more but the judges' count was 327. The third jump was canned and with only two days to go I think that people were worried and that there was a lot of work still to do. It seemed that time was running out...

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On Wednesday after some personnel adjustments, the first jump built to 376. Bam!! Just like that, a new unofficial record (the largest formation ever but to be an official FAI record it must be complete and according to the diagram). A few yellow cards saw some guy called Kirk Verner joining sector 11. On jump two, a little drama in the right trail plane saw Kirk calmly repacking Rod Fairweather's pilot chute on the 1-minute call. That jump built to... 399! The last person was only inches away on break-off. Close but no Bill Clinton.

400-way

Against the odds and due to a very quick turnaround we were to get for the first time a third jump in the day. There was a buzz going around, certainly there was something in the air. We knew we were close, a haggis's left leg away from success but world records don't come easy. Everyone knew what they had to do: no more 'lollygagging' (Scottish translation: 'Nae muir f**king about!'). At a tad under 25,000ft the tailgate opened, 6 minutes to drop... 2-minute call, we stood up... 1-minute, we're ready... 15-seconds, oxygen tubes out... 3 - 2 - 1 - Exit...

Running along the Herc heading for the tailgate you could hear oxygen hoses whipping past your helmet. Then sunlight and... BANG! - the now familiar thump of the slipstream hitting the chest, 50:50 chance of staying stable and into the dive. Maybe things seemed a little tighter than previously. Flying into the red zone and taking my slot on the fourth whacker I could tell that this was a great jump, the picture was quiet and so flat you couldn't tell you were in the middle of 399 other skydivers. The time till the first pilot chute pullout seemed longer than usual, we knew they were giving the record every chance. Finally, time to go...

Under canopy the realisation that we could have just broken the record was echoed in the whoops and cheers all around. We landed, high-fived, signed autographs (honest!), the beer was already flowing, we packed, stowed our gear and waited...

It's Official

After about 40 minutes our man Dane Kenny took the mike to say that the judges were still examining the video and stills. We were to watch the control tower for more information: white smoke would mean a record, black smoke meant no record! About 20 minutes later all captains were called and we stood waiting for smoke. The window opened and Dane shook a 4-pack of Singha beer and opened it. White foam! It was enough for everyone to get the message. It was official: we had set a new FAI world record of 400 - and held it for 4.2 seconds. Champagne, vodka, beer and everything alcoholic was opened and the party started... Udon Thani and Mr Tong's 'Skydrivers' bar almost exploded.



Gary Wainwright

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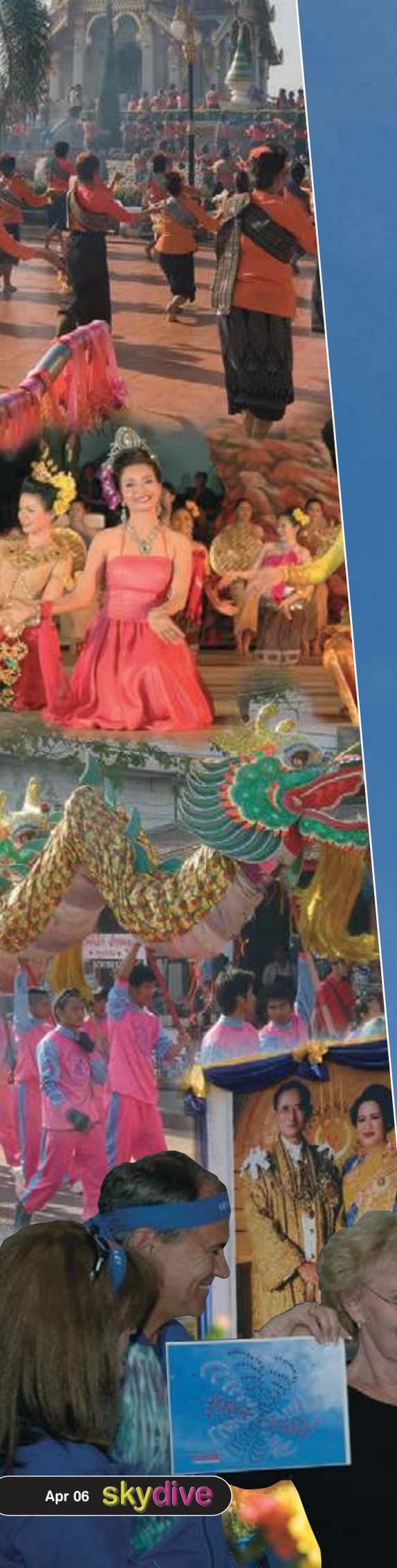


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World Record 400-way

Date: 8 February 2006
Place: Udon Thani, Thailand
Aircraft: Five RTAF Hercules
Held for: 4.2 seconds



Sector 11 - Brits Abroad

Sector 11 had started training even before the event. Bodyflight wind tunnel in Bedford offered us some extra time by way of sponsorship and Milko coached us. 21 people shared 11 hours of tunnel time across four evenings. We did imaginary build scenarios, fall rate drills, follow-me routines and staying stable despite people pushing, pulling and flying underneath you. Pete Knight commented "The winter weather wasn't good – personally I did just one jump in the four months before Thailand! But two hours of tunnel did the trick. After five big-way world records this was by far the easiest for me as I felt on top form right from the start."

Apparently Pete also tried to simulate those C130 exits in the laundrette, diving head first into a big tumble-dryer! Seriously though, the tunnel was a great way to build team spirit and this continued in Bangkok with the Rain Hut. Many were friends of old so the leg-pulling was constant. The ever-jolly Brits were infamous around the DZ and during the large dirt dive sessions... after each of the loud American hoo-has with everyone cheering there would be at least one "Absolutely spiffing" or "Jolly good show chaps" from Sector 11.

Numerous pranks included the terrorisation of the Scandinavian sector 8's mascot (a large white bear), starting with it being dressed in kinky underwear and hung from their team tent. This caused retaliatory action when we were debriefing; we arrived back at our tent to find every rubbish bin and chair piled up, the bear proudly smiling on top of the chaos. A truce was called but didn't last long! The following morning during a photo session the poor bear was subjected to despicable acts which ended with its neck accidentally being ripped. Now this is when things could have turned nasty as some of the Scandahoovians thought we deliberately slashed the bear's throat, so we knew we had to make amends. A few days later the bear strangely changed colour overnight, confusing the Scandies as to how the Brits had dyed it blue. (It was another bear!) After a photo session with the wrong bear, the Hoovians returned to find their original mascot unharmed, a rose in its mouth. The bears were soon holding hands, a match made in heaven as the next day baby bears were found all over the DZ. Funnily enough this day of love was when three world records were born!

Final Thoughts

Thanks to Craig Poxon, Gordon Hodgkinson and all the guest bloggers who kept our fantastic blog up to date, at the sacrifice of drinking time! (Readers, it's still well worth checking out.) A big up to Taz Causer, holder of three FAI world records: the 400-way, women's 151-way and CF 85-way record! Thanks to ace captains Darryl & Rob and everyone in sector 11 for making the whole adventure lots of fun and helping a World Team virgin feel at ease. You rock! BJ, Bobbie, Larry and everyone on WT: you helped me keep a promise I made when I first started skydiving, thanks for being there and making something very special happen.

"That is all."

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June 10 - 11th	Artistics Roadshow	Aug 26 - 28th	British Open Nationals 2006 - Formation Skydiving 4-way and 8-way
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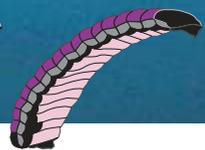
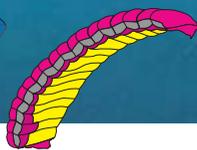
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A **PLAN** for **TRAINING**

by
Emma Beyer
Team AirKix

Many teams approach their training with a vague idea of doing as many jumps and as much tunnel time as possible, with the logical reasoning that they will end up a better team. This was pretty much where we began – our 'plan' was a desired average, the amount of jumps and tunnel time we could commit to, a training location, coach and a list of meets.

Our coach Dan BC explained this was actually little more than a goal, which we would need a plan to achieve. He recommended the Perris Performance Plus plan, as used by Synchronicity and Fury – the latter averaged 18.7 in their first meet, after only 250 training jumps.

This P3 plan has a basic structure which is then tailored for each team and their goals. Following a scientific approach, using proven training methods, gives faster results. As four former point flyers with new slots for three of us, we realised that this was especially important. The Perris Performance Plus plan is logical, measurable and simple enough for any team to apply...



Sparky (Claire Scott) gives Dan BC's plan the thumbs-up!

FLYING LIKE A TEAM

Four good skydivers do not necessarily create a good team. The first step is to learn to fly as a team rather than as four individuals. Most skydivers are aware of the value of freefall communication but actually training this as a skill in its own right is sometimes neglected. We've all watched the best teams who move like clockwork with perfect timing and uniformity. "This requires developing very clear communication – so clear that with a small glance or the feel of a grip, you can read your teammate's mind, intent and state of readiness," says Dan. This is best done through stop drills.



Building excellent communication is the first step to flying as a team

Stop Drills

When our coach first suggested stop drills, privately we were a little hesitant. Weren't they, well, a little too basic? Nevertheless we humoured him, figuring that as a multiple world champion he might have a point. Of course he was right! We trained stop drills in the tunnel, with the promise they would improve our communication and help us become more efficient and aggressive. The goal was to heighten awareness and anticipation, take better grips and learn to read the centre, since the centre flyers essentially run the jump, setting the pace and rhythm.

The team starts in formation, with everyone looking at the key person. On the key everyone flashes powerfully with both hands. They see that everyone is off grips and then move to their position in the next formation as aggressively as they can, stopping hard – and that (we came to learn!) means really hard, completely freezing in position, strong and solid. You and your opposite hold eye contact for the entire transition until you are stopped in the next formation, flying no contact. Dan calls this the 'pre-finished picture', meaning everyone on the team has finished their move and the formation is guaranteed to complete, just by adding grips. "It's at this pre-finished picture that you need to train yourself to anticipate the next formation. The point you are in is guaranteed, now is the time to think ahead."



Stop drills build awareness, efficiency and aggression



Andy Wright

'Squeezing' the top of a block makes for a powerful first move



Tunnel training builds muscle memory through multiple reps

When the two centre people pick up their grips the rest of the team take theirs. It's important to look directly at the grips and take them confidently and efficiently, as this trains us not to fumble and risk busts. Have your hands solid and stationary even if they are on and off the grips in a heartbeat. While in the formation everyone looks to the key person.

From these exaggerated stop drills it's a small step to the point where you can look less but still be aware of everything that's happening during the jump; we found the pre-finished picture appeared as we were moving, rather than after we'd stopped. After many sessions of stop drills in the tunnel we were able to evolve our training naturally so that all we had to do was see a clean break and pick up the grips without losing any awareness or control. This gradually became our regular skydiving pace which we took into the air.

For us, training stop drills was actually a lot more difficult than it sounds, and there was quite a bit of visible movement and bobbing around as we tried to get the hang of it! However having the discipline of really stopping and being responsible for our own individual move was an invaluable first step for us in many ways; we were able to train with precision the move and the stop, as well as our communication, awareness, grip-taking and anticipation. With these skills as a starting point, it becomes inevitable that jumps themselves will become more predictable and the team starts to develop a feeling of total control.

PREDICTING A JUMP

Recognising how a jump would go involves understanding how the rhythm of the skydive is affected by its components. Consider the various types of jump:

- All randoms
- 3 randoms & 1 block
- 2 randoms & 2 blocks
- 3 blocks

A simple awareness that jumps in each different category would have a different feel or pace enabled us to anticipate more accurately how each jump would go. At one extreme, the all-random jumps could be expected to have a rapid pace and build up a good rhythm. At the other end of the spectrum, 3-blocks are more of a working jump, with little chance to build up speed. Jumps with combined randoms and blocks give some areas to build up speed but with an inevitable gear shift on coming to the top of the block again.

Squeezing The Block

This gear shift is created in part by learning to 'squeeze' or hold the formation for a split second at the start of every block. This ensures you have the correct random build which enables you to make a powerful first move; it also helps to prevent any noise (ie, movement or mistakes) being carried into the block from before. The more noise there is, the longer we squeeze the block at the top.

We also squeeze the close, particularly if it's less than ideal! Although it could seem that holding a formation is wasting precious time, we quickly came to see that we spent far more time fixing mistakes when we did away with the squeeze. For us, the split-second squeeze is definitely time well invested and has saved us from blowing a jump on many occasions! Now whenever we encounter a problem, such as a bad exit, rough close or brainlock, we hold the formation and reset our brains for a split second, getting everyone back on track. While we can never predict exactly how a jump will go in terms of where our mistakes will be or how ugly (no skydive goes without its glitches), we can at least leave the aircraft with confidence that when mistakes come we will handle them in the way we have planned.

TUNNEL TRAINING

This plays a big part in most competitive teams' training plans and helps fast-forward your progression. Multiple repetitions that are possible in the tunnel develop muscle memory and enable you to work on specific skills such as body position and block technique. Even some blocks that are too long or cumbersome to be trained complete in the tunnel can be drilled as piece moves, or with our clone (opposite) to see the pictures and refine specific moves.

Tunnel Pix: Simon Ward



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The tunnel also allows your coach inside information. Small but important details such as fall rate and communication issues can be missed by video footage from above. Tunnel training alongside other teams, especially those more advanced, is helpful for picking up tips.

Be aware that the tunnel, while a great training tool, can't replicate the feel of an exit or the reality of unlimited space to make mistakes in (without hitting walls!). When incorporated with skydiving though, it's invaluable.

Speed Drills - The Fun Part!

As the name suggests, the aim of speed drills is to push the team pace to a new level at which everyone feels comfortable and confident. The keys come much more quickly, meaning everyone needs to pick up their game and get to the grips earlier. If busts occur, it's not the fault of the key person, it's the flyer who didn't get to their grips in time!

Exciting as they are, speed drills won't help unless the team has already been disciplined in the earlier part of the plan; proper stop drills and the evolution to a regular, solid pace. We only use random formations during speed drills and, like stop drills, always train them in the tunnel. First we sprint through one page of five randoms as fast as possible,



Speed drills take the team out of its comfort zone to a faster pace

then stop in the formation we began with and take a brief break. Once this is working well, we sprint through two pages, moving on eventually to eight or so pages before taking a pause.

It's especially important to stay calm and aware whilst doing speed drills, and we often take a mental check on this and make sure we're still breathing! It's also vital not to forget everything you've learnt up to this point, such as staying disciplined with your communication and moves – you're now just bringing in the added element of tearing it up! Blow-ups and breakdowns can be expected and are forgivable, but it's important that you don't end every sprint that way, or you'll end up training yourselves to do just that.

By pushing the team out of its comfort zone like this, it is possible to train anticipation at an advanced level and start to make the new, fast pace the norm.

HOMEWORK

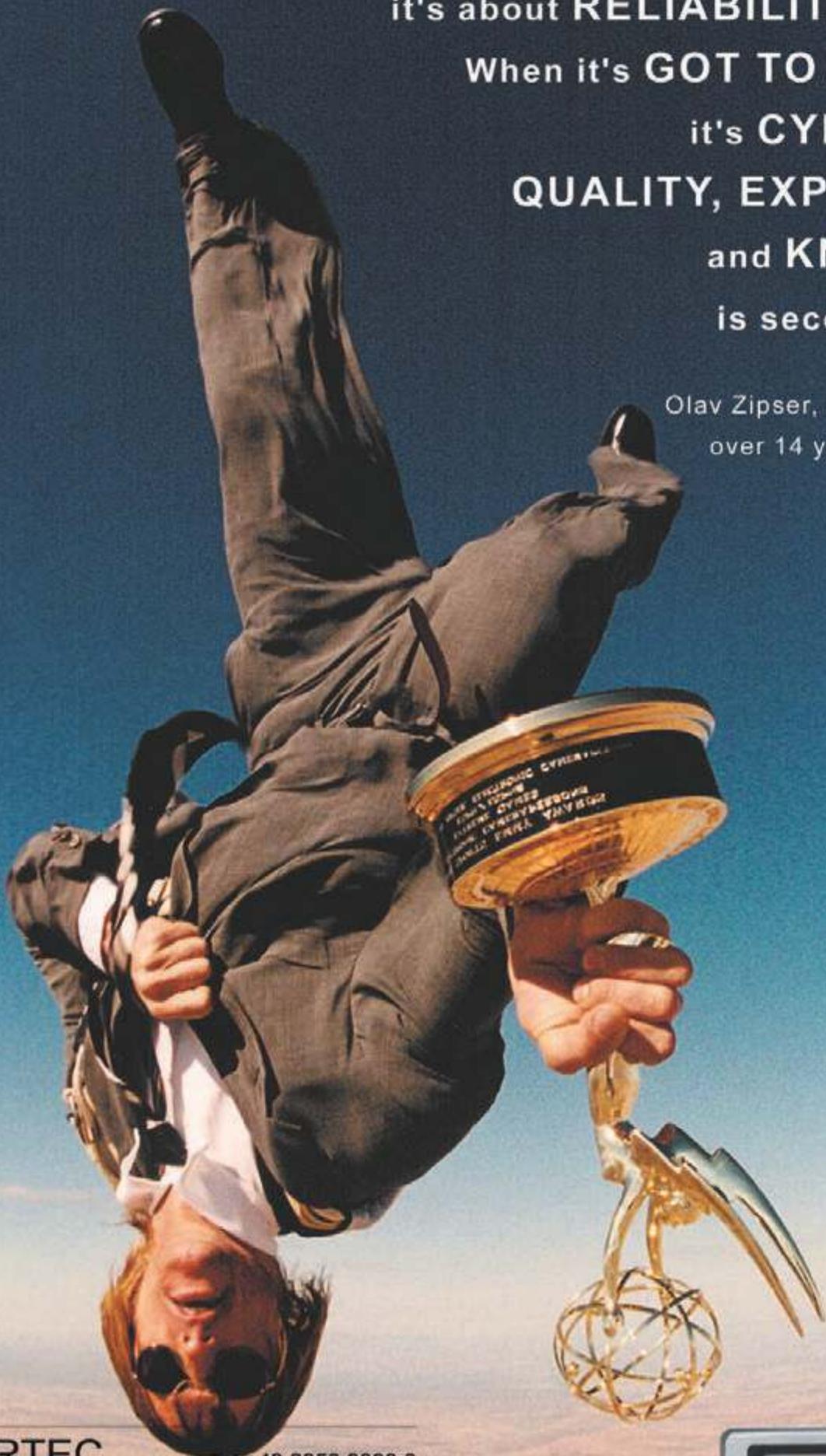
Homework is a critical part of a good training plan. Visualising can make a huge difference to how a team performs. We aim to do 20 minutes a day between camps, focusing on technicalities of block moves, mirrors, slot-switchers and full competition dives, as well as maintaining the right state of calm awareness throughout. Although it's rare (but not unheard of) for a team to actually improve through visualising alone, it will definitely enable a team to pick up on their next camp where they left off on the last.

Fitness training combining strength-building exercises, stretching and some cardiovascular is also helpful in preparing you for future camps and possible long periods in the tunnel.

On the advice of our coach, we also made a *Best of AirKix* video to watch and remind us of what our peak performance can be. Instead of watching all our jump footage at home (including the scrappy blocks and disintegrating exits!) it makes a lot more sense to reinforce the team's best moments and focus on making them the norm rather than the exception! Having a clear, specific idea of what the team 'best' is, is critical in performing at that level in competition and pushing that 'best' to an even higher level during training.

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COMPETITION TRAINING

Simulating a meet during training, ideally incorporating other teams and using a scoreboard, is a good way to get used to how you will feel during the real thing. We use a draw, walk through the dives the night before, and try and have 40-60 minutes between each jump. We also dirt dive exactly as we would do at a meet, which is:

- Land
- Do a complete dirt dive of the next jump
- Debrief
- Immediately after the debrief get a good walk through
- Walk again, or creep if preferred, fifteen minutes later, which should be close to the fifteen minute call.

It's vital to work the prep plan perfectly and not to get caught up in too much technical detail before the jump.



Simulating a meet as exactly as possible is good preparation for the real thing

After the jump, focus on whether you were 'on the line' or not (calm, communicating, confident and in control*), rather than getting caught up in specifics. This is the only aspect of a debrief that will help you for the next jump, so there's no point doing otherwise during a meet. Don't let the scores dictate how you feel. By this stage you should know what your best is, and that's all that counts. You can't expect to do any more than that during a meet but equally you shouldn't accept any less. Some teams (ourselves included) choose not to look at the scoreboard during a meet, preferring to focus exclusively on their own performance rather than those of others. Your own skydiving is the only thing you have influence over, after all, and obsessing about the scores can lead to exaggerated complacency, fear, or even depression if you don't keep it in check!

It's also worth anticipating that you will feel nervous during a meet, especially in the plane before Round 1! If you train this feeling and recognise it as something you've planned for, it's much easier to handle. As long as you remain calm, that slight feeling of sickness or tension can become something you accept or even welcome; it tells you you're in the right mental place - highly focused, alert and ready, with the competitive edge you want.

REVIEWING

Part of the plan involves reviewing where you are and how far you've come since you started. Recognising which stages you've completed successfully helps reinforce belief in the future stages of your plan and the value of following it. Techniques such as certain types of drills and knowing your team best can be used by anyone, and have helped teams of all levels maximise their training. Personal and team progression is one of the biggest and most rewarding reasons to train in the first place.

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Letters

SYCOPHANTIC MATES

It's great to see you can get hold of plenty of mates to write you such sycophantic letters in support after you received what can only be described as sound constructive criticism. A person in your position should be able to take comments like these on board without resorting to petty tactics. I was very disappointed to see the letters page as it is rather obvious what has happened, unless Kate Cooper gets to preview the mag before it goes to print. Please in future accept constructive criticism and don't take it to heart, it's clearly not their intention to upset you. You have a position of trust and a responsibility to members, don't abuse it. That said, continue the hard work as this month's edition is a well balanced informative Mag which I enjoyed reading!

Ade Parkinson
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I am not that sad! All the letters were unsolicited. Kate mentions the flack because her 'letter' was part of several emails. Initially she wrote three lovely ones on receiving the December issue, I responded saying it was good to have positive feedback as I had also had the opposite opinion – that comment was her reply.

Lesley

AAD TRAVEL INFO

Many congratulations to all the UK team on the tremendous new FS record 400-way – so good to see so many names of people I know and who visit Netheravon and one whom I knew as a student!

I again had trouble with AADs when travelling in Dubai, returning from the Asiana Championships via Air France. I was carrying the CAA letter given to me by Martin (BPA Office) and the card by Airtec and did not mention parachute or AAD except when asked. I was stopped just because of carrying the main (only) in hand baggage – under the idea I may have be able to restrain someone with the lines! We may have to take our shoelaces off soon! Since then I have found information of interest to our members about the carriage of parachutes on: www.uspa.org

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WRONG COVER

I would like to express my disappointment that the February 2006 cover did not feature the CF World Record in which 6 Brits participated. I know you have done the guys proud with an awesome article and over 10 pages of dedicated magazine space, but seeing as the JFTC 151-way, the 53-way head-down, and – most likely – the 400-way (please?) featured on the front cover, why not the CF 85-way? Why a picture of Ukrainians and Norwegians? Sorry to gripe so soon after you received grumbings about the JFTC coverage; I still think you do a fantastic job, but I feel the CReW dogs deserved a front cover!

Craig Poxon
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WHICH? GUIDE TO RIGS

If it ain't broke – don't fix it! You and your team are doing a great job. But permit me to make some suggestions:-

Firstly, I'm appalled at the way the incident reports are buried away in the black and white monotony of the minutes. This is just plain crazy. The USPA magazine proudly publishes its incident reports (without going into personal detail). They are factual and to the point but surely an invaluable learning tool and reminder to us all!

Secondly, although *The Mag* is brilliant, it is still lacking something. I've recently been considering getting a second rig. Who can I and others rely on for some sound unbiased advice? There's no way I can test jump all the container and canopy combos available, so where do I start? Then it dawned on me! Why doesn't *The Mag* publish a table of all the different canopies, etc, their characteristics, relevant data, what jumpers they are designed for, etc, in much the same way as you get in car and bike magazines? Independent comments and reviews could accompany the manufacturers' detail.

Finally, I think the letters section would be better on the front few pages. What do other readers think?

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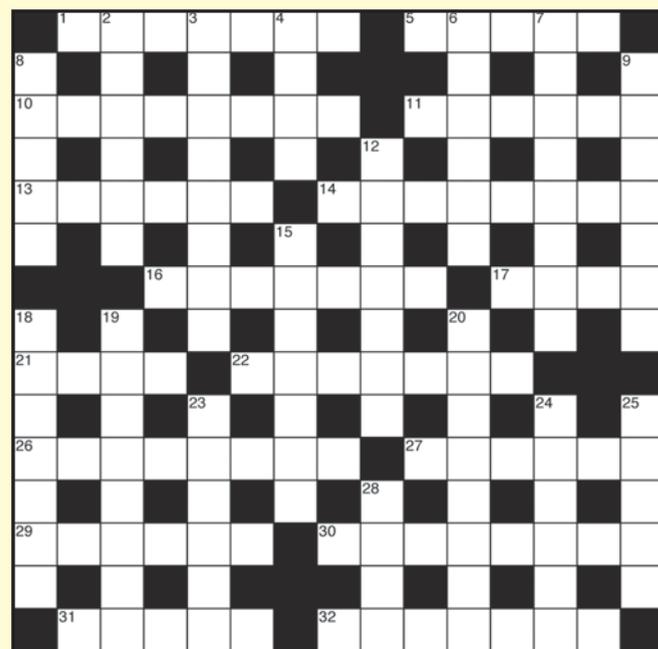
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Club News

Lucie by George



Chatteris

The season begins with me as new club rep. A big thank you to Steve for a great job over the past 4 years.

Winter saw the usual crowds head for the sunnier skies of Perris, Eloy or Skydive Spain. Highlights included Lloyd, Lorraine and Mark competing in the Perris 10-way speed competition, coming a respectable 6th. Well done Emma Cooper, who got her Cat 8, FS1 and did her first balloon jump all in two weeks in Eloy (where's the beer?). Congratulations to Steve Watson and Craig Poxon on being on the world record in Thailand. Welcome to Chris & Bryn (aka Fat Boy & Slim) and Mark Price, joining the full time staff this year.

In July, we are teaming up with our friends in Serbia to host the Novi Sad Boogie. With plenty of jumps and entrance to the biggest music festival in Eastern Europe included, this is definitely one for the diaries! Anyone who has experienced Serbian hospitality will agree it is second to none. See www.nsboogie.com

Fiona Law

Achievements

- Cat 8, FS1**
Emma Cooper
- FS1**
Simon Chipp
- 300 Jumps**
Pete Lander
- 1000 Jumps**
Ivan Peters



This issue, for the first time, I have had the pleasure of putting together JM's Newsround, collecting information about upcoming events and reporting on news items. We'd like to see lots more in the newsround about what's going on in the UK. If you want to see your event or news piece featured, email me the information, ideally with a cool photo.

Reading your club news, many of the drop zones have been working hard over the winter to improve facilities and lots have new aircraft on the way for the summer season, all we need now is good weather! There are loads of BPA roadshows and Grand Prix events lined up for all disciplines, and a variety of boogies at British drop zones, so come along and get involved. Our diary, at the back of the Mag has details of all these events and many more; it's by far the most comprehensive in any skydiving magazine. Check it out and plan a summer of sensational skydiving.

See you at a DZ soon – hopefully a sunny one!

Lucie

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St Andrews

Achievements

- AFF Graduate**
Kenneth Carson
Malcolm Hartridge
- CH1, CH2, JM1**
Billy Robertson
- 700 Jumps**
Tom Fletcher



Dave Gillan



New club rep Fiona Law by Russ Smith



Chris, Rob and Tim of Freejive by Martin Kristensen

We held a traditional Burns Supper in January to celebrate the birthday of our famous bard. Haggis, neeps 'n' tatties were on the menu – a big thank you to Jackie who worked tirelessly in the canteen, peeling more spuds in one afternoon than the rest of the year put together!

Ned Blyth gave us a sterling rendition of *Address to a Haggis*, and Toni followed up with *Tam O'Shanter*. Stuart Cameron again put on a great performance with his bagpipes, piping in the haggis. The star of the show was David Smith, landowner and part-owner of the club, who entertained us all with his talents on the accordion. Once the ceilidh had finished, the partying carried on. Nips of whisky took their toll on some of the revellers, of particular note were Bruce and Ned – whose dancing has now gone down in the SSA hall of fame. The image of Ned raving it up will be forever burned in our minds.

Graeme Mackay was suddenly rushed to hospital when he became the first known human male to give birth. His pregnancy was only masked by his waistline, which until now had been put down to a diet of Ben Nevis burgers and beer. Father and baby are both doing well.

The social committee are planning, find out more at www.kingsmuirskydivers.co.uk

Tom Fletcher

The weather in 2005 wasn't the best but we still managed over 12,000 descents – not bad! Fingers crossed for a good, safe, fun summer season. We've got the dates for our usual four competitions – all welcome to come along and join in the fun (see Mag diary or HPC website). Our club members performed well at the 2005 Artistic National Championships, with Chris & Rob bringing back gold for freefly and Rohan & Wiggy winning gold in skysurf. The very best of luck to them at this year's world championships – go get 'em, guys!

We've got new coaches, instructors, a new rigger and a new judge. Newcomers of the Year for 2003 and 2004 have started on their instructor training so 2005 winner Jackie Whyte had better get ready! Well done Jackie!

Our pilot Helge has left, replaced by Jim – a big welcome. Dennis McTaggart is on a ban from jumping the Islander; he demolished the mock-up and there's no knowing what he might do with the real thing! Congrats to Colin and Emma, who became the proud parents

of baby Liam at the end of February. The main excitement so far this year has been the introduction of new rubbish bins. Putting them together provided generation game style entertainment, with teams taking up to four hours to erect one bin, only to find they'd done it incorrectly. Some might call it sad!

Ruth Cooper

Achievements First Freefall

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Rob Heeley

CH1, CH2, JM1

John Rickuels

100 Jumps,

1 Hr Freefall

Jimmy Freemantle

700 Jumps

Lee Barraclough

1000 Jumps

Louis Harwood

1800 Jumps,

24 Hrs Freefall

Tony Keightley



Jim Stevenson

Many 4-way teams have reorganised themselves with new members and training schedules, Target wishes them all the best for the season. Hannah, Derek and Becs seem to be the sensible ones, sunning it up in Seville. You may have seen them (and their tans!) if you visited Skydive Spain over the winter.

Congratulations to Steve Murphy on his 50th birthday. Many people have Steve to thank for his enthusiasm and dedication to the sport. It really is scary how many people he has taught over the years. There was a huge turnout for his surprise party – only Steve could turn up late for his own do! It was good to see some of the old faces.

Many jumpers have brushed up on their skills in Spain, allowing H to put a standardised system in place for FS coaching. Anyone interested in working towards their FS1 or furthering their FS skills, contact us. Official BPA coach ratings have been awarded to 4-way champions Simon Brentford and Christian Hinchliffe; intermediate champions Pete Allan, Karen Bain, Sue Farquhar & Derrick Kent; 8-way champion Lee Pugh; and stellar jumpers Calvin Blacker, Simon Cathrine, Mike Colthart, Laura Hillas, Steve Murphy, Noel Purcell, & Hannah Swallow. CH coach ratings have also been awarded to Lee Pugh, Steve Murphy and Laura Hillas.

James Swallow



Paragon

With the worst spell of weekend weather anyone can remember, we've all got stiff necks from staring up at the sky wondering when it's ever going to clear. Those who've been here when the clouds parted have had some good jumping. There are no sheep on the DZ



The lovely Bob Henderson

now which means... no more pooch in the packing shed! Mind you that grass is starting to grow at an alarming rate. Anyone got a mower they can spare?

The kitchen is back to normal following a flood due to burst pipes. It was a toss-up whether to develop the facility to include an indoor pool and skating rink but the general consensus was that a hot cuppa would be more beneficial given the sub zero temperatures.

A cautionary tale when buying kit on ebay: Abe Hill received his bargain priced twin zipper only to find it emblazoned with graphics of kitchen implements and advertising for fitted kitchens. Maybe he's trying to improve on his canapé control.

Bob Henderson

Achievements

First Freefall

Farbeen MacKenzie

Cat 8

Dave Jenkins

Skydive London

After our Christmas break we are back at Redlands and looking forward to a busy 2006. Bruce has attended his CSBI course and is now officially Geordie's slave. Dyl and Jez continue to do odd jobs around the centre to make it look nice and function in the desired manner. We all eagerly await the arrival of the Airvan, currently on its holidays at Peterlee, due to arrive here at Easter. A big congratulations to Nate Cheeseman for being awarded the Mike Forge Trophy at the AGM, another testimony for a small club with big plans.

Geordie Page

One of the new owners Stuart Livett by Howard White



Black Knights

A massive thank you to everyone who gave their time to the DZ makeover ready for this summer. What better way to kick-start the season than our Spring Boogie 2006? Prop-blast away those cobwebs, 20-28 May, with the BPA artistic roadshow on the first weekend; free load organising all week; music; parties; BBQs; and more parties. BPA FS and freely coaches will be available for those wanting to brush up on skills, it's going to be a good one!

Bon voyage to Sam Davies (pictured below) who starts her new job in Canada conducting wildlife research, look out for those bears! Mark Walton is on his way to San Francisco for the next few months where he has a small part in a film production. If anyone has seen Johanna's little mutt, Bleeder, please let us know, last seen chasing ducks in Morecambe! Will Cooke owes beer for his first malfunction, well dealt with Danish!

BKPC jumpers travel in style!



Photos: Danny Rowlands

The Avalore freely skills weekend is 10-11 June, no registration fee but only a few slots available. Focused freely coaching for jumpers of all levels; intense one-on-one and group coaching for those interested in putting teams together for the Grand Prix in July. See our website for all our events, it promises to be a cracking year!

Rob McVey



Achievements

- First Freefall**
Sean Carroll
Dan Godbold
Emma Kerr
Eimear McGavern
- Cat 8, 50 Jumps**
Jade Allister
Mark Spence
- 200 Jumps**
Robert Madden
- 500 jumps**
Joe Meredith

Wild Geese



Connor Campbell
by John McCourt

The club's been quiet but the students are still managing to progress, not only with jumping but also learning to pack; keep it up gang! A group of experienced jumpers who had visited the Bodyflight Bedford wind tunnel decided to try out AirKix. They had a great time and were full of praise for both tunnels, I will leave you to make up your own mind as to which one is best.

Practical Magic are heading to Southern Ireland to take part in the Irish Nationals, where the winning 4-way team will be sponsored to represent Ireland in the World Games, so fingers crossed. A group of 16 are heading to the Algarve for the Spring Boogie and intend to try everything that's on offer so watch out for some nice pics. Not to be outdone the Queens students are off to Gap, France.

John McCourt

UK Para

All change at UK Para! Tony Knight is standing down as CCI and Tomo, fresh from his advanced instructor course, is stepping up. Tony has been skydiving since 1964 and CCI for FIVE different clubs so has earned a bit of a rest. Never one to take life too easily he remains our chief pilot and will continue to skydive. A big vote of thanks to Tony for looking after us so well - no pressure Tomo!

The facilities have been skillfully extended to include a new office, additional classroom and a comfy area complete with sofa and beanbags. This has also given us some valuable extra packing space we'll need when the Nomad arrives (should be here by the time you read this). We are looking for additional manifestors and DZ controllers, give us a call.

Grant has a new image too. He's bought himself a large motorbike, is growing his hair, wearing a beanie and going to see lots of up-and-coming indie bands. Somebody mentioned mid-life crisis!

Tim Skinner joins us; having spent the last 10 years with the Red Devils he will be bringing his wealth of experience, both in the air and in the pub. Congrats to Aaron for his CSBI.

UK Para were well represented at the BPA AGM. The Jump Shop had a stand in the main hall where the novelty Javelins, lent to us by Sunpath, got a lot of attention. The cuddly jaguar rig was especially popular and well stroked! We are proud to have our very own member of the BPA Council: Grant, who is also the new canopy piloting rep on Competitions Committee. Congratulations and good luck.

Simon Ward



Following the success of our first tunnel camp we couldn't wait to get back to Bodyflight. News had got round so we had some fresh virgins including John Gullen, who had a permanent smile and declared it to be the best money he had spent in a long time. It really is a fantastic facility, I certainly felt much more confident after a second visit.

Jess made it to 300 jumps in style with a 2-point 25-way out of a Casa at Zephyrhills. Unfortunately she lost a contact lens and had to wear an eye patch for the day, maybe we could start a new trend?

Vikki Forrest

Achievements

- Cat 8**
Charles Thomas
Michael Dell
- IC1**
David Ney
- 100 Jumps**
Chris Higgins
- 300 Jumps**
Jess Day



Tomo by Grant Richards

Langar



Walk-up 63-way by Gary Wainwright

Achievements

First Freefall

Ravi Jain
James Barber
Steve Weekes
Sam Bemment
Mark Wain
Rich Wardlow

Cat 8

Eddie Prouse
Derek O'Neil
Ross Thompson
Steve Weekes

CH1, CH2, JM1

Leigh Birchenough-
Richards

FS1

Mark Smitherman

50 Jumps

Darryl Leaming

100 Jumps

Kelly Williamson

200 Jumps

Chris Cook

400 Jumps

Tim Aucott

800 Jumps

Ric Kent



Tony Danbury

accordian, a two-point 25-way diamond and more. 2006 will be bigger and better, not just for the invitees, but also for those up-and-coming skydivers who need to get noticed for future events.

For the freeflyers, we're hosting the UK's first Go Vertical event at the start of June. Mike Gorman has set up a canopy school at Langar, under Brian Vacher's Safe Flight School umbrella. Call Mike on 07966 430960 for details or see JM's Newsround pages 15-16 for details of both.

The students from Nottingham and Loughborough Unis have made loads of jumps lately, we can't wait till they receive their next student loan payments! Nick Johnston, acting CCI while DH is on his hols, has settled in nicely, along with five Cessna 206s... but only three sets of wings!

The wireless internet thingy is busy flashing and whirring in the corner of the office and lots of people have complimented us on our bandwidth! What can we say? We aim to please!

Congratulations to all our jumpers who took part in building and recording the successful world record in Thailand – nice one guys!



Nice position
Can Can!
Photo by
Tony Danbury

Both our Caravans will be here for the season, with the Skyvan, Beech 99 and Jet Ranger chopper for various events. Let's see if we can beat our 2005 jump total of 28,900 – including over 26,000 jumps by experienced skydivers! Langar is the busiest civilian DZ in the UK.

We've spent a lot of time thinking how to top last year's successes with the invitational jumps; a walk-up 63-way, 36-way star, 34-way open

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Jersey

By the time you read this we'll be open again and preparing for Jersey's biggest beach boogie ever! There will be a turbine for the first time in a couple of years as well as a chopper to play with. Also here will be load organisers, gear to demo, BBQs, mini scrambles and a typically Jersey style end of boogie party (if you've met any of the troops before you'll know this will be carnage!). Dates are 11-16 June inclusive, the usual licence restrictions will apply. See JM's Newsround page 16.

It's nice to welcome Deckie back to the island and, with some other chaps doing AFF, it'll be great to see some more fun jumpers about after a couple of retirements last year. Darren 'Flipper' Menard and Olaf 'Not Bad for a Lawyer' Blakely both managed to reach 100 jumps each. Congratulations to CCI Andy Montriou for adding two more world records to his collection.

James Tomkinson

Achievements

100 Jumps

Darren Menard
Olaf Blakely



Photo: Alun Griffiths

Hinton

Mark, Duncan & Bob

In February we held a student progression day with a group from Warwick Uni coming down for lectures on everything from spotting to accuracy. A huge thank you to all and well done to those who progressed.

We welcome our new PAC pilot Chris who arrived just in time for Georgina's 18th birthday party (break the poor bloke in gently!). It was a monster bash with a buffet, hot food, the obligatory vodka jellies (there was some water in these, honest!) and the generous loan of Caroline's chocolate fountain. It promised to be such a great evening it enticed Tomo, Jess and Grant down all the way from Old Buck! Nice to see you guys. Big thanks to all who helped and to Pete for the fab disco, which got the dance demons strutting their stuff. Richard Orford donated the contents of his drinks cabinet, he's 'orf' travelling for a few months and thought we would do justice to his weird and wild collection of fancy liquors. This was also an excellent opportunity for Tigs to show off his new toy, a mini petrol pump which can be filled with hideous alcoholic substances. The unused helium also helped the party antics along nicely! We wish Orf well on his travels.

Duncan will have a new protégé; Mark Turvey will be joining the team from the beginning of March (don't forget your knee pads and hand cream!). Maddy is currently doing her bit for international relations.

The Nish Memorial Scrambles is 15-16 April. On 10-11 June, the DZ will be closed due to the Grand Prix at Silverstone, we are organising a trip down to Perranporth. Anyone interested contact caroline@frogfallf9.co.uk

21 October is our Bavarian Beer Festival, so dust off your lederhosen and buxom wench costumes, the beer fest is back and promises to be bonkers! Tickets from Geoff Wood.

Elaine Park & Caroline White



Photos by Matt Abram

Baz Zarour



Achievements

Cat 8

Shaun Price
1 Hour Freefall
Rob Franklin
1000 Jumps
Duncan Humphreys

London Para



Rach, Ross, Chris, Paul & Terry in Spain by Martin Harris

The loos have had a glorious refit whilst the dropzone has been closed. Wayhay! Mega thanks to Martin, Alan, James, Mark, Paul, Terry and Tracy for your labour of love – because now we have 5-star powder room facilities complete with pot-pourri! Thanks guys! 'Orrible task and you've done us proud.

February saw the lucky (financially solvent!) ones having a great time at Ocaña in sunny Spain. We are intrigued to know about the Mars Bars Paul – was it legal?

Kate and James – don't think you've escaped the statutory soaking by skedaddling off abroad to get your Cat 8. Great news guys, well done, but we'll be waiting for you with buckets and hose! Bet even a drenching won't wipe the grins off your faces though! Congrats too to Terry and Paul who made good progression on RAPS whilst soaking up the sun – you'll be buying the beers around Easter when we expect you to qualify fellas – start saving!

Jennie FitzStanley

Achievements

Cat 8

Kate Jackson
James Mundy
100 Jumps
Chris Buse



Netheravon

Thanks to Kezi who along with some of Colin H's family and friends, came down on a cold January weekend for Colin's memorial jump. Baggers took Kezi on a tandem, joined by some of Colin's many friends. Warm blue skies always, mate.

Nethers now has a new wingsuit school. *Wingin' It* is run by Liz Ashley, demo suits are available for beginners, come and do your first flight! Liz will be organising flocking weekends, check the website.

Welcome back to Buzz and Jamie. Buzz is settling back in nicely but still hasn't learnt to wear all of his clothes. Thanks for all the hard work and good luck to Vinny, Phil & 'Hardman' (at the most inconvenient moment!) Mac.

Caroline Hughes (pictured below) will be back as our favourite load organiser – keep an eye on the website for details of her weekends along with all the other events.

Kath Salisbury

Young Eagles

The events have now switched to a more logical format, with the various Young Eagles clubs training and building up via the creeper meets to the full competition in August. The Armies will be allowed to run alongside the Young Eagles, as long as the 'real' skydiving doesn't get in the way! New for this summer will be swooping, and possibly a rule change in the FS to score the launch.

Rick Boardman

Strathallan



Dave Burns exits over Strathallan by Jim Stevenson

made sense. The next weekend put the final piece of the jigsaw into place. Just after landing, he confessed to the CCI & the General that he was in fact gay. If you don't believe us, the evidence is now with Big Roy and will no doubt feature in the end of year video.

Chris McCann and Kelly made another welcome Paratec promotional trip north. Chris played with his Rager all weekend while the rest of us looked on bewildered at how he made the most of such a small one. The entertainment spilled into the evening when the Mag 7 walked out of yet another restaurant without paying; this time we managed our starters and three rounds of drinks before storming off. Unfortunately nobody managed to video the exit. Miraculously Chris managed to stay out of the kitchen this time, much to the relief of the chef. The main courses were devoured at a nearby McDonalds.

The long haired Spaniard is back in town as is Lorena. Local farmers fear for their crops as they both look like a decent feed wouldn't go amiss. Andy Gibson is currently in Zephyrhills with over 20 other club members. We'll give a full update on their return in the next issue. To be honest, most of them are not missed.

Mag 7



Liz Ashley Wingin' It by James Boole

On Saturday 4 March we reopened as Skydive Weston, the new name for the civilian club. It has taken 14 months to get to this stage, the new directors Ash Kemp (Club Manager) and Steve Scott (CCI) were very happy to see lots of familiar faces and some new, all welcomed with wall to wall blue skies. Organised freefly and tracking dives started the season off, just a taster of how things are going to be for the rest of the season.

Improved opening times of 9am till dark on Saturday and 10am till dark on Sunday mean that Weston could once again have the lift capacity that we were all used to. The G92 Dornier has returned, and there is talk of increasing our jumping altitude. Military jumpers will be pleased to hear that they still get their rate, while civilian membership prices are down. We have lots of fantastic events lined up, come along and check us out.

The AirKix girls have returned from their first

Achievements

First Freefall
Jamie Brittain
FS1
Marcus Sutton
200 Jumps
Thea Follett



Colin Hicklin memorial jump by Ash Hollick

Achievements

First Freefall

Chris Whyte
Colin Mann

Cat 8

Stuart Lawson
Gary Hargadon

Cat 8, CH1

Kyle Officer
Craig Maxwell

1 Hour Freefall

Andrew Coulton



Weston

Paul Allen by Jon Trevor



two week camp of four trips planned to the States this year and managed 130 jumps. We would like to congratulate Emma Hammersley & Gary Beyer on their wedding in South Africa.

Nigel Holland

Achievements
FF1

Jen Bouquet
200 Jumps
Louise Hughes
Jon Ashe
500 Jumps
Nigel Holland



Opening weekend antics by Mark Rayson

Peterlee



Isla de la Haya by Alan Thompson



Eric Hall by Kev Dynan

The helicopter didn't make it to the Refreshers Boogie due to technical issues but it will be coming to Peterlee soon, hopefully the next boogie, so keep in touch. Those who turned up were still well entertained with a quiz on Friday with Stu Ferguson pulling all the stops out with a superb video round. The fancy dress party on Saturday evening with a disco, school days theme and refreshers provided amusement, the funniest moment had to be people looking for crayons for the colouring competition.

We welcome two new pilots: Rob Barltrop and Rob Campbell. Well done to our latest CSI, Mal Richardson. We currently have an Airvan on hire and expect to take delivery of our very own Airvan in late April. There are now regular Friday night quizzes, every other week, come along and get involved.

The next mini boogie will be a fundraiser at the end of April / early May and we have lots of boogies planned throughout the year including the XPO, 9-18 June, which focuses on AFF, RAPS and canopy handling progression (check with the DZ to confirm).

Achievements

First Freefall
Hayley Nelson
JM1, CH2
Dean Kelly-Smith
FF1
Isla de la Haya
50 Jumps
Gareth Carson
200 Jumps
Alan Adams
400 Jumps
Jane Oakley
500 Jumps
Dave Taylor
800 Jumps
Glen Staley
24 Hrs Freefall
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Caroline Allen by Rhino

Achievements
1000 Jumps
 Caroline Allen



Wingsuiting over Sibson by David Haygarth

Congratulations to Macca on his BMI rating, he joins the growing flock of wingsuit instructors at Sibson who offer first flight courses and one-on-one coaching. Congratulations also to Mike Evans, now a qualified basic rigger. If anyone wants to go diving (of the other kind!), then Kev's your man. He's got qualifications galore in Egypt – dive master, open water scuba instructor, drift wreck, deep and night speciality instructor, emergency first response and child care, oxygen first aid and rescue diver... wow!!

Well done to Caroline Allen who was on the world FAI record 400-way in Thailand, and on the Guinness record for the largest mass drop, of 960 skydivers. She thought this was her 999th jump but it was actually her 1,000th as she never logged her tandem!

I'm sure you heard that Birdland Bar and our beloved day room burnt down in February. It was the end of an era; they've been standing for nearly 40 years. So many great nights in that bar and so many irreplaceable photos and memorabilia... Looking on the bright side no-one was hurt (except the bar's two goldfish). Thanks to everyone for your kind messages and support.

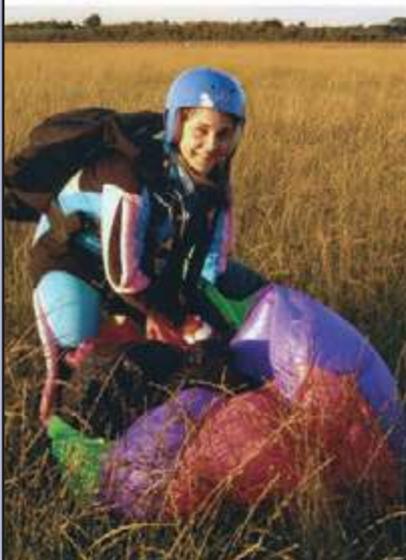
The skydiving side of things hasn't been affected so Sibson is open as usual, the power is back to the bunkrooms, and the outside toilets & showers are working with hot & cold water. Drinks, snacks and sandwiches are available from the Aero Club. We've temporarily moved into the front hangar, which is working well with heated gearing-up rooms/manifest/DZ control. Listen out for our new bar's grand opening party.

It is the end of another era – after 10 years of service we've decided to say farewell to the Turbolet. This year's jumpship is a fantastic Dornier G92, it holds the same number of jumpers but, with a faster turnaround you can do more jumps...woohoo! Teams, consider Sibson for your training – we have the same plane as the Nationals, we're the closest DZ to Bedford's wind tunnel and offer competitive team rates (contact us for details). We also have a 10-place turbine throughout the winter months – bye bye Cessna, hello Turbo Finest!

Lizzie will not be manifesting with us this year – we can't thank you enough for your fab work. Jake and Pete have decided to leave Sibson, good luck and all the best to you both for the future.

Sarah Hall

Student of the Year Louise Whitby by Steve Cooper



Big news at Tilstock! We can now go to 12,000ft on good weather days in Yankee Echo, for just a couple more quid a jump. We did a test run for Steve Smith's 700th jump, and confirm it is well worth the money. Other notable achievements were Dave Gordon's 400th jump and Dale Hesketh reaching Cat 8 on his 26th jump. Well done!

The magnificent seven are off to Seville on a freefly training camp, so we expect more achievements from Neil, Ty, Daz, Terry, Pat, Dave Cox and Steve Walsh. Enjoy! Andy Phillipson is

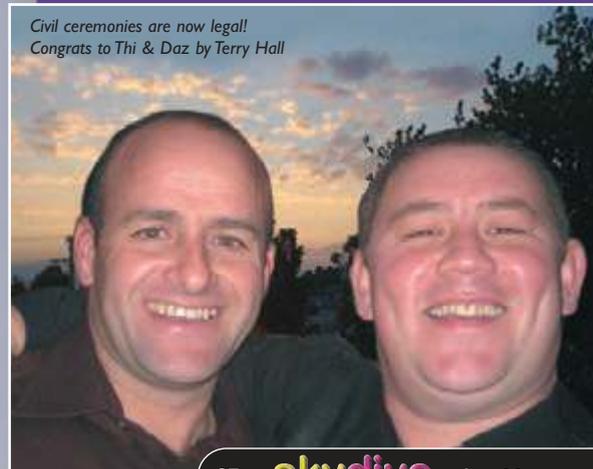
planning to give the tandem videographers some healthy competition with his new camera skills. Club news is going to be taken over by Paul Morrison from the next issue. Cheers for that Paul! I'm sure you will do a far better job than I.

Ria Bremner

Achievements
Cat 8
 Dale Hesketh
1 Hour Freefall
 Juliana Bergel
100 Jumps
 Sally Thompson
400 Jumps
 Dave Gordon
700 Jumps
 Steve Smith

Tilstock

Civil ceremonies are now legal!
 Congrats to Thi & Daz by Terry Hall



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Cark



A large contingent of us descended on the AGM in Leicester, a chance to meet up after Portugal and collect our hard-earned 2005 awards. Congrats to our Grand Prix winners listed below, we wish all the teams a successful and productive season.

Over the Easter break we are organising an 8-way speed and swoop accuracy competition, no doubt the tuffet will be out for that one! Keep checking our website for updates, photos and future events.

Stuart Morris

Fun Unlimited

- Senior 8-way silver *Double Vision*
- Senior 4-way gold *Cliff Wilson*
- Junior Accuracy gold

With the aircraft back from its annual C of A it was inevitable we'd reopen to bad weather. Gusts of wind and flurries of snow enabled us to make an early start on copying and distributing the new FS Manual.

Achievements

First Freefall

- Amanda Troy
- Sarah Garrett

Cat 8

- Jordan Lucas
- Alexia Wilson

CH1

- Gareth Couldrey
- Jordan Lucas
- Alexia Wilson

CH2

- Karen Pickering
- Cliff Wilson

100 Jumps

- Yvonne Rimmington

Cark jumpers in the Algarve by John Williamson



Bridlington

Photos: Blair Stent

A wet start to the year meant the jumpdogs had to find other things to do. Several learnt how to pack 'properly' and were quite surprised to learn how easy it was to put into practice! Leeds University took advantage of the free packing lessons from Geraldine McGuinness and several others got their CH1, CH2 and JM1 awards.

Good news for young and old alike: BCPA and POPS meets are being held here for the first time in years. There is a Grand Caravan boogie week, Monday to Friday, 24-28 April. The BCPA Northern Regional begins on Saturday 29 April, ending on the evening of the bank holiday, Monday 1 May. BCPA members are encouraged to arrive early to register and take full advantage of the boogie week.

Blair Stent

Achievements

First Freefall

- Amanda Van Wyk
- Graham Rymer

Cat 8

- Kathryn Waterworth
- Jason Sambrook

CH1, CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps

- Trev Dodds
- Pete Hardaker



Riggers course by Stu Storey

RAPA

As the newly elected club rep, I'd like to thank Alex Busby (Buzz) for all his creative work as the previous rep. Cheers mate.

Many thanks to all the staff in Cyprus for their hospitality when we visited. Back to the cold (no blue skies but fantastic sports drinks, Warsteiner-ade) of Germany, RAPA held a riggers course conducted and examined by Bill Sharp and John Curtis. After a productive period of good quality work, all of the five candidates passed the course. Thanks to Bill and John; well done to all of the participants.

We went to experience the effects of hypoxia at the Centre for Aviation Medicine. The results of this type of controlled training can be closely linked with the similar effects of too much of the old amber nectar! This exposure proved invaluable with individuals recognising both their own and others' symptoms and understanding what to do in the event of someone suffering from hypoxia. This is an area of skydiving that some of us need to evaluate, particularly as formations are getting bigger and need more altitude.

Guy Hutchins



Dave the pilot settling in!

Pumpkin

Congratulations to sleep-deprived but jolly proud parents Pete and Dajana Smith on their first-born son, Vanya Marko Smith, a bouncing 9lb 2 oz on 15 February. You often hear people say that 'Skydiving will change your life'. Four Team Pumpkin members who certainly said 'Amen' to that were Martin & Mel Williams (née Lovell-Knight) and Steve & Charlie Judson (née Gross) who got hitched. The former pair snuck off for a quiet wedding on a sun-drenched beach and the latter tied the knot in Notts with the bride arriving to the Jaws theme... an inspired touch Charlie!

Barely back off honeymoon and Martin has already gone back to Afghanistan after sadly calling an end to PhD Skydiving. Damien Corcoran is out there too – keep safe guys please and come home soon. Chris Barnes is migrating to Australia in July. Hopefully he'll check out a few Antipodean DZs for TP and sneak in a few farewell jumps &/or beers in Blighty before he goes.

Jim Gray is usually found bolted onto a Royal Signals display team event but is off to Cyprus on expedition this April... it's a hard life, eh? KJ Bull is still locked away at Sandhurst – now with both princes; Harry and William. All being well he gets his official commission into the Army Air Corps at the 150th Sovereign's Parade on 12 April, in front of a complete Who's Who of HRHs and corgis.

James Brady has joined a 4-way team at Langar. Richard Churchill-Coleman has been at AirKix with Sparky and Co so is now all fired up to jump again: life is definitely beginning at 40 for that one! Duncan Wright, our BPA calendar's 'Mr December' pin-up, continues to do incredibly cool things in a wingsuit. Stu Carter is entering the freefly nationals again, try to make it in one piece this year! The merry band of brothers, Team Carnage, has been clocking up some great milestones in Florida. In June/July this year we're off to Russia with love!

Ros Jinks

Martin & Mel Williams get married on the beach



Dave Fish

Achievements

- FF1**
- Vince Hone
- Nic O'Hara
- FF2**
- Stu Carter
- Ainsley Walters
- 400 Jumps**
- Clive Thomas
- 500 Jumps**
- Duncan Wright
- 800 Jumps**
- Stu Carter

BCPA

For the first time this year the BCPA Valentines Meet was held *inside* – at the AirKix wind tunnel. Definitely warmer than braving the February frosts! We were pleased to see about 60 students from around the country show up with 40 people flying a total of 7.5 hours. As with any BCPA event the range of ability was wide. In the capable hands of the three Andys (Ford, Lovemore and Scott), there was something to learn for everyone. At least one Andy was coaching at any given time, their time and efforts were much appreciated.

People made good use of the facilities once their tunnel time was over, kicking back on beanbags enjoying a beer watching their mates fly, not a bad way to spend the day! AirKix very generously put a load of caps, t-shirts and tunnel time up for grabs in a raffle which was drawn just before we headed into Milton Keynes for more drinks. We ended up in Revolution where, until 4am, the night seemed more sophisticated than normal...

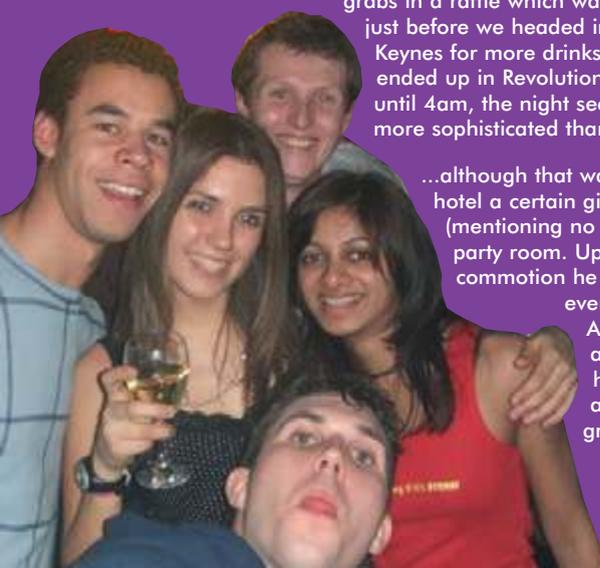
...although that was soon to change! After returning to the hotel a certain ginger Scottish packer from Langar (mentioning no names!) went about locating the BCPA party room. Upon finding a room with a fair bit of commotion he wandered in, only to realise that everyone in the room seemed a little odd. Apparently he doesn't feel as comfortable at a swingers' party as perhaps we would have thought! A fantastic time was had by all, thank you AirKix tunnel for hospitality, great prizes and expert coaching.

Henry Tonnison & Abi Van Hoorebeek

Henry Tonnison coached by Andy Lovemore, photo by AirKix



Andy Ford coaches Shona Blainey, taken by Henry Tonnison



Red Devils

2006 got off to a great start with many team members enjoying themselves at this year's AGM – especially Gav Tuckley who picked up the prestigious BPA *Instructor of the Year* award. The most quiet time of the year for parachuting has been the busiest for planning with most team members carrying out several display recces, whilst trying to get to grips with the new risk assessment system. We've been busy giving presentations to schools and army cadet units on life in the Parachute Regiment, resulting in a surprising amount of positive media publicity.

By the time you read this, the team should be in Cyprus, training for what already looks set to be the busiest season for years. In addition to an unprecedented number of high profile display bookings, the team also has a number of major media projects planned for 2006. We plan to raise at least £100,000 for charity again this season through our sponsored tandem scheme.

Marcus Orme

Achievements
800 Jumps
Andy Naude

Michael 'Billy' Blanchard exits the RAF Chinook over Redhill Airshow

Team leader Mark Scobie takes a tandem over Cyprus

Photos: Gav Tuckley



POPS

Niels handed over the baton of Top Pop UK to me with our feet firmly on the ground during the BPA AGM at Hinckley. We had a quality rather than quantity meeting of members. We discussed and proposed the 2006 programme, details on our website www.pops.org.uk. I thanked Niels on behalf of all members for the time, effort and dedication he has put into his guardianship of our society over the past three years... and the effort he will be putting in to help me out for a little while!

We have had suggestions that we should continue to build on the training last year towards the eventual attempt at a big-way record. Also some prompts to organise more POPS meetings this year possibly in Cyprus (cos we enjoyed it so much last time) and at another drop zone other than Hibaldstow in June. Any other suggestions, comments or statements of intent, please let me have them at your earliest convenience. See you about... and keep the joints well oiled!

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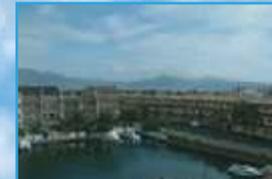
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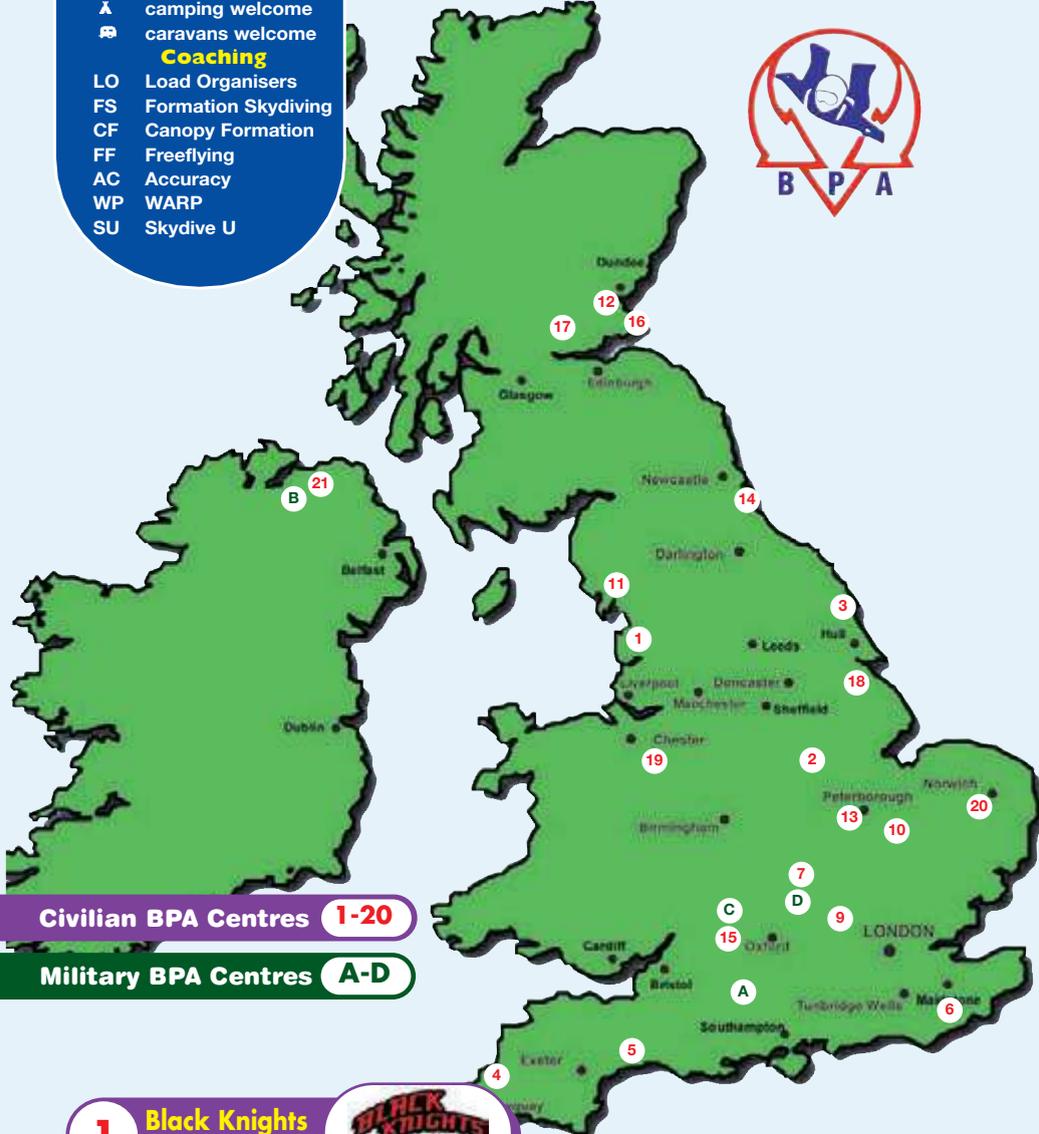
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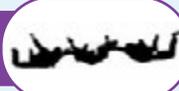
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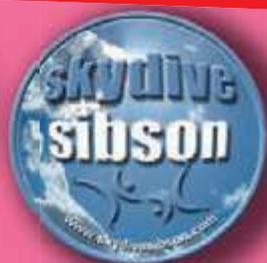
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Nuggets, Germany www.skydive-nuggets.de

18-20 Canopy Piloting Championships
Mile Hi, USA www.canopypiloting.com

19-21 4-Way Nationals
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

19-23 Atmonauti Top Patrol
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

21-27 Freestyle Festival
Höxter, Germany www.skydive-hoexter.de

23-27 Canopy Piloting World Meet
Stubenberg, Austria www.worldmeet2006.com

24-27 Atmonauti World Record Attempt
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

26-28 8-Way Nationals & 4-Way Reserve
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

26-28 Artistics & Speed Nationals
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

27 Beer Festival
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

29-30 4-Way Scrambles
Headcorn www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk

31-Sep 3 Pops World Record Attempt
USA www.thepops.org

SEPTEMBER

1-3 Europa Cup
Altenstadt, Germany europacupskydive.org

1-3 USPA CP Nationals
Wildwood Beach www.skydivewildwood.com

2-3 LAC Meet
Headcorn www.headcornparachuteclub.co.uk

2-4 Artistics, Speed, 8-way Nats Reserve
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

8-10 ESL Finals
Spa, Belgium www.euroskyleague.com

8-10 CPC Training Camp
Mile Hi, USA www.canopypiloting.com

8-10 POPS Sequential World Record Attempt
Blue Sky Ranch, NY www.theblueskyranch.com

9-10 16-Way Meet
Langar www.bpslangar.co.uk

9-17 Langar Boogie II
Langar www.bpslangar.co.uk

15 Night Jumps
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

15-17 Pro Swooping Tour
Brazil www.proswoopingtour.tv

16-17 F5 & Canopy Piloting Coaching
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

16-17 Avalore Skills Weekend
BKPC, Cockerham www.avalorefreefly.com

19-23 Flyboyz Film Festival
Perris Valley, USA www.flyboyz.tv

21-25 Armed Forces Record Attempt
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

23-24 8-Way F5 Speed Nationals
Peterborough www.skydivesibson.com

23-24 F5 & Canopy Piloting Coaching
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

23-24 Hayabusa Big-Way Coaching
Spa, Belgium www.skydivecenterspa.com

23-Oct 1 MaGiA Boogie
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

23-Oct 1 Go Vertical
Empuriabrava www.skydiveempuriabrava.com

25-Oct 3 Freestyle Boogie
Gap, France skydivegap@online.fr

27-Oct 1 Big-Way Sequential
Perris Valley www.perrisperformanceplus.com

27-Oct 1 Airspeed Challenge
Empuriabrava www.skydiveempuriabrava.com

27-Oct 1 Atmonauti Top Patrol
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

28 STC & Riggers Meeting
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28-29 Women's World Record Camp
Elsinore, USA www.skydiveelsinore.com

28-Oct 1 Babylon Workshop
Empuriabrava www.babylon-freefly.com

29-Oct 1 Europa Cup Final
Locarno, Switzerland europacupskydive.org

29-Oct 1 Chicks Rock
Elsinore, USA www.skydiveelsinore.com

30-Oct 1 CF Grand Prix
Langar www.bpslangar.co.uk

30-Oct 1 Swoop For The Cause
Crosskeys, USA www.ck1freefly.com

30-Oct 1 F5 4-Way Scrambles
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

OCTOBER

4-8 Pops World Record Attempt
Perris Valley, USA www.skydiveperris.com

6-8 Octoberfest
Crosskeys, USA www.skydivecrosskeys.com

7-14 Pops World Meet
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

10 BPA Council Meeting
BPA Offices, Leicester 0116 278 5271

14 Film Festival & Autumn Ball
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

21 Bavarian Beer Festival
Hinton www.skydive.co.uk

21-29 USPA Nationals
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

21-29 Equinox Boogie
Ramblers, Australia www.ramblers.com.au

28-29 Halloween 10-Way Speed
Hibaldstow www.skydiving.co.uk

28-Nov 11 Kenya Boogie
Kenya www.skydivekenya.com

NOVEMBER

1-5 Atmonauti Top Patrol
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

1-11 150-Ways
Eloy, USA www.skydiveaz.com

1-12 Break-Off Boogie
Marche, Italy www.skydivemarche.com

6-8 Atmonauti School
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

6-9 Advanced Packing Course
UK Parachuting www.ukparachuting.co.uk

6-10 BPA Instructor Course
Chatteris 0116 278 5271
CSBI/TBI/AFFBI/Adv trudy@bpa.org.uk

13-17 BPA Instructor Course
Chatteris 0116 278 5271
CSI/Pre-Adv trudy@bpa.org.uk

18-26 Thanksgiving & Turkey Meet
Zephyrhills, Florida www.skydivecity.com

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