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On the menu this issue is a wide-ranging feast with hopefully something for everyone's palate: flocking, freeflying tips, help with your canopy's openings, how to get yourself in the news, a tunnel money meet and a discussion of the BPA insurance issue. How this area is tackled will have huge consequences to your pocket, your sport, or both. Following the AGM vote it was important to bring you facts, intentions and current thinking so you can form your own opinion. If you care about British skydiving, read every word.

Check out Bodyflight's World Challenge competition. It was inspirational to rub shoulders with the cream of the world's talented skydivers; *Airspeed, Babylon, Joe & Carlos, Hayabusa!* To stand on level two feet from my idols going full pelt – to see their expressions, communication, trust and teamwork, the fixing of tiny glitches, and the magic when they were in the flow was incredible. You'd never normally get that view, can you imagine it, "Guys, do you mind if I follow you out on this World Meet dive?"

I commend Paul Mayer for his vision, initiative and sheer balls putting up the prize money. The meet raised our own standards, through the sharing of knowledge, techniques, competition, banter and beer. The only thing which disappointed me was that there weren't more British entrants. In FS for example, I don't see how you could possibly offer more incentive. If you're a world class team, £8,000 was up for grabs. If you're not, you had the chance to compete alongside and talk to those who are! How cool is that!

See you there next year?

*Lesley*

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Al Hodgson and Pixie (Andrea Macleod) jump a balloon just after getting married in it, photo by Ash White

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Skydiving training and systems vary in different countries. If you are considering taking a skydiving course or qualification abroad, we recommend you first establish its relevance in the UK, through your CCI.



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by Andy Ford

Team AirKix



# LANGAR

## Boogie 1

Boogie 1 got off to a flying start with the weather holding out on the first weekend and a good mix of jumping including Milko's big-ways, freeflying by the usual dudes and loads of fun jumpers and smaller groups. The formation flying with four aircraft had DH a tad nervous on the ground as he watched Nicky Johnston manoeuvring one of the Caravans within a gnat's chuff of Tony's Skyvan. We managed well over 1,400 jumps on the opening weekend!

Saturday night's aural entertainment in the bar was complemented by good food from the canteen and a first class spread at PD and Lisa's barbecue, while Al and Pixie's DVD played in our newly refurbished bar. Incidentally, the new shower and toilet blocks are up and running, and the feedback has been fantastic. This is a huge improvement to our facilities.

George Pilkington chalked up another first, managing to sign back in after every lift for the entire weekend! It's almost like the freeflyers are starting to get their act together – some even managed to get on the early morning lifts! The Beech led the field in the climbing stakes while the Skyvan did its best with its new fancy props.







The Skyvan now has a float rail on the underside of the tailgate giving another dimension to its already unique exit potential! Complemented by Langar's two Grand Caravans we had an impressive lift capacity by any standards.

The bank holiday weather caved in on the Monday/Tuesday, but several groups headed off to the Bodyflight wind tunnel to break the monotony. Milko headed up some team coaching sessions and helped the Mag 7 pop their tunnel cherry.

Blue skies returned midweek so jumping resumed with more organised loads and plenty of coaching from Bullet Freely School and *FreeJive's* Tim Porter. 'Poke It' brought a tear to the eye jumping in only his shorts (and boots of course) demonstrating that not only was the weather officially hot, but also that this 'man' has no shame!

An awesome end to the week was to polish off with a round of drinks compliments of Dave & Angela for all the regular jumpers – cheers to you both! In amongst all the experienced jumping, we continued to cater for our students with several making significant improvements under the watchful eyes of our instructors. The final weekend had a great start but unfortunately the sunshine gave way to rain mid Saturday afternoon. Still this left us lots of time to enjoy the plentiful hot water in the new shower block before Richie's dance tunes nicely rounded off a terrific, safe and successful Boogie I at Langar.





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Tim Porter





## events

June 17th - 18th Fly your reserve weekend  
June 17th - 18th Flytrix Hybrid Warm-up weekend  
July 1st - 2nd 4 way Grand Prix  
July 8th - 16th Freely Festival (with skyvan)  
1st Weekend - Birdman Boogie with Jari  
2nd Weekend - Flytrix Hybrid dives with film competition and party sat night.

July 22nd-23rd BPA artistic roadshow  
August 5th-6th Flytrix Progression weekend  
September 23rd - 24th 8 way speed nationals with Skyvan.

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

Sibson is open Tuesday to Sunday flying to 13000ft in a Dornier G92. Cheap jumps on Fridays £16.

Flytrix is Sibson's resident all-girl freefly team offering FF1 load organising and 1-0n-1 coaching most weekends. For more information on Flytrix coaching and events, get in touch at [teamflytrix@hotmail.com](mailto:teamflytrix@hotmail.com) or [www.flytrix.com](http://www.flytrix.com) Wingsuit organising and coaching available with one of sibson's many BMIs.



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## Paradise Revisited

Mozambique Boogie organisers Ronnie Limborg and Patrick Passe are repeating their event this year. Bazaruto Lodge, a 4-star hotel on the unspoilt scenic island of Bazaruto is the base for the boogie, which includes jumping onto the beaches of other islands in the archipelago. They offer two travelling options, 27 Oct – 4 Nov and 4-12 Nov.

Willy Boeykens

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

## Kenya Safari Beach Boogie

Willy Boeykens



Geoff Wood and friends at Hinton Skydiving Centre are once again planning the Kenya Beach Boogie, 28 October to 11 November. The venue is Diani Beach, about 35km south of Mombassa, with beach landings, expert packers, three pools and shaded dirt dive area. Load organisers include Caroline Hughes, Bruce Robertson, Joerg Schmidt and Uli Pluemer. Families are welcome.

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



## Nomad Has A Home!

UK Parachuting have secured the services of a 15-seater Nomad until the end of October. Old Buck has no altitude restrictions, operates from 13,000ft and is open every day. They have a busy programme of events, see diary.

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



Simon Ward

## Jump the Rapide

Devon Airsports Ltd at Eaglescott Airfield, North Devon have purchased a DH89A Dragon Rapide. They plan to offer it for parachute dropping and hire. G-AKRP has been approved by the CAA for this role.

Barry Pearson 01769 520404



Gary Turner

## Champions Coaching at Cark

Cark's Open Week, 19-25 June will offer top level coaching. John McIver will be available for FS, Al Hodgson from *Bullet* for freefly and Brian Vacher's Safe Flight School for canopy piloting progression. Come along and learn, pre-register with the DZ.

[www.skydive-northwest.com](http://www.skydive-northwest.com)

## Skyvan at Nethers

Netheravon have a Skyvan booked for three summer weekends; 15-16 July, 22-23 July and 23-24 September. Load organiser Caroline Hughes plans to take advantage of the extra capacity and launch potential. The Skyvan will also be used for the Armed Forces record attempt, 20-24 September. Birdpeople are encouraged to check out the tailgate slipstream!

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

Sounds Grrr8 & friends by Woody

## Transcending Fear

**Reviewer** Lucie Fenton  
**Cost** \$19.95  
**Content** 9/10  
**VFM** 9/10  
**See:** [www.briangermain.com](http://www.briangermain.com)  
**Summary** Skydivers' handbook on controlling fear



*Transcending Fear* is the third book released by Brian Germain of Big Air Sportz. The sum of his extensive experience is encapsulated in this easy-to-understand guide for overcoming fear. The first chapter discusses the science of fear including the flight, flight or freeze response. The negative effects of anxiety are covered in the next chapter, followed by real methods of reducing this through specific techniques such as relaxation, focus, balance, meditation, mental strength and letting go of negative energy. The final chapter, the Big Picture, brings it all together using real life examples.

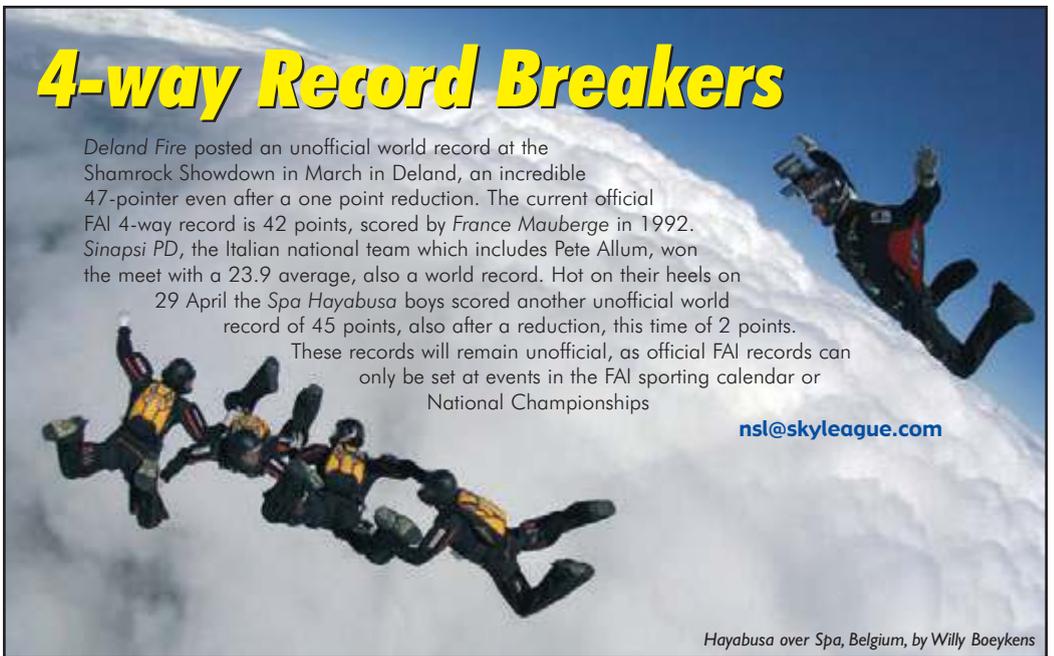
Brian emphasises the importance of a positive attitude – especially applicable in our sport! He outlines responses that bring the mind back to the present moment and away from the presumed danger. Brian makes good use of examples to back up his theories and provides a beautiful insight into the power of psychology. A 'must' for anyone even slightly nervous about jumping; you will hopefully find inspiration for the sport which will spill over into your whole life.

## 4-way Record Breakers

Deland Fire posted an unofficial world record at the Shamrock Showdown in March in Deland, an incredible 47-pointer even after a one point reduction. The current official FAI 4-way record is 42 points, scored by France Mauberge in 1992. Sinapsi PD, the Italian national team which includes Pete Allum, won the meet with a 23.9 average, also a world record. Hot on their heels on 29 April the Spa Hayabusa boys scored another unofficial world record of 45 points, also after a reduction, this time of 2 points.

These records will remain unofficial, as official FAI records can only be set at events in the FAI sporting calendar or National Championships

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Hayabusa over Spa, Belgium, by Willy Boeykens

## Bodyflight Project

Bodyflight Havoc by Jonno Horne

Paul Mayer, Bodyflight and Steve Swallow, Target are sponsoring four FS teams this season. The Bodyflight Project comprises of two senior teams, Rage and Havoc; an intermediate team, Storm; and juniors Frenzy. They all have a full training programme leading up to the 2006 UK Nationals. Camps have taken place at Skydive Spain and Bodyflight over the winter and are planned at Target, Hibaldstow over the summer.



Jim Harris

### Bodyflight Project Teams

#### Rage

Steve Hamilton  
John McIver  
Phil Hartree  
Tarnya Hollis

#### Storm

Hannah Betts  
Sarah Smith  
Amanda Karlssen  
Caroline Guest

#### Havoc

Derrick Kent  
Susan Farquhar  
Hannah Swallow  
Peter Allan

#### Frenzy

Kyle Thomas  
Lyndon Boddey  
Mark Fletcher  
Ed Morley

## Flytrix Hybrid



Flytrix are organising a hybrid weekend as part of the Sibson Freefly Festival, 14-16 July, using a Skyvan. Emphasis is on getting flat-fly and freefly chicks jumping

together, although the weekend isn't just for girls – boys are welcome! There's a barbecue and film in the evening. Check out their new website:-

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

Sarah Hall

## POPS Go Larger!

Pete Knight and Billy Payn are recruiting for the UK POPS record attempts, 9-10 September at Langar. The current record is a 27-way. Their selection process includes practice weekends and tunnel camps.

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



Pete Knight by Nick Lupton



Dan BC

Dan BC and Carey Peck are also looking for quality jumpers for the POPS world record attempt in Perris, USA, 31 August to 3 September out of six aircraft. The existing record is 110, set by the same team at Perris last year.

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# Outbreak in Seville!

Having joined forces at Skydive Spain, *Euphoria* and *Space* will compete under a new name at the World Meet in Germany this August. Mike Carpenter, Andy Newell and Jim Harris will be called *The Outbreak*, as will their new freefly school based at Skydive Spain, Seville and Hibaldstow, UK.

[www.outbreak-freefly.com](http://www.outbreak-freefly.com)



The Outbreak by Mike Carpenter

## Points Make Prizes!

Weed Stoodley, BPA artistics rep, has arranged a free prize draw for all freefly Grand Prix entrants. She has prizes from *Bodyflight*, *Boogieman*, *Avalore*, *Bullet*, *Wing Tips*, and *Airtec*, with more to be secured, see diary for dates. If you'd like to donate a prize or find out how to enter, contact Weed.

[weed@stoodley.co.uk](mailto:weed@stoodley.co.uk)

## Free Airspeed Coaching!

Gary Beyer & Mark Kirby, ex *Arizona Airspeed* will be available for free 4-way coaching at Skydive Weston, 3-4 June and 12-13 August. Weston are also planning a tracking weekend, 1-2 July, aimed at increasing skill levels and experience, everyone welcome.

Pre-register at  
[skydiveweston@fsmail.net](mailto:skydiveweston@fsmail.net)

## 200-Way Sequential

Guy Wright and Louis Tommaso are planning a two point 200-way sequential record attempt at Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida, during 24-30 March 2007. Milko will be a sector captain. If interested send your skydiving CV to:

[louistommaso@earthlink.net](mailto:louistommaso@earthlink.net).

## Goodbye Cisco, Hello JC!

Professional swooper, stuntman and cameraflyer JC Colclasure has replaced Francisco Neri as the *PD Factory Team* cameraman, recording the action of champion swoopers Ian, Jay, Shannon & Jonathan.

[www.performance designs.com](http://www.performance designs.com)

## AFF School Manager

Skydive Lillo, in central Spain, are looking for an English speaking AFF instructor to run their school.

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## Royal Aero Club

Keith Negal of the British Microlight Aircraft Association has been elected as the new Chairman of the Royal Aero Club.

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

## 4-Way VRW in NSL

Vertical relative work (VRW) has now become part of the USA's National Skydiving League. On 24-25 June and 23-24 September there will be an online fax meet for teams from around the world to compete from their home DZs. Dives will be drawn automatically the night before using the website dive generator and 4-way VRW dive pool. This year's US Nationals includes VRW 4-way as a test event and there are various skills camps planned.

[www.vrw4way.com](http://www.vrw4way.com)



Brian Buckland

## Freefly Records at Langar Boogie 2

Steve Newman and Al Hodgson of *Bullet Freefly School* are planning various British freefly records, 16-17 September, at Langar. If interested, email stating your area of expertise; head-up, head-down or atmonauti. Warm up skills camps are on 24-25 June and 22-23 July, all welcome.

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# FF1 .

# WHAT NEXT?

Now you have FF1 you want to start thinking about who you're going to jump with, what you should be working on, how many you'd like to skydive with and so on.

You have shown you have the basic skills to achieve your FF1, now you need to put them into practice in a safe way.

### **Who should I jump with?**

You should look for an experienced freeflyer who is willing to jump with you so they can help you learn some valuable skills.

Also, try to find someone of a similar skill level who you can regularly make skydives with. This way you will become accustomed to their fall rate and can begin to work on skills other than trying to stay close to each other.

### **How many people should I jump with?**

To begin with try to stick to 2-ways. By only jumping with one other person you are keeping safe and learning skills, which will eventually help you when you start to jump with larger groups.

### **What skills should I work on?**

Your coach can give you advice on what specific skills to work on based on how you performed on your coached jumps. However the following is a rough guide on what to do, try to keep to the order as listed. Remember, on any freefly jump, you should first establish a **heading** with your partner, then you should work to be on **level** with your partner and then you should increase the **proximity** between you and the other jumper.

Find an experienced freeflyer or coach to maximise your learning



David Cowman



Mike Carpenter

To begin with, stick to 2-way

If at any point you lose one of these three, you should start from the beginning (heading, level, proximity).

- **Stop any orbiting** (unintentionally rotating around your partner)  
Try to look past your partner at the horizon for a heading and make sure that you stop your forward movement when you are close enough.
- **Hand to toe docks**  
One flyer should take the foot of the other flyer and stay there.
- **Knee docks**  
Stand on the knees of the other flyer and stay there.
- **Toe touches**  
Fly close enough to one another so you can touch toes and stay there.
- **Fall rate challenge**  
One flyer should gradually slow down and the other should follow. When one person is at their limit of slow fall, then the specified flyer gradually increases the speed and the other matches it. These fall rate changes should all be done very steadily and deliberately.

### How long should I wait before trying head-down?

Before even attempting flying head-down, become proficient in your head-up. As a general rule you should spend at least one skydiving season concentrating on your head-up flying skills. Try to feel confident staying with a group at varying fall rates, even if they are moving around slightly.

You may feel like you're wasting your time and you want to learn to fly head-down sooner rather than later. If you don't spend time learning to fly well head-up you will struggle on certain freefly skydives in the future. However, if you take your time learning to fly head-up then ultimately you will reap the benefits.



Stephen Reynolds by Pierre

Useful skills to drill – hand to toe docks



Knee docks



Flyrix by Sarah Hall

Toe touches



Fall rate challenges



Jumping with a slightly larger group can be fun

Tim Porter



Maintain altitude awareness

Photos by Jim Harris



Everyone should focus on heading, levels and proximity



Having a plan is important to make it safe and successful

Tim Porter

## JUMPING WITH OTHERS

**When you start to jump with other freeflyers you have a lot more to think about. You should know where the other jumpers in your group are at all times.**

As a minimum you should specify the following for a freefly jump with others:

- **Exit**
- **Content of jump**  
Don't just say 'we'll see what happens', have a plan and stick to it.
- **Base**  
Specify someone as a person that everyone should then work towards for a level.
- **Break-off**  
What is the break-off height? Make sure everyone knows where the others are and that they do not go straight on their belly and track; they should slowly decrease their speed as they track away.

### Exit

Part of planning a successful jump is the exit, this can make or break the skydive. Look at the experience level of the group to decide what to do. If you have a mixed ability group then try to keep the lesser skilled jumpers together on the exit, try to get them to leave linked to ensure that they are all close together. The more experienced jumpers should leave unlinked. This will help keep a tight group during the jump.

Ask the pilot or an experienced jumper at the zone to find out how many skydivers you can get on the



outside on exit. Try to get as many of the jumpers floating as possible, this will help stop door jams and separation on exit.

Go through the exit at a mock-up in plenty of time ensuring everyone knows where they will be, the order that they will climb out and make sure they know the exit key and that it is as visible as possible. When you have decided this you can also take it one step further and decide the order that they will board the plane so that the climb-out will be quick and smooth.

### Content

What you have planned for the jump is also very important to make it safe and successful. The lesser skilled freeflyers should act as a base and concentrate on heading, levels and proximity. As the experience level increases so should the difficulty of the moves. Don't give a difficult job to a newer flyer but at the same time try not to make their task too easy. You will get better at this as you plan more jumps, it can be a difficult skill to learn.

The first thing every person on the jump should be thinking is **heading**, **levels** and **proximity**, in that order. Doing this will help to keep the skydive safe. All moves should be performed slowly and smoothly, there is no point in rushing.

Don't try and fit too much into one jump, concentrate on one or two techniques at the most and try to perform them well. Everyone will learn more this way and in the end this will help you all to become better freeflyers.

No matter what, always have someone or a group designated as a base. This base can change throughout the jump depending on what you want to achieve but you should always have someone to work towards that is staying still. You should have someone set as a base for if something goes wrong and there isn't a main

group – this is so that everyone doesn't start roaming around the sky moving towards the first person they see.

There is a danger zone above and to the side of every group – if you're in this area and someone corks, the chances are that you could seriously injure yourself! Only move into this area if the move dictates, like if you are trying a totem. You should be thinking get on **heading** first, then on **level** and then increase your **proximity**.

### Break-off

The break-off is one of the most important safety aspects in any jump and doesn't just cover tracking away from the group. For a large group (more than 5 or 6 freeflyers) you should consider setting the break-off higher or having part of the group leave earlier.

When breaking off, a freeflyer should start to move away slowly while keeping on level with the group, then gradually increase their drive away from the group while slowing down to an acceptable speed for deployment. Once deployed each person must direct their canopy 90° away from the jump run until the next group has deployed their canopies.

There is an ongoing debate as to whether or not freeflyers should start to track on their back at first and then roll over onto their belly. Again, use your best judgment. Personally I start on my back to clear the airspace above me and then move to my front in plenty of time to make sure no-one is below.

For a 2-way you can get away breaking off at 4,500ft but for anything larger I would recommend a minimum break-off of 5,000ft. Even for a 2-way I personally would break off at 5,000ft just to be on the safe side.

Louis Harwood  
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## FREEFLY COACHING

This is only basic advice and is in no way a substitute for good coaching. There are plenty of good quality freefly schools and coaches in the UK and abroad to choose from. Get in touch with them, decide on which you think will help you progress the best, and get some coaching.

### Avalore Freefly

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# COMPETITIONS

## Coaching Fund

Although '06 is **not** a World Meet selection year, top teams from this year's Nationals in all disciplines will be eligible to apply for funding towards world level coaching. This is aimed at raising standards of our committed teams towards meeting the funding criteria at the '07 Nationals, and therefore support for the '08 World Championships.

Weed Stoodley

## Rules

The BPA Nationals & Grand Prix rules for all disciplines are on the BPA website. In artistic, by popular demand, Freestyle B consists of one compulsory round, following the success of introducing compulsories for Freestyle B. In FS and artistic, it is forbidden for teams to practise in a wind tunnel after the Friday night draw.

## Artistic Events

### Great Prizes For All!

Competitors at artistic Grand Prix now **all** have a chance to win prizes in a free draw, plus specific prizes for B group. We have tunnel time from Bodyflight Bedford; freestyle clothing from Boogieman; Wing Tips canopy piloting with Chris Lynch; freestyle coaching from *Avalore & Bullet*; and goodies from Airtec.

### Artistic Grand Prix

17-18 June Target, Hibaldstow  
8-9 July BKPC, Cockerham  
26-28 Aug Target [Nationals]

### Artistic Coaching Roadshows

Coaches are confirmed for our ever popular skills roadshows. One-to-one coaching with our top freeflyers. Everyone welcome, don't miss out!

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10-11 June Target Chris Lynch (*FreeLive*) & Mike Carpenter (*Outbreak*)  
22-23 July Sibson Tim Porter (*FreeLive*) & Mike Carpenter (*Outbreak*)  
12-13 Aug Cark Steve Newman & Al Hodgson (*Bullet Freestyle*)

## Formation Skydiving

### Mentoring FS Teams

The *Army 4* and *Team AirKix* are available to act as mentors to any non-senior team (first come, first served) – contact Andy Scott. They can help by email and will be at events to offer on-site advice.

### Mieux vaut tard que jamais

France is joining the European Skydiving League, promising for an even more exciting ESL final, at Spa, 8-10 September.

### FS Events

Our FS roadshows provide top level coaching by champions, both on the ground and in the air. FS teams, come on down – the coaching is laid on by the BPA so make the most of it! Coaches will also be at Grand Prix and Nationals, use this help. The GP at Cark has been rescheduled due to bad weather, it will be re-run on 16-17 September, alongside the NSL finals and using the same draw so you can effectively compete with the likes of Airspeed!

Andy Scott  
andrew.scott@orange.co.uk

### FS Events and Coaches

3-4 Jun	Roadshow	BKPC	Steve Mursell, Stumpy, Nutty, Kev Sargent & Nick Lupton
10-11 Jun	4-way GP	Langar	Sparky & Julia Foxwell
17-18 Jun	8-way GP	Target	Martin Soulsby
1-2 Jul	4-way GP	Sibson	Sparky & Julia Foxwell
15-16 Jul	8-way GP	Langar	Martin Soulsby
22-23 Jul	4-way GP	Target	TBC
29-30 Jul	Roadshow	Target	Andy Scott & Martin Soulsby
19-21 Aug	4-way Nationals	Target	AirKix
26-28 Aug	4 / 8-way Nats	Target	AirKix
2-4 Sep	8-way Nationals	Target	Andy Scott & Martin Soulsby
16-17 Sep	4-way GP	Cark	TBC (rescheduled)

## BPA Club Reps

BPA club reps (different to Mag club reps) are Council members who've volunteered to link with the membership. Let them know any thoughts or questions you may have on BPA policy, decisions and actions. They hope to get feedback from as many as possible on their travels, or contact them and they will do their best to help (emails on page 1).

Northern	Eddie Jones
Central	Weed Stoodley
Southern	Geordie Page

# BPA Matters

## New Ratings

**Advanced Packers**  
 Aaron Ellen (S)  
 Dominic Hines (S)  
 Richard Parrott (T)  
 Stuart Smith (T)  
 Tim Denson (R)

**Tandem Instructor**  
 Phil Bell  
 Ian McAuliffe  
 Steve Candlish  
 Tim De Souza  
 Andy Naude  
 Daniel Schmidt  
 Andy Shaw  
 Paul Yeoman  
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 Vance Allen



## BPA Logo



Council has agreed an updated policy on the use of the BPA logo: it may be used on material that positively promotes sport parachuting and has no financial return for the vendor/promoter. Only BPA Affiliated clubs & centres and BPA registered display teams may use the logo on material that promotes a parachuting activity from which they gain financially.

Martin Shuttleworth

## Canopy Formation

### Coaching Roadshow

Steve Saunders and Pat Hammond will run a CF roadshow, 15-16 July, at Hibaldstow. All levels will be catered for, from experienced competitors to CF virgins. Specialised kit will be available, free. Come and take advantage of this perfect introduction.

Ian Marshall

# THE Sky

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## Making the Most of the Media

In 2004, Council member Weed Stoodley volunteered to be the BPA's (unpaid) Media Co-ordinator. On her first attempts with just six different stories, she managed newspaper coverage of over 1.5 million readership plus regional radio and prime time TV coverage.

If Weed managed this, while juggling full time work and two children, imagine what just a small proportion of our membership, each gaining their own coverage, could achieve! Weed's written this practical guide to show how anyone can easily work the media. If we all give it a go we could produce dramatic results...

### **Why Bother?**

'What's In It For Me?' was quite bluntly put to me at the AGM and it made me try and evaluate the benefits positive media coverage can have:

#### **Feel-good Factor**

Let's face it, we all like to see our name in print. If you've achieved something, blowing your own trumpet puts pride on grandma's face and boosts your self-esteem.

#### **Counteracts Negative Press**

*'Plummeted from 13,000 feet'*

*'Skydiver in horror fall'*

In today's clamour for sensationalism these stories, though thankfully rare, will always make the headlines. Good news articles, however small or seemingly trivial by comparison, help counteract this unfortunate facet of media coverage.

#### **Skydiving as a Sport**

Positive media coverage is ideal to spread the word that skydiving exists as a sport, it's fun, exciting and accessible. It raises the public profile and awareness, which in turn attracts interest and new participants, taking it step by step from minority towards mainstream.

### **Funding**

Vast budgets are spent on sports by the Sports Council, the National Lottery, the Government, local authorities, etc. Amounts are generally proportionate to the number of participants and popularity of that sport. The more mainstream, the bigger the slice of the cake.

### **Sponsorship**

*'There's no such thing as a free meal'*.

Don't kid yourself otherwise, sponsors want something in return for their investment, be it a small story in the local rag to their products being endorsed in column inches, web space or airtime. Any media coverage you can gain provides the sponsor with access to their target audience. Your ability to deliver this makes you more attractive as a sponsorship option. Sponsors are not easy to come by but, once on board, securing publicity can be priceless in keeping them, and even assist in attracting more.

### **Growing the Sport**

The above has a knock-on effect in encouraging a thriving, growing sport with a higher turnover for DZs, riggers, manufacturers, suppliers, instructors, coaches and the BPA. Such growth can then fund investment in facilities, equipment, aircraft, staff, R & D, events, and ultimately attracts and helps retain quality personnel. A booming industry means improved choice and more competitive pricing. The larger the group the louder its voice.

**Whatever the reason for you preparing that press release, its effect can be far wider-reaching than your original intentions.**



### VMAX / AIRKIX

COVERAGE:  
2 BBC programmes  
1 Regional TV  
4 Radio interviews  
5 National press  
15 Local papers



"I think it's really important to keep pushing your skydiving achievements to the papers even if you have approached them with similar stories in the past. Any positive coverage we can give them will help to dilute the negative rubbish that the papers love to publish!

"I remember a response I got from one newspaper when I was telling them of VMax's gold medal [at the World Meet] in Gap in 03. Their first question was, had anyone died?! I really ripped into them and said they should focus on the good stuff, hence the reason for the phone call to them. Despite them saying that they didn't think the story had enough impact, they still ran it the following week!"

Sparky  
VMax & Airkix

### SOUTH PARC

COVERAGE:  
4 local newspapers  
2 Regional radio interviews  
2 Web-based news coverage



"I found the best way to get coverage is have an angle. I only made the [Peterborough] Evening Telegraph. (Thanks to Weed mainly!) But the fact that a husband and wife were on the same team struck a chord. As did the fact I'd resorted to TV game shows to finance 4-way!

"Above and beyond local media, the battle of convincing the papers that skydiving is a serious sport and not a one-off death-defying stunt akin to barrels over waterfalls, still has a long way to run! Good luck!"

Chris Hollis  
South Parc



## Media Needs You!

Every editor, producer and journalist is under pressure to deliver, so give them a story. Our sport is inherently exciting; we're viewed as exciting, crazy and daredevil. This gives you a headstart. Use it. It's a matter of flaunting your best assets and this is one of them. If you have a female on the team or event, that's a big selling point with the media – if you've got it, flaunt it!

## Do Your Homework

Don't write an in-depth technical article for your local paper, or send a 'granny does tandem' story to a specialist journal. Save time, write smart and in keeping with the target audience. Run through the basic story and amend for each individual approach. The same press release for your free local newspaper could easily be tweaked and sent to regional press and even national papers, radio and TV. You've put in the work so get the maximum benefit. Explore all the possibilities.

You can also make one story apply to many 'local' areas. When covering a team's achievement I tweak the press release to make it relevant to each team member and their regional media for their home towns, where they work, where the event/achievement took place and their home DZ. That's a lot of relevant 'local' media for just one story.

Can you do a pre-event release as well as reporting on the completed event? Try to get two bites at the cherry, so if your first attempt is not successful it gives you a second.



## Preparing a Press Release

Which media to tackle depends on your potential target and the message you wish to get across. Whatever you choose, preparing a simple press release is all you need to get started. All you need is a **single page** A4 document in **double line spacing**. If you're planning a more intricate article or specific piece perhaps discuss first or send a synopsis. Doing your homework is the key.

### Headline

You have only one moment to attract an editor to read further, get this right. Put in bold, make it to the point, interesting and summarise the story in a few words. Don't underestimate its importance.

### Content

*'Who, What, When, Where, Why, How?'*

Write smart, relevant to the readership and ensuring these five magic 'Ws' are answered, plus of course the 'How'! Do not patronise. Try and educate, preferably in layman's terms, don't use jargon.

### Poetic Licence

Don't be afraid to use poetic licence, eg, going on holiday jumping abroad could read *'training both in the UK and abroad'* or winning your local scratch competition still can read *'gold medallist team'*! If deadlines don't work in your favour, give your story longevity with a little rewording, eg, *'recently competed in'* might be preferable to dating an event, thus rendering it 'old hat'.

### Include a Quote

Always include a quote. Journalists favour this and you can use it as a guise for further detail, whilst giving it a personal feel.

### Contact Info

Include contact information, preferably mobile and email. Most (good) journalists will contact you to double-check information, if you're not quickly (immediately) available, you may miss the boat. You've come this far, don't fall at the last hurdle!

### Further Info

Give related websites, reading or people to allow readers and the media to research more information if they wish. Make their job easy. Think of website addresses of: teams, events, drop zones, BPA, *The Mag*, etc.

### Photos: The Final Jigsaw Piece

Our sport is incredibly visual and a picture tells a thousand words. Attach or send a couple of pictures, ideally an action in-air shot and one on the ground. Emailing a medium resolution jpeg is best, offer further images and higher quality on request. List names and cover any photographers' credits required or copyright issues. Aim for maximum impact and relevance. Send photos which are clear to a non-skydiver; a perfect formation may have less impact than an imperfectly gripped exit shot.

## No Good on your Desktop!

Now get your hard work in front of the people that matter. Email is a wonderful tool but you can also work by fax, post or face-to-face. If you're emailing don't forget the attachments! (I can't tell you how many times I've forgotten!). Try not to send mass emails, it's very little work to copy and send several, giving a more personal feel. If you offer exclusivity, give it.

## Finding Contact Details

A few moments finding an accurate contact name, number or email is paramount, you want your submission in front of the right person to increase its chances of success. This is easy! Pop down to your local newsagent, pick up relevant newspapers, magazines and journals; within these you'll find contact names, numbers and email addresses. Having copies of the press will also help you gauge its style and readership, and hence pitch accordingly.

Checking each media's web page is ideal. A little searching is usually required (via 'Contact us' or 'All about us' sections).

**Don't** use the 'Send in a Story' option with a pre-boxed format. If in doubt pick up the phone to the magazine you're interested in and ask who would deal with this, get their name, job title and direct email.

On the internet two good sites to find press in your chosen area are:

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

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

For the latter website, log on as a guest and use the 'Jicreg in a box' link. For the BBC check out [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) and use the 'Where I live' to find web, TV and radio contact for your area(s). (These are often found right at the bottom of the page of each section giving you three emails for web, television and radio.)

## Following it up

It's likely someone will be in contact to ask you to elaborate, so be prepared. This is a great time to forge contacts for the future, offer further information, photos and see if you can get a face-to-face meeting.

If you don't get any feedback within 48 hours, follow up with a phone call. You may be able to encourage interest and, if not, then ask what sort of material they might be interested in for the future.

A word of warning: don't be surprised when 'freefalling' miraculously becomes reworded to 'plummeting'. Good media coverage is just that: media coverage.

## TUMBLEWEED

### COVERAGE:

BBC regional news  
National paper  
National magazine  
10 regional press

"All the coverage we've had started simply by picking up the phone and talking to journalists. We set out to generate positive coverage for freestyle and skydiving at local and regional level. We've always tried to have direct interviews, not ones over the telephone. They love the camera helmet! We explain how it works and how we train. We take photos on a CD-ROM and digital video tapes of us in the air. This means they have an easy time compiling their story. We try to hand it to them on a plate!

"We also emphasis the **sport** aspect of skydiving and actually request that they present us in a way that avoids the 'Death or glory' stereotype. Most journalists we've spoken too are quite open to our requests. We've cultivated a few contacts and continue to keep them informed. We approached the Times Educational Supplement (being teachers) and had an article published including a front cover photo – makes Debs a cover girl! It's not radical but it does raise the profile of the sport, albeit briefly. If other teams up and down the country did likewise, there could only be a good knock-on effect for the sport as a whole."

Jim Weir & Debs Clarke  
Tumbleweed Freestyle Team



## BRIT CHICKS

### COVERAGE:

Central and BBC prime time regional TV  
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Over 80 articles in regional and local press  
Extensive web coverage including BBC

"Brit Chicks created a generic press release which could be easily altered for each participant by changing the name, age, place and occupation. The chicks created their own PR locally with the help of these resources, which included an online picture library for the media. Each of the 60+ women involved found their local journalists, they were best placed to do this, and emailed a personalised press release with details of the web-based photo resource set up for them.

"Many of the chicks also did pre-publicity too, in the same way by amending a standard press release. The result was a huge amount of media coverage for a relatively small effort. Brit Chicks' dedicated PR team set up the photos, press releases and web image bank, so that each participant had the tools at their disposal to make the most of whatever effort they were prepared to put in."

Simon Ward



## Interview Technique

Confirm beforehand who you are speaking to, what it's about and how the conversation will be used. For TV or radio, is it live or recorded? How will you be introduced? As spokesperson, expert, by name? Ask if specific responses are required and check deadlines so you have time to research any information.

Be prepared. Arrive early and relax. Remember, your sport is fascinating – that's why you're being interviewed! Take along extra visual material, perhaps a **short** video or DVD compilation, your kit, camera helmet, medals, relevant articles, etc. It all helps them to understand and ask intelligent questions.

Plan interesting and creative responses to questions and try and second-guess related topics which will be raised. Make bullet points to jog your memory. Be positive; even better, put a positive slant on a negative question. Refute inaccurate or incorrect statements – politely! Don't rise to any bait and never be condescending or rude, whatever the question or the tone of the interview. Never lie! If you don't know the answer, say you don't have the details and make another, positive point. Ensure facts, if quoted, are up to date, relevant and positive.

For television or video, wear team or sponsor's clothing. For a live interview, you'll probably chat off air first; the interviewer should tell you if they are recording or live. Confirm their protocol so you're not caught out! If you want to make a point, lead the interview there or raise the point you want to highlight. Avoid too much jargon. Be confident, calm, speak clearly. A smile helps with this, even on radio, your voice sounds different when you smile.

Good luck!

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# BODY Language

## Helping Your Canopy Open Better

Many factors determine the way your canopy opens. The design of the canopy and the way it is packed are two important factors, but body position also plays a major role.

We learn to deploy our canopies in a basic, stable position as students, and many of us don't give this skill much more thought after that. Unfortunately we sometimes develop a few bad habits that have a negative effect on our openings. Even after making thousands of jumps, people have been surprised to find that a few small adjustments to their body position during deployment can significantly improve their openings.

This article is about deploying a parachute, the most important thing you do on every skydive. It might be a good idea to practice these techniques on the ground before trying them in the air. You might even want to make a solo jump and try some practice pulls using these techniques before it's actually time to deploy.

If you are not a B Certificate skydiver yet, you should discuss this article with your instructor before trying anything you read here. He or she may want you to focus on more important skills, like altitude awareness and basic stability, rather than adding anything new to your pull sequence.



### No Need For Speed

The speed you are falling at when you deploy your canopy can have a large effect on the forces generated during the opening. As your airspeed increases, these forces also increase. Many of today's canopies are designed for relatively slow openings, and some will not be affected greatly by a little extra speed at deployment time. Some jumpers even find that their canopies open better when they are falling a bit faster. This is not something you should take for granted though. Higher airspeeds might not cause a canopy to open hard as long as everything else is just right, but small variables tend to have greater effects at higher airspeeds. If you rush your pack job one time and let things get a little sloppy, or if your canopy is starting to go out of trim, extra airspeed could make the difference between an opening that is slightly abrupt and one that really hurts. Slowing down before you deploy can provide a greater margin of error and reduce the effects that other variables have on your openings.



Slow down with a big dearch before waving off

### Slowing Down

Slowing down can be especially helpful if your openings are frequently or even just occasionally faster than you like them to be. The popularity of freeflying has made slowing down before deploying even more important. Whenever you fly head-up or head-down, it is important to leave yourself plenty of time to get back on your belly and slow down before you pull. Both beginners and experienced freeflyers should keep this in mind when planning their dives.

If tracking at the end of a jump, regardless of what type of skydiving you are doing, it is generally best to flare out of the track and slow down before you deploy. To flare, spread your arms and legs and dearch slightly for a second or two just before you wave off. This will help bleed off any excess speed. Keep your arms and legs spread out and maintain a slight dearch while you wave off, remembering to look around for other jumpers. As you finish your wave-off and start to pull, relax back into a normal arch. If done correctly, this doesn't take a significant amount of time and becomes a natural part of your deployment sequence.



Keep your head up and look towards the horizon as you pull

### What Are You Looking At?

Take a moment to notice where you are looking while you reach for your pilot chute. If you jump with a video camera, look at some of your openings on tape. What do you see in the video as you pull? Are you looking up at the horizon or down at the ground below you?

Looking down at the ground tends to put you in a slightly head-low attitude. This can increase your speed slightly. It can also amplify the opening force your body feels, since this force will mainly be transmitted to your shoulders when the canopy reaches the end of the lines. Also, your legs may swing through a wider arc as the canopy sits you up in the harness, making the opening feel more abrupt.

As you reach for your main deployment handle, try lifting your head up and looking out at the horizon instead of down at the ground. This puts you in a more head-high attitude. The opening forces will be transmitted farther down through the harness instead of being concentrated at your shoulders. Looking at the horizon also helps keep your shoulders level as you pull.



Tim Porter

### Keep It Even

Most licensed jumpers use hand-deploy main pilot chutes, and these are becoming more common on AFF student equipment as well. Those of us who were trained with ripcords and springloaded pilot chutes were usually taught to look for the ripcord handle before grabbing it. We were also taught to look over one shoulder and check after pulling the ripcord. Looking over your shoulder changes the airflow over your back and helps clear pilot chute hesitations, which were common when using a springloaded main pilot chute.

Even if years have passed since transitioning to a hand-deploy pilot chute, many experienced jumpers still have the habit of looking for their pilot chutes after they throw them. Unfortunately it's almost impossible to look over your shoulder and keep your shoulders level at the same time. Looking over your shoulder also tilts your container to one side. Having your shoulders and container tilted as the canopy deploys can cause off-heading openings, line twists and even hard openings. Although large, docile student canopies may not be offended if your shoulders and container are uneven, more responsive sport canopies will be much happier if you keep your shoulders level.



Do not look over your shoulder as you pull, this twists your body and gives an uneven deployment

Most of us have our pilot chutes mounted on the bottom of the container, so trying to look for the handle is really useless. Even if you still use a legstrap pilot chute, you probably can't see the handle very easily in freefall.

Since hand-deploy pilot chutes are thrown into the clean air next to your body, hesitations are rare so checking over your shoulder every time isn't necessary. It is much better to look at the horizon as you reach for your pilot chute and continue looking at the horizon as you throw it.

### Levelling It Out

After throwing the pilot chute, bring your arms back into a neutral freefall position and think about keeping your shoulders level as the deployment bag lifts off of your back. You can also push your hips down slightly and bend your knees just a bit, as if you were in a very slow backslide. This keeps your head and upper body high.

In the past, some jumpers have recommended sitting up during the deployment. This can actually work well as long as it is done correctly, but if you sit up too much or too soon there is a risk of increasing your airspeed or even becoming unstable. Simply lifting your chin, looking at the horizon, arching a bit more and relaxing your legs slightly has a similar effect to consciously sitting up and you're less likely to overdo it.

Some people who jump with side-mounted cameras believe it's necessary to keep their heads down when they deploy, to prevent a riser from hitting the camera. This might be an issue if you have narrow shoulders or wear your chest strap very tight, leaving less room between your risers. It also might be a problem if your camera sticks out from the side of your helmet quite a bit. It's best to minimise this problem by keeping side-mounted cameras as small, streamlined and snag-free as possible. If you're convinced it's necessary to keep your chin down, at least keep a good arch, relax your lower legs to keep your shoulders higher than your hips and focus on keeping your arms and shoulders level in the relative wind.



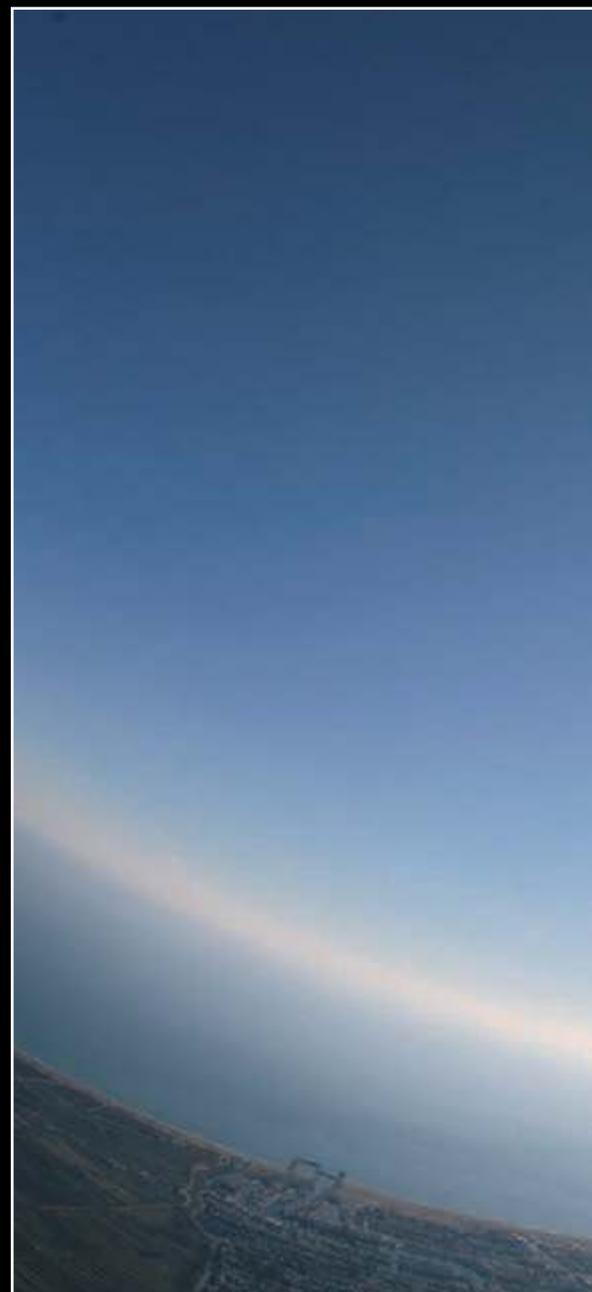
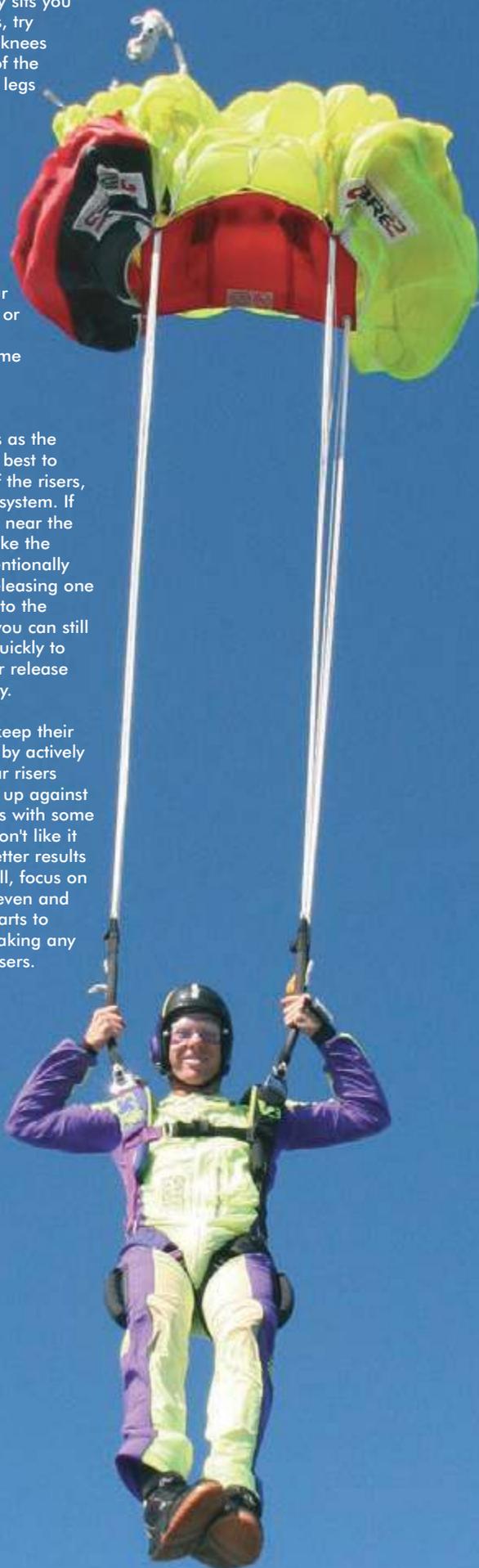
## Back In The Saddle

As soon as the canopy sits you upright in the harness, try putting your feet and knees together for the rest of the opening. Putting your legs together helps keep your weight even in the harness and reduces the chances of an off-heading opening. This is especially effective if you are jumping an elliptical-type canopy. Just the weight of your legs swinging around or a small shift in the harness can cause some of these canopies to start turning.

If you grab your risers as the canopy is opening it's best to hold the lower part of the risers, just above the 3-ring system. If you take the risers up near the toggles you might make the canopy turn by unintentionally pulling one riser or releasing one brake. If you hold on to the bottom of the risers, you can still slide your hands up quickly to steer with the risers or release the brakes if necessary.

Some jumpers try to keep their openings on heading by actively steering with their rear risers while the slider is still up against the canopy. This works with some canopies but others don't like it at all. You may get better results if you just relax, sit still, focus on keeping your weight even and wait until the slider starts to come down before making any corrections with the risers.

*This sequence of photos of Jeff Gladish deploying were specially shot for this article by Marat Leiras*



## Watch Where You're Going

In a first jump course we are taught to check our canopies to make sure they open correctly. Although this is important, it can also create a very bad habit later on. Many jumpers look up at their canopies as soon as they start to open and continue watching the canopy through the entire opening sequence. Some people continue looking up for several more seconds while they collapse their sliders and release their brakes.

If another person opens close to you, you may only have a second or two to react in order to avoid a collision. Staring at your canopy for five or ten seconds after you deploy is like driving down the highway while staring up at the roof of your car. Fortunately, a few techniques can help you avoid this problem.

Many students are taught to carry out a safety count out loud while their canopy deploys. If you've stopped doing this since getting qualified, it's a good habit to get back into, and can help you keep track of time during the deployment sequence.

You will hear and feel different things during each stage of the deployment. A second or less after you throw your pilot chute, you should feel the snatch force pull you upright in the harness. This is the force of the canopy fabric hitting the relative wind as it comes out of the deployment bag.



The canopy will then *snivel*. The snivel is the portion of the opening where the slider stays against the bottom of the canopy, reducing your airspeed before the canopy starts to inflate. There will still be a lot of wind noise during the snivel, and you will still have a sensation of falling. This may last for a second or two, or even for several seconds. The *inflation* occurs as the cells fill with air and the slider moves down the lines. Things become quieter once the canopy inflates. Even under a canopy that inflates very slowly and smoothly, you will still feel the transition from falling to gliding. You may also hear the slider flapping above your head once it comes down.

Once you become more aware of these sensations you will find that your other senses can tell you as much about your opening, if not more, as your eyes do. Soon you will feel comfortable looking out in front of you during the entire opening, rather than watching the canopy. This allows you to look for other jumpers, and many people find this reduces off heading openings too.

*"But" you may ask "if I don't watch my canopy open, how will I know if I'm having a malfunction?"* Take it from someone who's cut away a number of misbehaving canopies: you'll probably know right away! If you're having a malfunction, they tend to feel very different from a normal opening and you will most likely know something is wrong before you even look up.

If you start to count after throwing your pilot chute, and reach "two thousand" or "three thousand" without feeling the snatch force, there is obviously a problem. This would be an acceptable time to look back over your shoulder and check for a pilot chute hesitation or pilot chute in tow.

Once you know how many seconds the snivel usually lasts on your canopy, you will also know if that part of the opening is taking longer

than normal. You can usually feel line twists right away, and if you start spinning wildly you'll surely want to take a look up at your canopy and see what's bothering it.

What if the opening feels perfectly normal? Unless you need to avoid another jumper right away, you should still look up and check your canopy right after it inflates. You might not notice a tear, broken line or similar problem until you look. Even in these situations, if the opening felt normal then the canopy is probably flying well enough to give you a low rate of descent. Assuming you deployed at a reasonable altitude, you should have enough time to do a control check and execute emergency procedures if necessary.

If you've been watching your canopy open every time then you might not feel ready to stop doing this during your very next jump but you should start developing better habits as soon as possible. Start counting when you throw your pilot chute and notice how long each stage of the deployment sequence takes. Pay attention to what you are hearing and feeling during the opening. Soon you won't need to watch the whole deployment, and will be able to pay more attention to your body and your surroundings.

Improving your body position and increasing your awareness when you deploy your canopy can produce great results. You might not remember everything in this article during your next jump but at least think about trying these suggestions one at a time, at your own pace. You might be amazed by the difference a few small changes can make.

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# Bodyflight

## WORLD Challenge

The World Challenge was the most significant international competition for skydivers ever held in the UK. The total cash purse of £16,000 over FS and freefly was also the highest prize money offered for a UK meet. *Airspeed Odyssey* travelled all the way over the Atlantic, tempted no doubt by the £4,000 cash first prize and the promise the meet would complete in a single day, whatever the weather!



£4,000 and gold medal – Airspeed Odysseys

Teams for both competitions came from Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, France, USA, England and Scotland, reflecting Bodyflight's international customer base. Amazingly, 60% of their business comes from overseas, a testament to the quality of the Bodyflight wind tunnel, considered by many to be the best in the world.

### 4-way FS

Saturday, 4-way day, saw some of the world's best skydivers gathered at Bedford to compete for the £4,000 first prize in the inaugural Bodyflight World Challenge. The tunnel's employees had all worked overtime to prepare the site. With extra space made available for team rooms, café and creeper area, the event had a distinct drop zone feel to it! TV news crews and skydiving movie maker Shane Tully from Windworx and a crew from Transworld Sport were ever present with video cameras to record the action, later broadcast on local news.

Tunnel owner Paul Mayer kicked off by introducing FS co-ordinator Tarnya and judges Dona, Frank and Ruth. He explained the way the meet would run, very similar to a normal skydiving competition, the main difference being they would slow it down, leaving gaps between rounds so everyone had the chance to fully dirt dive the next one. Everyone seemed pretty happy, so the draw was dished out and it was all systems go!

Among the assembled cast, smart money was on *Arizona Airspeed Odyssey*, competing for the first time on British soil. Elsewhere, Belgian visitors and ESL champions *Spa Hayabusa* were going to be a force to

reckon with, as were *Fast & Furious* from Italy and the Swedes in *Team 42*, alongside a host of UK teams, including *Bodyflight Havoc*, part of the Bedford squad of sponsored FS teams.

As the competition began, teams enjoyed the fast turnaround and not having to pack. With 12 teams entered, each round took approx 15 minutes to complete. Their 35 seconds working time kicked off as soon as the first team member went through an entry door (both doors were used). The judges were scoring via DVD recorded from the overhead cam, which gave a perfect bird's eye view.

*Airspeed* signalled their intent posting some impressive scores, followed closely by *Spa Hayabusa*. The Belgian boys were unwitting victims of allowing their dives to drift too close to the prop cam to view the entire formation. The judges had no choice but to dock points off the team, who were devastated but picked themselves up well and continued to go full out, trying hard to keep nearer the net!

As the meet progressed, it became obvious that no-one could touch *Airspeed*. What a joy it was for assembled FS fans to personally witness at close range how fast and clean these guys are! With *Airspeed* and *Hayabusa* both in exhibition mode, what an inspiring afternoon it turned out to be! Come the close of round 9, the top four teams advanced into the final, with *Fast & Furious* just edging out *Havoc* who flew well apart from a nightmare in round 6 robbing them of the fourth prize of £500 for the privilege!

At the prizegiving, Paul handed over the medals and the cash to the beaming winners. *Arizona Airspeed* captain Craig Girard thanked Paul and all staff for their tremendous efforts. He said it was great to have a UK based event to come to – a sentiment well received by all! Everyone seemed to enjoy the day immensely and the day was rounded off by a cool hangar party with the ever-present DJ Richie popping up to spin a few wicked tunes.

If this is the future, it is bright – well at least fairly well lit with a light blue background! Bring on next year, when hopefully the Brits will be out in force joined by even more of our foreign friends for the Bodyflight World Challenge 2007 (7-8 April).

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Airspeed Odyssey and Hayabusa do some fun 8-way after the meet...

...watched by their fans!



£2,000 and silver medal – Hayabusa



£1,500 and bronze medal – Team 42



£500 and fourth place – Fast & Furious

### Results (with averages)

1	Airspeed Odyssey	23.3
2	Spa Hayabusa	20.6
3	Team 42	17.8
4	Fast & Furious	14.9
5	Havoc	14.9
6	Carry on Spanking	14.2
7	Fusion	13.8
8	Ooh Matron	13.4
9	Tunnel Addicts	12.3
10	Weston Airbrix	11.8
11	Didolix	10.3
12	Mojo	6.9





£4,000 and gold medal – Element-R

## Freefly

As many parents are well aware, keeping your kids busy and out of mischief can be a thankless task, so when I heard the World Challenge was to be held at one of our two recently opened wind tunnels, Bodyflight in Bedford, my ears pricked up! Even better, '£4,000 first prize', my mind was made up, and I entered without a second thought, my teammate was obvious, my youngest son Charlie: team *Generation* was born.

Charlie, 14, like any teenage boy is gadget-mad but enticing him away from his computer and brother's new PSP proved much easier than usual, with the lure of flying in the wind tunnel and a promise of half that prize money! On a quick study of the rules I realised that perhaps, as usual, I'd been a little hasty. Five free rounds, we could cope with that, but the two compulsory rounds included sit and head-down randoms – it suddenly dawned on me that my promises had been a little premature considering neither of us had yet quite sussed sit-flying!

With Saturday for the 4-way FS competition, I have to admit that lounging on beanbags watching teams from across the world strut their stuff, you couldn't help feel part of the excitement and be amazed. Watching the *Airspeed Odyssey* guys (and gal) turn points almost too quickly to register grips was a real eye-opener!

Arriving bleary-eyed for an 8am sign-on the next day, it seemed all of the best flyers from around the world had converged in Bedford. The entry list read like a *Who's Who* of freeflying and tunnel talent. Fred

Fugen & Vincent Reffet, *Babylon* (Spain); Cathy Bouette & Fabian Raidel, *Element-R* (France/Austria); Joe Winters & Carlos Euribe, *The Joe & Carlos Show* (USA); Rob Silver & Chris Lynch, *FreeJive* (UK); Christophe Moor and Florian Kaufmann from *Bodyflight Zurich*; Joao Tambor and Michael MacKenzie, *Mamba Airkix* (USA); the list just went on...

Bodyflight instructors Michi Sandner & Bernd Blobaum (*Bodyflight*) together with Ged Parker & Laura Kenyon (*Happy Days*) were there to show off the local tunnels staff's undoubted skills and, along with Charlie & I, Ged & Laura and the *FreeJive* boys, the Brits were also proudly represented by team *Pathetic & Old*, who somehow got away with having **three** performing members in their team (Martin Reynolds, Matt O'Riordan and James Davies). Good tactic boys! Selwyn Facey and Nick Scott-Tomlin of *Hoop Cleaners* (USA) made it **just** in time.

We would be the second team to fly, following *The Joe & Carlos Show* from SkyVenture Orlando, rumoured to be **the** best tunnel flyers! We were not daunted and with *Generation* kitted up and looking the part in matching (borrowed) instructors' flight suits, the competition of seven hard-fought rounds began. The judges were to score live from the viewing area and, as Sue Skull, Al Hodgson and George Pilkington took their seats of power, teams took full advantage of this set-up, trying everything to influence the scores with their smiles, blown kisses, bowing and blatant playing to the audience.

It was soon obvious that the top spot was going to be closely fought between *Element-R* and *Babylon*. Slow starts from *The Joe & Carlos Show* and *Mamba Airkix* together with top Brit runners *FreeJive*, all fighting for those medal – and money! – positions, increased the interest as each upped the ante, round after round.

The compulsory rounds were challenging and proved interesting even for the most experienced. Not surprisingly Charlie and I, unperturbed by head-down moves, went for the entertainment vote. When not only the crowd but also the judges joined in the clapping and cheering (probably at the hilarity at our sheer lack of skills) it seemed we had won, if only on the clapometer reading for ingenuity. Alas our score of 0 proved otherwise but we managed an 8.3 score for back-flying randoms, beating the likes of *Joe & Carlos* and *Bodyflight Zurich*. Not bad, eh?!

As the top teams battled it out with majestic displays of tunnel flying that only seeing was believing, we had our own little brawl with *Happy Days* over the bottom spot, their obviously superior flying abilities offset by our less skilled but more choreographed flowing flat and back flying routine.

Team after team showed off their best: AFF, Spiderman, rodeo enactments and *Hoop Cleaners'* foot-in-mouth launch were all classics but in my eyes, *Mamba Airkix's* final round was the icing on the cake. A *Matrix* fight scene come comic book punch-up was sheer entertainment – although it did seem some personal vendetta was taking place before our very eyes!

In the end the talented *Babylon* boys with their highly technical fast-moving routine had to play second fiddle to the sheer poetic beauty and inspirational magic of the seamless displays from *Element-R*. Like Torville and Dean's gold-winning Bolero, they were what can only be described as sensational, taking Cathy & Fabian to a win with 64.1 (and a 9.6 for their final free round) from *Babylon's* 59.7.

And what of *Generation*? Well believe it or not, we were **not** last, just pipping *Happy Days* to the post with 26.6 to their 25.1. To be honest, who finished where did not matter. Just being part of this fantastic event was a privilege. Flying alongside many of the best in the world and being part of something this special was reward enough.

And Charlie? Well, moments later, he was back to his computer! **But**, when I suggested we nail that sit-flying for next year's medals, I got a coherent "Okay" instead of the usual grunt, a true vote of approval from a teenager!

The event was truly awesome! Post-event fun tunnel time with rather ambitious attempts to build world record hybrid, head-down and sit groups, together with the ear-to-ear grin on the face of judge George Pilkington taken into a head-down carve with *Element-R* and *Babylon* took it to another level. This was certainly the most fun anyone could possibly have without jumping out of a plane. I have to thank Paul and all the staff at Bedford Bodyflight for an incredible event, Mike, Jon, Rob & Chris for their excellent instruction and advice and of course Sue, Al and George, the judges, who resisted every possible effort to sway their judging. I bet George is still grinning now!

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Generation – Not last!



Element-R



Craig Girard joins Cathy Bouette and Fabian Raidel for some fun



Bodyflying Zurich



£2,000 and silver medal – Babylon



£1,500 and bronze medal – Mamba Airkix



£500 and fourth place – The Joe & Carlos Show

### Results (with totals after 7 rounds)

1	Element-R	64.10
2	Babylon	59.70
3	Mamba Airkix	51.80
4	The Joe & Carlos Show	47.10
5	FreeJive	45.90
6	Hoop Cleaners	44.90
7	Pathetic & Old	42.70
8	Bodyflight	41.30
9	Bodyflying Zurich	31.80
10	Generation	26.60
11	Happy Days	25.10

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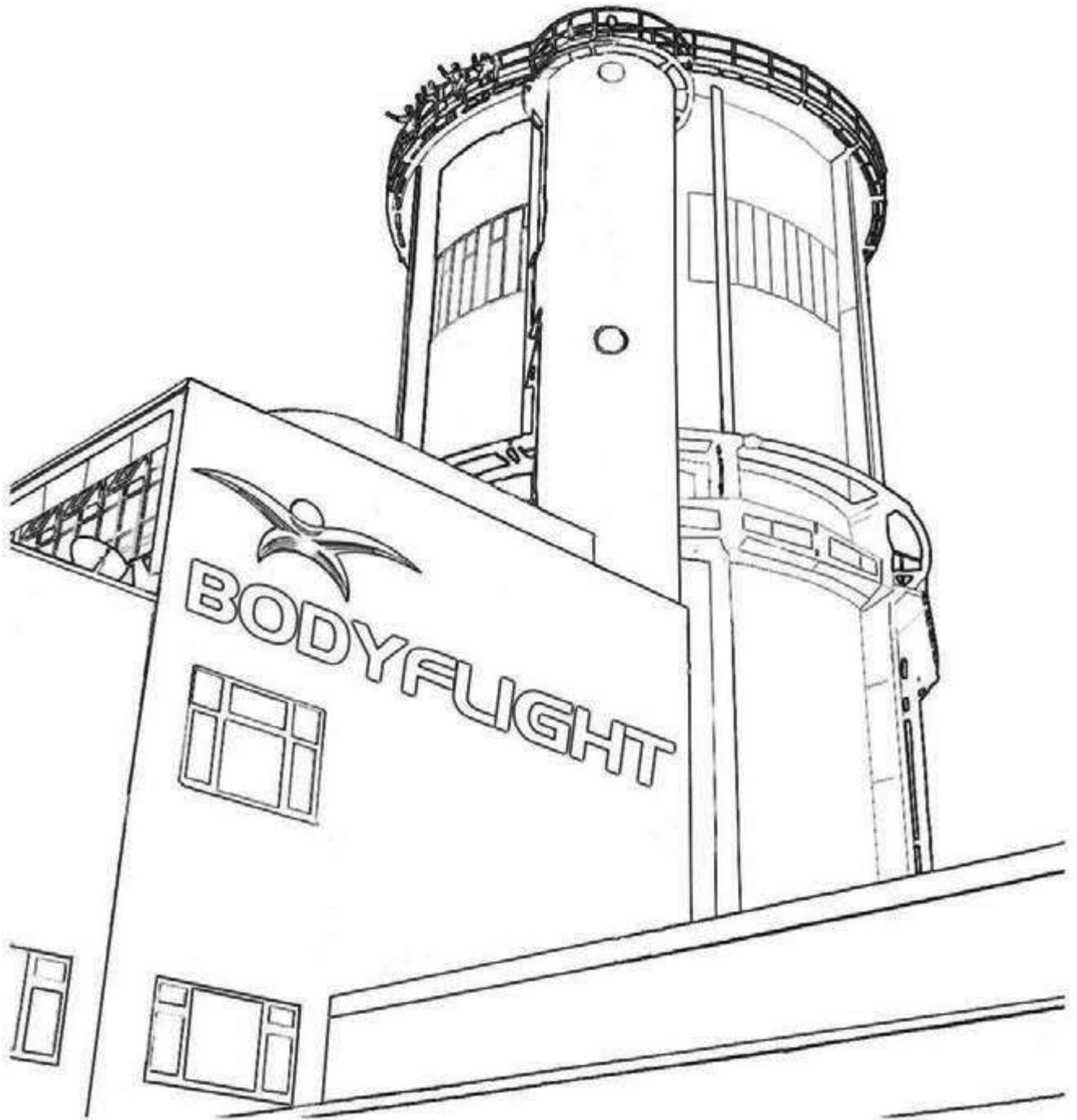
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# Weather Hold?

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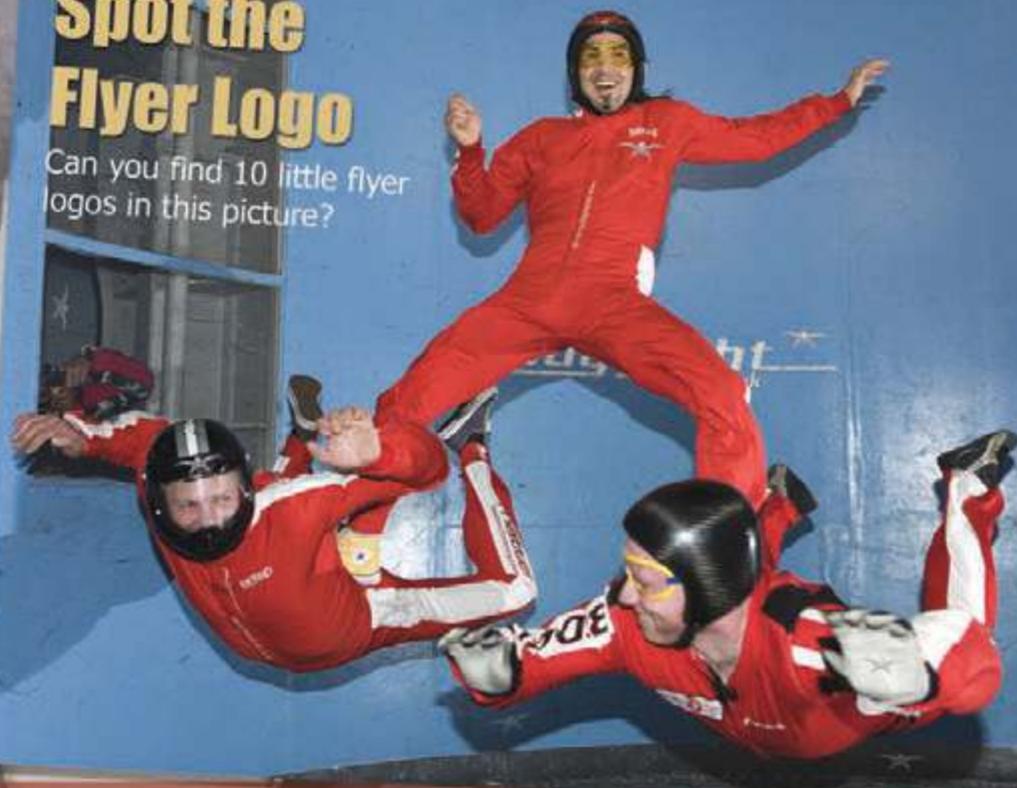


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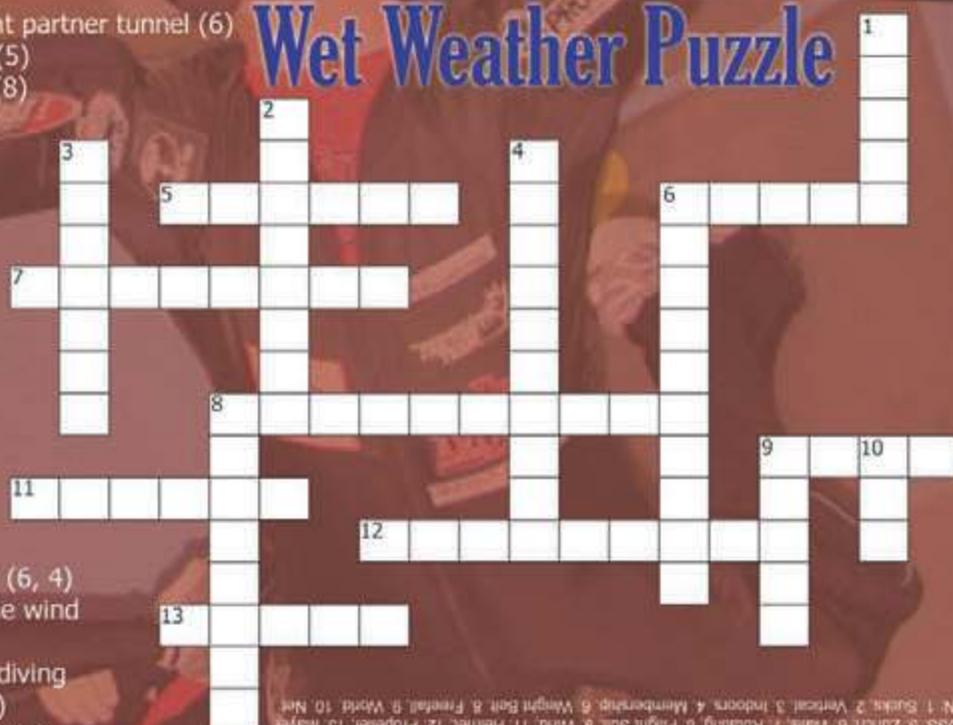
#### ACROSS

- The location of the Bodyflight partner tunnel (6)
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- Alternating with each other (8)
- All-in-one clothing (6, 4)
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# Pat Long



**Sean Patrick Long 1947 – 2006**

Known to all as Pat, but occasionally, for obvious reasons, referred to as 'Splong', he sadly died on 13 March, apparently of a heart attack whilst out on his beloved bike. There was a small private cremation in Exeter to say goodbye to a man who above all was a real gentleman in the true sense of the word. Pat was a particularly gifted pilot who flew Beavers for the Army, transferring seamlessly when he left the Forces, to flying for the Army Parachute Association at Netheravon and Bad Lippspringe. He was a keen jumper who brought that intuitive skill to his jump flying that skydivers seem to possess.

Splong was an airline pilot, and the photo above shows him at the controls of a Boeing 757. The other photo, below, shows Pat with Gerry O'Hara, Charlie Shea-Simonds, Brummie Rose, Simon Ward and Jules Hanks. This team raised £10,000 for cancer research in memory of another APA pilot Werner Kroeger. They won the Dawn to Dusk competition in 1985: flying round the country between 0430 and 2030 on 8 June dropping into 20 different parachute clubs in 9 hours 53 mins flying time – of which Pat flew 5 hours 14 minutes and did 8 jumps out of the total of 60 made that day.



Pat was famous for having an opinion on everything. He blithely wore a T-Shirt given to him by the staff at Nethers, on which was written: *Commandant, Chief Instructor, Chief Pilot, Manifestor, Met-man, ATC, DZ Controller, etc.* Pat was full of fun and rarely seen without a broad smile on his face. He will be missed by many people, mostly by his family of course, but also by jumpers and pilots alike who were lucky enough to meet this kind, gracious man. The nature of our sport and the age of the 'originals' means that we've been saying farewell to many of our friends in recent years. Wherever they all are, they must have enough jumpers to have a fair sized AGM by now; so raise a glass to Pat and all the others, think of them now and again, and wish them well.

John Horne  
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# Letters

## Amazing People at Cark

I want to let you know about some amazing people I met at North West Parachute Centre (NWPC), Cark. I first did a tandem there in November 05 and liked it so much I decided to try AFF. Unfortunately on level 3, I broke my ankle in a freak accident on landing. The staff were quick to call the Air Ambulance, which took me to Lancaster Infirmary. I now have some serious metalwork fitted.

What was amazing is that I received a card from the club and both Kay & Kieron called me to see how I was doing. Stuart and Ian visited me in hospital, not a short journey for either of them. They brought magazines (yours included) and good wishes from everyone at the club. I was astounded considering I'd only met them four times before, yet they did more than most of my friends did. It made a real difference to my attitude whilst suffering some quite extreme pain.

I visited the centre last weekend. Again, I couldn't believe how friendly and concerned everyone was. It made my mind up about one important question: to continue or not? As soon as I'm fit again I'll be back jumping again and hanging out with the best bunch of people I've met in years! Thanks guys.

Matt MacLeod  
luckymacleod@hotmail.com

## Simply the Best

In response to some of the flak you have been receiving via letters to *The Mag*, I stand by what I have always said – that *The Mag* is the best skydiving publication out there, always interesting, informative and a pleasure to read. Who was it who said 'You can please some of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time'?

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## Don't Treat us as Children

I very much look forward to getting the Mag with its wide range of articles. However after recently trying to submit an article which I thought would help the membership, I've grown increasingly concerned about the lack of journalistic freedom the Mag has in some areas. From what I understand certain content relating to safety, canopy handling/piloting and medical matters have to be cleared by people within the BPA prior to being published and, with the significant number of people with a financial interest in skydiving on Council, I can't see how this can be unbiased.

As a skydiving doctor, I've been involved in writing for *The Mag* and in discussions about how to provide high quality medical packs for drop zones. I know of at least one life that has been saved at one DZ which has a complete medical kit, a fact that makes me think they should be mandatory. However when discussions are taken up with the medical advisor to the BPA there is nothing but criticism and negativity for new ideas, leading to people dropping ideas and articles designed to help skydivers and save lives.

This is a single example of where I think the BPA is censoring *The Mag*. A way round it would be complete journalistic freedom for the Mag with a couple of prominent pages set aside for BPA business – informing on other articles, etc. I am a great believer in safety; however I think that people deserve the respect of being treated as adults with opinions and not as children. The fear of legal action acts to slow down the evolution of a great sport. I enjoy the magazine but will not submit a medical article for it again until it has its freedom of speech and/or there is a less narrow-minded medical advisor.

Josh Burrill

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## Confidential Reporting

A quick note for the folks out there in jump-world, as to the whereabouts of the *In Confidence* articles. I hate to shock you but: **I don't make them up!** I've not had any confidential reports in for ages. Did I do something wrong? Did somebody object to me voting for the Germans' insurance waiver? Are we now totally safe? Have we stopped jumping? (This would explain it and presumably please the insurers no end!) Or maybe there are people who don't know about the Confidential Reporting system and how it works.

You may have had an incident, accident or a worrying moment which someone could learn from but you don't want to report it officially for fear of getting yourself or someone else into trouble. Fear not – you can tell me! Seriously, phone, email or post me details of your episode, and it will be treated in the strictest of confidence. It will be logged onto a file so we can identify trends and it may be reported back to the membership through *The Mag*, in which case I will amend some details to preserve your privacy. If you're worried about the confidentiality, don't be. If you have an experience to share with your fellow jumpers, don't let 'Chinese Whispers' distort the truth. Tell me all about it, so we can all learn a lesson or two. You might save a life.

I can also draw a confidential report from the BPA incident/malfunction reports, but **only** if the 'victim' puts enough detail on the form and includes their personal details in the relevant boxes so I can contact them. I can't and won't publish such a report without the direct consent of the person involved so, again, over to you!

Rick Boardman

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## G'day Sheila!

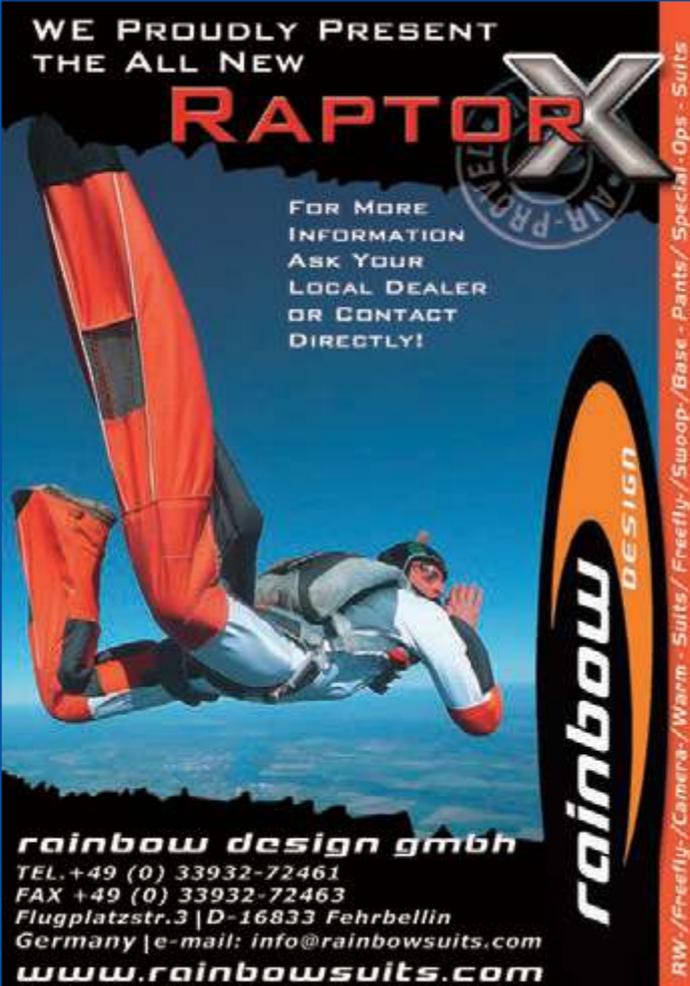
I've been meaning to write for ages to say WOW!!! *The Mag* is truly outstanding! All the way down in sunny Perth, it is absolutely amazing to be transported back to my skydiving days for just one evening once in a while as I shut myself away and relive those fabulous years.

I was especially taken by the 400-way article and could literally feel the hairs stand up on the back of my neck as I imagined what it would be like waiting on the runway as five Hercs trundled towards me – what a rush it must have been!

You are doing brilliant work, each mag is another piece of art carefully and thoughtfully put together. Don't listen to those whingeing poms who complain about the content. Keep winging more of the same in our direction, it's fair dinkum mate!

Dree

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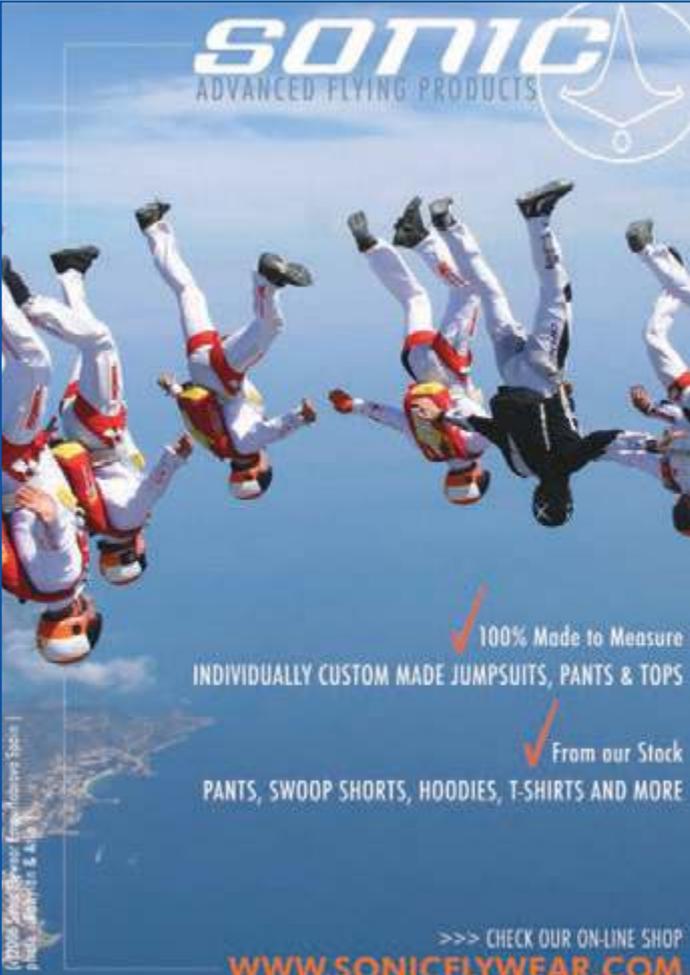


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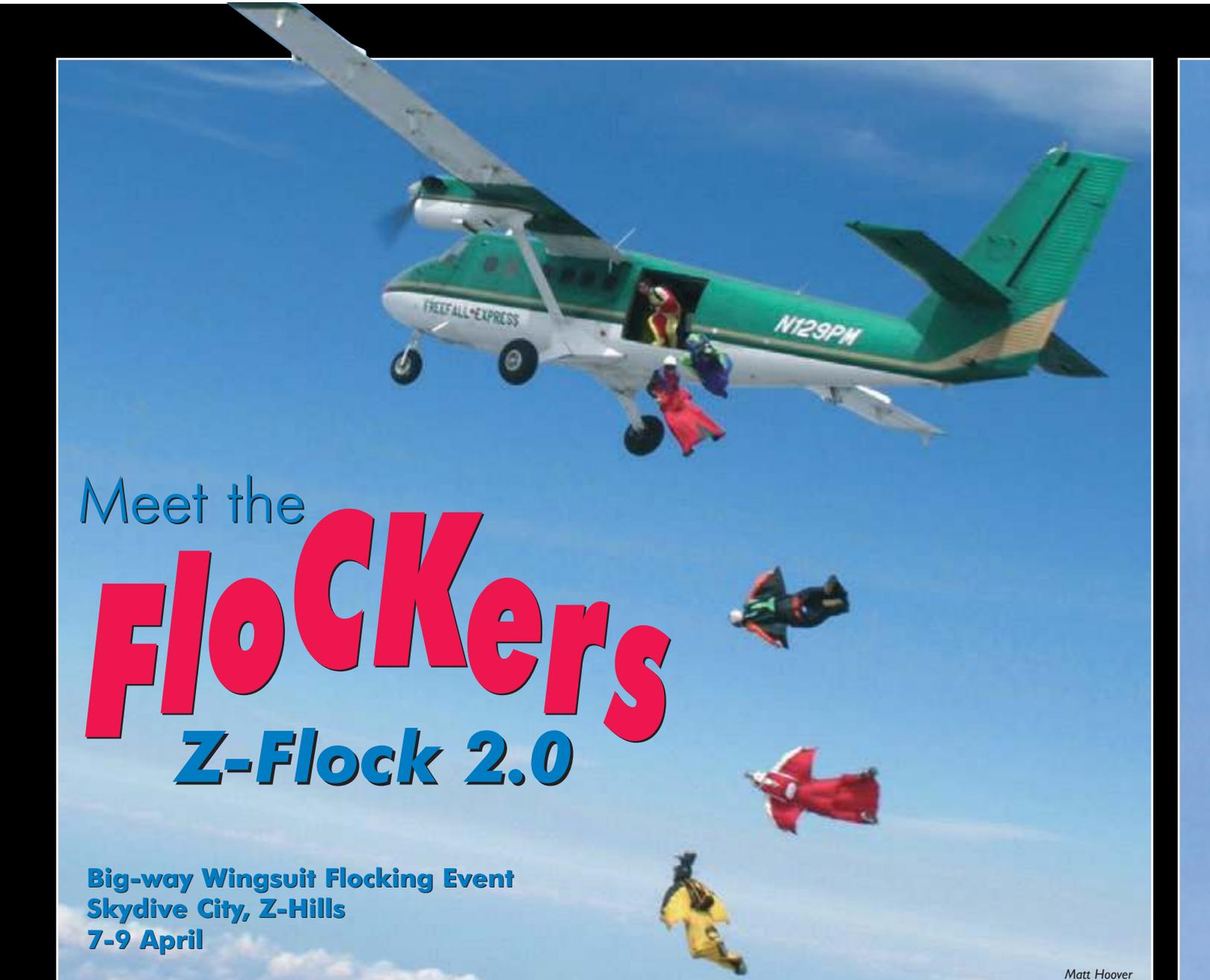
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On Saturday the big-ways started for real and there were loads made with up to 40 wingsuit pilots. The formation used for the big-ways was the standard pyramid and on the best jumps there were close to 30 people in position, flying closely together.

On Sunday there were a couple more big-way loads and then people went back to jumping in smaller groups to try some 3D formations. Some brave souls even did a high altitude flock from 24,000ft – which lasted over three minutes!

The attendance and skill level were up nearly 100% on last year. Roll on Z-Flock 3.0!

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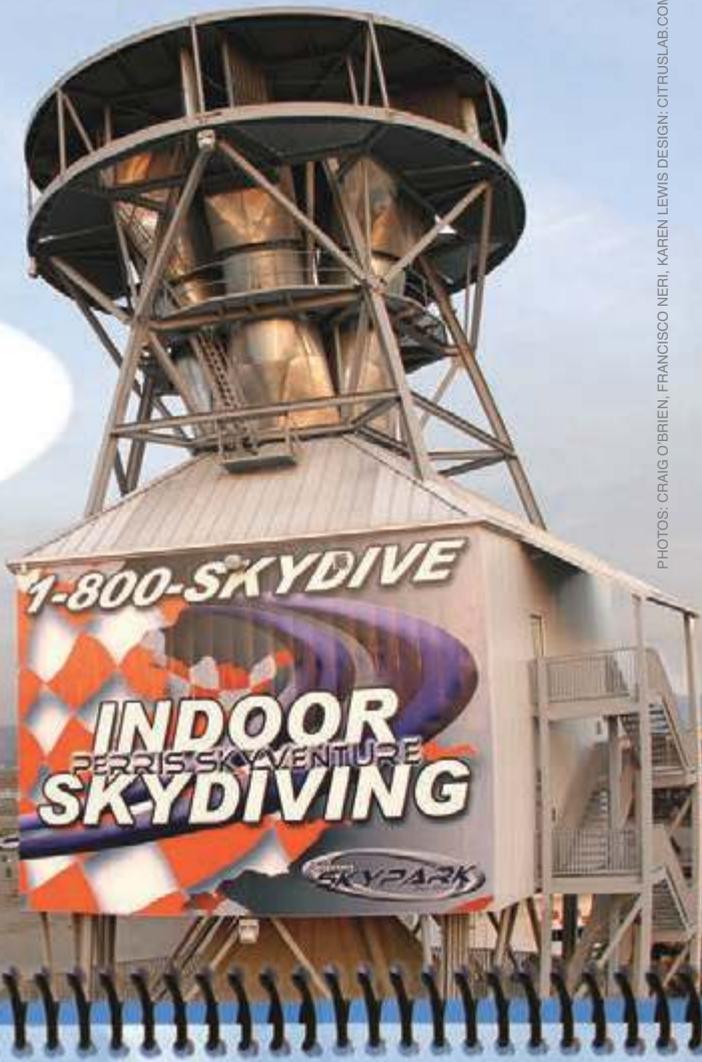


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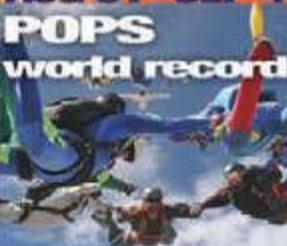
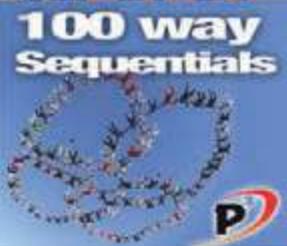


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# BPA Liability Insurance

## What's The Way Forward?

Views differ about BPA third party liability insurance. Most people 'in the know' consider we have the best policy in the world, offering economy of scale and blanket coverage. We all pay the same premium and everyone, from drop zone operator to Joe Bloggs jumper, is covered.

However, the AGM vote to allow Germans to jump at BPA drop zones on their own insurance threw the cat among the pigeons. To activate this would increase our individual premiums by 40%!

If we want to open the doors to European skydivers, as seems to be the case, is it time to rethink our approach? Or should we hang onto our existing policy, whatever it takes, as it is priceless and cannot be replaced?

Paul Moore, RAPA drop zone operator and Tony Butler, BPA Technical Officer, have different opinions. Both are presented here, for information and to provide a starting point for discussion. Please read every word carefully, this is really important...

### The European Effect

By Paul Moore, RAPA Commandant



In January this year, the membership voted to allow experienced

German skydivers to jump at British drop zones on their own national licence and insurance. This vote was in response to a proposal made by a German member of the BPA who tabled the motion as Special Business at the AGM.

Since then, the BPA insurer has stated that it would be illegal to allow only Germans, therefore to comply with European law, the permission must include all European nations. The current BPA all-encompassing insurance policy states that it is only effective if all persons jumping at a club or centre are covered under the same policy. Clearly one point does not meet with the other so in order to understand why, we must start by looking at the differences between the two.

#### BPA 'All-Encompassing' Policy

All BPA members pay the same subscription and they receive the same cover irrespective of their status, whether DZ operator, rigger, instructor, pilot or weekend jumper. They all contribute equal amounts and share the same risks so, in the case of large claims paid out, each member shares the risk of the insurance premium going up.

#### Advantages

1. Everyone is included so long as they are members of the BPA.
2. All members are covered by the policy irrespective of risk and can draw against it in case of a claim.
3. All full members pay the same.

#### Disadvantages

1. The policy does not allow for those in a low risk category to pay less than those in high risk.
2. When a claim is made / paid out all members pay for the actions of a few.
3. It does not allow non members to jump in the UK without joining the BPA, therefore discourages business from abroad.
4. Insurance for DZ operators and instructors is subsidised by the membership, making individual insurance more costly.

#### European Individual Insurance

European insurance for skydivers is based on the individual being insured separately and thus taking full responsibility for their own actions or omissions. The premium is calculated on the basis of a risk rating which is agreed between the National Governing Body (NGB) and the insurer. This means that if a claim is made, the insurer will deal with the

claim as normal up to the limits of the policy; however any payout does not affect the premiums of the other members.

#### Advantages

1. Those in low risk category pay less than those in high risk, therefore this advantages the majority of skydivers.
2. Commercial operators such as DZ operators and instructors are insured separately from the non-commercial membership.
3. Individual responsibility – skydivers are forced to take responsibility for their own actions and cannot rely on the membership, the insurance company or the NGB to cover their actions or omissions.

#### Disadvantages

1. In some cases, the NGB and the insurer might limit certain categories of parachutists to a certain canopy type or wing loading depending on the level of competence of the parachutist and the advice of the NGB. This takes time but does result in safer canopy flight.
2. It is more expensive for instructors and DZ operators. They pay commercial rates because they are more likely to have a claim made against them.
3. It might dissuade people from becoming BPA instructors. (This does not seem to be the case in Europe where it is accepted that instructors etc operate commercially and therefore should pay a higher rate than the general membership.)

Our premium is calculated by the insurer for full BPA members, temporary members, students, etc; and shared equally between the membership. This premium is proposed at the AGM every year and currently stands at £61.31 (collected through the BPA membership fee).

BPA insurance did not go up this year, however there has been a significant increase in the last four years. This has been the insurer's response to the BPA having a poor track record of claims and the expectation of having to pay out against claims that are currently ongoing. In simple terms in an all-encompassing policy the more claims made mean more money the insurer needs, so we all pay more money. We all have a duty to do all we can to reduce the number of claims made against the Association.

It is natural to expect that an individual insurance policy for parachutists will cost more than what we currently pay as BPA members; however this is not necessarily the case for everyone. An individual insurance policy is tailored to each person balanced

against the risk rating. Those in the higher bracket pay more while those in the lower pay less. As a comparison, in Germany an experienced skydiver who is not an instructor pays £34 (€59) for insurance while an instructor (CSI equivalent) pays about £300 (€450). This is a considerable difference but reflects where the risk lies and who operates commercially. In Europe individual skydivers' insurance premiums have not gone up in six years, because of the following reasons:

- a. Cultural** – the personal insurance puts the onus on the individual skydiver to be careful and responsible; therefore they tend to be very conservative skydivers.
- b. Claim Culture** – this is different in Europe to the UK. The 'no win – no fee' type claim is almost unheard of, as everyone takes care to avoid accidents and claims, because they are individually responsible, and the legal profession frowns on this type of activity. This keeps costs down.
- c. Governing Body Brokerage** – the National Governing Body acts as its own broker for the dozen or so insurance companies that offer insurance to European parachutists. The NGB provides these companies with information on training, qualifications and equipment pertaining to the sport in general as well as individual skydivers. This cuts out the middle man and saves costs as the broker's fee is paid to the governing body, which helps it to be self-sustaining.

## Arguments For and Against

Some will argue that the current all-encompassing policy is the 'Rolls-Royce' solution to our insurance needs and we should stick with it. £61.31 works out to be £1.17 per week – whatever way you look at it, that's extremely good value for dangerous sports insurance.

However, to achieve that figure, the average skydiver is also accepting the risks of the commercial side such as DZ operators (DZOs), instructors, and all those who are in a higher risk bracket of having a third party claim made against them. The DZOs and instructors are getting a great deal in so much as that a DZO pays their £150 Affiliation fee, or an instructor their £61.31 and are covered up to £2M – knowing that if a claim is made against them the remaining 5,000 members and 28,000 first jump students effectively pay the bill! BPA members need to ask themselves whether, in the commercially-driven world that we live in today, this is fair, or should the cost be apportioned according to individual risk? Thankfully, none of our DZOs or instructors are ignorant of these facts and they all make huge efforts to reduce accidents and avoid claims.

So, back to allowing European skydivers to jump in the UK on their own insurance; what is the BPA doing about it?

### BPA Insurance Subcommittee

The BPA Insurance Subcommittee is comprised of Chairman Dave Hickling (Langar), Kieran Brady (Strathallan), Paul Moore (Lippspringe), Chris Allen (BPA Chairman); plus BPA staff Tony Butler & John Hitchen in attendance as non-voting members. They have been tasked by Council to investigate the options available to accommodate the membership's AGM wish to allow European skydivers in the UK. Their investigations are ongoing, however it is expected that they will look at the following options:

#### Option 1: Bolt-On (Current Insurer)

Stay with the current all-encompassing insurance policy but have a bolt-on section that allows European skydivers to jump at BPA locations on their own national licence and insurance. Initial indications from the insurer are that this may cost the membership £25 per head. The advantages are that we retain the benefits of the blanket policy and stay with our current insurer who's familiar with the BPA & risk matrix. It could be easily and quickly implemented at the new insurance year 01 Apr 07. The disadvantage is the cost, this is an expensive outlay for the general membership.

#### Option 2: Re-Write Current Policy (Current Insurer)

Stay with our insurer but request a complete rewrite of the policy to include European skydivers as an integral part and not as an add-on. This policy should also include UK skydivers having a minimum of €1.5 million overseas cover, to comply with European insurance minima. This is similar to option 1 with all those advantages, plus that BPA members regain overseas cover comparable with that required and that the policy can be written 'future proof' to allow for impending legislation. The overall cost is not known.

#### Option 3: Pan-European Reciprocal Agreement (Current Insurer)

Ask the insurer to recognise the insurance of the other EU member states, and they ours, in preparation for the implementation of EU law. Both current and impending European legislation dictates that insurance should be recognised and valid in all EU member states. The insurer (HSBC, an international company) has a key role to play and, with the correct level of negotiation, this may actually be the answer to the key question. With all of the major European aviation insurance brokers in negotiation, this option may benefit all as it will be the first step towards complete integration across Europe. BPA skydiving insurance would be recognised in all EU member states. It may allow BPA members to shop around Europe for insurance; free market forces may mean cheaper insurance for all. The overall cost is not known but it could prove cheaper than other options. The main drawback is time: this may take several years to negotiate and implement.

#### Option 4: Adopt European Style Individual Insurance (Either Current or New Insurer)

Adopt a European style system of insurance where people are graded into risk categories according to their level of training and experience balanced against a risk matrix agreed upon by the BPA and the insurer. Under this system DZ operators pay for their own insurance and individual skydivers are graded as above. The current insurer may offer to write this policy in conjunction with the BPA or another (UK) insurer may be approached to tender a proposal. This option is likely to be a considerable culture shock to the majority of UK skydivers and therefore it would be important that the membership receives lots of information on the pros and cons of this option.

On the plus side, standard members, ie, non instructors and all in a low risk group, would pay less. It would seem a fairer system with no liability for the errors of others, and putting the onus of responsibility on the individual. Impending EU legislation may direct us in this direction in the future so, similar to option 2, we'd get ahead of the game. The downside is that it would be more expensive for those in a high risk category, ie, instructors, riggers, DZ operators etc. The overall cost of implementation is not known. However, ultimately if DZOs / commercial operators have to pay more for insurance this will most likely be passed back to the average skydiver by increased jump prices.

This would be a big change for the BPA with far-reaching implications, for example, it may dissuade BPA members from becoming instructors or we may risk drop zones going out of business. A separate study may be required.

#### Option 5: Seek Insurance in Europe (Change Insurer)

Enter into negotiation with an insurance provider in Europe to take on the risk for UK skydiving. This option would probably be very similar to the one above as most EU insurance for parachutists is based on individual responsibility. The possible advantages are that the system is

already set up and in operation throughout Europe and is familiar to those who jump there.

This option would probably represent the greatest culture shock to the BPA member as it involves a complete new system and a non-UK insurer; however it is likely that the name of the insurer will be recognised in most UK households (eg, Allianz, AXA, Albingia). The pros and cons are the same as option 4 but with the added difficulty that EU insurers may not want to insure BPA members because of our poor track record.

**Option 6: Do Nothing**  
(Current Insurer)

Remain as we are on the current policy; all visiting skydivers must join the BPA and take our insurance. BPA overseas cover remains at £100K, well below the minimum required in Europe. Maintaining the status quo involves no cost, no extra work and we keep the benefits of the current policy.

Against this is the fact that the membership voted to allow German skydivers access to UK drop zones; therefore to do nothing is not an option without the membership voting again after presentation of all the remaining options. The standing of the BPA within the European skydiving arena may be damaged if we are seen to be insular and / or discriminate against EU skydivers. Finally, BPA members may have to take out additional insurance to jump anywhere else in the EU.

**Your Opinion Matters**

I've tried to write as objectively as possible, as a DZ operator and instructor; read and discuss it with the same frame of mind. The Insurance Subcommittee is investigating on behalf of the membership. Your point of view is important, please take the time to let the subcommittee know your opinion and remember that you will be asked to vote for an option at some point in the future.

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## Economy of Scale and Unity of Cover

By Tony Butler, BPA Technical Officer



The one thing everyone agrees on about insurance is that there are no easy answers. I am grateful to Paul Moore for setting out so clearly his views on insurance, which makes a valuable contribution to the debate. Now I should like you to consider another perspective. This is the perspective of the real world that I meet every day.

There seems to be a simmering discontent by some who appear to believe that the BPA for some reason does not wish to obtain the best insurance for its membership. Why would the Insurance Subcommittee, or anyone else for that matter, not wish to give the membership absolutely the best cover it can? I know that the Association does not wish to be in the insurance game. It does not benefit financially. The reason it is involved is purely because it strives to ensure that the membership as a whole has the best value insurance protection that it can get. We are all skydivers, naturally we all want the very best cover possible at the most economic price.

### Cheapest Insurance Route

Some members believe that the insurance element of the BPA membership subscription they pay is excessive, because they feel that they are subsidising DZ operators, instructors, riggers etc. I believe that they perceive that the likelihood of a claim against them compared to instructors to be almost non-existent. They are incorrect in that perception and I believe that what they pay is almost certainly the cheapest way they can obtain such comprehensive insurance cover.

### Claims History and Finance

Claims history and the extent of coverage will determine the premium paid. Over the last ten years the total gross premium the insurance companies have received from the BPA has been £3,557,540. However, the total claims incurred are £3,941,443. Clearly this is not an enviable record when trying to keep insurance premiums down.

The history also indicates that the vast majority of claims, in terms of potential costs, have been member to member, or against the clubs, and not instructors, riggers etc. There is no evidence to suggest that instructors are a greater claims risk than ordinary members. In fact two of the biggest potential claims in recent years are member to member (possibly in excess of £2,000,000).

The annual premium for BPA insurance is approximately £800,000. Full members pay roughly half the policy and student provisional members pay the other half. Therefore (the student) half of the premium is actually paid by the Affiliated clubs, as they include BPA membership in their first jump fee, and the total price of this tandem jump or static-line course is dictated by what the market will bear. For example, if a club trains 3,000 students a year, the club would pay an insurance fee of 3,000 x £19.80, which is £59,400. Therefore it is bordering on the absurd to suggest that the DZ operators are getting coverage for nothing!

It may be argued that the clubs are only passing on the insurance element of a student's membership and that they do not actually pay it themselves. If they didn't pay the student's membership, I don't think prices for tandem jumps or courses would go down! Therefore, the clubs believe they are paying.

Even if you do not accept the above, why should the student subsidise the full members, as the students are not the ones who are being sued and are therefore not the risk. When they get injured, they actually pay for the privilege to sue! Would that be seen as fair to the outside world?

From our claims history, those most likely to be sued are the members and the clubs and that is how the premium is divided, approximately half each. Each full BPA member pays £61.31 per year for insurance cover to the limit of £2,000,000 at a BPA club or in the UK, or £100,000 abroad. Do you really believe that you could obtain that kind of cover more cheaply as an individual, whatever your claims history may be? Think of



the costs of administering thousands of individual policies, by both the brokers and insurance company. How many staff would be required to write and research these policies? It would probably cost several million pounds, as opposed to the current £800,000.

### What If?

What happens if a jumper is unlucky enough to get sued? That jumper would probably not be able to get insurance after that – that's the end of his or her skydiving career! Similarly with a club: a couple of claims and it may not be able to obtain insurance – another club bites the dust! Hardly beneficial to the membership!

Supposing the instructors are charged more (however unfairly) for insurance cover (because of the perceived risk, not the actual risk). To make any dent in the full members' insurance premium, you would probably have to charge the instructor about £500 per year. With about 450 (current) instructors, that would amount to about a quarter of the total premium. If instructors were charged £500, we would probably lose half the instructors, so we'd then have to charge the remaining instructors £1,000 per year. This would start a spiral of inflating costs as clubs would have to pay more for their instructors, which in turn would mean that skydivers would be charged more for their jumps. **No matter which way the insurance premium is divided – the jumpers pay in the end!**

If individuals had their own policy, clubs had their own policy and then the BPA had its own policy, consider the following scenario: two parachutists jump together, collide in freefall (or under canopy) and jumper A decides to sue jumper B. However, jumper B has a policy which has just run out but no-one noticed as, unlike current BPA insurance, individual insurance starts at different times of the year. Therefore it is pointless jumper A suing jumper B! So jumper A now decides to sue the club for letting someone so dangerous as jumper B jump with him. Now the club hasn't got adequate cover (because who is going to decide what adequate cover is?). Therefore the BPA is next in line to be sued, as it makes the rules for parachuting. The BPA then loses the case and the BPA's own premium goes up; the BPA would have to pass on the costs to the membership, which it would have done anyway with the initial premium costs. Worse still, what if it caused the BPA to go bankrupt? Who would control parachuting then? Probably the CAA, or the European equivalent (EASA). Can you imagine non-skydivers making the rules?! And the costs? This may seem unlikely, but I would not want to be guilty of sending us down that route.

### Higher Jump Prices

Also, if clubs bought in their own insurance directly, they would only pass on the costs to the jumper, in higher jump prices. So members who

bought their own insurance would have that cost, plus dearer jumps and an increase in the BPA membership fee! So, start saving up now if you want to go down this stony road.

Insurance is an emotive subject and, no matter which way the premium is divided, someone will feel that they are being hard done by. Over the years all the arguments have been discussed and considered and the conclusion has always been, in the best interests of the membership as a whole: spread the load. This has brought us both economy of scale and unity of cover.

### Different Claims Culture

Paul, in his article, refers to the aspect of Germans and other Europeans taking responsibility for their actions, and therefore not being likely to sue. That may work in Germany and other parts of Europe, and be something that we would wish for in the UK. In fact it is probably an attitude we used to have many years ago in this country. However, possibly thanks to ambulance-chasing lawyers in the UK, this country has a attitude of 'if I get injured, someone is going to pay', and that dictates the numbers of claims. Unfortunately, this attitude is not going to change because we, the parachuting community, would like it to. It will need government intervention to change the attitude of the general public. Unfortunately, an injured student in the UK is likely to sue!

### Overseas Jumpers at UK DZs

The one area that a number of members believe is unfair, is that foreigners jumping at BPA clubs who are members of their own country's parachuting organisation and have adequate insurance cover, have to join the BPA and pay our insurance. Work has already been started to find out how many foreigners will join the Association this year and how many RAPA German jumpers make use of the concession offered them. Until we know precise figures, it is impossible to work out accurate costs. That way we will be able to give correct statistical information on the numbers of foreign jumpers affected. This should help us in negotiating with the insurance company and, fingers crossed, may not add too much to the premium for the policy.

### Preserve Our Blanket Policy

The grass always seems greener on the other side. But I believe the BPA needs to be certain that it can get 'better' insurance cover by some other arrangement before the present insurance cover – carefully honed over decades – is cast aside. It is unlikely that such a policy could be reinstated if it was lost, as today's insurance market is harsher than at the time the BPA policy evolved.

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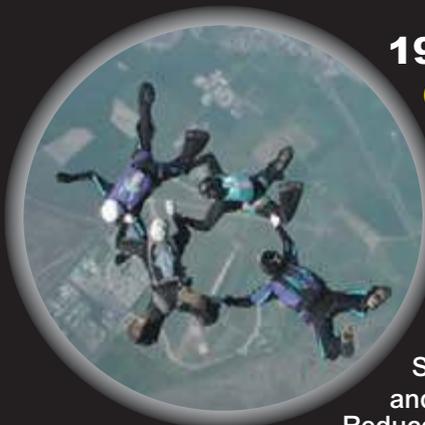
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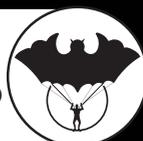
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# Making An Impact



# Kit by Rob Colpus News

The *Impact* hybrid clothing series is the latest offering to the skydiving world by those creative flockers at BirdMan Inc. BirdMan were one of the first companies to go all out with the development and manufacture of wingsuits and have since introduced a bewildering and ever-changing range of suits to the market place. Their other major product has been their *Tracking Pantz* which were released a few years ago and proved to be popular with trackers, freeflyers and base jumpers around the world.

Now with their *Impact* range they hope to achieve a crossover between skydiving, base jumping and outdoor pursuits such as hiking and climbing. The *Impact* range consists of a jacket and trousers which may be worn together or separately.

Constructed from 300gms/mtr 100% polyamide fabric which is wind, dirt, water and impact resistant, the *Impact* series sports a number of innovations for skydiving use such as a removable single layer wing between the thighs made from sail fabric, a surface area in both jacket and pants inflated by air-intakes, wing-shaped sleeves with grippers, and adjustable full size leather booties in the trousers. Added protection is afforded by removable protector pads for knees, elbows and shoulders.



BirdMan state that the *Impact* range may be worn in either flight, track, swoop, base or casual modes – printed instructions are provided. The garments come in Sm, Med, Lge and XL in black only and retail for around 500 Euros.

Another snippet of 'BirdNews' is that the company have had to reluctantly discontinue the production of their much vaulted *PHI* wingsuit model (first reported in the August issue of your fave column), due to an outsourced company being seemingly unable to make reasonable (or any!) delivery times.

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## VIGILent AAD

Advanced Aerospace Designs of Belgium have felt the need to release a service bulletin concerning damage or wear to part of the cutter unit on some of their *Vigil* AADs.

The bulletin states that attention is required to look carefully at the small plastic loop protection heads of the cutter unit to be sure that damage has not been inflicted during a repack of the reserve canopy. If any damage is found it is important, say the company, to replace the cutter and the loop to avoid any further loop damage, which could result in a premature reserve opening – not nice if you're back floating of course.

The use of a torque-producing mechanical device to help close a reserve container is not recommended by Advanced Aerospace Designs because, not only could tension on the pin be excessive, but the crushing of the cutter against the grommet or temporary pin during closure can damage the plastic protector ring or even the stainless steel cutter body itself. Any damage to these plastic protector heads could provoke a deterioration of the reserve closing loop due to friction.



Use of the wrong tools or the wrong placement of a temporary pin (above) when fitting a *Vigil* may cause damage to the stainless steel cutter (below left) or the plastic protection ring which, in turn, may damage the reserve loop (below right)



The company are developing a new cutter design which will not require the insertion of these plastic protectors. This bulletin only concerns rigs where the cutter is placed above the pilot chute, **those where the cutter is located under the pilot chute are not affected.**

[www.vigil.aero](http://www.vigil.aero)

# Very Reserved

Under development, testing and certification since 1999, the first reserve to be developed by Icarus Canopies has finally made it to the manufacturing stage. Icarus, a company well respected for their range of good to extremely high performing main canopies, has up till now never had a reserve on their otherwise impressive menu, which includes the *Safire*, *Crossfire* and *Extreme* ram-air mains.

The new canopy, named simply the *Icarus Reserve*, like most other sport reserves is based on a 7-cell square planform and complies with TSO C23d testing and manufacturing standards. Icarus claim however that their baby has a smaller pack volume than the competition due to their use of a 0.3 CFM low permeability, high quality, ripstop fabric together with what they call 'unique reinforced construction' – although what this means exactly they failed to explain.

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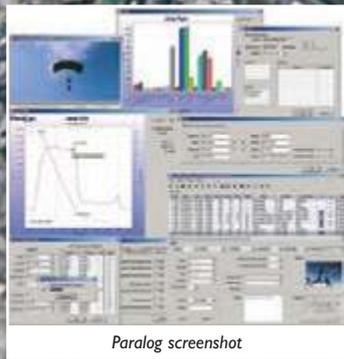
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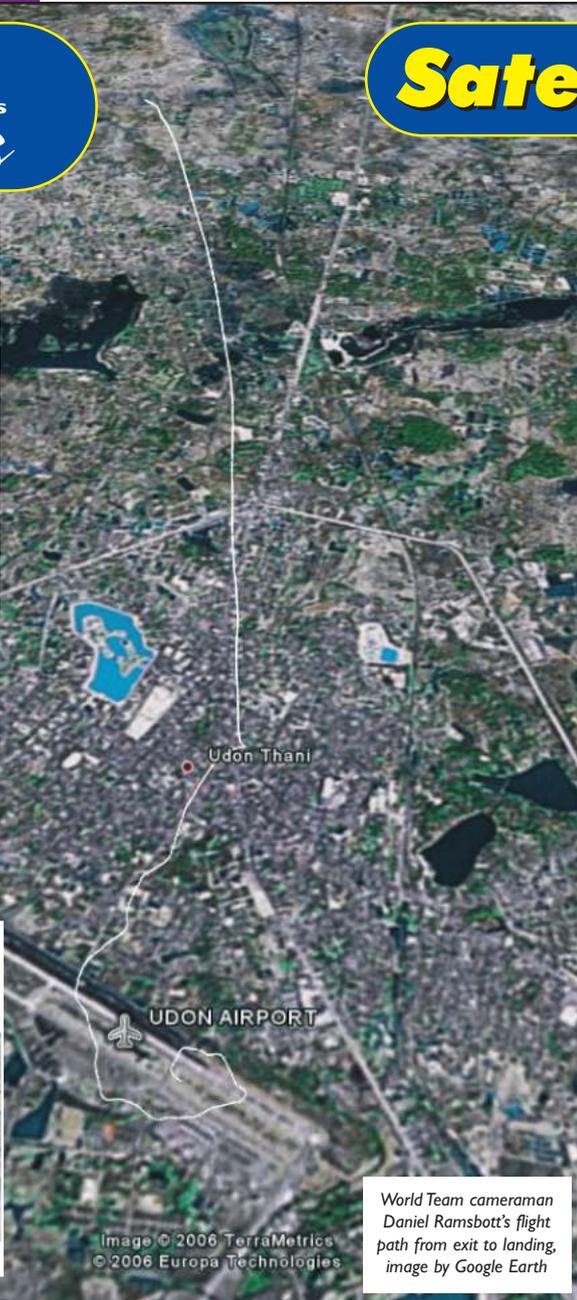


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World Team cameraman Daniel Ramsbott's flight path from exit to landing, image by Google Earth

German cyber geek Klaus Rheinwald, after being locked away for many hours in a dark room in Hamburg, has come up with some amazing new capabilities for his Paralog portable skydiving logbook.

Paralog is a portable skydiving logbook programme supporting a variety of platforms. Windows, Mac OSX and Linux are currently supported with supplemental applications available for Pocket PCs and Palm OS. Paralog downloads jump details from all electronic freefall loggers currently on the market – Larsen & Brusgaard's ProTrack, Parasport Italia's Skytronic FX/GFX and Alti-2's Neptune.

But now Klaus has outdone himself by providing Paralog with an interface which allows it to extract exit and opening altitudes, positions and freefall speeds from off-the-shelf GPS receivers, without the need for a barometric based altimeter device at all. This GPS data can then be used to analyse the skydiver's flight track. Paralog automatically extracts the usual jump details like exit & opening altitudes, delays and freefall speeds from the raw GPS data and adds them to its jump log, effectively turning a basic off-the-shelf GPS unit into a freefall logger.

But that's not all! Paralog also uses the extra horizontal dimension available in the GPS data and calculates distance covered, horizontal speed, glide ratio, course and turn rate from the data and presents them in a detailed diagram, turning the GPS device into a tool for analysis of wingsuit and canopy flights.

The most impressive feature for me is Paralog's ability to export all this data to the Google Earth website which combines satellite imagery and elevation data for the whole planet creating a virtual globe inside a PC. The result is an interactive 3D view of your own flight path superimposed over high-res satellite imagery of practically anywhere in the world, that can be panned, zoomed and viewed from different angles. Klaus has an example that shows a jumper's flight path from exit to landing, over the Thai countryside during one of World Team's 400-way dives earlier this year – skydivers tracked by satellite, now that's bloody nifty!

[www.paralog.net](http://www.paralog.net)  
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## Techno Techno!

Parachutes de France issued a safety bulletin in April which temporarily increased the minimum recommended activation height for their Techno 240 reserve to 325 metres (1,050ft). (What you were meant to do if you found yourself in need of a reserve below this height they didn't say!) What prompted this was a recently reported slow opening of a Techno 240 in an emergency situation followed up by subsequent drop tests with a dummy.

One month later they issued a second notice which cancelled the first and grounded the Techno 240 reserve completely, after the testing and certification authority did not accept their first bulletin as providing an adequate level of safety for a reserve parachute. No other sizes of Techno reserve are affected by this action.

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## Factory Outlet!

The death two years ago of Richard Charters, one of the founding members of the Aerodyne company, has resulted in the company having to find new investors and a new production facility for their range of sport parachuting products. Richard's wife and business associates decided to sell the South African based factory once operated by Parachute Industries of Southern Africa (PISA) along with their military parachute business interests. The new buyer of the facility is reported to be Parachutes de France.

This left Aerodyne with the need to find a new investor to purchase Aerodyne Research Corporation and to establish a new manufacturing base for their growing line of popular products which includes the Icon container, Pilot main and Smart reserve. Bushman of Aerodyne tells us that two Norwegian investors have now been found for the company both of whom are skydivers: Vidar Antonsen who's been skydiving for four years, and Ole Petter Hjelle, who as captain of the Norwegian 4-way team Arcteryx has been sponsored by Aerodyne for the past year or so.

Bushman went on to say that this new situation has afforded them an opportunity to concentrate their efforts in the sport market, establish a new and modern manufacturing facility, and become a stronger player in the skydiving industry. The old manufacturing base in South Africa will continue under an agreement to build equipment for Aerodyne Research for four months, a period during which the new investment group of Aerodyne Research will put together an alternative production facility to meet current demands.

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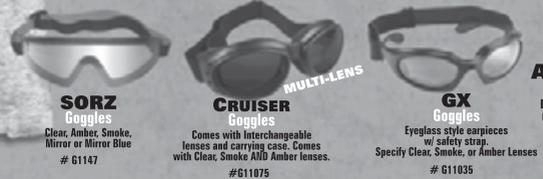
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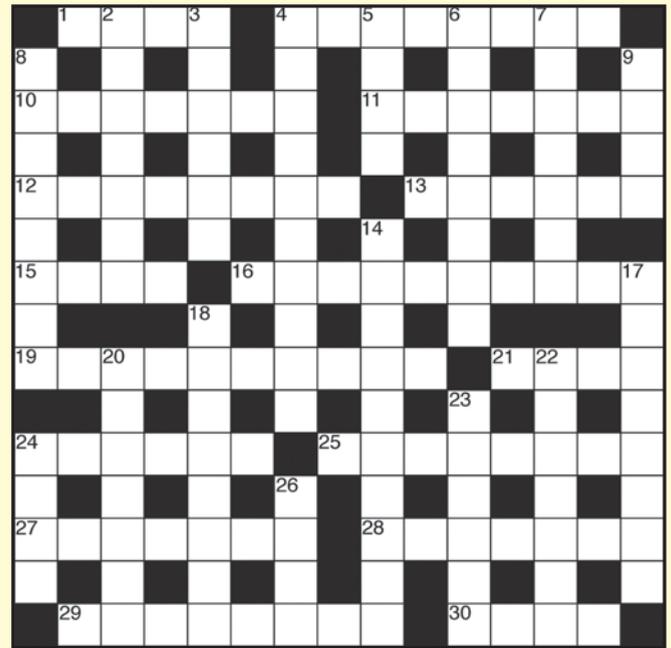
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# Puzzle

by Paul Boorer



## Main (Cryptic)

### Across

- He kept the Welsh out of football association (4)
- Plonker's helmet (8)
- Jumped and caught King Eddie (7)
- Detachment that a skydiver requires in an emergency (7)
- Talks after wreckage smother's electronic force (8)
- More than one airman is spoilt rotten (6)
- Illegally fixes parachute equipment (4)
- 25, 24 Train approaching from 4 down (5,2,3,3,2,3,6)
- Starter canopy folded up with cloth tie (5,5)
- They show first signs of wandering draught's increasing speed? (Abbrev)
- See 16
- See 16
- Not the dam-busters' aircraft (7)
- Winkle out Latin scribe's filler (7)
- Drip internally once rip's repaired back to front (8)
- December's start is conservative target (4)

### Down

- 11 container's loose catch (4,3)
- Swilling raki before nine is cause of floating sensation (6)
- Messy filth! By God, this place should be blown up (10)
- Jackass in New England road (4)
- Ha! 13 crashed, sent here (8)
- John Lennon, perhaps, left after song (7)
- A police parachute outing, sweet (4,4)
- They look the same as rampaging apes (4)
- Knock one back having learned about hiss (5,5)
- Festival lore begins with unknown aspect (8)
- Poorly teen's ESP becomes more extreme (8)
- Attachment is leaking all over the place (7)
- Testy doctor (briefly) adjusted 'machines that go bing' (7)
- Detailed in formation... (6)
- ...but turned east for this dive (4)
- Tutor grasps physics bits, quite the reverse (Inits)

## Reserve

### Across

- King of Mercia: dyke builder
- Mindwarp helmet manufacturer
- Became cloudless: found not guilty
- Spare canopy
- Questions returning troops
- Flyers
- Parachute assemblies
- 25, 24 Indication of future success: illumination from 3 & 4 down (5,2,3,3,2,3,6)
- Small round canopy (5,5)
- Devices of plasticene and crepe paper (Abbrev)
- See 16
- See 16
- De Havilland DHC2s
- Place to dip pen
- Sweat
- Record: accuracy target

### Down

- 11's container (4,3)
- Milton Keynes training facility
- Bedford training facility
- Geek
- Medical establishment
- Big aerodrome
- Sweet containing C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (4,4)
- Gravel landing area: vegetables
- Sound of static (5,5)
- 90 degree wind
- Becomes more precipitous
- Connection
- Larsen & Brusgaard audible altis
- Joined formation
- Pipe: subway
- Parachuting tutor (Inits)

Solution  
ACROSS  
1. Offa; 4. Bonehead; 10. Cleared; 11. Reserve; 12. Debrigs; 13. Pilots; 15. Rigs; 16. Light at the  
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DOWN  
14. White noise; 17. Easterly; 18. Steepens; 20. Linkage; 22. Dytter; 23. Docked; 24. Tube; 26. CSBL  
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# Club News



This issue we see some of our longest-standing Club Reps; John McCourt, Michelle Meakins, Hannah Swallow and Ria Bremner shut down their laptops. Farewell, thank you and good luck to them all – and a big warm welcome to those who've bravely taken over. It really is a difficult job so please give your Rep all the support you can.

If you've got any achievements write them on the DZ poster and if you've got news and/or photos then let your Rep know, they're not psychic! You can email or post photos directly to us if you wish; send your best shots, anything around 500KB is a good size for printing.

On a personal note, I'm heartbroken that my most magnanimous critics and biggest fans, Mag 7, are also leaving Club News – hoots mon and keep your rage up lads!

*Lucie*



Dave Wood by son Ben Wood



## Cark

### Achievements

#### First Freefall

Rebecca Hall

#### AFF Graduate

David McGuinness

#### Cat 8

Helen Rybinski

#### CH1

Helen Arnold

Anna Budjelan

Kat Insall

Dave Honeybone

To celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Stuart, Gary, Kie & Trish plus Steve Nolan's 50<sup>th</sup>, a hog roast was washed down with a few bottles of alcohol – some were just going to bed as the management were opening up for the day!

Members of Manchester Uni organised a charity skydiving weekend in aid of Christies with the theme of superheroes, although some bore more resemblance to Fathers 4 Justice. This was confirmed after the 6-way attempt ended in 6 solos hanging onto hired costumes! Congrats go to Lexy, Rob, Jake, Cliff,

Simon and James Bond for their fundraising enthusiasm and undeterred efforts.

After a little jaunt to Brid for a week to visit George, Geraldine and Nicky, Alpha Yankee returned to fly at Cark over the very busy Easter weekend completing 230 descents on Saturday alone. Big thanks to our superb AFF team (Kie & Dougie) ensuring all students completed their levels. Cheers guys!

The last weekend in April saw us hosting the Northern Collegiates, a fun-packed experience, see next issue. Future NWPC events are now confirmed, check out our notice-boards or website.

Big thanks go to our retiring club rep Michelle Meakins, a very inspiring role model for me to follow. Michelle has been a dedicated rep for yonks but with skydiving team commitments and her expedition to Everest base camp she is hanging up her laptop. Many thanks for your hard work and persistence with club news, good luck and best wishes from us all.

*Stuart Morris*



Superheroes by Gary Turner



Pete Conner by Steve Nolan



Cark's (not so) grumpy old men by Helen Clarke-Gauld



# Cornish

The fantastic views over Cornish Parachute Centre – on a clear day you can see Land's End and the south coast



Photos: Mark Harris

# Peterlee

Congratulations to Lee Lee Saunders who successfully achieved his BirdMan instructor rating. He has the T-shirt, so it must be true! This seems to have generated interest among regulars and, who knows, we may see some flocks over the DZ very soon.

There was drama when the Airvan had to perform an emergency landing shortly after take-off. All credit to pilot Jim for bringing everyone down safely. Turns out that it was just a faulty sender or some technical gubbins along that line (so they tell me) but no-one knew that at the time. By now we should hopefully have received our very own Airvan and be operating to 12K with 6 experienced skydivers on a regular basis.

Paul McCormick



David Kingston by Paul McCormick

**Achievements**  
**First Freefall**      **FF1, 200 Jumps**  
 Sam Lee                      Adam Potter



Lee Lee Saunders by Paul McCormick

We start this season in a new location on the airfield. The winter months saw hours of hard construction work and the club now has part of a new hangar, a packing area, new camera room, briefing rooms, offices and the new clubhouse is now complete!

CPC warmly welcomed back many from last summer and has already established a number of new members this season. Jumping has occasionally been held up by the newly civilianised laid-back CCI, Dave Wood, who's become rather attached to a tractor complete with roller which he happily drives up and down the DZ just to make sure the landing area is as flat as can be!

We now have 4 full time instructors; CCI, Dave 'Civvy' Wood, Ben 'Ginger Beard' Wood, Chris 'Pickles' Ivory and co-owner Paul Yeoman (who achieved his tandem rating, congratulations!). Whilst the staff have been notching up the jumps, they haven't tired of the views which are truly breathtaking, making no two jumps the same. Why not come and check them out for yourselves? The Cornish ale ain't too shabby either! Contact Dave or Chris Wood at [dwachainsaw@hotmail.com](mailto:dwachainsaw@hotmail.com). We hope to see you soon.

Lucy Wood

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Poor Vicky thought she was the bad weather jinx with a world record of 8 kit-ups but no jumps, on 3 different DZs! The weather was pretty good at Easter so luckily we didn't have to ban her! Easter weekend saw the christening of our new building and the first barbecue of the year. We had a beer raffle with (surprisingly!) lots of winners. The temporary building is doing a fab job while plans for the new structure are progressing. Thanks to Auntie Loo and Sue for keeping the hungry jumpers well fed with snacks and sandwiches. We're looking forward to summer beach parties on the new Sibson cove!

Flytrix thank Macca for painting our team room a girly pink – you're officially our number one groupie! Welcome to Zolo our new packer. Farewell and good luck to Kev Goode, now a full time diving instructor in the United Emirates.

Accommodation is now 5 star – we've put brand new mattresses on every bed. Everyone loves the new plane, though there's a few of us investing in velcro bum pads to stay on the G92 seats!

Lots of firsts so beer all round – Terry Jones did his first wingsuit jump (trained by Jules), Dom Goy jumped his brand new canopy, Mike got his new rating, Kevin Dawes did his first wingsuit jump at Sibson, Sarah Neale was Flytrix's first official freefly student (coached by Vicky) and Lee Saunders got his BMI rating, joining the flock at Sibson.

Sarah Hall



Sibson photos: Sarah Hall

## Achievements

- FF1**  
Kevin Dawes
- FF2**  
Paul Goodman
- 200 Jumps**  
Matt Baker  
Sarah Neale
- 300 Jumps**  
Jason Titmarsh
- 600 Jumps**  
Daniel Ferreira

Congrats to Mark Harris, keep it up!



Jason Titmarsh's 300<sup>th</sup> jump



Missing the bar – but their sense of humour's still intact!



# Skydive London

Winter is finally over and we have a new plane! Well, almost new, we've taken delivery of a Gippsland Airvan which Peterlee have kindly been looking after for us. We now have an eight seater plane, the drop zone is getting busier, students are progressing and there are even

rumours of staff loads soon! Diana Peters and Mark 'I've got a TVR' Benson are doing well and progressing quickly onto their consols. If Tim White makes it to the DZ before 2pm he may do so as well!

Nate 'Student of the Year' Cheeseman is still being his polite self and helping all those who come to the drop zone even if he suffers, many thanks again Nate. The Airvan barbecue went well for the first five minutes (until it was too cold to cook anything), big thanks to Bruce for putting his hand in his pocket and buying so much beer it didn't matter!

Dylan Griffith-Jones

Nate Cheeseman by Howard White



# Black Knights

Easter weekend was bonkers with jumpers from far and wide taking advantage of the £16 jumps. The freefly revolution has well and truly begun! It was great to see a healthy turnout, just in time for the freefly Grand Prix, 8-9 July which promises to be a great weekend. If you are FF1, get yourself registered and come for some fun. 1-9 July there will be a progression week for students and newly qualified jumpers at any stage in your skydiving career, with RAPS, AFF instructors, FS and FF coaches on hand. Come and get qualified!

Ollie returned to visit and fly some loads in the Porter, to discover he shared the DZ with another hairy, moustached German called Ollie, the latter of the four-legged variety!

Tony Lightfoot has requested some steps up to the manifest window as, without jumping up and down, he fails to attract the attention of anyone in the office! Sam is back from Canada and has been organising, with the help of the Naked Chef (Matt), some cracking parties and barbecues to keep the revellers busy in the evenings. Check the website for events, [www.bkpc.co.uk](http://www.bkpc.co.uk)

Rob McVey



## Achievements

**Cat 8**  
Emma Kirkman  
Jon Bradley  
Mark Twigg  
**CH1, CH2, JM1**  
Carl Sagar

## FF1

Adam Potter  
Simon Watkinson  
Dean Thorp  
**200 Jumps**  
Adam Potter  
Amelia Walters

*It's summer time and the feeling is fine  
Somewhere in the sky, the mother ship's whine  
The clouds have rolled on  
Loud music moves in  
The hairy camper's back but do we know where he's been?*

*Now one of the Knights has hung up his gear  
A final pack job in his thirty-fifth year  
So many stories  
Some unbelievably bold  
Come on Herbie! Are you really that old?!*

*The runway now black, new manifest white  
Gravity-fed days and barbecue nights  
A green metal monster  
New hangar its bed  
There's room for one more now, a tenth slot just for Ed*

*So summer is here, deep purple red sunset  
The views are like dreams, can we open the door yet?  
Down here for dancing  
Up there for falling  
Blue skies party people, Cockerham is calling!*

Anon



# Weston

We caught the best of Easter's weather with jumping every day over the long weekend. Our AFF school passed 7 students through levels 1-8 with several racing through their consols! Well done Blake, Ryan, Charlotte, Georgie, Rob, Sam & Amy. Saturday was barbecue night with Chrissi & Coxy cooking endless chicken legs and sausages which were still being eaten for breakfast! We did 14-way tracking dives, 15-way FS, atmonauti, tube dives and tandems... even Ash put his rig on and joined in!

The new clubhouse has opened, it's the second building on the right as you come in through the gate. (The old clubhouse is no longer open.) We even have indoor toilets! It's taken Ash and Steve all of their spare time but it looks like it's going to be worth it.

The Dornier is running well and getting to 13k in 10mins, cool! We offer team rates if you're training for the Nationals. We have Arizona Airspeed's Gary Beyer and Mark Kirkby coaching on 3-4 June and 12-13 August, it's free!! But you have to email us to register: [skydiveweston@fsmail.net](mailto:skydiveweston@fsmail.net) Where else in the south can you train from the Nationals aircraft with world champions?

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AirKix have now done three 2-week training camps in Perris with over 400 jumps this year. They are back to Dan BC in July for their final camp before the World Championships. Dan's working them hard, they are achieving amazing scores and skydiving better every time.

A big tandem day on 24 June for the Cherwell MS trust will involve teams of 5 trying to raise more money than the others. Teams include doctors, nurses, firemen and lawyers! We are open on Fridays from 1pm for jumping.

Nigel Holland

Thank you to everyone who came to the opening of our new clubhouse, it was great to finally have the place open and see it packed, we counted 130! We couldn't feed everyone quickly enough, 21 large pizzas went in a nanosecond, it was like a scene from Planet Earth as pack hounds ate their prey after a kill! On that note, we're desperately looking for people to work behind the T-Bar, whether they can cook or not. Contact Ash if you fancy a go, it doesn't have to be all day.

Ash Kemp & Steve Scott

## AFF Graduates

Blake Andrews  
Sam Doakes  
Georgina Humberstone  
Charlotte Slaney  
Amy Huxtable  
Rob Cummings  
Conleth Ryan  
Tom Kellard  
Oliver Jedrej

## Cat 8

Alana O'Sullivan  
Ryan Baxter  
**50 Jumps**  
Pete Soley  
**500 Jumps**  
Ron  
**600 Jumps**  
Brian Gray  
Nick Whiteley  
**700 Jumps**  
Chris Cox  
**800 Jumps**  
Dru Spork  
Mark Thomson  
**1000 Jumps**  
Laura Kenyon  
**1200 Jumps**  
Dave Curtin

Weston photos: Mark Rayson



De Management! Steve & Ash



## Achievements

50 Jumps

Connor Campbell

400 Jumps

Jim Hunter

24 Hrs Freefall

John McCourt

# Wild Geese

Colin & Jim



Photos by John McCourt, we'll miss you!

What a trip! The Algarve Boogie had two G92 Dorniers going to 21,000ft if you wanted, free load organisers and all sorts of coaching. It was better than ever! Boogie organisers Norbert, Exi and Evelin looked after us as if we were family and made sure everything ran smoothly. Even the couple of days' bad weather was put to good use with horse riding and golf, there really was something for everyone.

Eddie Black joined a Portuguese 4-way team and they won a bronze medal in their Nationals – remarkable since they couldn't understand a word each other said! We celebrated St Patrick's Day in the sun. Great craic was had in the local pub with the Geese's very own Irish air band – next year the bar is going to hold an air band competition! We're already planning 2007's trip so watch this space.

Two 4-way teams took part in the Irish Nationals but the weather closed in during the second round and that was that! The event was rescheduled for May.

Elvis is alive and well! At least, Jim Brown an Elvis impersonator is. Jim and some of his mates dressed in costumes to raise money for the Alan Ward of the Royal Victoria Children's Hospital. Ulster TV was there to capture it and the jump was screened on the evening news.

I know a lot of you have achievements but as usual I have not been told of them! I am hanging up my pen after this issue. Your new club rep is Mike Murphy, I hope you all support him by giving him news, achievements and photos.

John McCourt



Rod has a beer for St Patrick's Day



Irish air band Archie, Owen & Jim

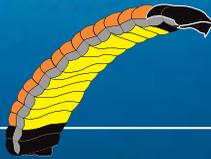
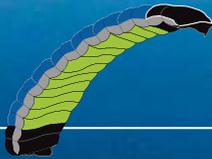
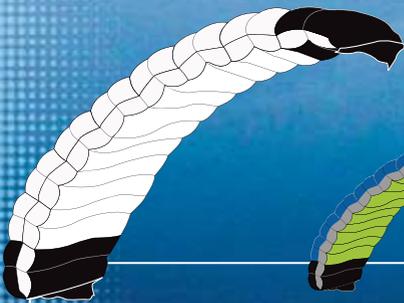


St Patrick's Night



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# Target

Team eXiLe by Andy Wright

The first scrambles of the year, a well sponsored event (see [www.skydiving.co.uk](http://www.skydiving.co.uk)) saw 6 teams completing 3 rounds. Congrats to the winners, Henry Chow, Neil Murray, George Impey and Johnny Flowers. Thanks to Karen Bain for organising the competition. Henry looked a little green on Sunday morning having celebrated his team's victory somewhat prematurely on Saturday night! This weekend saw Havoc undertaking their first training camp on the DZ. Havoc also competed in the Bodyflight World Challenge see page 32, coming 5<sup>th</sup> and the best of British!

Easter weekend saw a magnificent effort by all staff, and many milestones achieved; George & Tom's 300<sup>th</sup>, Tony's 500<sup>th</sup>, Dave's 600<sup>th</sup> and Henry's 1,000<sup>th</sup>, plus licences galore! There is also a rumour (backed up by photographic evidence) that Tony Fernyhough did an 8-way flat jump! Jo Bolton finally did her 200<sup>th</sup> so now has no excuse for not wearing a full-face!

Despite her finals, Clara Melia celebrated her birthday in style with a 9-way hybrid. H is now an approved pilot, licenced to parachute drop from the Cherokee 6. Steve Murphy completed his 1,000<sup>th</sup> tandem. Progression days and packing courses are continuing to be a big success. Check website for events.

On a different note(!), our very own Rich Baldwin's band, *Reloaded* (remember last year's Nationals?), made it to the finals of the Hull Daily Mail Talent Trial – out of the way Arctic Monkeys!

Other teams training hard for the Nationals are *Qi*, *Valkyrie*, *Fusion*, *Phobia* and *Exile*. The Dornier is back to help cope with demand, we're expecting our **brand new** SMG-92 Turbo Finist in June – come and jump the newest addition to our turbine fleet!

Mike Colthart



Scrambles winners, photos by John Fletcher



## Achievements

- Cat 8, CH1**  
Ryan Moores  
Stephen Handley
- CH1**  
Lee Armstrong
- CH2, JM1**  
Jason Bates  
Bruce Bryan
- FF1**  
Alex Jeanes
- FS1**  
Mark Forster  
Bruce Bryan

## Jump Numbers

- 50** Bruce Bryan
- 100** Emily Handley
- 200** Jo Bolton  
Ollie Burgin
- 300** Jo Burns  
Tom Grocutt  
George Impey
- 500** Tony Fernyhough
- 600** Dave Butterell
- 1000** Henry Chow  
Duncan Frew
- 1500** Lee Pugh



St Andrews' clan: Jim, Dougie, Freddy, Tom Dave, Laura, Louise, Viki, Andrew, Sandy

At our superheros and villains themed party everyone turned out costumed, despite suspicions that this was a twisted April Fool! Andy Forsth took first place with his Mr Incredible costume, with notable mention to Weng and his Lycra Superman. Graeme Mackay provided entertainment with his impressive DJ set-up.

It's been birthday city, the most notable being our manifestor, Kirsty, turning 18. A good excuse for a party – everyone chipped in to hire a stripper – much to Tom's disgust! Jim Hood is running regular packing lessons on Friday evenings throughout summer – if interested ask Jim for dates.

Tom Fletcher

# St Andrews

## Achievements

- First Freefall**  
Eva Malloy  
Robbie Kerr
- Cat 8, CH1**  
Kirsty Mitchell
- 96 Hrs Freefall**  
Scotty Milne

## Chatteris

Newbie Bryn 'Darth' Chaffe brings the dark side to Chatteris by Russ Smith



### Achievements

**100 Jumps**  
Stuart McLaren  
**200 Jumps**  
Lorraine Dixey  
**400 Jumps**  
Fiona Law  
**Cat 8**  
Mike Appleton

The canteen and on-site accommodation are undergoing major refurbishments. Soon the place will be unrecognisable – shiny new bar, high-speed internet, leather sofas, even the caravans are becoming posh. Welcome to Robert Fiuza from Serbia, who's joined us to pack. A special mention also to tandem instructor Bernie, who is now known as Back-to-Back Parker for more than one reason.

We've had some aircraft problems and, at one point, feared being grounded over Easter. Luckily that didn't happen; we'd like to extend our thanks to the DZ community for helping us out at short notice. We look forward to a trouble-free summer with our Nomad!

Fiona Law

## Paragon

Following the cautionary tale last edition of Abe Hill's new jumpsuit, here's the story of Billy Gollan's step into the scary world of digital video production.

The events surrounding Paragon's move, kicking and screaming, into the 21<sup>st</sup> century started with the arrival of Billy's DVD writer. With all the patience of a caffeine-filled 3-year-old and the technical skills of a lame, blind, diseased rabbit, he set out to burn the first of his DV tape goodies to a DVD. After spending three hours trying to figure out which (colour-coded) wire plugged into what socket on the telly he delegated the task to Chik Adams, who possesses equal technical ability but had at least read the manual!

Another two hours passed, Billy had well and truly had enough. At his tether's end, and with some reluctance,

he asked Abe Hills (the guy he slagged off last issue) to afford him some help. **Five minutes** saw the first DVD burned!

The video tape is now well and truly passé and a bright new era dawns. Those of us who have just mastered recording Eastenders onto video are scratching our heads... but there's always a 7-year-old running around the DZ to bale us out if the going gets tough!

Bob Henderson  
(assisted by Abe Hills!)



Nice suit Abe, cried Chik Adams!

## Headcorn

### Achievements

**Cat 8, CH1**  
Nigel Davis  
Louise Locke  
**CP1**  
Simon Hughes  
**200 Jumps**  
Adrian Bond  
**300 Jumps**  
Paul Winsor  
**400 Jumps**  
Del Boy Hopkins  
Big Tony  
**500 Jumps**  
Tilly  
**700 Jumps, FF2**  
Richard Parkin  
**11600 Jumps**  
Chris Lynch  
**12 Hrs Freefall**  
Chris Carroll  
Richard Parkin

It's a big welcome to our Let crews – summer is here! We were pleased to welcome Alexei, Anatoli and Goran for a while. They didn't stay long, being replaced by Captain Slava and his merry crew. The Ukrainian Embassy is now well and truly established at the DZ – watch out for Monday morning hangovers! Our fleet of three aircraft all flew one day – the good old Islander, the Beaver (now gone until next winter) and the luvverly Let. Even more remarkable was that they all landed with their wheels down!

Our annual splash is planned on 30 July, jumping into Bewl Reservoir (or what's left of it if this drought carries on). We've had one new demo licence – well done Big Tony and good luck to those still trying. Also well done to Richard Parkin who qualified as a wingsuit instructor in Italy. Congrats to Chris Lynch & Rob Silver for getting 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Bodyflight World Challenge, see page 32. It was a fantastic comp and we're really proud. It's great to see Jan Gaynor back after an 18 month layoff caused by an injury in the tsunami. Her 20 point 4-way with Jane, John and Julia was followed by Jay Applebee's 15-way for his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Headcorn now has a new bigger rigging room. 'Marky' Mark Maynard says thank you to everyone who voted for him in the BPA Council elections, and says he'll do the best job he possibly can for members.

Ruth Cooper



Jay Applebee's birthday 15-way by Andy Kille

Simon Hughes by Baz Smith



Headcorn's fleet together for just one day, captured by Jane Buckle



# UK Para

It was no April Fool, our Nomad and the good weather did turn up on 1 April! We are enjoying the extra height, load capacity and launching more formations than before. Our two new Danish pilots, Thomas and Casper, are fitting in well and making themselves at home. Sadly we say goodbye to our long-standing pilot Adrian, one of the real characters, he was a friend to all and will be sorely missed. Off to Northern Ireland to fly Army parachutists, Adrian takes with him our very best wishes for the future.

Our final pre-season tunnel camp, at Bodyflight, lived up to expectations. All three pilots joined us for their first tunnel time and have now been bitten by the freefall bug! Having lent his helmet to Susie and his weight belt to me, Ryan must have been wondering what item of clothing we were going to ask for next! Susie was returning to skydiving after a 6 year break and John Gullen put on an impromptu strip show.

We're pleased to see lots more freeflying and hope this will increase further. Barrie has invented a new sit-fly challenge, to see who can dock and hold onto his foot. There is still no-one who can keep up with Andy Page in a sit!

Easter weekend provided a taste of things to come. We celebrated our first organised 16-way FS of 2006 with a big party. Following on from a great weekend's jumping we were ready to let our hair down. The airfield's 454 Diner looked after us well, serving us excellent food with plenty of bevies.



We are planning more big-way FS and the calendar's filling up. By the time you read this we'll have held a scrambles comp, progression week, night jumps and an advanced packing course. The CF Nationals comes to Old Buck, 1-2 July, we're really looking forward to the show! We have a progression week, 24-28 July, night jumps 29 July and another advanced packing course, 6-9 November. Call us if interested, we're always happy to see new faces! Our own local 'Skydiver Inn' is offering bunkhouse accommodation at very reasonable prices, so come down and make a weekend of it.

Vikki Forrest

Emily Horwich over Old Buck by Chris Hiines



Andy hitches a ride by Susie Hayne



John Midgley by Chris Hines

### Achievements CH1

- Michael Dell
- 50 Jumps
- Jeff Baker
- 100 Jumps
- Ed Nye
- 300 Jumps
- John Midgley
- 12 Hrs Freefall
- Mark Walker

# London Para

Inbetween rain, snow and wind we've managed a few weekends of fun and yet more renovations. In what was not dissimilar to an episode of Blue Peter or was that

Changing Rooms a 22ft, 7.5 tonne truck has been stunningly converted into our fab new DZ control – with not a single piece of stickyback-plastic in sight! Eat your heart out Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen! Thanks as always to the usual suspects.

By now our spankingly gorgeous new G8 Airvan should be here for the season. There are plans for a party, did someone mention a 30<sup>th</sup> birthday?

Fantastically LPS is now the official skydiving supplier to a charity close to our hearts. We're looking forward to welcoming their fundraisers to the DZ, keeping our instructors occupied. Let's hope they enjoy themselves as much as some of our recent students, 'better than sex!' being one of the cries across the DZ – much to the embarrassment of her boyfriend!

Tracy Curling



Photos: Tracy Curling



Mark Stone lands



Rob scares the punters

Easter party shots by Susie Hayne



Jill and Tjebbe

### Achievements

- First Freefall
- Michael Kellett
- Faye Miller
- Adam Swales
- Adam Ingram
- 300 Jumps
- Mark Stone

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# Langar

John Baggaley



Those of you that came to Langar Boogie 1 (see page 4) will have seen our new shower and toilet block. The rest of you must come and have a look, coz it's plush! Ladies and gents each have four showers, toilets & washbasins, with instant hot water on tap. Enjoy!

The canteen has ramped up operations and is now open 7 days a week, with evening meals available on Fridays, Saturdays (and Sundays if

a bank holiday). Their menu includes healthy stuff like salads, fresh fruit platters and tortilla wraps. The bar has also had a major facelift and, by the time you're reading this, will be bigger too! We have load organisers available for all disciplines throughout the summer.

Plans for Boogie 2 include a 4-day weekend of large canopy formations (16-way+), beginning Friday 8 September. We'll start off with smaller

groups and then build up – aiming for the largest canopy formation over the UK. POPS big-ways are scheduled on the same weekend, also with hopes of a record. A British FS record is also on the cards. The aircraft line-up gives us the phenomenal lift capacity of 285 jumpers an hour!! We're hoping for 300 skydivers all ready to jump their collective bums off!

Milko

Chris Smith with local school mascot, by Gary Wainwright



Pooky coaches at the first BPA FS Roadshow, photo Peter Bacon

## Achievements

- Cat 8, CH1**
- Danielle Baker
- CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps**
- Clair Armstrong
- FS1**
- Andrea MacLeod
- Sarah Fletcher
- FF1**
- Neil Doar
- Ruth Morrison
- FF2**
- Andrea MacLeod
- Jump Numbers**
- 50**
- Lee Brack
- Andy Powell
- Jacqui Woodward
- 100**
- Wayne Glenn
- James Watson
- Sarah Fletcher
- Scott Cairns
- Billy Rosedale
- 200**
- Leigh Birchenough
- Neil Doar
- 400**
- Ally Milne
- Mark Coleman
- 500**
- Angela Hickling
- Mike Outen
- 600**
- Hannah Betts
- 900**
- Tom Hartland
- 1100**
- Andrea MacLeod
- 10000**
- Milko
- 84 Hrs Freefall**
- Phil Curtis

# Strathallan

With Friday night openings and the arrival of our third Cessna 206 we're looking forward to longer nights, better weather, more jumping and much malarkey. Our construction team is working on a shiny new

bar and luxury chalets to stumble into in the wee small hours – providing we can distract Bob from Blondie for long enough! A big thank you to Mark 'The Painter' Collins for splashing paint anywhere and everywhere around the DZ, he'll have to speed up to keep pace with our fast-moving construction workers.

Team Calyde (our uni boyz) are training hard but unfortunately points don't yet make prizes. Monday 14 August sees the much anticipated student progression week, when the legendary F-GODZ Porter returns, let's hope the weather is kind to us.

Andy G & crew returned from Zephyrhills in February while the rest of us were sunning it up at Strathallan in 4ft of snow. We missed them and are delighted that some got the chance to take part in high altitude jumps, canopy control courses and Andy & Vernon's impressive 40-way 5 point star formation.

Spanky (& friends Adelle, Mr R, Julie & Kieran E)



Mag 7 by Peter Bacon

## Achievements

- First Freefall**
- Warren Dodds
- Christopher Whyte
- Cat 8**
- Brendan Keenan
- Mark Collins
- Cat 8, CH1**
- Fiona Holden
- FS1, 50 Jumps**
- Craig Maxwell
- Jump Numbers**
- 50**
- Brendan Keenan
- Adele Collins
- 100**
- Ian Croy
- 200**
- Andrew Coulton
- Les Dalziel
- 300**
- Colin Bell
- 600**
- Joyce Carter
- Julie Terry
- 1000**
- Harry Saunders
- 1400**
- Alan Russell



Sounds Grrr8 and friends by Woody



Paul Daley's FS1 by Ash Hollick

## Netheravon

### Achievements AFF Graduate

Philip Spiller  
Nick Spiller  
John Patton  
Hans Boysen  
Neil Dines

### FS1

Paul Daley  
Jo White

### Cat 8

James Hallam

### FF1

Jason Pocock  
Will Thomas  
Dave Payne

### Jump Numbers

50

Kevin Lindsay

100

Paul Daley

200

Jason Pocock

1000

Phill Elston

Liz Ashley

2000

Titch Wibrew

2000, 24 Hrs

Freefall

Buzz

It's been a long cold winter but summer is finally here. A fun accuracy competition organised by Jeff Chandler was not attended by good weather but we partied anyway. Some folks made the effort and dressed up for the OAP theme, others didn't need to! Matty took the prize for best incontinent old lady.

The first of several AFF fast track weeks was a great success with all the students who were available for the whole week graduating. Many thanks to Rob and Noah for organising.

Easter weekend provided a mixed bag of weather but we made the most of the good with plenty of freely coaching and hybrid jumps – well, attempts! Thanks Gary. Surprisingly enough we threw another party, themed 'Rasta'. No spliffs were allowed as Dibby and the other girls in blue kept everyone in line. Titch celebrated his 2,000<sup>th</sup> jump in style – filming wife Sandy on a tandem. Keen to get in the frame, a certain Greg 'Olga' Henry demonstrated his gymnastic prowess!

Caroline Hughes ran a mini big-way camp aimed at intermediates, with challenging skydives focused on testing individual skills. Bad weather showed Caroline's a PowerPoint demon; we were introduced to Alf the Stickman & friends in a series of very informative and interesting seminars. See website for other load organising, including two Skyvan weekends in July and September.

Sounds Grrr8 completed a 50 jump training camp in Perris where they did their very best to aid international relations! Welcome to new team members Caroline Allen and Eno, and congrats to Caroline and Liz Ashley on a joint 1,000<sup>th</sup> on the first jump of the trip.

Good luck to Petra (or should we say Phyn Nevelle) who has moved to Canada. Welcome back Lou Pocock who's seen the light and returned after three years. Things certainly aren't going to be dull now Matty's back! Put those boxing gloves away!

Kath Salisbury



## Tilstock

As the new club rep I'd like to say a big thank you to Ria for her great work over the last couple of years, cheers Ria!

Several trips abroad have been a sizzling success with jumpers going to Deland, Empuriabrava and Umm Al Quwain. More trips are planned including the Czech Boogie. With the glorious spring weather and two planes there has been lots of jumping and the RAPS students are progressing nicely.

Rounds have also been out with Tony jumping an old aeroconical! After the jump (which went well) he made the mistake of leaving his kit, with front-mounted reserve on the table – an open invitation for someone to pull the shiny red handle. Of course they did!

Tony goes back to the good ol' days!



With two planes at our disposal, the ever-dedicated Ray Parker is organising a programme of 4 and 8-way, with the aim of progressing jumpers even further once they reach FS1. This is a welcome new focus for recently qualified skydivers and will give everyone a chance to improve their skills. Congratulations to Sally, who put the rest of us to shame with eight points on her FS1 jump.

Paul Morrison



Ria is pursuing new interests!

Photos by Paul Morrison

### Achievements

FS1

Sally Thompson

100 Jumps

Paul Morrison

Jules Bergel

1 Hr Freefall

Martyn Lloyd

# Bridlington

Check in – check out that view!



## Achievements

### First Freefall

Colin Smith  
Steve Perkins  
Andrea Tyreman  
Brian Chan  
Vicky Wardle

### AFF Graduate

Graham Rymer  
**JM1, CH1, CH2, 50 Jumps**  
Kathryn Waterworth  
**CH1, 50 Jumps**  
Jason Sambrook  
**600 Jumps**  
Blair Stent

A busy Brid saw a lot of activity in a short space of time. On a sunny Friday, 26 tandems jumped in less than 5 hours, raising nearly £7,000 alone from sponsorship, plus almost £3,000 more that evening! Special congratulations to Graham Rymer who did AFF levels 1-7 in the Caravan and his hop 'n' pop level 8 in the Cessna 182, all in **one** day!

The 'Brid Chicks' team got a new nickname while on a jump with George McGuinness; we now fondly refer to them as 'Team Yo-yo'. George is a CRW coach who has revived interest in canopy formations. Now Brid has several rigs too, it's easy to get involved.

Our large summer boogie, 24 July - 4 August, features CRW with George McGuinness, freely with Louis Harwood, plus WARP and FS skills with a host of instructors. Anyone wanting to get CH1 & 2, JM1 or learn how to pack is encouraged to take advantage of the many instructors. We also hope to have a massive fundraising event for a national charity, Marie Curie Cancer Care, with hundreds of helium balloons to be released at the end of the weekend.

Blair Stent

Photos by Blair Stent

Almost £10,000 was raised by this mass tandem day!



Pete Dolbel by Alun Griffiths

After an eventful journey the Jersey crowd and a donkey arrived in Skydive Spain, Seville. A shame Alun and Pete never quite made it, having been sidetracked by a base course in Portugal and subsequent efforts being thwarted by transport problems and the flu! Stephen got stuck in with some FS1 coaching. A bit more practice and it will all come together, he just needs to moderate his fall rate so people don't need to be head-down to stay with him! Stephen's invented a new form of belly flying we are calling 're-entry', a ceramic-tiled jumpsuit is on order to help with the friction burns!

Stuart did exceptionally well and has achieved his FS1. After only one coached 2-way he did an 18 point 4-way! He was ceremoniously thrown in the pool for being so good. A big thank you to Simon Brentford for all his coaching, we hope we in turn provided enough entertainment.

Everyone here's looking forward to the Boogie on the Beach in June, Dario Jotti will be organising. You can already smell that barbecue! Check the website.

Stephen Mauger

## Achievements

### First Freefall

Annette Syvret

### CH2

Gary Syvret

### JM1, 100 Jumps, 1Hr Freefall

Stephen Mauger

### CH1, CH2, FS1, 50 Jumps

Stuart McDermott

### 400 Jumps

Pete Dolbel

# Jersey

Stuart McDermott by Alun Griffiths





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# Hinton

It was great to see many eager collegiates braving the savage elements in March to brush up on their 3-way skills. The weather destroyed hopes of any jumping but they certainly made up for it in the drinking department! You've got to spend your money somewhere haven't you guys! They were privileged to experience the demonstration of a new cutaway drill performed by Ollie Newberger – anyone interested in a demo, remove your knife from your rig first!

The Nish Memorial Scrambles at Easter went well, I think this is the first time we've completed all 5 rounds on the designated 2 days without having to introduce accuracy because of bad weather! Air Twits were first, followed by Looney Toons with And Then taking bronze.

Caroline did an excellent job in organising yet another cracking competition and feeding everyone at the end of the day. A DVD of the antics is available, see Caroline or me.

Congratulations to Sarah Roberts & John Lintern on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Sophie Ella. Also congrats to Sally Uren on her USPA AFF and tandem instructor ratings. You go girl! It was good to see you Sal. Speaking of superchicks we welcome Julie Woodrow back to sunny old England – admit it Jules you just missed us too much!

Don't forget the club will be closed 10-11 June due to Silverstone Grand Prix.

Loic DW by Matt Abram



Elaine Park

## Achievements

### 50 Jumps

Mark Turvey  
Nick Challen  
Robert Wye  
Wayne Bissmire

### 100 Jumps

Martin Gardiner  
Des Meyer

### 1200 Jumps

Bob Miller  
Elaine Park

### 1800 Jumps

Dorian Harwood

### 1 Hr Freefall

Martin Heywood-Wakeman



Nish Memorial Scrambles



1<sup>st</sup> Air Twits: James, Dennis, Daryl & Martin



2<sup>nd</sup> Looney Toons: Clements, Tom, Richard & Martin



3<sup>rd</sup> And Then: Wayne, Phil, Dave & Clair

# RAPA

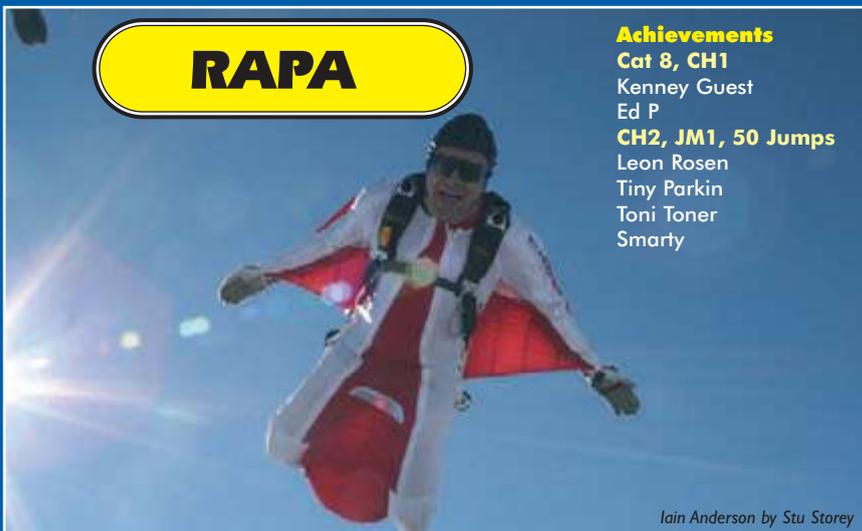
## Achievements

### Cat 8, CH1

Kenney Guest  
Ed P

### CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps

Leon Rosen  
Tiny Parkin  
Toni Toner  
Smarty



Iain Anderson by Stu Storey

A staff training trip to Skydive Spain saw Paul, Opy, Stu and Ian doing a spot of 4-way, coached by Steve Hamilton & John McIver, putting into practice the skills acquired in the Bedford tunnel. (Awesome tunnel guys – we'll be back!) Resident wingsuit coach Alex led a mad flocking couple of days, an awesome experience, especially the barrel rolls. Freeflying fun with Jim Harris was followed by excellent canopy piloting coaching from Brian Vacher, which had its entertaining moments with fast landings, muddy fields and large puddles of water. (Nice landing Dave!). Brian's well structured professional courses were put across in an enjoyable manner.

We jumped into the famous Berlin Olympic Stadium, flying the flag for the Berlin Thunders American football team. This was an awesome experience checking out this

historical venue – as well as the cheerleaders! Well done Paul, Opy, Bill and Ian for a spectacular display.

RAPA has had a facelift with a new electronic manifest and an outdoor shaded packing area for the hot summer. We say goodbye to our trusted Islander which is off to sunnier climes, with a view to purchasing a Quest Kodiak in the near future, this seats 14 skydivers. We had the pleasure of hosting the Golden Lions display team training camp, good luck lads for the oncoming season.

Dave Openshaw

Welcome to new staff Edd, Jonno, Tiny, Sammon, Tony, Smarty & Kenney



# Tigers

## Non BPA Affiliated centres

# RNRNSPA

### Achievements

**CF1**  
Simon McConnell  
**1000 Jumps**  
Dave Clarke  
**12 Hrs Freefall**  
Dave Danskin

Dave Clarke & Dave Danskin by Lee Andrews



Goodbye to Martin Wilson, we wish you and your wife all the best for the future. Welcome to Simon McConnell & Phil Brooke. We went to Perris with the Royal Artillery for a joint annual team training exercise, completing over 75 jumps each. The CRW phase was a steep learning curve for the new guys – thanks Mac for wrapping me up like a Christmas present! We had two great nights out in stampedes at Turmeckular. If you visit Perris this is a must for a great laugh, we managed to bend two instructors on the rodeo bull – how many can you break? We've had great success with our in-air communication system from Ultimate Hearing, both in freefall and under canopy.

Dave Clarke

Karen Lewis



We got the season off to a hoofing start at Perris. Chris and Christy from Perris Fury provided awesome coaching for the experienced, whilst 8 newbies successfully completed AFF under the watchful eye of Tomo, Fordy, Cossie and Robin Durie. Several gained FS1, CH1 & 2 and JM1. We made around 1,300 jumps, with loads of tunnel time to boot, all subsidised by the RN & RM Sports Lottery – hence the awesome PR photo (cheers Lew!) to say, thanks guys! We still came back broke after paying various fines (mostly made up) but the biggest wooden spoon went to Stevie P – get fixed soon mate. There's a busy competition and display season in store, so it's great to see so many new jumpers coming on board.

Lindsey Ashwood

# BCPA

### Achievements

#### AFF Graduate

Sophie Lister  
Sarah Churchill  
Megan Young  
Jay Noble  
Jack Pearson  
Ed Fordyce  
Melody Davis  
Caroline Field  
**Cat 8, CH1**  
Kimi De Beer  
Angie King  
Craig Smith  
Tom Wykes  
Will Wheeler  
Jason Parker  
Reef Mirreh  
Manveer Nirwan  
Charlie Westerman  
Torstein Stapley  
Andreas Coppola  
Anisha Patel  
Charlotte Winton  
Chris Camilleri  
Christopher Charwood  
Deborah Bridges  
Deborah Wright  
James Morrison  
Marc Griffiths  
Victoria Geddes  
Max Tonnison  
Jack Waltham

Mark Ashbourne  
Ben Roberts  
Jon Lines  
Sam Bremner  
**CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps**  
Mike Tibbetts  
Daryl Bradley  
**FS1**  
Scott Palmer  
Kate Parrott  
Casper Wilkinson  
Edward Morley  
Kathryn Earls  
Lee Funnell  
**FF1**  
Daryl Bradley  
**Jump Numbers**  
**100**  
Casper Wilkinson  
Sam Softley  
**200**  
Ifan Banfield  
**500**  
Henry Tonnison  
**600**  
Rick White  
**800**  
Iain Firkins  
**1000**  
Adi Blair  
**1500**  
Rupert Connell

Between two BCPA trips, over 80 students were catered for with nearly 40 doing AFF. Our next event is the Nationals at Cark, during 5-9 July.

#### Perris, California

21 AFF-ers hit the tunnel for an introduction to skydiving; shortly after were doing the real thing. Only days later the beer fines flowed and people started getting chucked in the pool. It was good to see the more skilled people on the trip jumping with the less experienced.

The world famous Bombshelter saw us students do what we do best with Jager bombs nailed on a nightly basis. Crabs organised a game of centurion (100 shots of beer in 100 minutes!), unfortunately it's unclear who won but there was definitely cheating by some of the girls!

We took advantage of load organisers and coaches, with some pretty funky skydiving. At one point it did feel like malfunction junction with 3 cutaways in 24hrs but everyone managed to get back into the air fairly quickly. Big thanks to Adi, Ant & Ange for helping organise and to Rupert Connell for helping with CH & JM qualifications, you're all stars.

#### Skydive Spain, Seville

They welcomed about 35 BCPA students with open arms. 9 AFF sailed straight through their levels, showing the benefits of fantastic instruction and a little tunnel time. Making good use of the new swimming pool and with beer flowing for firsts, including level 7s, FS1s and wingsuits, the party really got going. Everyone had a lot of fun with many drunken escapades; mentioning no names but someone became particularly enthralled with an instructor, failed to notice everyone going home and got left behind!

A massive thank you to Tony Lock for organising an awesome trip. Fancy doing it again next year? Huge bravo to Skydive Spain for giving us 15K, an awesome deal, helping out with accommodation and general all round translation. Another memorable BCPA tour!

BCPA large it in Perris, by Dave Lee



Henry Tonnison



Vicky Geddes' FS1 with John McIver, Simon Cathrine & Pete Allan, photo by Marc Fletcher

Marc Fletcher

KJ Bull survived Sandhurst and the Spearmint Rhino! After rubbing shoulders with more rich and famous, in Bahrain (ask about his bling watch), he is off to Afghanistan with the Parachute Regiment before joining the Air Corps. Good luck KJ!

Pete Farrow welcomed the drizzle during his 4 hour 3 minutes London Marathon effort, raising dosh for Spinal Research. Well done Pete. A cracking time and still back at his desk by 7am the next day!

The *Carnage* boys had a successful trip to Seville and are going to Zephyrhills in November. Steve and Charlie are also off to Z-Hills to dabble with camera flying. And Clive Thomas? Happy 40<sup>th</sup>!

Ros Jinks



Awesome 6-way hybrid – Ainsley, Stuart, Jim, Hossein, Mike & Ethian, photo by Noel Purcell

## Pumpkin

### Achievements

**100 Jumps**  
James Brady  
**200 Jumps**  
Dan Thompson  
**400 Jumps**  
Dom Taylor  
Matt Welvaert  
**1 Hr Freefall**  
Richard Churchill-Coleman



KJ passes out on his way to the gentlemen's club!

## Red Devils

Radio 1's Carrie & Rachel with Danny & Billy



Farewell to Captain Ed Paxton and welcome to new Commander, Major Nick Vischer. The team appeared on Radio 1's Chris Moyles Show, then producer Rachel Jones and sports presenter Carrie Davies came to Netheravon to take us up on the offer of a tandem. Both girls really enjoyed themselves, which resulted in some priceless PR. See Radio 1's website: [www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/chris Moyles/features/parachuting/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/chris Moyles/features/parachuting/)

The team are enjoying a successful training camp in Cyprus, everyone working hard doing about 100 jumps each. The CF jumpers in particular excelled themselves, flying a spectacular Double Diamond formation for the first time in the team's history! Thanks to Steve Thomas and all of the staff at CCSPC Dhekelia for their support, to Lorenz Kunzle, our pilot, also Henry and the staff at Swissboogie for their superb Breitling Porter, see [www.swissboogie.ch](http://www.swissboogie.ch)

Marcus Orme

History-making Double Diamond over Cyprus

Photos: Gav Tuckley

## POPS

The RAPA meet, in true POPS spirit, completed 5 rounds of accuracy despite rain, wind and sleet! Honours were competed for by 25 POPS from Germany, Holland and Britain with a special swoop accuracy competition being run simultaneously for those with more 'normal' canopies. Germany took first and second for POPS accuracy, Dutch won first and second in SOS while Pete Shew & Phil Harris picked up first and second in the swoop comp.

The hospitality of RAPA was outstanding in everything other than the weather, thanks for that guys! It was interesting to see expressions of amazement, wonderment and even concern of the very young students on the military RAPS course. They were sure we shouldn't have been there at all, never mind skydiving – and how come we still got in the air when it was considered too dangerous for them?!

Aine Harris completed jumps 8 and 9 of her RAPS while Sigrid Prigel stripped down enough of her Michelin Man attire to squeeze into a harness and join Julie Shew in their first jumps of the year. We recruited 4 members although 2 of the applicants were hiding their advancing ages under a bushell until one of their 'friends' helped their decisions.

Next meet is at Hibaldstow, 24-25 June, the accuracy will challenge all, come and show what you got! It's going to be a great weekend, the weather is already ordered! World POPS meet in Eloy, Arizona, is 7-15 October 2006, let me know if you're intending to go. Many thanks to Billy Payn & Pete Knight for continuing the quest for a POPS UK big-way record; training dates and strategy can be found at <http://britpops06.awardspace.com/index.html>

**New POPS:** Mat House, Peter Hardaker, Derek O'Neil, Simon Darch, John Bishop, Andy Parker, Denis Van Rooj & Veronique Van Rooj  
**SOS:** Dick Barton, Pete Shew & Eric Bagwell

Keep your powder dry!

Dick Barton



Kenny Guest

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  - CF Canopy Formation
  - FF Freeflying
  - AC Accuracy
  - WP WARP
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# BPA Affiliated Drop Zones



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**Aircraft:** Cessna 206  
**Open:** 9am-dusk, Wed-Sun. Midweek by arrangement.  
**First Jump Courses:** RAPS, tandem

 CF SU

**6 Headcorn**  
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**Aircraft:** Beaver (winter), Let 410 (summer), Islander  
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**First Jump Courses:** AFF, RAPS, tandem

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**Canopy Formation**  
**Style & Accuracy**  
**Boogies**  
**Freestyle & Skysurf**  
**POPS**  
**Speed Skydiving**  
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**12-13 BPA Artistics Roadshow**  
Cark www.skydive-northwest.com

**12-13 Airspeed Coaching**  
Skydive Weston www.skydiveweston.com

**12-20 CF & Classics World Meet**  
Stupino, Russia www.worldmeet2006.com

**12-20 Karlovy Vary Boogie**  
Czech Republic www.boogieclub.co.uk

**12-20 Progression Week**  
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**13-15 Atmonauti School**  
Marche, Italy www.atmonauti.com

**14-17 Spa Invitational Challenge**  
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**15 BPA Council Meeting**  
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**15-20 Summer Boogie**  
Lapalisse, France www.lapalisse-aero.com

**17-20 Go Vertical**  
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**18-20 Canopy Piloting Championships**  
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**19-21 4-Way Nationals**  
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**19-23 Atmonauti Top Patrol**  
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**21-27 Freestyle Festival**  
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**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**  
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**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 4 Pops World Record Attempt**  
Perris, 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

**8-9 Crazy CRW**  
Perris Valley, USA www.skydiveperris.com

**8-10 ESL Finals**  
Spa, Belgium www.euroskydive.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

**8-11 CF Record Attempts**  
Langar www.bpslangar.co.uk

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

**9-10 POPS UK Record Attempt**  
Langar www.freefall.org

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

**14-17 Big-Way CRW**  
Perris Valley, USA www.skydiveperris.com

**15 Night Jumps**  
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

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

**15-17 Big-Way Sequential**  
Langar www.bpslangar.co.uk

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

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

**16-17 4-Way Grand Prix**  
Cark www.skydive-northwest.com

**16-17 BPA CP Coaching Roadshow**  
UK Parachuting www.ukparachuting.co.uk

**16-17 Freestyle Record Attempts**  
Langar www.bpslangar.co.uk

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

**20-25 Armed Forces Record Attempt**  
Netheravon www.netheravon.com

**21-24 100-Way Sequential**  
Perris Valley, USA www.skydiveperris.com

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

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

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

**23-24 VRW 4-Way Online Event**  
Home DZ www.vrw4way.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.perrisperformancepl.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.cikfreefly.com

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

## OCTOBER

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

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

**10 BPA Council Meeting**  
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**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

**27-Nov 12 Mozambique Boogie**  
Mozambique www.skydivediscovery.com

**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**  
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